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Yesterday's fare was like the proverbial curate's egg - it was good in parts. While the Stanley-National and PSG-Jain matches were woefully one-sided, the New-IIT(B) encounter provided the thrills which built up to a shattering climax as the home team squeezed past favourites St. Joseph's, Trichy.

Cheers were deafening; so were the jeers. Horns and whistles and what not (reminiscent of the inter-IIT IIT(M) contingent) added to the cacophony.

The chief guest of the day was Mr. Ramnath Narayanan. This alumnus of New College was introduced to the basketball team of his alma mater and that of IIT Bombay. He was a keen sportsman in his younger days, having represented Madras University in hockey, cricket and table tennis. "Basketball is the only game I haven't played," he told us.

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We tried to analyse the possible winners. Here are the results.



KVIIT: Can win if they Incremin-t their height overnight (Goodness Growcious!). Technically, they are pretty competent.

STELLA: Can win, as their 'stella-r' team is a galaxy of state and university stars.

SHARADA: Can win if they beat Stella.

CHURCH PARK: Can win if the Lord Almighty parks on their side.

IIT MADRAS: Can win:

if they are given a super economy size basket to shoot at;  
 if the basket is kept at shoulder height;  
 if steps are provided to the basket;  
 if the backboard is a parabola with the basket at the focus;  
 if they are permitted to play with a tennis ball;  
 and if, after all this, they get a walk-over in every match.

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PSG Arts beat AM Jain 98-79.

PSG Arts got the better of AM Jain in a Pool D league encounter. With that PSG Arts qualified for the quarters, with Podar topping the pool.

For PSG Arts Sundaravadivelu played a heavy innings to score 34. Rajasekhar with 22 and skipper Mustafa with 11 gave S. Vadivelu all the support he needed. AM Jain put up a fight spearheaded by Suryasekhar (28). S. V. Velu proved to be a smooth and prolific scorer.

Scores: PSG Arts 98 (Vadivelu 34, Rajasekhar 22, Mustafa 11); Jain 79 (Suryasekhar 28, Palani 12, Samson 13)

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#### STANLEY 'NATIONALISED' IN QUARTERS

National, Bangalore 110 (Sanathkumar 38, Anil Kumar 22, Suresh Babu 18, Venugopal 16)

Stanley Medical College 72 (Dr. Raja 28, Dr. Rajagopal 16, Mohanakrishna 22, Philip 10)

National would never have imagined having such an easy win. Stanley played like a rather disinterested side and served the match on a platter. They were not even a pale shadow of the side that went down by a couple of points to IIT Bombay. Skipper Philip, normally a prolific scorer, fetched only ten points. Not even an X-ray could explain the medics' lackadaisical approach; perhaps only a CAT scanner can.

National grabbed the opportunity to notch up yet another century. The medics could write no prescription for Sanathkumar. Anil Kumar and Suresh Jahu too grabbed the opportunity to boost the total. The Pudar-National semi-final today should provide rich fare if one goes by the form-book.

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#### IIT BOMBAY BOMBED IN QUARTER-FINALS

New College, Madras 77 (Nazar 36, Ravindranath 15, Andrapathy 10).  
IIT(B) 65 (Lt. George 29, Ashwin Doshi 14, Sabahnayagam 14).

The naval fleet was sunk all right, but it went down with guns blazing. The nuclear subs that did it came in the form of Nazar, Andrapathy and Ravindranath. Navyman George was the boy on the burning deck. As in their previous encounters the armada from the west coast relied heavily on the trio who figure prominently in the score-sheet.

In the ding dong battle the teams matched each other basket for basket except in the last few minutes. Towards the end New gained a slender lead and quickly widened the margin, thanks to superb marksmanship by Nazar and Ravindranath. At this stage panic gripped the Bombay ranks and this proved their undoing. Let alone Doshi and Sabahnayagam, even redoubtable George faltered and missed the basket many a time. Fortune, too, seemed to desert them. In the dying moments, with a reasonably comfortable lead behind them, New (understandably) slowed down the game. To counter this, the IITians resorted to desperate measures like full-court press, but to little avail.

New College will take on the other IIT in the fray - Madras - in the semis tonight.

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