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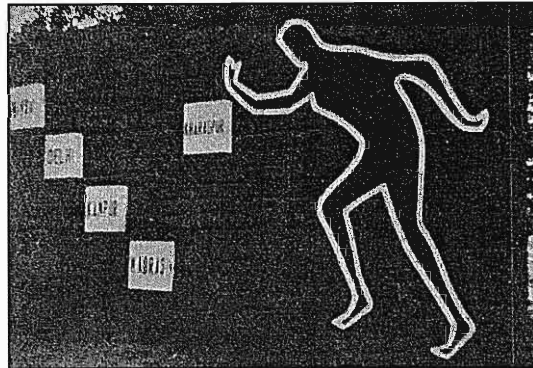
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WE DID IT...

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WE DID IT...

AND BY THE
SKIN OF OUR
TEETH!



THE fact is that for the first time in history, the MDS contingent had something to telegraph home at the end of the Inter IIT Meet: 'Tennis badminton won overall position second.' That tersely worded statement said a lot less than we would have liked to, but proved eminently suitable as a starter. Now for the rest:

The eighteenth was the day of heroics for the Madras contingent. Our hockey team shocked Delhi, the holders, and everyone else. Forever on the lookout for points that would lift us out of the ignominious rut to which we had become accustomed in the past years, we rejoiced over the six sure points this would fetch us: and thought longingly of the ten that lay within our reach. In the tennis quarter-final encounter, too, we put paid to Delhi and were well on the way to the championship. True, we received a setback in table tennis, but before we had time to start regretting things the basketball match against Kharagpur was well under way. The almost unbearable excitement of the fast-moving game finally exploded in a cheering, raving mêlée. Another six sure points in the bag, and, hopefully, it might be ten. We began to breathe easier. No longer were we scared of the fifth position.

The nineteenth saw our hopes fluctuating wildly. After having swamped KNP in the tennis semi-final, we stood aghast at the debacle on the football field. So sure of ourselves, we had gone and goofed miserably in one of our sure bets. Almost simultaneously, our volleyball team received a crushing defeat at the hands of KGP. Pretty disheartened by now, we trooped to the Students' Centre to watch our badminton players boost our waning fortunes. But in the very first match of the series, Delhi gave us a knock when Sudhir Kumar took the match from Edwin Srinivasan after a display of championship badminton. Sheopuri was the hero of the day when he won his singles match, and teamed up with Edwin to pull the doubles match out of the

fire for us: this was the deciding match. We won 3-2 against DLL, and counted another six sure points: almost certainly bound to increase to ten the next day.

On the twentieth, we played four finals and one losing semi-finalists match. Of the four we won two (tennis and badminton), lost two (hockey and basketball), and won the losing semi-finalists match (volleyball). At this stage we could count thirty-four points. Our overall position depended to a large extent on what happened on the athletics field the next day.

Of the 30.5 points we earned in athletics,

Narendra Kumar brought us 21. He came first in four events (javelin throw, 400 metres hurdles, 110 metres hurdles, triple jump) setting up new records in two of them (400 & 110 metres hurdles), and fourth in one (high jump). The other points were earned by Chillar (5), Bhaskaran (2.5), Mani Thomas (1), and M. S. Choudhury (1).

Our overall position in athletics was fourth. BMB, who had 31 points, came third. How the final position resolved itself makes interesting reading.

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Cultural (BIG DEAL) Programme

THE original idea for the cultural meet was to have ten participants from every IIT, and allow an hour for each. By the time we went to KGP, it had been halved: both as regards time and as regards the number of participants. In the first meeting of the organising committee, it was discovered that most of the IITs hadn't brought separate cultural teams. We had taken along three members to provide the cultural programme and offered to put up a show for half an hour. Bombay offered to provide entertainment for ten minutes. Kanpur and Delhi weren't sure as to whether they could do anything at all.

The entertainment programme which was scheduled to start at 8 p.m., started at 9 p.m. This was due both to the participants not turning up in time and the mikes conking out. For one reason or another, our cultural team had given up the idea of even trying to entertain. They were haunting the badminton match between MDS and DLL, which, as anyone will be prepared to admit, was a sight more interesting. However, when summons came from high offices with threats of dire

consequences to follow on in the wake of any such insubordination, our would-be entertainers reluctantly left the Students' Centre and trooped dolefully down to the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Auditorium. There they made a half-hearted attempt at keeping the handful of spectators entertained. The audience was composed mainly of KGP staff: hardly any students bothered to grace the occasion with their presence. They had far more interesting things to do. This should be an indication to future hosts of the Meet to arrange the schedules in such a way that the cultural programme does not clash with an event which keeps the audience away from it.

The entertainment, as might have been expected, was sub-standard. The KGP orchestra was good. For Madras, Kash did well, but was handicapped by Murali's absence. Sanyal tried the audience's patience. The programmes by the other IITs are not worth mentioning. The rest had better be consigned to the oblivion of official records. We can console ourselves with the thought that off the stage, our cultural team was eminently entertaining.

7th INTER IIT MEET

ALANKAR

IIT KHARAGPUR

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DAY OF COLOUR, THRILLS AND UPSETS

On the bright and chilly morning of December 18, while the spectators shivered in the stands, and the flags hung pale and limp around the Jnan Ghosh Stadium, four and a half contingents (KGP could round up only a few volunteers) assembled for the march past. The expectant crowd sat through some speeches, wondering why the loudspeakers were whispering. The chief guest, General Kumar, unfurled the Inter IIT flag as 7 pigeons were released, and 7 large balloons were put into orbit by our S. Nites, clad in their Thursday worst. The 7th Inter IIT was on its way. The contingents marched past, tooted along by the E.F.R. band. The formalities over, the contingents marched off, hooted by the IIT Siren, reminding us that we were behind schedule.

Athletics

Much was expected of us in Athletics and our performance on the first day lived up to all expectations.

All our competitors in the 100 m. heats qualified, but A. Trivedi (KNP) and H. Press (BMB) remain hot favourites with timings of 11.4 and 11.5 secs. respectively.

Manjit, in the 5000 m. finals, took off on a 400 m. sprint in the last round and left his nearest rival A. P. Aneja, nearly 20 m. behind. V.P., the record holder, figured nowhere.

In the 110 m. Hurdles heats, Menezes (KNP) and Narendra Kumar (MDS) both clocked 17.7 seconds.

Daljit Singh (DLI) with a record throw of 149' 2" came first in the Discus Throw.

In the Pole Vault, lanky H. M. P. S. Gill vaulted into first position. Richard easily shattered the record in his 400 m. heats and it was a treat to watch him run.

