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Another day of exciting basketball, the spectators are having a good time (no pun intended), but the same cannot be said of the organisers. To their dismay, two more teams have withdrawn from the tourney - TNAU Coimbatore after confirming their participation and REC Calicut who showed quite some interest earlier. With this Pool B should be a casual affair for National.

The organisers are planning to field an IIT 'B' team in Pool B. Podar College, Bombay helped the organisers out by playing an exhibition match when MMC gave a walk over to IIT(M). Thanks a lot, Podar, for this very sporting gesture.

The canteen is being run by some real dough-nuts.

Amalgamations is sponsoring St. Joseph's Trichy and R. A. Podar; Spic is sponsoring National College; Weikfield - IIT Bombay and IIT Gymkhana - the Kolar team.

Now what about the hosts - who's sponsoring their team? - The canteen, perhaps!

SPORTS

STELLA MARIS beat SHARADA 80-29.

Stella continued their winning streak in Pool E. With just one more match left for them, they have already qualified for the semi-finals. Based on the performances, we'd bet our last stencil on them.

Stella played a cool and calculated game against their school-kid opponents. They led 39-14 at half time. Stella will be going over to Neyveli today to participate in the women's Invitational Tourney, but they'll be back in time for the next match. Today's scorers were Liz Joseph (35), supported by Bhanu Vasan and Kavita Nathan, who scored 14 apiece. For Sherada Manju (11) and Radha (16) provided some semblance of a fight.

MEENAKSHI beat PRESENTATION CONVENT 58-31.

Churchpark Presentation Convent, runners-up in 1980 (they had Kavita Nathan then), lost their opening match in Pool F. Things got off to a very slow and sedate start, with many exchanges but no baskets. At the breather the score was 21-17. It was only later that baskets were sunk more profusely, though not regularly. The Meenakshi team asserted its superiority in no uncertain manner. Their win was a team effort with Sita standing out. Kavita Jagadeesan scored 15 points for the losers.

STANLEY beat KV IIT 84-71.

KV IIT substituting for Loyola in Pool A played spiritedly to go down fighting to Stanley. Displaying maturity belying their age, they regularly thronged the Stanley basket. They could have won if they had sunk a few baskets at crucial junctures. The Stanley victory was doctored by Dr. Rajagopal and Dr. Raja who scored 16 and 32 respectively. Philip Jayasurya, the Stanley skipper, played a supporting role.

For KV IIT Ganguli (28) and Mohan Singh (12) played decently.

The KV IIT team had a good cheering squad though the performance of their KVS national star Ramesh Singh wasn't heartening for them.

EXHIBITION MATCH

IIT(M) tie PODAR 59-59.

A packed OAT waited eagerly for the hosts to take on MMC. MMC failed to land up. The organisers then decided to 'stage' an exhibition match. The match was played in a very casual atmosphere with neither team going flat out. It was very sporting of Podar to provide the audience with its final quota of yesterday's basketball.

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Footnotes

Exhibition matches are held from ti(m)e to ti(m)e, perhaps to exhibit the ability of the time keepers in taking 'time'ly action. To date there have been three exhibition matches in OAT and, not surprisingly, all of them have ended in you-know-whats.

- (1) IOB vs State Bank, 74-74 in 1980.
- (2) CBHS vs TNBHS, 63-63 in 1981.
- (3) IIT(M) vs Podar, 59-59 in 1982.

Yesterday the timekeepers were all tied up in knots waiting for Podar to equalise. Once they did so, the timers were really quick on the 'draw!'. Their motto for exhibition matches seems to be:

"If you have the inclination, we have the tie.

". - Ti(m)ekeepers to the tournament."

NATIONAL beat NEW COLLEGE 81-72.

One wished this match were played in the evening; it was a real ding-dong battle. Initially, National enjoyed a lead of 20 points (38-18). At lemon time, or rather "Weikfield Glucose time" (Weikfield is freely supplying glucose for all matches), the score-

