

was a round of fictional characters. This was a lot of fun (Hamlet, Lucy, Smiley, and so on.) It was during this round that Ben Verghese (N) staked his claim to be mentioned in the Guinness Book of World Records. He flummoxed everyone by just wildly guessing, "Perry Mason". Thus he got an all-time low score of (0 questions x 3 seconds) = 0 points (courtesy 'Calci', scorer). Asked about it later, Ben said, "We were last in that round. From the beginning we were watching out for a character of either Erle Stanley Gardner or Agatha Christie. When there was none till our turn, I 'chume' tried a guess." There were also eclairs for the audience and audience questions.

RESULTS:

I : David (S), Prasad (S), Anant 'Aunty' (S) - 7495 points
 II : Duggal (S), Ben (N), AB (N) - 7868 points
 III : Shankar (Go), Chandu (Go), Pat (Go) - 8327 points

INTERVIEW

SPECTATOR: Is this the first time a TINTORETTO is being conducted?

JOY: No, it is an old game. It was even played in IIT but that was three years ago. But under the present name and set of rules, it is a new event.

S: What is the funda in calling it TINTORETTO?

J: This game was originally called Boticelli, since Boticelli, a painter, was eligible to be one of the famous personalities in the game. Boticelli had a cousin, and also a painter, who was known by his nickname, TINTORETTO. If Boticelli, why not Tintoretto?

S: Is this event likely to become regular, for LIT-E-RALLY, MG, etc.?

J: It will be one of the competitions for LIT-E-RALLY, but as for MG - this year, no - and in future - rather unlikely. This is because, unlike as in guessword, TINTORETTO has severe limitations. You may be surprised to hear this, but if you earnestly sit down and compile a list of possible personalities (not too easy and not so difficult as to zap the participants) you wouldn't be able to find more than five hundred. Already I have used 60 for the Saras Tintoretto and 140 for this event. So a regular participant will have the advantage of repetition. It could be introduced in MG if it were quiz-oriented (very-difficult personalities).

S: What do the winners of this event get?

J: Decent cash prizes, and certificates on Instt. Day.

S: Is the scoring system new; and if so, who devised it?

J: It is not entirely new. This game is played on BBC. There the co-ordinator is questioned by each team in turn. There is no limit to the number of questions. Only the time (maximum 60 seconds) is taken into consideration. There is also a slot system of scoring in which the number of questions asked is classified into A (1-5), B(6-10), etc. and time taken into 1 (0-20 secs),

- 2 (20-40 secs.), etc. and points fixed for all combinations of letters and numerals on a scoring table. But to avoid complication, we devised the system of multiplying the time taken by the number of questions. Anyway, as far as questioning a member of your team (and not the co-ordinator) goes, this is an all-time first.
- S: Don't you think the scoring system does not motivate the participants to limit the number of questions? And 2500 points is too wide a gap to be bridged by bonuses of 300? So the team that gets the least number of 2500s wins, and the rest of the scoring system adds up to nothing but embellishments?
- J: To a certain extent you are right. We should incorporate some modifications next time.
- S: How about giving fancy and locally famous personalities (Billa of B & R fame?, Resnick of R & H fame?, Diro?) to add a tinge of colour? As it is, the fictitious characters were a lot of fun.
- J: It could be done. But it would have to be tried in the hostels first. As for fictional characters, most of them are either too easy or too tough.
- S: What was the standard like this time?
- J: In the prelims it touched rock bottom, but it was pretty decent in the finals.
- S: How come the finals at CLT drew a poor crowd?
- J: At the prelims, the crowd was good. But probably because we held the finals on Saturday morning at 8.30 a.m., the crowd was thin.
- S: What was the hurry to finish the whole affair, prelims, finals and all within 15 hours?
- J: We had booked CLT on Saturday morning for the inter-collegiate quiz. Since this got postponed to October 17, we decided to substitute it by Tintorecto.
- S: Do you think it is fair to allow participants to question and find out the first letter of the name, the second letter, and so on?
- J: I think it's OK, since, in the first place, it gets one nowhere and secondly, it's a waste of time.
- S: Is a code like this allowed? Question: Europe or Asia?
By pre-arrangement, if the answer is "Yes", it means Europe; and if the answer is "Also", it means Asia.
- J: No, it may be objected to.
- S: Thanks a lot.