RESULTS

		Time
100 m. Heats	I 1. A. Trivedi KNP	11.4 secs
	2. S. Dasgupta KGP	
	II 1. H. Press BMB	11.5 secs
	2. J. Abraham KGP	
	III 1. R. Mahaana KGP	11.8 secs
	2. M. Thomas MDS	
5000 m. Finals	1. M. S. Grewal KGP	
	2. A. P. Aneja KNP	
	3. Soli Dastur BMB	
	4. Tiwari KGP	
110 m. Hurdles Heats	I 1. P. Menezes KNP	17.7 secs
	2. R. Upadhyay DLI	
	II 1. Narendra Kumar MDS	17.7 secs
	2. A. Dongre KNP	
	III 1. S. R. Shah BMB	23.6 secs
	2. N. Samanta KGP	
Discus Throw Finals :	1. Daljit Singh DLI	149' 2"
	2. R. D. Chillar MDS	121' 11"
	3. Roop Jyoti BMB	116' 11"
	4. Avo KGP	102' 9"
Pole Vault Finals	1. H. S. Gill KGP	9' 10"
	2. Bhaskaran MDS and Upadhyay DLI	
	3. V. P. Aneja KNP	
	4. Sanat Dutta KGP	
400 m. Heats	I 1. J. Abraham KGP	52.4 secs
	2. V. P. Aneja KNP	
	II 1. M. S. Grewal KGP	55.5 secs
	2. S. Singhal KNP	
	III 1. R. D'Souza KGP	51.1 secs
	2. A. P. Aneja KNP	

Footer

KGP showed its mettle from the beginning when Samanta put the ball between the bars to give KGP a 1-0 lead. BMB tried to fight back but their hopes were shattered by three goals in succession by Arun, Dadu and Samanta.

In a rather tame match, KNP beat DLI by a solitary goal scored in extra time.

Volleyball

That DLI was the weaker team was evident. Their mainstays, Bhalla and Verma, helped DLI put up the game scores of 10-15, 10-15. BMB's tight knit teamwork and the game of Panthaky and Palkar was appeal-

ing, apparently justifying their optimism of getting the trophy, having now entered the finals.

KNP were not so good as to have extended KGP to 3 games. That they did, bespeaks of KGP's poor team work. Sanat and N. P. Singh's combination at the net was wonderful with Sanat placing and Singh volleying with precision on the front line. KGP rushed through the first game 15-7, lost the second 11-15, winning the last comfortably 15-9 to meet MDS in the semi-finals.

Hockey

Madras shocked the much-fancied holders Delhi in the hockey semi-finals.

A goal by centre-forward Chandrashekhar in the very first minute, straight from the bully-off proved vital and MDS held on to their lead with grim tenacity.

Under the inspiring and dogged leadership of G. S. Gill, MDS found themselves quite at home on the fast, bumpy V. S. Hall ground. On the other hand, DLI, accustomed as they are to a game of neat stick work and dribbling had every reason to blame the ground. Even with Sudhir Kumar, DLI were at sea.

Unfortunately, the game was marred by rough hitting and frayed tempers.

The KNP-BMB match ended in a goalless draw despite extra time. Finally BMB were tossed out by the flip of the coin, though they were probably the better team.

Tennis

The matches were one-sided affairs, all victories for MDS coming off straight sets. L. Paul easily won his singles (6-0, 6-0). Ram Kumar Menon effortlessly overcame left-handed Khosla, and the doubles pair of Captain Shrikrishnan and Lakshminarayan was aggressive and trounced Manender Singh and Kamath—the scores of the latter two matches being identical (6-3, 6-3).

Though Sitaram fought to finally go down in the first set at 5-7, he never looked dangerous. Ronnie consolidated his first set victory by clinching the match with a second set score of 6-1.

Chinu was unwell. He had a great deal of difficulty with his service and played below par, going down 2-6, 4-6 to BMB's Ramasubban.

Our home team combined well to beat the doubles pair of Vinod Lal and Ramasubban (6-1, 6-0).

Table Tennis

The quarter-finals between MDS and BMB was of a low standard. After some desultory play BMB got the upper hand and by winning 5-2 they made the semi-finals.

In the semi-final, played today, the holders KNP made short work of DLI. R. Bhargava was too fast for his opponents. His mastery of the backhand top spin and flick is complete. The only weak link in KNP's team seems to be U. P. Singh who lost both his matches, bringing the final tally to 5-2.

Gymnastics

The first part of the Gymnastics meet concluded today. We were sorry to know however that MDS were not taking part. KGP began rather well with R. K. Pathak getting the first place in the vaulting horse. The people who really distinguished themselves, however, were the KGP and BMB coaches who had lively and prolonged discussion about some rules. The Roman rings event began with the KGP and BMB coaches giving a demonstration. BMB, however, asserted their superiority in this event, bagging the first and third places. Bombay were leading by a large margin at the end of the first day, but with three more events to go, the results are still open to conjecture.

Basketball

John, with 28 points to his credit and Jain with 25 points saw KNP to a clear victory (89-61). Though the defences of both teams lacked stolidity, KNP's better offence earned them a win.

The KGP-MDS match started off with KGP rushing ahead to a 10 point lead. But after half time MDS struck back to score point after point through T. K. Iswaran (23 pts.). While KGP stuck at 50, MDS basketed repeatedly to collect 20 points more. The erratic shooting even on free lay-ups proved to be the downfall of an otherwise effective home team.

We're sorry for not coming to breakfast!

THE FAREWELL TEA PARTY

IN keeping with the best Gymkhana traditions of teas, high teas and mad tea parties, a 'farewell tea' was organised to mark the sending off of the Madras Contingent to the KGP Meet. Dr A. Ramachandran was the chief guest; the other people invited to send off our sportsmen were Dr Klein (for obvious reasons), Prof Sampath (who didn't turn up), Prof Sethunathan (who is indispensable), and Dr Taqui Khan (who, as acting warden of Godavari Hostel, had the responsibility of conducting the mess for the Inter IIT guys).

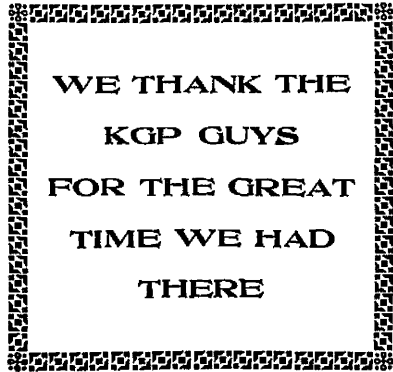
The General Secretary started off the proceedings as usual by making a pretty little speech profusely thanking everyone for everything, declaring that Chillar was confident we wouldn't retain the honoured fifth place, and then handing over the torch to Chillar.

