



... IN EXTREMES...



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INTER HOSTEL CRICKET

Mandak's undying enthusiasm reaped their just dividends as they cruised along to get their gold. Top seeded Cauvery got silver and Ganga took bronze. Jamuna finished fourth in the league.

This time the tournament was marked by the exit of three of the top four teams(seeded) in the knock-out stage. Second seeded Narmada buckled under an imposing 278 in 40 overs by Jamuna and could rustle up only 135 runs in their response. This match was also marked by the lone century in the tournament by Subodh(103)

A highly depleted third seed Alak and fourth seeded Saras lost to Mandak. Mandak started off their campaign in the league by scoring 193 against Cauvery and all of Cauvery's efforts were not enough to pull them through. Ganga defended a paltry 119 against Jamuna by bustling them out for 94.

Mandak won all its matches won comfortably while Cauvery too made short work of Ganga and Jamuna.

Mandak's success can be attributed to some consistent batting performances by Samyukth, DP and Sriram. Mukund, Mahesh and Sriram bowled well enough to tie the batsmen down and then pick up the wickets. This tournament also threw up some fresh talent amongst the first years which should be heartening in the face of our institute teams' losing out on the first place for the first time in about 9 years. This season's batting performances were topped by Subodh (50 runs/match) while the bowling was dominated by Sriram, Mukund and Raman.

Subodh.R

THE HAZE - THE CURTAIN

IIT M's highly successful music troupe THE HAZE gave their farewell show "the thirteenth night" last thursday. The group sportingly postponed their performance by 45 mts and waited for the 6-a-side audience to troop into SAC after the semis got over.

The show began with a short intro by Ravi, the vocalist, and was soon underway accompanied by enthusiastic audience response. The show also featured some numbers by Dr. L.S.Ganesh, who froke out on July morning and Dark side of the moon. His tone modulation was superb. Ceethamani and Padmalakshman also chipped in with a couple of numbers. Light music numbers like 'Ek do teen' were not received too well by the audience that had a distinctly pro-western bias in their expectations. SAC being SAC, the acoustics were not too suited for light music either.

The Haze enthusiastically carried on till around 1 am with many more pieces. They seemed, as an appreciative jur' in the audience commented, "play every bit they knew".

Wate off to the gumbal for a good show.

Sundar.

6-a-SIDE FOOTER REPORTS

6-a-side reaffirmed its status as the most popular event of the year, judging by the enthu put in by the players and spectators. The tourney was free of any postponements and boycotts and controversies which had marred the previous years' tournaments.

In the pre-quarters, Saras A made it to the quarters by convincingly beating Godav B (3-1 in extra time). Godav A played Sarayu in skirts in the first match beating them 6-2 and then beat Jamuna B 4-0. Jamuna A beat staff 4-0 and Narmada A beat KV IIT B 3-1.

Canvory and Mandak. just managed to scrape past Saras B and Vanavani B with narrowest of margins (1-0). Alak impressed the most with a beautiful blend of physical and artistic footer chalking up impressive wins. Narmada B looked unstoppable as they put 7 goals against the Brahms team, Bandhe being in tremendous form.

Saras A created an upset of sorts when they beat Godav A 2-0. Shanku in defence cashed for Saras while Pai cashed for Godav.

The Alak vs NarmadaB was the best match of the tournament. Narmada scored first and Alak equalised in the second half. Alak dominated the second half but failed to score. Extra time proved futile and the tie breaker was a ding-dong battle with the pendulum swinging from one end to the other. Half way through Machan came in as the goal keeper and finally that proved to be the match winner. Around 20 shots in the shoot outs alone would

have been taken. All in all, it was a superb match. The final score was 9-8 in Alak's favour.

Cauvery beat Mandak 1-0. Jam A created the biggest upset by beating Narmada 2-0. After a fortuitous goal by Jamuna earlier on, the game was mostly confined to the Jam half, but Narmada failed to score. A penalty kick in the second half sealed Narmada's fate and six years of continuous dominance by Narmada came to an end. Vasu excelled.

