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Institute open six-a-side foot ball tournament

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The 6-a-side was formally kicked off by Prof. R. Srinivasan (Dy.D. and DOSA) whose kick from the penalty spot set the ball rolling but couldn't find the mark, even though unguarded - it proved to be a sign of things to come, as chances were squandered away one after another in the match that followed.

JAMUNA A SNUFFS OUT NARMADA C'S CHALLENGE

Jamuna A 1

Narmada C 0

With Kumanan, Radhakant and PS in full flow, the Jamunaites completely outplayed their rivals in the first half. They did everything but score. Narmada had a better share of the exchanges in the second session. Uttam marshalled the midfield effectively and Shashi gave a plucky display under the bar. Kumanan tired, and this left PS and Radhakant to carry on Jamuna's fight. Both sets of forwards missed umpteen chances and these included sitters. The worst of these was when Narmada's Avinash, with all the time in the world and with the Jamuna custodian Sharad at his mercy, shot straight into his hands.

The scoreboard was blank at the end of full time and the match went into extra time. In the first session of extra time, PS collected a Radhakant pass and neatly placed it past a hapless Shashi for the match winner. Diminutive PS was easily the man of the match. He displayed superb ball control. 'Balls' of Narmada blocked a powerful goalbound shot at the cost of his spectacles. Song of Narmada was in two minds about wearing shoes.

GANGA A (COMPLEX) DUSTS CAUVERY B

Ganga Complex 2

Cauvery B 1

Down by a first-half goal, Ganga came back strongly in the second session to beat Cauvery 2-1. Swamy put Cauvery in the lead in the first half, capitalising on a defensive lapse. Thereafter Ganga pressed hard and the COMPLEXion of the game changed. The equaliser came through Pengu. "It's a bird ... it's a plane ... it's a goal!" The match-winner came through a Srini-Ravindranath move. The latter shot past the butter-fingered Cauvery goalie.

Just for information: Ganga teams are called Ganga Complex, Ganga Natural, Ganga Integral and Ganga Rational. ... How about Ganga Surd and Rational Surd!?

While on the topic of surds, here's something on them:

Q: How can you keep a surd busy?

A: Give him a sheet of paper with "P.T.O." written on both sides.

TAPTI C SIDETRACK GODAV B

Tapti C 3

Godav B 1

Easily the best match of the day, with both teams playing constructive footer. Chances went abegging. The match was, **however**, pleasing to watch. At 'water-time' (lemon juice is provided only at the end of the match) the teams were tied 1-1. Karmalkar put Tapti one up and some minutes later, Perry Non-Mason equalised for Godav with a lovely grounder from just inside the box. After that both teams had many chances to forge ahead but refused to do so. In the second half Manu put Tapti ahead in a one-to-one encounter with Godav goalie Paul. Paul kept well. ~~Karmalkar~~ completed the tally with a rousing shot from outside the box.

SARAS B KICKS OUT JAMUNA D

Saras B 3

Jamuna D 1

This match went into extra time, sudden death and finally penalty kicks where Jamuna faltered. After a blank first half, Saras scored

in the second minute of the second half. Their joy was shortlived as Jamuna equalised in the next minute via Meganathan. Thereafter the match was pedestrian and reached the penalty kick stage where Jamuna blanked while Peter George and Shajan converted. Saras was distinctly lucky in the first half when a back pass from Mathew Mani to Shajan beat the latter, hit the goal-post and came back into play.

GANGA D (RATIONALS) SUBDUE HOSTEL EMPLOYEES IN EXTRA TIME

Ganga Rationals 2

Hostel employees 0

Ganga faced a team led by their former supi, Shankaranarayanan, and they rationed out two goals. The match was listless with aimless kicking and no planned moves. The ball was chiefly confined to the midfield. The mess staff dominated proceedings in the first half. Narasiah, Sundaram and Balakrishnan, all from Cauvery, caught the eye. Neither team scored and the match went into extra time. During this period Ravi converted a penalty kick to put Ganga in the lead. The fate of the match was sealed when the losers put in a self-goal. A manager and a supi who were playing were enthusiastically egged on by the crowd.

BRAHMAPUTRA BEAT JAMUNA C 2-0

This match, the first this morning, was mediocre with Brahms scoring once in each half. Dayalan used his head as he netted in the first half. Satya scored a beautiful goal after working his way from his own half. He found the net from a sharp angle.

TAPTI B STAGGER PAST ALAK

Tapti B 1

Alak 0

This was one more match that went into extra time with chances being muffed. In the first half of extra time, Tapti missed two sitters, carrying on their previous trend. In the second half, Manoor headed in a side throw from Deepak to net the winner. Manoor for Tapti and Ranjan Roy for Alak shared the honours. Tapti have in their ranks a Phantom (Devarajan) - the ghost who runs.

What's the brother of an ass called?

"ASAITHAMBI"!

CAUVERY A FILE PAST WORKSHOP

Cauvery A 2

Workshop 0

The workshop team had good components, like their captain C. Ramu, but did not function like well-oiled machines. When it came to shooting at the goal, their tolerance was 5 feet 0 inches. Fancied Cauvery A, with institute stars Boudha and Vishnu were rewarded with a goal through Colin Dawson. The second goal was scored by Bhattacharya.

There was no milling crowd watching this match - the milling crowd was on the field.

GANGA C (INTEGRALS) SWAMP GYMKHANA MARKERS

Ganga Integrals 7

Gymkhana markers 0

In spite of missing a few sure goals in the initial stages, Ganga integrals with a team well integrated within the limits of the field, routed the markers. The markers consistently failed to find the mark. Seshadri played a fast game, doing all the running for Ganga. Ramesh slammed home three goals. Seshadri scored the first, and Ramesh sent the second one in through diminutive custodian Pushparaj's legs. He got his other two after Joe had converted a penalty kick. Bucket scored the sixth with a scissor kick after the spade work was done by Ramesh and Seshadri. Next substitute R³ scored the seventh goal off an Ali pass. For the markers, Sadhu (captain) played a good game.

The organisers haven't thought of a mascot. Like Jantar Mantar for the Delhi Asiad, SPECTATOR suggests Quark for the 6-a-side; since Quark has a hexagonal structure, it typifies the 6-a-side spirit.