The Sports Secretary (and Captain of the contingent) said his bit about our prospects: that in tennis and badminton we should make our mark, that basketball was historically our strong point, and that we hoped for 'breakthroughs' in volleyball, football and hockey. All of which meant we were aiming for something more than our usual share of points and honours.

Dr Klein, in his inimitable style, observed that he would be sending us off at Madras Central in a couple of days, and then overdoing the whole thing by hopping over to Kharagpur in time to welcome us there. He had, it was disclosed, very wisely booked his journey by a considerably faster train. Unlike the speakers before him, he had a few misgivings... for he asked, all innocence, if anyone else shared Chillar's enthusiasm and confidence about our forecast eviction from the time immemorial fifth place. However, he didn't elaborate on whatever impression he may have gathered from his disconcerting fact-finding tours round the campus during the training period: anyhow, he was outvoted that evening by the members of the contingent who seemed to be a sight surer of themselves than others were. Boy, were they confident of making their 'breakthroughs' and holding their own in the games traditionally their forte!

The Director, taking his cue, came back with the remark that we couldn't possibly go lower: and that meant the only place we could go was up. All this, he confided, was because the people at Delhi had no plans at present for a sixth IIT. Taking a leaf out of the book of once-upon-a-time ragers, he hit upon the idea of making each member of the contingent announce his name and his game: in short, to 'introduce himself'. This kept us occupied for some time. The two supernumeraries, when they announced themselves, drew some laughs—the *Campastimes* 'observer' and the General Secretary, who were 'just going along with the team'. The Director wished us luck, indeed, everyone seemed to be wishing us luck that evening.

Having demolished the fare provided, the contingent saw the guests off... and returned half an hour later for dinner. There's nothing like a good appetite to keep one going. ●



We did it... etc.—(contd. from p. 1)

Before the two relays (4×100 metres and 4×400 metres) each of which carried 20 points for the first position, 6 for the second, and 2 for the third, the positions were: KGP 73, MDS 30.5, DLI 27.5, KNP 26 and BMB 19. KGP were sure to take the first place regardless of the results of the relays: and they had a very good chance in the relays too. Our position for the general championship depended entirely on which IIT took the second place in athletics, for this carried with it 12 points. BMB, with a total of 25 so far, were

in a position to overtake MDS who had a total of 34, while KNP with 20, couldn't. If BMB took the second place in athletics, the only chance for MDS was to take the third place in athletics to maintain their overall second place.

The first relay (4×100 metres) brought a surprise: first were BMB with a record-smashing timing of 45.3 secs. MDS were nowhere on the scene. We didn't have any illusions as to our chances in the other relay: we were running with a makeshift team (the Godavari Hostel relay team, as somebody quipped) and with BMB, KGP and KNP running as they were, we didn't make the mistake of even hoping for a miracle. If BMB did it again in the 4×400 metres relay, they would walk away with the runners-up position in the general championship.

Our cheerleaders, furiously calculating and arguing, were in a frenzy of last-minute figuring-out. Should BMB win, should KNP win, should KGP win? Which would turn out to be better for us? Someone authoritatively claimed that our best bet would be KNP beating BMB in the last relay. Away we swarmed onto the field, cheering our heads off—for KNP. Come on, KNP! Faster Kanpur! Come on Aneja! Come on Trivedi! Kanpur were mighty surprised at this highly vocal and enthusiastic support from Madras. But they didn't have time to be suspicious: the race was on, and our noisy encouragement rent the sky. BMB were running strongly, crowding KGP, the leaders. KNP were running like blue blazes, too. Everyone was running, spectators, competitors and all. KGP finished first, and KNP, running for themselves and for MDS, finished second. BMB's hopes went up in smoke as they took the third place. Three cheers for Kanpur... Hip, hip, ... Hurray! Three cheers for the Aneja Brothers... Hip, hip, ... Hurray! For they are jolly good fellows... Thanks a lot, Kanpur, thanks for everything! MDS were jubilant.

Someone started explaining that the calculations were all wrong, that MDS would have come second even if KNP hadn't beaten BMB in the last race, but nobody was listening. Who cares! We came second. didn't we? Kanpur were great guys, anyway. Three cheers for them again!

Officials were asking us to fall in for the march past. We were still milling round, congratulating ourselves, making much of our heroes, releasing all the excitements and tensions of the past four days. ●

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OFF THE SECOND LAP.

And on you go, past the second lap of the seventh round. No harm in looking back a bit, Charlie, none very close to ya—the one's ahead? Oh forget them, they're destined to go on for ever so . . .

ATHLETICS

On were the day's events and off went Richard to clock 23.6 sec. in the 200 m. heats. Also, KNP's Trivedi, BMB's Suri and sundries clash for honours in the finals with the lone KGP ranger as a hot favourite.

In the 400 m. hurdles heats, P. Menezes (KNP) performed creditably to clock 60.6 sec. N. Kumar (MDS) and Upadhyay (DLI) are among others who have made the final grade; Kiran Seth was the only KGPite to make the same.

Richard was content with just a win in the 1,500 m. run, with Manjit coming a close second. These two had in fact stranded the rest by yards in the final lap.

Poor seem the Javelin results as compared to the figures found in the rotting record-books. That Kumar's (MDS) 166' 2" was the best throw, while the reigning record is 187' and odd, speaks for itself.

200 m. Heats

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| I | 1. R. D'Souza (KGP) |
| | 2. Rane (BMB) |
| II | 1. A. Trivedi (KNP) |
| | 2. R. Upadhyay (DLI) |
| III | 1. Suri (BMB) |
| | 2. Venkatachalam (DLI) |

400 m. Hurdles Heats

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|-----|------------------------------------|
| I | 1. R. Upadhyay |
| | 2. Suri (BMB) |
| II | 1. Narendra Kumar (MDS) 62.2 secs. |
| | 2. Mankur (BMB) |
| III | 1. P. Menezes (KNP) |
| | 2. K. Seth (KGP) |

1,500 m. Finals

1. R. D'Souza (KGP) 4 min. 27.7 secs.
2. M. S. Grewal (KGP)
3. Soli Dastur (BMB)
4. A. P. Aneja (KNP)

Javelin Throw Finals

1. Narendra Kumar (MDS) 166' 7"
2. Daljit Singh (DLI)
3. N. D'Sa (KGP)
4. V. Kaul (BMB)

Points tally

BMB:7 DLI:11 KGP:22 KNP:5 MDS:11

BASKETBALL

In an exciting semi-final which came to a chaotic finish, BMB edged out (?) an excellent KNP combo 56-55.