Semifinals: The Jam A vs Saras A match also went into the tie breaker. Saras started with a handicap as Barun was injured and could not take the field. Jamuna went into the lead with a self goal. In the second half, Borun came in and scored a brilliant solo. In the tie breaker, Subodh saved two penalties and Jamuna was through. Alak beat Cauvery with a freaky deceptive goal by Gada.

Finals: Alak was clearly the better team and Gada scored twice to bring home the bacon. Machan was adjudged the best player, Gada the most valuable, Barun the best forward and Karthik the best defender.
Rajiv Rai

STAFF VS STUDENTS QUIZ

A well conducted well organised quiz, this was actually the inter hostel quiz. 6 hostels were selected on the basis of a prelims and were randomly assigned professors. The participating professors were Dr. Natarajan, Dr. K.V. Gopalakrishnan(mech), Dr. K.A. Padmanabhan (met), Dr. Ananth (chem) and Dr. R. Srinivasan (physics). Dr. S. Subramaniam (RSIC) could not make it.

Dr. K.V.G. cashed all the questions pertaining to World War II while Dr. K.A.P provided some stunning literary answers including Bumble the Bearle (have you heard of him?). The questions were easier than normal though highly repetitive from previous quizzes.

For the record, Saras and Godav came joint first.

Said Dr. K.A.P after the event, "This format of one prof per team is much better than the previous format of all profs vs all students of five years ago". Kudos to Sudhakar and Pithu.

INTERVIEW

The first one was with K.V. Shankar, the out going Gen Sec.

Asked about the motivation for his contesting for the Gen Sec, KV quipped "to do something". Asked about the usefulness of being Gen Sec to KV himself, with respect to jobs and IIMs etc, KV

replied that it would be useful particularly to those going in for IIM, as a qualification of course. (incidentally KV has decided to go abroad).

He maintained a close mouth when questioned about some controversial issues like the attendance rule, the cancellation of the Fun and Games, etc. Regarding SAC he had this to say, "The guys elected to SAC do not have enough enthu. Only a few show enthu in helping out". He also added that there was a communication gap between the councillors and the students and the councillors hardly ever briefed the students about the happenings of SAC.

Defending himself on the question of not having an institute GBM he said that he had tried to organise one but it was put off for no apparent reason.

Regarding his brainchild, The Facilities Centre, he said that it was coming up fast and would be very useful. It would have surrounding lawns and there would be a park like thing. The centre would contain a hairdresser, Xerox facility, a word processor, a tailor, the bank extension counter and a departmental store, something perhaps on the line of Adayar bakery.

Regarding specific problems like road laying, he said he had submitted a priority list a long time back and work was proceeding in earnest. About extramurals, he said that the quality was the thing that could not be predicted and who came for extramurals was pure luck. As a byword, we believe personalities like Chief Justice P.N.Bhagawathi were also invited. On water, he averred that each hostel was getting its own sump and the water problem should ease out.

KV finally said that he would have liked to do more but the paper work was too heavy.

Sangeer Joshi (HAS): The interview started with Joshi saying that he had not decided on any specific issues while contesting because he was unopposed. His aim had been to keep things moving. He said he had put in enough enthu and has managed to get new ideas across like that of the hostel management. About some hostels getting less water than the others, he said that this was because the water lines must have been affected.

About mess menus, Joshi said that most stuff like samosas, cooldrinks etc were common. The biggest problem was coordination with the gen secs. The students did not seem to have enough enthu nowadays to take part in these meetings.

Regarding red tapism, he said it has decreased a lot. The response of the administration is above expectations. There is a big communication gap between the new hostel wardens and the students. The students are not really aware of what is going on. He had similar ideas as KV had regarding SAC and the motivation for contesting for HAS.

My son said that Murali and Thadanki were sure to do a good

views were conducted by Auto.

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