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TENNIS - Semi finals:

The Bombay-Madras match lived up to expectations and produced some really good tennis. The singles between Kasturi and Fazalbhoy was Tennis at its best. After losing the first set and trailing in the second, Kasturi fought back strongly to clinch the tie 1-6, 6-3, 6-2. In the other court, Mota declined to make good use of his strong forearm and was content to pat the ball lovingly over the net, to beat Satish 6-2, 6-1.

Kunte and Radha put up a plucky show in the doubles and took a set off Fazalbhoy and Satish before losing 0-6, 6-1, 4-6.

In the reverse singles Fazalbhoy swamped Mota 6-0, 6-0 but Kasturi coasted to a 6-0, 6-1 win over Satish which won the match for Madras. If there was a 'Best Loser' prize, it would definitely have been awarded to Fazalbhoy.

Finals:

Oh, what a fall there was, my countrymen! Madras crashed to an incredible, inexplicable, ignominious 3-0 defeat against outsiders Delhi. Kunte and Kasturi both won their first sets against Taneja and Sodha respectively. Madras won no more sets after that. The Delhi players took things steadily and cashed in on Madras' inconsistent play. Kunte, nervous and jittery, lost to Taneja 6-2, 3-6, 3-6. Kasturi was doomed by Sodha 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. In the doubles, Mota and Kasturi flattered to deceive. After leading 5-1, in the first set they contrived to lose it at 7-5 and donated the second set at 6-4 to lose the tennis gold for the first time in umpteen years. Overconfidence? Bad form! Whatever it was, the performance of the Madras team was thoroughly inexcusable and the cramp in Kasturi's hand does not provide sufficient explanation for the defeat.

GIRLS' TABLE TENNIS:

Kanpur cruises past Madras 3-0

Kanpur girls showed some good TT to dispose of Madras in spite of some heavy home cheering. Mitra Banerjee, a seasoned player took the first singles against Roshini at 21-10, 21-6. Asha then set the crowd roaring by taking the first game at 21-18 off a shaky Lakshmi. But Madras glory was short lived as Lakshmi took the next two at 21-16, 21-12. Banerjee and Choudhury wrapped up the tie with a 21-8, 21-19 win over Geetha and Vijayalakshmi.

MEN'S TABLE TENNIS (Semi-finals)**Bombay qualify to meet Madras in finals**

Bombay handled Kanpur fairly comfortably, and reached the finals as expected. They began with a shock as Wagle went down fighting to Balsara 15-21, 23-21, 18-21. Marballe beat Chakravarty 21-16, 21-14 to make it 1-1. Mohan lost to Suryanarayana 18-21, 19-21 to put Kanpur ahead. But then on, it was Bombay all the way. Marballe not playing at his best beat Balsara and Suryanarayana 21-12, 14-21, 21-6 and 20-22, 21-12, 21-13 respectively. Wagle beat Suryanarayana 16-21, 21-10, 21-16 and Mohan beat Chakravarty in a marathon match 33-31, 21-17 to clinch a 5-2 Bombay victory. Marballe can now have his last go at Ravi for which he has been eagerly waiting.

GIRLS' BADMINTON (Finals)**Bombay casual champions in one sided finals**

The Bombay girls made mincemeat of the Kanpur challenge with a resounding 3-0 win. Koshy with usual aplomb put away Banerjee 11-0, 11-1. Mrs Jain also had an easy 11-2, 11-2 win over Choudhuri. The doubles was again a peaceful 15-9, 15-6 win for Bombay.

Losing semi-finals**Delhi Register easy 3-0 win**

Delhi encountered weak resistance as they finished third in the girl's badminton event. In the first singles Jyoti scored a ruthless 11-0, 11-4 win over Rema while Anju made short work of Gayathri 11-1, 11-2. Anju and Jyoti then finished off the tie winning the double at 15-2, 15-2 against Rema and Dushi.

MEN'S BADMINTON (Semi-finals)**Madras enjoys thumping Vendetta**

At precisely 8.15 last night the shuttle hall shook to the roar of triumph as Madras avenged their last year's defeat by hammering over confident Kanpur 3-0.

Egged on by tremendous support Ravi stopped Garg in 3 hard fought games 15-9, 8-15, 15-12. Both played good Badminton and the crowd enjoyed every moment of it. But what an anti-climax the second singles was! Mukul Sharma, the Kanpur hope, didn't know what hit him. He threw away a bagful of negative points and Bhasvram easily took the match at 15-3, 15-9. Bhasvram's recovery in the second game was remarkable as he battled from 3-9 down to take the game at 15-9. The doubles was another good match with Kanpur playing well to take the first game 15-8. But Madras found form to run away winners by taking the next two 15-7, 15-10. Tally ho to the finals!

Hockey: Delhi vs. Bombay:

Bravo, the infallible law of averages! Today there was the rare spectacle of a match which was not only well fought, but was also of a reasonable standard. The match was made more well fought by the absent-mindedness of the Delhi forwards, who, having worked their way admirably to shooting distance, seemed suddenly and mysteriously to forget what to do. No less than a dozen penalty corners proved abortive.