Right from start, it was a 'touch-and-go', and the two teams matched each other in every department of the game. John, the KNP captain, won the hearts of all with his beautiful conversions of both offensive and defensive rebounds.

Synchronous with the 'Time-up' whistle, was heard the referee's call for a foul off KNP; BMB converted the thus-earned 'off-time' free throw into a basket, and won 56-55. A protest, however, has been filed by KNP.

GYMNASTICS

Due to lack of time, only two of the remaining three events (Parallel Bars and Horizontal Bars) could be completed. BMB, who were leading at the end of the first day, retained their position followed by DLI. With KGP and KNP having faded out of the show, Atul Nath (DLI) and Arun Prakash (BMB) gave excellent performances and only these two seem to be in the reckoning for the individual championship. With only the floor exercises left, BMB are sure to win the trophy. At the end of day's events, D. Das, KGP's coach, gave an excellent demonstration of exercises on the Horizontal Bar.

Horizontal Bar

1. Atul Nath (DLI)
2. Achal Nath (DLI)
3. Arun Prakash (BMB)

Parallel Bar

1. Arun Prakash (BMB)
2. Atul Nath (DLI)
3. Nangiya (BMB)

HOCKEY

KGP romped home winners (1-0) in the semi-final against KNP. A beautiful goal scored by V. P. Singh in the 1st half, off a Debu pass, put KGP in the lead. Though not combining very well, KGP forwards managed to keep up pressure on the KNP backline throughout. Janian played fine hockey, excelling in his passes. What lacked in KGP was

the ability to convert the short corners. Except on one occasion, Khurshid's goal-keeping abilities were never under test. For Kanpur, their Captain Jegati played well, and custodian R. Kumar brought off two good saves.

TENNIS

MDS showed their complete mastery in this field when they outclassed KNP in three brief matches.

The Bhargava-Paul encounter, which attracted a huge crowd from the stadium, was disappointing. Bhargava was never given the chance to get into his stride, and Paul won 6-1, 6-0. Ram Kumar Menon took just a bit longer to beat Mittal of KNP, 6-2, 6-0, but was never in danger of losing. The doubles combination of Paul and Menon played beautifully to beat Bhargava and A. Jagannathan, 6-0, 6-0.

MDS has definitely lived up to its reputation and is in a distinctly different class from the other IIT's, and should have no difficulty in winning the tennis championship.

FOOTBALL

Those of us who formed hasty judgments after witnessing the KGP-DLI match on the first day, were surprised to see a vastly improved KNP team take the field in the semi-final against Madras today. With their excellent forward attack, they were undoubtedly the better team and outplayed MDS. MDS, who were fancied to reach the finals, were convincingly defeated 2-0. The finals should be interesting tomorrow if KNP can maintain the standard we saw today.

VOLLEYBALL

A decidedly better KGP combination convincingly thrashed MDS (15-3, 15-6) to enter the finals against BMB. From the beginning KGP played an attacking game leaving MDS no choice but to defend gamely. It was N. P. Singh again who left the MDS six groping after his power-packed volleys. Decidedly he is the best player amongst all the five teams. It was heartening to see KGP serving correctly. Rao's high serves spinning into the crosswind were particularly difficult to take. Though MDS had good lifters, they weren't supplemented by effective smashing. Chillar brought off good saves off some soaring NP smashes.

If KGP continue to play as they did today, the much fancied BMB are in for trouble.

TABLE TENNIS

The semi-final turned out to be a much grimmer battle than expected. BMB put up a very tough fight and almost beat KGP. The BMB captain, Karoor, played a steady game to win all his matches. The KGP players lost their matches due to nervousness.

In a tense final match with the score at 4-all George, a favourite with the KGP crowd, edged Marballi out of the match with a steady defence that the latter was not used to.

A sobering thought is that if KGP had to try so hard to beat BMB, they shall have to play even harder if they are to beat KNP in the finals.

BADMINTON

The only match played on 18th was the quarter-final between KNP and KGP. Agarwal completely outclassed Rajiv Chandra 15-1, 15-11. A tired Gokarn rallied to win after losing the second game to Soni. In the doubles, a sparkling display of badminton was provided by Kothari and George (KNP) whose superb placing and powerful smashing left Gokarn and Agarwal standing at 14-18, 15-6, 10-15. In the reverse singles, Agarwal beat Soni 15-4, 12-15, 15-8 in a hard-fought match. Soni's beautiful playing and masterly first court placing had Agarwal in trouble.

In the semi-finals KGP beat BMB 3-2. Agarwal lost to Kulkarni, beat Shyam. Gokarn lost to Shyam, beat Kulkarni. Our doubles pair won.

Inspired by the doubles victory, a vastly improved Gokarn fought hard and beat a tired Kulkarni. Agarwal, aided by his fantastic stamina, settled the issue with a well-deserved win over Shyam.

A heart-throbbing exhibition of vintage bad(hitherto)minton that's what it was the DLI-MDS semi-final encounter. Setting aside all gyan going around that some one took too much 'punga' and some one didn't, the Edwin-Sudhir match was a treat to watch. Edwin serves Sudhir forehand volley, Edwin seems to have missed this one but lol whazzaat cockeyed back-hand flick sending the shuttle through 'zoom', and then comes a killing Sudhir cross-court shot—Edwin drop-shot Sudhir counter-drop and so on. Sudhir displayed an excellent match temperament to clinch the match which seemed an endless fight, at 11-15, 15-10, 15-9. Capt. Sheopuri (MDS), with his brilliant smashes, disposed of Dutt 15-11, 15-4. The Edwin-Sheopuri combo was too good for Sudhir +/— Dutt and beat them 18-30, 11-15, 15-6. After Sheopuri's gallant yet, losing battle with the invincible Sudhir, it required only half an Edwin to beat Bhav Dutt and reach MDS to the final against KGP.

Due to avoidable circumstances, we couldn't come for breakfast.



OP Nick at Work



Ajit broke his hockey stick



... but Delhi weren't so happy

OUR Wonderful Track Suits

AFTER a great deal of wrangling and bickering, our Gymkhana came through with track suits for the athletics team. This, in itself, wasn't a bad thing; but like everything else the Gymkhana does, providing the 'track suits' was only a part of the story. Half the athletics team found it impossible to get into their suits, and the half that could looked uncommonly like scarecrows in them. The spectacle of our brave track-&-field men in sack-like costumes several sizes too small for them, made some laugh and some bite their lips. It was thoughtful of the tailor who made these suits to have left out the lettering IIT-M, so that no-one else could be sure which IIT these walking advertisements represented, but a little common sense would have singled out Madras as the only IIT which does things by such sorry halves.

