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It was certainly not a day for what with heart stopping finishes and many a feint. There were two real thrillers that had the goodly crowd at the edge of their --- . Emotions ran so high that while supporters of one team literally danced in jubilation, the detractors could not help concealing their dismay. The winners won by one point or two points. The first match of the day was no indication of the things to come.

Meenakshi beat IITM girls 72-12

Someone suggested that a trophy be instituted for the most entertaining team.

If the organisers do

The obvious winners will be

You-know-who.

For our girls the match was almost a carbon copy of yesterday's encounter against Church Park. Meenakshi used the opportunity to give their benchwarmers a feel of the court. However players of both teams had a "feel" of the court in other senses. There were fouls and falls galore. Meenakshi will take on the KVIIT girls in the semis on Sunday.



COMING SOON TO OAT

A REAL MORALE BUSTER

T W O M I N U T E W A R N I N G

- 2) 5000 people watching- 7 exits-
IIT girls to play- two minute
warning
- 4975 people leaving- Sarayu
crowd remaining!!!!

Snippets:

- 1) The IITM girls team "coach", Gadi, was not present for the match. Rumour has it that he did not want to be in gawdy company. The coach had arrived too late to train.
- 2) Today, IITM had an outstanding captain, - She did not play the match. She really stands out.

IITB 'SINKS' Stanley Medical 84-82

Only an Alfred Hitchcock can do justice to such a spell-binder. IITB's game once again revolved round the Lt., and he did not let them down although he wasn't in the nick he was in against KVIIT, In fact sometimes it was a match between this Pune Univ. blue and services star and Stanley skipper Philip. IITB depends heavily on George Sabhanayagam and Ashwin Doshi. IITB, however, has poor bench strength; this has been in evidence in both matches they have played to date. No praise could be too high for tall and cool Philip. He was instrumental in his team enjoying a 43-42- advantage at lemon time. The two doctors 'treated' the crowd to a good exhibition of dribbling.

The match was a cliff-hanger in many ways. Ten minutes from the final gong with the scores almost equal the medicos had three players on the verge of disqualification. With just three minutes to go, four of the five Stanley players on court had committed four fouls. The scores were equal now and excitement reached a feverish pitch. The technologists controlled the fever better than the doctors. Even Philip seemed to lose his cool

(he should have takenⁿ antipyretic)

It was certainly not smooth sailing for IITB despite George's dexterity. They have now topped Pool A with Stanley behind them --- both teams qualify for the quarter finals.

Sidelight : A Stanley medical player played barefoot. Aren't our medicos taking the concept of a "barefoot doctor" a bit too far?!

Kolar Kollared 78-57

The home team warned the cockles of its supporters with a stirring display that saw it past the Bangalore Univ. champions and assured it of a quarter-final berth.

At first, the teams matched each other basket for basket. The advent of former Karnataka star Ramanujam ("Saar") and the entry of Gaadi ^{Murali} ^{by Gaadi changed} the complexion of the game. Ramanu ^m superbly controlled the proceedings and taught his lads many a lesson on the court itself. He was, without an iota of doubt, the man of the match. Gaadi clicked. Subramanya Iyer, Adinarayana and Gopalkrishna played thier hearts out for Kolar.

IITM 78 (Chandu 17, Murali 16, Ranganadha Raju ("Gaadi") 13)
Govt. College, Kolar 57 (Adinarayana 27, Gopalkrishna 14)

Podar beat PSG 80-79

The Bombay Univ. champs won by the proverbial whisker. For sheer excitement this bettered the Bom-Stan match. Capt. Nayak played his role to a nicety. PSG Arts combined effectively. 'Artful' Mustafa was their playmaker and tall Sundaravadivelu (who represents Madras Univ.) and Rajashekar (a Coimbatore district star) gave finishing touches to the passes.

The thrill of the dying moments of the match beggar description. With 5 minutes left, and the score reading 66-66, Podar lost the services of key players Venkatesh and Ramakrishnan. In the next two min. the Bombayites cleverly effected a foul on Sentha marakannan (PSG) and this worthy too went out of the fray. PSG surged ahead 74-72. Podar

