

# Spectator

## Institute open six-a-side foot ball tournament

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You'd think that people would have had enough of silly ol' games  
But we look around and it ain't so.

What's wrong with that ?

We'd like to know .....

Some people want more, more than their fill of silly ol' games.

(Has our imagination taken WINGS ?)

The curtain comes down on an action-packed week  
(oh ! those 5 days), an action packed series of soccer matches.  
The Chemistry hasn't changed. The trophy (there's none) has gone  
back with Narmada (A). Improving with every match, the final  
Vs. Ganga Naturals was a cakewalk for them. They walked away with  
a 6 pound Football - like cake made specially by Adyar Bakery)  
The runners-up Ganga Naturals ran away with a similar 4 pound cake.  
All said and done, it sure was a lot of fun under the sun and the  
floods. In the end, apart from winners and losers, one will  
remember that things ran smooth - without any protests etc. etc....  
in healthy time.

Semi Finals: Not surprisingly, the quality of play in both games  
was mediocre. Teams preferred to play the waiting game - so much  
so that if one team forged ahead, they desperately tried to cling  
on to that lead. The game would have been better if the finals  
were held on another day.

Narmada at one time were sitting pretty with a  
3-0 lead but Saras had other ideas and spiritedly fought back to

go down 2-3. The first and third goals were similar in execution as low corner kicks from Rashid went in off the Saras goalie. Vijay headed in the other goal. For Saras the first goal came via a penalty kick taken by Shajan. Mathew mani headed in an MVS pass to make it 2-3 and thus infused life into an otherwise dull game.

Yesterday all Cauvery's troubles seemed so far away,  
 But today it looked as though  
 They were here to stay  
 oh ! wouldn't Cauvery have loved to believe in Yesterday  
 only Yesterday !

Sithu's absence due to injury took the sting out of the Ganga attack. Javed and Pathak played their hearts out. Cauvery enjoyed territorial supremacy thro'the match but the tenacity of Pathak under the bar and the ever watchful Javed kept them at bay. Ganga full back Santhosam almost handed over the match on a platter to Cauvery when he decided to 'hand' the ball over to Pathak - all in the doe. The penalty kick that was handed over was shot straight into Pathak by Dawson and with it Cauvery had blown their best chance. Extra time could not produce anything. Suthakar manned the defence superbly and also manned the goal for the tie breaker.

Dawson's kick was a carbon copy of his earlier goof, while Javed put Ganga one up (Naturally !). Boudha shot out whereas Anilsh made it 2-0 and sealed Cauvery's fate.

#### The Showdown

It never touched the height of a final. The winners had the better share of exchanges and the Ganga forwards could make little headway, the ball mostly stayed in the Ganga half and Javed and Pathak worked overtime (Naturally - who else ?). Javed is a tireless workHORSE - hope Kanti doesn't ride him though, come to think of it, it would definitely be an 'I' for an 'I' ! . At the breather Narmada led by a goal scored by Billy off a butiful centre pass from TR.

The Winners consolidated their position when the ball trickled in off a goalmouth melee.

Narmada 'A' - Subramshu, Kumaraguru, Rashid, TR, Vijay  
 and Billy.

Ganga Naturals - Pathak, Santhosam, Javed, Mani, Anilsh  
 and Ali.



Prof. Surjit Singh spoke briefly (as always) and then left the stage for Mrs. Surjit Singh to distribute the prizes.

Special prizes were awarded:

- 1. Most Promising Player : Biswas.N (KVIIT)
- 2. Best Goalkeeper : Rajiv Pathak (Ganga Nat.)
- 3. Best Back : Kumaraguru (Nar. 'A')
- 4. Best Forward : Colin Dawson (Cau. 'A')
- 5. Best Player : Javed (Ganga Nat.)

The best forward did not come forward to receive his medal.

The best back went back contended that he'd contained rival attacks well.

The fare on the final day was like a flat soda after the champagne on the penultimate day. There are many people to be thanked - but it will not be possible here. Now it's time to forget the last five days, though they'll linger till something else takes over - its back to academics. open yore eyes - the O-oun House is around.

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\* Spectator team of the tournament..... \*

\* Without batting an eyelid \*

\* anyone who's followed the game would \*

\* say - Saras 'A' a team devoid of instt. \*

\* players - and rightly so. \*

\* Some thought they were lucky, but \*

\* we thought they were plucky. \*

\* They played with grit, \*

\* And fought every bit. \*

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Seen on a hostel notice board -

"COME WATCH ..... 6-A-SIDE ..... FLOOD-LIT Football"

Someone wise has added

"How about FLOOD-SOC ?" (Well how about it ?)

he's obviously a socialite (but not a socialist.....).

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The Institute open carram tourney is on in Jamuna Hostel.  
The last 16 stage has been reached.

On the topic of socialists, here's one from you -  
know - who - the man with the double master's in arts  
(the university type and not the martial):

"Why are all IIT students communists ?"

" 'cos they all like 'Marks' !"

(Now, who doesn't ?)

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Did you read - today's Indian Express ..

"While fully sharing the concern of the house  
and the public about increasing train accidents,  
the Railway Minister regretted that the image  
of the railways had been tarnished by recent  
accidents. He proposed to deal with management  
of railway safety on a "crash" basis."

(Crash after crash perhaps - the Railway Minister  
could do well to undergo a crash course.

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*you may record your own views and impressions  
of the tournament in the 'Box' below —*