We are aware of the fact that the people at the Gymkhana have the gift of doing just about everything wrong, but this time, the joker responsible has been particularly brilliant. So much for those who got the 'track suits'; how about those who didn't? The basketball team, especially, who had to play their matches early at night, needed them badly. Night, in the Kharagpur winter, isn't warm by any means, and Kanpur and Delhi will be a sight worse. The Kharagpur teams, who stood out as examples both as regards their performance and the equipment they were provided, seemed to find no shortage of track suits. It is very easy to find reasons why our teams cannot be provided with what they need; it will be more useful, however, if the authorities went round trying to find solutions to these problems instead.

THE ABSENTEE PARTICIPANTS

Anyone who followed the athletics events through the four days of the Meet couldn't but have noticed the number of athletes from IIT Madras who were entered for the various events but who failed to show up. We took a rather numerous athletics team along to KGP, but for all the good they were, we might have taken Narendra Kumar and a couple of others along and left it at that. This is not saying that our participants were totally unsuccessful. It is just that, after having travelled a thousand and odd miles for the express purpose of taking part in an event or two, quite a few decided not to take part after all. Doubtless they had their reasons for

not taking part, and perhaps they believed it wouldn't have made any difference anyway, but that's not the point.

'The important thing in the Olympic Games is not winning but taking part, The essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well.'

—Baron de Coubertin.

The type of cynical wisdom which makes a horse-laugh of endeavour seems to have been confined to IIT Madras, the Lord be thanked, and the Meet proceeded in a spirit of keen competition. That is, as keen a competition as four-and-a-half IIT's could make it.

SEVENTH INTER-IIT MEET 1969-70 ATHLETICS

Athletic Championship	TRACK EVENTS							FIELD EVENTS							Total				
	100 m	200 m	400 m	800 m	1500 m	5000 m	Hurdles	Re ay	Discus	Hammer	Shot Put	Javelin	Pole Vault	High Jump		Broad Jump	Hop, Step & Jump		
Bombay	3	1		1	2	2	1	1	10	2	2		1		5		31		
Delhi		2						2			5	5	5	3	2.5	3	27.5		
Kanpur	5	3	2		1	3	3	3	2	6		3		1	2		34		
Kharagpur	2	5	9	10	8	6	2		6	10	1	4	3	2	5	3	8	5	89
Madras	1							5	5		3	2		5	2.5	1	6	30.5	

The Diary

18-12-1969

Though the inauguration was supposed to start at 8 a.m., it started at 8.30. A number of speeches were made, including one by the Director, Prof. Bose. A flare lit up the sky, and a group of S. Nites (S. N. Hall is the KGP version of Sarayu) released multicoloured balloons. The chief guest, General Kumar, Q.M.G. of India, spoke.

The first event of the morning was the **100 metres heats**. Mani Thomas came a very close second in his heat and was selected for the finals. S. K. Itheshamuddin and V. Thamburaj who were entered for the event, did not turn up for the heats.

5000 Metres final: There were two runners from MDS, H. P. Tripathi and Siddhartha, of whom the latter dropped out in the sixth round. Tripathi stayed the whole distance and for some time led the field, which is an achievement, considering the event. M. S. Grewal of KGP stood first. Tripathi finished fifth.

Discus Throw: We entered Chillar and Sanyal for this event. Chillar came second with a throw of 122 feet, and Sanyal came fifth. First was Daljit Singh of Delhi with a throw of 149 feet 2 inches. He was at that time thought to have beaten the Inter-University record of 148' 11 1/4", but later on, the officials disclosed that the discus was less than the standard weight.

Pole Vault: Our hero M. Bhaskaran was doing fine and promised to excel himself. Competing with H. S. Gill of KGP and Upadhyay of DLI, he was clearing the bar in great style. Unfortunately the vaulting pole broke and jabbed him in the ribs. He was unable to try any more vaults: in spite of which he came second. First was H. S. Gill of KGP who cleared 9' 10". Bhaskaran and Upadhyay were bracketted for the second place and awarded 2.5 points each.

110 metres hurdles: There were three heats. The only competitor from Madras, Narendra Kumar, led the field and finished far ahead of his rivals.

400 metres Heats: Mani Thomas had pulled a muscle and consequently could not run. Siddhartha didn't take part either. S. K. Itheshamuddin was in the same heat as Richard D' Souza and Aneja and didn't stand a chance at all.

Tennis Quarter-final: Lionel Paul, playing with clockwork precision, took every game and scored an impressive victory over his opponent from Delhi 6-0, 6-0. R. K. Menon, won 6-3, 6-3, and only overconfidence prevented him from doing better. In the doubles match, Srikrishnan and Lakshminarayanan won with facility 6-3, 6-3.

Hockey Semi-final: Madras entered the field against last year's champions, Delhi, and the knowledgeable gave MDS as much chance for survival as a cube of ice in hell. DLI were expected to walk through us with no difficulty. However, our players changed all that. The champions were defeated in a little under 30 seconds after bully. That was how long it took centre-forward Chandrasekhar to push the ball into the DLI goal. It happened so fast that everyone, including the DLI goalkeeper, was caught hopping. The rest of the match was a furious wrestle for the ball. DLI, always on the attack, hammered our defences again, and again, but nothing got past. A KGP spectator, speculating on the possibility of DLI getting past 'the Surd' (Gus, of course) was proved wrong, for very little did get past Gus. Ranjan made some great saves, and together they kept the defence impregnable. DLI were still fighting desperately when the referee's whistle went for full-time, and the

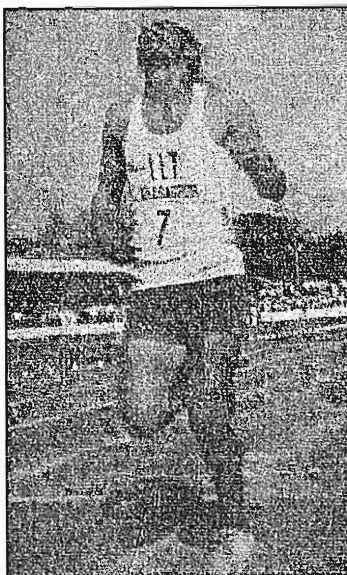


Narendra one up—a common sight

Madras crowd went mad with jubilation. We had downed the hot favourites.

Table Tennis Quarter-final: We started off well with Prem Watsa winning his first match after a tough tussle. However, Ranga, playing strangely out of form, lost his match in straight games. Rakesh Gothi came twice within an ace of winning in the third match, but finally lost due to a chance touch, with the scores at 25-26. He had won one and lost one game before. The heart went out of the team after this, and BMB won 5-3. Each of our players won one match.

