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It was certainly not a day for what with heart stopping finishes and many a feint. There were two real thrillers that had the goodly crowd at the edge of their --- . Emotions ran so high that while supporters of one team literally danced in jubilation, the detractors could not help concealing their dismay. The winners won by one point or two points. The first match of the day was no indication of the things to come.

Meenakshi beat IITM girls 72-12

Someone suggested that a trophy be instituted for the most entertaining team.

If the organisers do
The obvious winners will be
You-know-who.

For our girls the match was almost a carbon copy of yesterday's encounter against Church Park. Meenakshi used the opportunity to give their bench-warmors a feel of the court. However players of both teams had a "feel" of the court in other senses. There were fouls and falls galore. Meenakshi will take on the KVIIT girls in the semis on Sunday.

COMING SOON TO OAT A REAL MORALE BUSTER

TWO MINUTE WARNING

£) 5000 people watching- 7 exits-IIT girls to play- two minute warning 4975 people leaving- Sarayu crowd remaining!!!!

Snippets:

- 1) The IITM girls team "coach", Gadi, was not present for the match. Pumour has it that he did not want to be in gawdy company. The coach had arrived too late to train.
- 2) Today, IITM had an outstanding captain. She did not play the match. She really stands out.

IITB 'SINKS' Stanley Medical 84-82

Only an Alfred Hitchcock can do justice to such a spell-binder. IITB's game once again revolved round the Lt., and he did not let them down although he wasn't in the nick he was in against KVIIT, In fact sometimes it was a match between this Pune Univ. blue and services star and Stanley skipper Philip. IITB depends heavily on George Sabhanayagam and Ashwin Doshi. IITB, however, has poor bench strength; this has been in evidence in both matches they have played to date. No praise could be too high for tall and cool Philip. He was instrumental in his team enjoying a 43-42- advantage at leman time. The two doctors 'treated' the crowd to a good exhibition of dribbling.

The match was a cliff-hanger in many ways. Ten minutes from the final gong with the scores almost equal the medicos had three players on the verge of disqualification. With just three minutes to go, four of the five Stanley players on court had committed four fouls. The scores were equal now and excitement reached a feverish pitch. The technologists controlled the fever! better than the doctors. Even Philip seemed to lose his cool

(he should have taken/antipyretic)

It was certainly not smooth sailing for IIT3 despite George's dexterity. They have now topped Pool A with Stanley behind them --- both teams qualify for the quarter finals.

Sidelight: A Stanley medical player played barefoot.

Aren't our medicos taking the concept of a "barefoot doctor" a bit too far?!

Kolar Kollared 78-57

The home team warmed the cockles of its supporters with a stirring display that saw it past the Bangalore Univ. champions and assured it of a quarter-final berth.

At first, the trams matched each other basket for basket. The advent of former Karnataka star Ramanujam ("Saar") and the ontry of Gaadi Mural by Gaadi changed the game. Ramanu superply controlled the proceedings and taught his lads many a lesson on the court itself. He was, without an iota of doubt, the man of the match. Gaadi clicked. Subramanya Iyer, Adinarayana and Gopalkrishna played thier hearts out for Kolar.

IITM 78 (Chandu 17, Murali 16, Ranganadha Raju (Gaadi) 13)
Govt. College, Kolar 57 (Adinarayana 27, Gopalkrishna 14)

Podar beat PSG 80-79

The Bombay Univ. champs won by the proverbial whisker. For sheer excitement this bettered the Bom-Stan match. Capt. Nayak played his role to a nicety. PSG Arts combined effectively. 'Artful' Mustafa was their playmaker and tall Sundaravadivelu (who represents Madras Univ.) and Rajashekar (a Coimbatore district star) gave finishing touches to the passes.

The thrill of the dying moments of the match beggar description. With 5 minutes left, and the score reading 66-66, Podar lost the services of key players Venkatesh and Ramakrishnan. In the next two min. the Bombayites cleverly effected a foul on Sentha marakannan (PSG) and this worthy too went out of the fray. PSG surged abead 74-72. Podar

reduced the margin (77-75) and equalised (77-77). 18 seconds remained and Podar led 79-77 thanks to a basket by Nayak. It is to PSGs credit that they did not lose their cool at this stage. Podar earned two free throws and Mayak didn't make a mistake with the second one (30-77) PSG, however, had the last basket but not the last laugh. The gong sounded almost immediately. It was a fitting end to a day of unbounded thrills. Podar has qualified for the cuarter-finals.

With so many puns flying around at OAT, one would be inclined to call it at 0-pun Air Theatre.

The organisers have obtained permission for members of outstation tears to use the swimming pool free of charge. Ofcourse, the navyman will take to it like a duck to water. We hope no basketballer lands himself in deep waters.

Guess what happened when the cow was fed something blue? It Mc 2-ed Indigo.

Yesterday's close matches saw many a foul. Watch out, the official table is a red light area.

Today's matches

4.30-6.00 pm.	PSG Arts	vs	Λ.M.Jain
6.00-7.15 pm.	Stanley	vs	Nationals (Quart:r-finals).
7.15-8.30 pm.	IIT Bombay	vs	New College (Quarter-finals)
3.30-9.45 pm.	IIT Madras	vs	St. Josephs Trichy.