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SPECTATOR had a small chat with Mr. M. S. Venkatraman, the tournament advisor and Secretary to the Tamil Nadu Basketball Association. Mr. Venkatraman has been actively involved with the GF tournament for a few years.

"OAT is a superb venue," he said. He is considering holding some major tournaments here with the cooperation of the authorities - say inter zone or mini tourney or at least some coaching camps.

Asked about the organisation, he said it was good, but he had a few suggestions. Firstly, he felt that seven days is much too long for such a tournament. "Such campus recreational activities should be crisp," he said. Also, this time of the year wasn't quite right since many institutions either had holidays or had other engagements.

About the standard of the game he felt that since the tourney was more of a recreational and promotional nature, one could not expect a very high standard. "But a very good cross-section of teams is participating," he said. Many institutions (Sharada Vidyalaya is a good example) make their debuts in these tournaments and then catch on to the game.

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"Anyway, it has served the purpose of equalling, if not out-doing the grandness of MG, though in some other field.

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TARGET PRACTICE FOR CHURCHPARK

CHURCH PARK beat IIT(M) 59-17

The schoolgirls seemed overawed by the unorthodox 'tactics' of their rivals, initially. However, they slowly found their rhythm and the scores tell the rest of the story. As for IIT(M), the spirit was there but, sadly, neither stamina (except for Preeti and Usha) nor the skill were. Usha alone attempted to dribble. The rest believed solely in making passes; but they could not make any advances. Usha played a 'down-to-earth' game and 'came a cropper' many a time. She not only fell on the court but also crashed into the benches. Some Sarayuites cheered, "Come on, Sarayu." What about IIT(M), one wondered; some parochialism, this!

While Subeeha scored 17 for the winners, Usha scored 9 for IITM.

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KV IIT GIRLS ENTER LAST FOUR

KV IIT beat RKM SHARADA VIDYALAYA 71-44.

The teams were evenly matched in the early stages of the game and the scores were neck to neck. Later, the 'home team' asserted itself and widened the margin. With Shrimati in full cry and able support from Shobana, KVIIT never looked back.

Stella Maris and KV IIT have qualified for the semi-finals from Pool E.

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Jeetu, the popular Podar player, was having a sandwich near the canteen when someone approached him and asked him if Podar would beat Jain. "We'll win," Jeetu told him. This guy promptly demanded a treat, and bummed off the rest of Jeetu's sandwich.

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Incidentally, with the going prices, the canteen could well be called the con-teen.

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IIT BOMBAY 'cruise' past KV IIT 88-67.

KV IIT, a last-minute replacement for Loyola, put up another plucky display but were torpedoed by the wiles and guiles of Lt. George Louis. This navyman, with his fakes and clever passes, (sometimes leaving his own teammates bemused), was a real treat to behold. Ashwin Joshi and Sabahnayagam too threw their weight around effectively to clinch the issue for Bombay. KV IIT did not settle down and try for set shots, but tried drive-ins instead. KV relied heavily on Ganguly and Ramesh Singh, while Somasunder's dribbling was a sight for sore eyes.

With this encounter, they have completed all their league engagements. Well played, KV IIT!

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Navyman George (IIT Bombay) is not playing today; today is Armed Forces Day.

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#### JAIN FIGHTS IN VAIN

R. A. PODAR beat A. M. JAIN 89-77.

Seshan carried the team ably on his shoulders. Once, he recorded seven successive baskets - might even be a record in this tournament! Gurudatt Nayak too excelled in jump-shots. Kotian