Basketball Semi-final: MDS-KGP. Madras, playing on a concrete court, under floodlights, before a highly partisan crowd, lost the initiative and KGP raced to a 10 point lead. We fought back, but at half-time KGP led 37-28, and the game seemed to be against us. The MDS team found it difficult to understand the referee's decisions and were a little disorganised. However, the latter part of the second half saw a dramatic reversal of



M. S. Grewal after 5000 Metres!

the state of affairs and at one stage the scores stood at 50-50. With the crowd screaming its head off and the atmosphere electric with tension, predicting the outcome was an absolute impossibility. Our star players Kesavan and Shivshankar were sent out each with five personal fouls against him, and were closely followed by Palanikumar. Kurien, who had gone out of the game at the beginning, came back into play, and stand-ins Johnny and Raja took a hand. At this crucial juncture, MDS rocketed ahead with superb basketing and closely knit team work, and finished the match 62-51. Once again, the MDS crowd went completely mad. They performed a cross between the Bangra, the Zulu war dance, the highland fling; and the IIT cha-cha-cha. KGP went back a sadder but wiser crowd and turned out hopefully next morning to practise for the losing semi-finalists match. Kurien and Pacha as defenders were outstanding. P. K. Easwaran scored 23 points. Kesavan managed the team admirably.

The MDS contingent went back happy and full of wild enthusiasm and hopes.

19-12-1969

200 metres heats: None of our runners turned up for the heats though three of them (Mani Thomas, Victor Thamburaj, and S. K. Itheshamuddin) were supposed to.

Javelin Throw: Narendra Kumar of MDS sprung the first of his surprises on the Meet when he hurled the javelin the farthest to collect 5 points for Madras. Daljit Singh, the hero of the discus event, came a close second. Sanyal and Chillar, who were entered for the event, didn't turn up. David Roby participated in place of Chillar and made it to the final.

400 metres hurdles heats: Jumping, for all the world like a rare mountain goat, Narendra Kumar cleared hurdle after hurdle to lead the field all the way round the 400 metre track. He was the only MDS athlete to qualify for the final.

1500 metres final: MDS entered three runners, but it didn't do them any good. Richard D'Souza and M. S. Grewal of KGP took the first and second places.

Tennis Semi-final: MDS sliced through KNP like a hot knife through butter. Lionel Paul beat Bhargava of KNP 6-1, 6-0, the only remarkable point being the one game Lionel conceded. R. K. Menon was in great form and won a facile 6-2, 6-0 victory. In the doubles, the same pair scored a thumping 6-0, 6-0 victory and sealed KNP's fate.

Volleyball Semi-final: MDS were out-classed in the semi-final by KGP. KGP, displaying remarkable team work and some brilliant volleying and placing, finished the game in record time with scores of 15-3, 15-4.

Football Semi-final: KNP defeated MDS 2-0 to enter the final against KGP. The MDS team, who were counting on an easy victory, were proved dismally wrong. However, the outcome didn't surprise some, who, like Dr. Klein, had noticed the total disinclination of the footer team to try anything even remotely resembling practice. We were over-confident and completely disorganised. Victor Thamburaj, Bhaskaran and Roby up in front and Patel and Ajit Puran at the back, saved the match from becoming a fiasco. MDS now had to pull up their socks and try to make up in the losing semi-finalists match to make the third place, poor consolation though that would be. Anupam Sen's absence was rather noticeable as there was no efficient feeding of the forwards. Why he had to be absent is a matter which, perhaps, only he can convincingly explain. An unexpected and totally unwarranted change from the original 4-2-4 formation to a 5-2-3 formation created a gap in the defence too large for even Chandran Ratnaswamy to deal with. The efforts to make up in the second half proved futile as there was no proper finishing at the goal-mouth. KNP were lucky to find MDS in such bad form.

Badminton semi-final : MDS-DLI (3-2). That bald statement conveys nothing of the thrills and upsets packed into the drawn-out encounter. The DLI star player, Sudhir Kumar, caused a major shock by defeating Edwin Srinivasan 11-15, 15-10, 15-9. Though Edwin's technique and freak shots should have given him the advantage, he could not get his drops correct, and frequently played into the net. Sudhir, playing a power game, took the match after a scintillating display of badminton. In the second singles match, Capt. Sheopuri defeated the DLI no 2, Dutt, in straight games without much difficulty. Sheopuri's smashes were brilliant and there was no doubt about his superiority. The doubles encounter was the crucial and deciding one, and provided thrill upon thrill. Edwin and Sheopuri combined exquisitely to keep the crowd gasping. The DLI pair played well, especially Sudhir Kumar, and provided the resistance necessary to make the match interesting. The final scores of 18-13, 11-15, 15-6, give but a poor indication of how the match proceeded. In the first of the reverse singles, our gallant Capt. Sheopuri met Sudhir Kumar in a match of unbeatable smashes and impossible returns. Sheopuri took the first game but Sudhir Kumar played tenaciously and recovered to register a narrow victory. The last match of the night was nowhere near as exciting by comparison, and Edwin made short work of Dutt with scores of 15-4, 15-3.

Football losing semi-finalists : The MDS team, led by M. M. Sanyal, did it yet once more. Playing against Bombay who were yet to prove our most dangerous rivals for the second place in the general championship, we conceded the match 2-4. Thus MDS were denied even the meagre consolation of the two points that went with the third place. Instead they gifted them to BMB in spite of BMB's indifferent play.

Hockey final : KGP-MDS (1-0). KGP won, the more impetuous Madras assert, fielding a thirteen man team, two of them playing with whistles. Our team played well and were unfortunate in not getting the gold. Both victory and defeat are a part of the game, and we can only say 'well tried !' to our team.

Volleyball losing semi-finalists : DLI-MDS. Our team recovered magnificently after the shattering defeat at the hands of KGP in the semi-final. The MDS six defeated DLI in straight games 15-11, 15-9. The hours of practice our team put into the game paid off; and this might serve as an example to some.

Basketball final : BMB-MDS (67-62). MDS forged ahead in the first few minutes and were leading BMB by 10 points. P. K. Easwaran was doing a fine job of covering Kaul of BMB, rendering him ineffective. But very soon he had four fouls against him and Kesavan had to take him out of the game to

do something about it. They played a fantastic game, taking point after point to win the game at 18-13. In the second game they overwhelmed the KGP pair 15-3 to take the doubles.

The first reverse singles in which Edwin met Agarwal settled the issue conclusively. The Tamil Nadu Champion walked through 15-3, 15-4, and the gold was ours. Hoarse with the day's cheering, the MDS spectators joined the victory dance and set off firecrackers to add some kick to the savour of triumph.