Bombay forged into the lead quite against the run of play, but instead of accepting their good luck gracefully and increasing their defences, they became more ambitious and essayed a few optimistic moves. These produced immediate results---Delhi got their equaliser through their captain and would-be hero Soni.

But surprises were still a coming; Bombay sailed into the lead again because of a bad Delhi defence lapse, and true to form Bombay seemed reluctant to hang on to their advantage. This time the equaliser came through Mr Sexy (honestly I don't know his name), who, incidentally, is reasonably adept at Hockey, but is better at throwing maudlin tantrums and generally acting hysterical.

The match went into the tie-breaker after extra-time failed to produce a result. Delhi won the match, deservedly one felt.

The individual who deserves mention for his Hockey was No.8 of Bombay, veritably the 'Little Master'. He looked like a cherubic sprite from the woods which had lost its way and his game was like a breath of fresh air.

Volleyball: Semi final:

Holdes Kanpur managed to beat Delhi 15-12, 15-13 in yet another nothing-to-write-home-about match. Both teams were extremely shy of spiking, which reduced the match to ping-pong on an enlarged scale. Delhi tried vainly to stage a come-back in the second game but Kanpur held on to make the finals.

Losing semi finalists:

A better match than the Kanpur-Delhi semifinal - but that's not saying much, Bombay lost the first set 7-15 before they woke up to take the second set at 15-9. Unfortunately they went back sleep shortly thereafter and Delhi took the third set and third place.

BASKET BALL:

The Delhi-Bombay match underwent a drastic change from the soporific (in the first half) to the dramatic (in the second). Though the general standard was depressing, the keen tussle for the lead kept to crowd on its toes and preserved the interest in the match. With 30 seconds to go and the score at 48-48, Delhi slipped in a crucial basket to win by 2 points. Judging by the general turn of events, the Madras supporters, who rooted strongly for Delhi in this match, must be kicking themselves now.

WEIGHT LIFTING:

In the 50 kg class, the ever-speaking Raja Durai of Madras defied gravity to the extent of 127.5 kilograms (total) to win the gold. Brijbal Singh of Delhi placed second with a total of 115.0 kg while Tapan Ray, also of Delhi, came third with 110.0 kg.

In the 55 kg class S.P.Tanwar of Delhi lifted a total of 150 kg to win the event, followed by P.S.Mate (Kanpur) with 120 kg and Tataiah (Madras) with 115 kg.

ATHLETICS:

The outcome is still anybody's guess. With javelin, 110 m hurdles, 1500 m and 4 x 400 relay left to go, the points tally stands at:

Bombay 53; Madras 50; Kanpur 24; Delhi 16.

TODAY'S RESULTS:High jump

First	HS Patel	BMB	1.73 m
Second	Wadekar	BMB	1.64 m
Third	Moses Chinnathambi Ambrose Otieno	MDS MDS MDS	1.59 m

200 mts

First	Prabhakaran	MDS	23.9 s
Second	Chaki	MDS	24.1 s
Third	Ben	KRP	24.3 s
Fourth	AN Bhatt	BMB	24.6 s

4 x 100 m relay

First	Madras		46.5 s
Second	Bombay		46.6 s
Third	Delhi		47.6 s
Fourth	Kanpur		48.4 s

Discus throw

First	Ramesh Reddy	BMB	28.8 m
Second	Padgaonkar	BMB	27.72 m
Third	SR Uttam	Delhi	27.28 m
Fourth	Anmol Singh	Delhi	24.86 m

400 Mts hurdles

First	HS Patel	BMB	60.8 sec
Second	Prakash	MDS	61.4 Sec
Third	Ambrose	BMB	62.8 sec
Fourth	Niraj Jain	KNP	65.0 sec

Footnotes:

The shuttle court seems to be a breeding ground for unpleasant incidents, last night we had occasion to observe Garg of Kanpur trying shuttles and the crowd's patience for what seemed an eternity before he condescended to select a few for the match. From then on, it was smooth sailing until Kanpur lost both the opening singles. At this stage they raised a protest against the quality of the shuttles, basing their contention on the infallible logic that Mukul Sharma's lobs never go out and since they were going out in this match it stood to reason that the shuttles must be deemed guilty for the lapse.

The reverberations of this episode hardly died down within the walls of the court when another nasty situation cropped up. In the Madras-Delhi girls' match, Jyoti of Delhi displayed absolutely nauseating (mis)behaviour when pulled up for a few faults in her match against Rema. Before the incredulous eyes of the crowd, she stalked up to the umpire and started shrieking at him like a banshee, much to the embarrassment of the Delhi onlookers. Her conduct is particularly shocking as she had already won the first game 11-0 and was leading 9-2 in the second and no umpire's error could have made any difference in the results. Even after the game was resumed, she vented her anger on her luckless opponent by hitting the shuttle at her every time she had to pass the shuttle after a rally. We don't expect you to know Emily Post by rote, Miss Jyoti; but is it too much to expect even common decency from you?