SO NEAR, YET SO FAR

- Oct '80 : IIT (M) Sports Sec. V. Raju proposes to host an Inter-IIT Swimming Meet (excerpt from SAC meeting minutes).
- Nov '80 : Nothing more heard about the meet.
- Feb. '81 : IIT (D) agrees to play host.
- Soon : Proposal called off.
- Sept '81 : IIT (K) decides to conduct inter-IIT aquatics.

Presently : Meet confirmed.
 Later : IIT (M) team practises for $5\frac{1}{2}$ days at Anna Pool.
 Recently : IIT (M) books tickets to Kanpur.
 Day before yesterday: A 'Simple' interview with SPECTATOR.
 Yesterday : Regret telegram received.

Our swimming team has ruefully accepted Murphy's Law:
 "If anything can go wrong, it will."

BUCKQUIZZ---3

1. The normal cricket ball weighs between $5\frac{1}{2}$ and $5\frac{3}{4}$ oz. What is the weight of the ball used in international women's cricket?
2. With which sport is the Benares Hindu University Trophy associated?
3. Between which two teams was the first ever Ranji Trophy match played?
4. Which sport is controlled by the F.I.T.A.?
5. A former Union Minister was a cross-country race champ of Allahabad University and the Lucknow University swimming champ for 3 years. Who?

Answers

1. 5 ounces.
2. Tennis - for all-India inter-university women's tennis champions.
3. Madras and Mysore - the match finished in a day (Nov. 4, 1934).
4. Archery - 'Federation Internationale de Tir à l'Arc.
5. Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma.

INTER-HOSTEL

Bucket forgot to postpone two matches this week. The reports:

1. Basketball: Godav beat Alak 64-11. For the winners, Alok Dhir (23), and RS (14) shone while Jimmy (7) put up some fight for the losers.
2. Kabaddi: Alak beat Mandak 101-24. Getting Mandak all out 8 times, Alak scored a grand century with the aid of Shankar Narayanaswamy and Jayaram. For Mandak, Balakrishnan and Laxman showed promise.

FIXTURES: Monday, 28-9-'81, Mandak vs Tapti - hockey;

Instt. track & field selections (boys & girls) daily this week.

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+   Vaidyanathan - Mandakini           +
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+   shocking several stalwarts, narrowly missing +
+   winning the Open Table Tennis Tournament.     +
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Note:

- (1) Copies of SPECTATOR are available in every common room.
- (2) Our cultural team is presently participating in FESTEEMER at REC Trichy - exclusive report next week.
- (3) Mr. T. A. Krishnamurthy, Athletics Coach, is available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. Mr. Ismail, Gymnastics coach, is available on Wednesday and Friday evenings and Sunday morning.

