

Spectator

Institute open six-a-side foot ball tournament

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Saturday evening saw just one match - but what a thrilling match it was! For the next match, the Faculty team didn't turn up. The roller skaters didn't give up and were pegging away at skating hockey practice with a single goal. Sunday morning had a number of one-sided, high scoring matches.

GODAV A BEAT JAMUNA B

Godav A 3

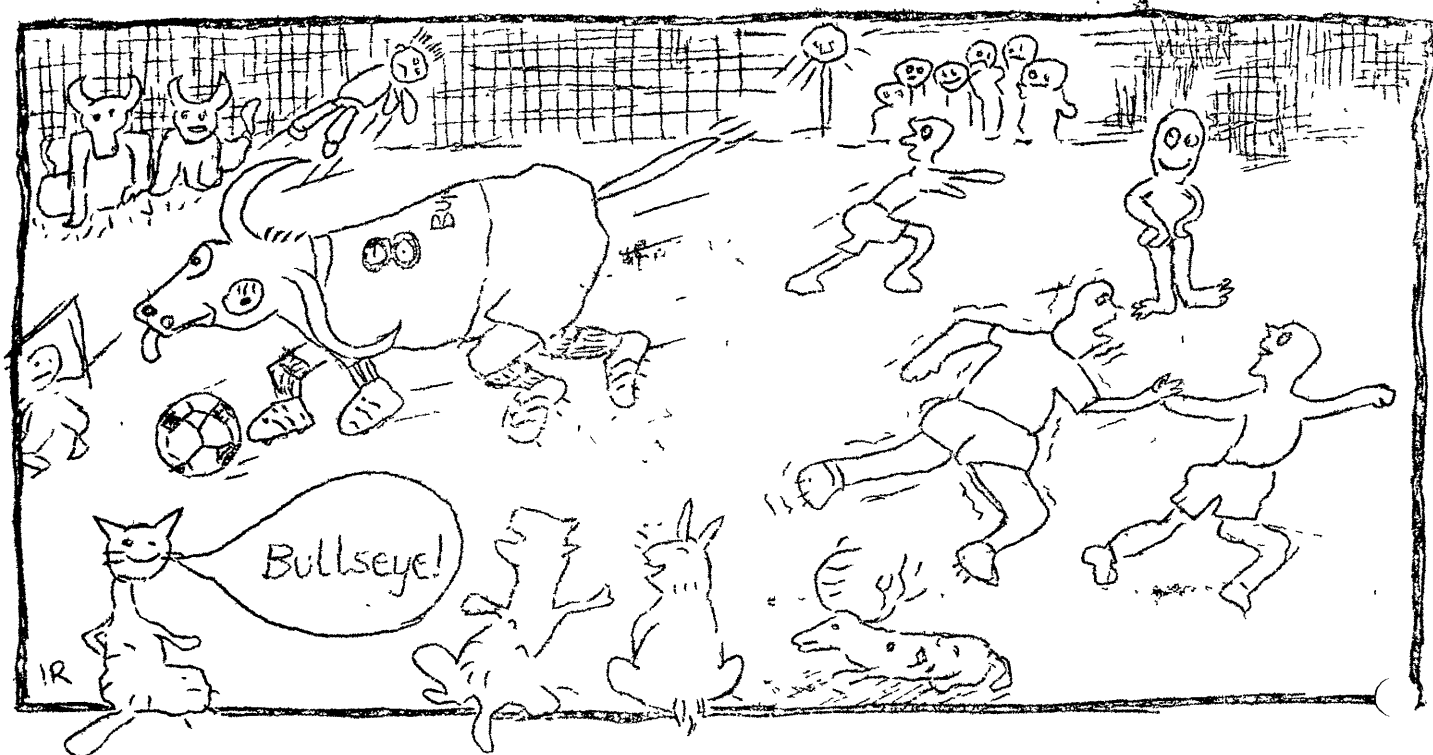
Jamuna B 2

Godav surged into a 2-0 lead early in the first half and Jamuna had to sweat right through the rest of the two halves to make up for their initial lapses.

The first goal for Godav was scored by Pop. The second goal was a beauty. GS neatly trapped a throw-in, whirled around and rammed it into the goal, all in one action.

The Jamuna lads spiritedly fought back, with Sunder being all over the field in both offence and defence. Balakumar, after a nice solo, kicked in the ball which rebounded off the goalie's legs, someone else's legs and finally went into the goal, The half time score was 2-1.

After the breather, Sunder scored the second goal for Jamuna with a solo effort. Jamuna had their chance when they were awarded a penalty kick but Chandu warded off Sunder's attempt. In fact, Chandu made many a good save with a basketball-type jump and collection. Fiji was freaking out on sliding tackles.



The match went into extra time. In the second half, just as the lights came on, Pop netted a GS pass to put Godav ahead 3-2. Extra time also saw a massive buffalo charging right through the field lengthwise.

CAUVERY C BEAT KRISHNA 2-0

Krishna, sore about the match starting late, wanted (in vain, of course) to have two goalkeepers, since there was no rule against it. Veterans like Ganesh played for Krishna. For Cauvery C, Srini scored one and Bala netted a rebound from the goalie. Davidson played well and A. K. Ghosh kept the goal well for Krishna.

GANGA NATURALS BEAT SARAS A 8-0

This was a totally one-sided match. The scorers were Ali (3), Anilesh (3) and Javed (2). Sithu was good in defence.

Half time score: 5-0.

TAPTI A BEAT NARMADA B 6-0

Another one-sided match in which Burman scored two with his powerful kicks (he could have scored many more), Kaushik 2, Anil 1 and Ashish 1. At lemon time, Tapti A led 3-0. With Mama (ICF) "keeping" the Narmada goal, the organisers are lucky that the goal is still there. (Pssst, Mama?)

KV IIT BEAT SARAS 11-0

The KV IIT lads played a very good game, and Saras just the opposite. Biswas had a dream tally of nine goals to his credit, while Mohan Singh netted twice. The KV IIT surd's chest number was, you know what; but he couldn't bring the tally to the magic number. Half time score: 6-0.

We were discussing the prospects of various teams. Predictions are hard to make, but we all came to the conclusion that the whole tournament is between Godav and Saras.

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