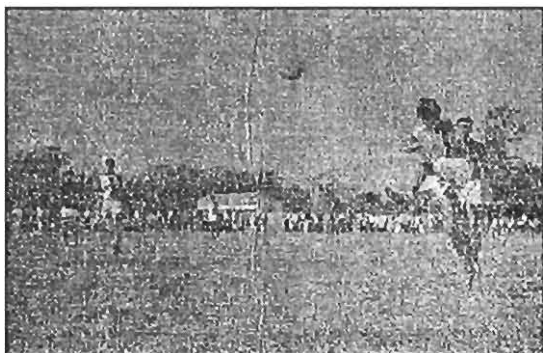
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The last day of the Meet.

100 metres final : The only Madras runner to qualify was Mani Thomas who finished fourth, thus earning MDS another point in the athletics tally. A KNP runner, Trivedi, took the first place with a timing of 11.6 secs.

Hammer Throw : Daljit Singh of DLI broke the record with a throw of 101' 4". Our athletics captain earned us two points by taking the third place. Sanyal and Muthanna who were supposed to take part, were nowhere on the scene.

120 metres hurdles : Narendra Kumar hurdled his way to finish in a record time of



Footer in the air (vs KNP)



1500 M.—Richie D'Souza in the lead—as usual

(The MDS-DLI semi-final which was scheduled to start at 7-00 p.m. actually started at 10-30 p.m. as the other semi-final match between Bombay and Kharagpur couldn't be finished in time. The MDS-DLI semi-final carried on till 2-30 a.m. This should be an indication to our organisers that more time be allowed for the badminton matches in the MDS Meet).

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High Jump : In this event, the first place was taken by S. R. Shah of Bombay. Narendra Kumar cleared the same height as two others but was placed fourth due to foul jumps earlier. This earned MDS one point in the athletics tally. Kannan didn't take part in the event.

Shot Put : Only Chillar took part though Sanyal and Muthanna were also entered for MDS. Daljit Singh of DLI heaved the shot to a new record of 40' 8".

800 metres run : Tripathi, Kamath and Siddhartha were entered but did not take part. KGP swiped the first three places and BMB took the fourth.

400 metres hurdles : Our hero, Narendra Kumar, led the chase to clock 58.6 secs., a new record. The remarkable feature was that he ran with an injured foot and was completing the 400 metres circuit for the second time in his life (the first time was in the heats).

reserve him for a more pressing time. R. D. Chillar was wisely (?) included to cover Kaul, but soon Chillar was out too, with five fouls against him. The scores at half-time were 31-28, BMB leading. Our team hung on, and a few minutes before close of play, were trailing by 3 points. Then the BMB coach brought in a new player who basketed with a side throw. When the 'time-up' whistle went, BMB were leading by 5 points to win at 67-62. The fact that BMB had their coach with them while we hadn't, was keenly felt and probably had an important effect on the outcome. Our star player, Easwaran, was out of the game for most of the time and towards the end our shooting became erratic and mis-passes frequent. But we were always trying and were unlucky in that our efforts didn't pay off better.

Badminton final : MDS-KGP (3-1). This was regarded by some as a mere formality: KGP, who were lucky to enter the final, were considered no match for MDS. However, KGP started off well when Agarwal beat Capt. Sheopuri 18-17, 15-6. Edwin returned the compliment when he polished off Gokarn 15-9, 15-4 in the second singles.

The doubles match was a treat to watch. In the first game, the MDS pair fumbled round to concede a 12-0 lead to Agarwal & Gokarn, and the KGP crowd was yelling fit to burst. Edwin & Sheopuri took stock of the situation, saw that it wasn't too good, and decided to

16.7 secs., and celebrated his triumph by hurdling the tape too.

Triple jump : Narendra Kumar of MDS did it again in the triple jump, coming first by covering 41' 7". The record held by Mino Kalappa of MDS is 44' 11". M. S. Choudhry took the fourth place, giving MDS another point.

Relay 4x100 metres : Both the BMB and KGP teams broke the record. Bombay clocked 45.3 secs. to come first, while KGP and KNP ran neck and neck for the second and third places respectively. MDS had to run with a makeshift team and didn't quite make the scene.

Relay 4x400 metres : The favourites, KGP, were without doubt the fastest, setting up a new record of 3 m. 33.3 secs. BMB, fighting hard for a few points to put them in the second place in the athletics tally, were beaten by KNP to the second place. MDS and DLI didn't complete the course.

The exhibition hockey match, ostensibly between KGP, the champions, and the rest of the IITs, resolved itself into a match between KGP and DLI, last year's holders. MDS refused to take part as a protest against the refereeing in the final. The KNP goalkeeper played with the DLI team. The Chief Guest's XI (DLI) defeated the President's XI (KGP), 1-0. ●

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KGP in sight of victory!

ATHLETICS

Two records were broken in the events held on the 3rd day. Daljit Singh of DLI, having earlier smashed the discus record, established a new high of 40' 8" in shot put.

Narendra Kumar of Madras clipped 1.2 sec. off the previous best timing for the 400 m. hurdles.

The KGP runners dominated the show in the 800 m. That three of the first four places in the event went to KGP is ample indication of KGP's superiority in this department.

The High Jump event proved a great disappointment. The highest reached was 5' 6" while the previous best record is 5' 10 1/2".

With only one day left, KGP have virtually become the Athletics Champions. A big lead of 23 points over the nearest rivals MDS, has ascertained us 20 valuable points in the general tally.

200 m. Finals

1. R. D'Souza (KGP) 23.3 sec.
2. Trivedi (KNP).
3. R. Upadhyay (DLI).
4. Muthukrishnan (BMB).

High Jump

1. S. R. Shah (BMB) 5' 6".
2. S. Roy (KGP).
3. P. Menezes (KNP).
4. Narendra Kumar (MDS).

Shot Put

1. Daljit Singh (DLI) 40' 8" (New Record).
2. P. Naik (KNP).
3. Avo (KGP).
4. R. D'Souza (KGP).

800 m. Run

1. R. D'Souza (KGP) 2 min 7.4 sec.
2. M. S. Grewal (KGP).
3. J. Abraham (KGP).
4. S. Dastur (BMB).

400 m. Hurdles

1. Narendra Kumar (MDS) 58.6 secs. (New Record).
2. P. Menezes (KNP).
3. R. Upadhyay (DLI).
4. A. Suri (BMB).

FOOTBALL

Confronted by a strong KNP back line, KGP found it difficult to get off the mark in the final. Yet our forwards successfully found their way through the Kanpur defence many a time, and it was only Menezes, the menace, who stood between KGP and victory. KGP had to be content with a solitary goal scored in the 2nd half by Nansen, which brought them victory. Otherwise, many a sitter went a-begging.

In Nishit we had a wonderful outside left and Dadu was his usual self at the half line.