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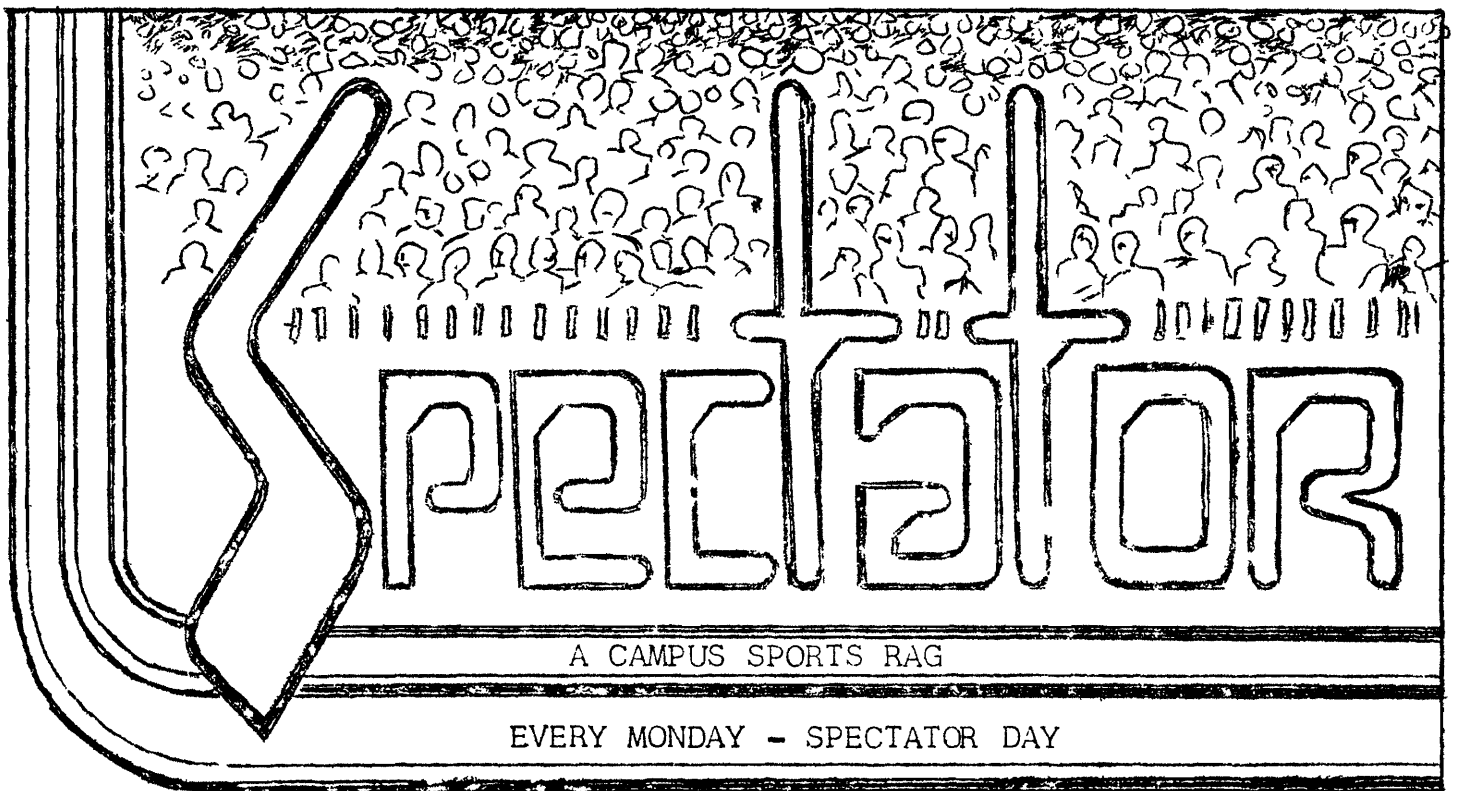
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FROM US TO YOU

Rome wasn't built in a day. While others are yet to find their bearings, SPECTATOR has settled down in earnest to a long innings. We are glad that as we bring out our third issue, our friends have adjusted their lenses and warmly welcomed us in their second issue. By the way, we're not only 'attempting' to achieve a tradition of sports coverage but also 'attempting' to cover soc and lit. The feedback to our 'attempt' has been extremely encouraging from all directions at all levels.

CLASSIFIED AD We don't need no articles

(Sounds different, doesn't it?)

TINTORETTO

Starting with Tintoretto Spectator embarks upon the Lit. scene. The coverage is followed by an interview with Joy, the co-ordinator.

The prelims were held in the Godav and Saras messés. A pretty good crowd saw eight teams being selected out of the twenty-two that participated. In the prelims we had some Wilde guesses, often befitting an Oscar. Among those who made it to the finals, five were entirely second year teams, one final year team and two mixtures. The final winners and runners-up were also second-years.

At CLT, the stage was occupied by twenty-eight ((8 x 3) + 4) while the audience watching them amounted to only twenty-six persons. There were 48 personalities (6 rounds) given. One round