In the losing semi-finalists match, Bombay beat Madras 4-2 in a match of uneven exchanges.

BADMINTON

In a final which was largely a formality, the only interesting match was the first singles between Agarwal (KGP) and Sheopuri (MDS). In a very closely contested first game Agarwal edged Sheopuri out 18-17. In the second, he was clearly superior and won 15-6. Champ Edwin had no difficulty in winning both his matches, at 15-9, 15-4 against Gokarn and 15-3, 15-4 against Agarwal.

After rattling up a 12-0 lead, the gallant pair, Gokarn and Agarwal were beaten inexorably by Edwin and Sheopuri.

The losing semi-final between BMB and DLI provided some thrills when Kulkarni (BMB) won both his singles, beating Sudhir Kumar (DLI) in one of them. Thus, last year's holders, DLI, winning 3-2, had to fight hard to earn their two points this time.

TABLE TENNIS

For the third time in succession KGP has gone down in the finals to KNP. KGP looked set for victory allowing Bhargava wins in all his matches. The crucial match, a tense, defensive battle, was between George (KGP) and Sengupta (KNP) in which the latter won in 3 games. The score levelled at 3-all, the next match was a wonderful display of

attacking table tennis by Bhargava (KNP) and Subroto (KGP). The latter matched the U.P. number two shot for shot but was not as consistent. Sengupta brought about KNP's victory by winning his second match, against Saxena, in straight sets. It was a gloomy, disheartened crowd that dispersed after this, because Saxena showed none of the fire which had marked his earlier encounter with Bhargava. In this match Saxena started off magnificently by smashing 6 times to lead 6-0. He lost this first game but extended the champ to 3 sets.

Immediately after the 7th game Bhargava left for Bangalore to take part in the Nationals. We wish him all the best.

GYMNASTICS

As predicted yesterday, BMB won the Gymnastics by a comfortable margin. Arun Prakash (BMB) and Atul Nath (DLI) performed very well in the Floor exercises. Arun Prakash won the individual championship with Atul Nath a close second.

Considering the amount of practice we had, KGP performed well. Our successes were entirely due to our coach Mr. Dilip Das. Perhaps, if the Gymkhana could arrange for permanent coaching, KGP could offer stiff opposition next year.

Floor Exercises

1. A. Prakash (BMB)
2. Atul Nath (DLI)
3. A. K. Nangia (KNP)

Weightlifting

1. Om Vikash (KNP)
2. S. C. Agarwal (KNP)
3. Ajit Kumar (KNP)

Mr. Strongman

1. Kuldip Singh (MDS) 5.32
2. Harbans Lal (KGP)
3. Om Vikash (KNP)

Mr. IIT

1. Bhattacharjee (KGP)
2. Om Vikash (KNP)
3. B. Sinha (KNP)

Individual Championship

1. A. Prakash (BMB) 99.53
2. Atul Nath (DLI) 92.80
3. C. Kotwal (BMB) 90.42

Team Championship

1. Bombay 264.83
2. Delhi 244.64
3. Kharagpur 199.81

TENNIS

MDS gave further proof of their superiority by beating KGP, last year's holders, 3-0. The finals began with Lionel Paul overwhelming R. Datta 6-0, 6-0. On the other court Menon encountered some resistance before downing Srinivasan 6-3, 6-4. Though 'Chinu' played spiritedly in the doubles his brief but game struggle served only to prolong MDS's victory in straight sets. 6-3, 6-3.

HOCKEY

KGP-MDS (1-0)

Kharagpur won the gold in hockey, beating Madras by a solitary goal in the final on Saturday.

In a drab and listless encounter, Madras could make no headway against the home team with 'Buddo' Sinha confidently warding off any stray attacks. With KGP's forwards making sporadic though un-coordinated raids into the Madras 'D', Kharagpur were never in any trouble. The only goal of the match came from S. B. Dutta.

BASKETBALL

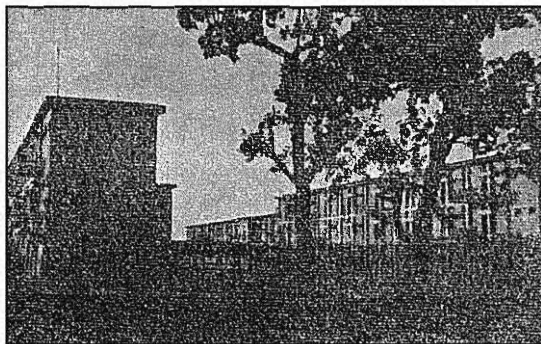
MDS, the favourites, were off to a flying start and were leading within a few minutes. They lost the initiative, but played casually while BMB basketted repeatedly. With hardly about five minutes left, and with BMB leading 49-40, they made desperate attempts to equalise. But BMB kept scoring steadily and maintained their lead to win 67-62. V. Kaul, though constantly marked, played brilliantly to score 35 points. Captain Keshav scored 18 points for MDS while their star Iswaran, who scored 20 points, was off the court most of the time with 4 fouls against him.

In the losing semi-final KNP beat KGP 69-43 scoring the vital points in extra time.

VOLLEYBALL

Confident after their two previous victories KGP played a vigorous game keeping the crowd in fine humour and the scoreboard in motion. Shinde was the epitome of a steady centre man incessantly feeding the very effective Sanat-Singh duo at net. For BMB Nadkarni was the only one who exerted himself while Panthaky proved to be a liability fouling too often at net. Winning the first game (15-9) KGP found it harder going in the second having to fight a rallying BMB all the way to clinch the game (16-14). The third game saw KGP in its element volleying, placing, aching to lead a bewildered BMB 13-0. Inevitably KGP decided to relax and BMB seized the chance to bring some respectability to the score ultimately losing the game (8-15) and the gold (0-3).

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KGP



Kharagpur is a one-horse town with IIT and little else of which to boast. Railway lines here with a few dingy dwellings in between, and more railway lines there with a few more huts in between, and right over there still more railway lines with a sprawling station thrown in for kicks . . . that about sums up KGP. The air is heavy with coal dust and smoke, and a mist clouds the atmosphere from early in the evening till late morning. Daylight hours are short and by six it is quite dark.

The Campus is large : it covers about 1140 acres or thereabouts, and even though there is no clear boundary between the Campus and the town, one can make out very precisely where the town ends and the Campus begins by the comparative neatness and modernity of the buildings and the surroundings. The Institute itself is walled off and fronted by an impressive building : the IIT tower, a part of this building, is the tallest structure in Kharagpur. The rest of the Campus is neatly laid out on a circular pattern in park-like surroundings, with refreshing variations in the architecture of the buildings, especially the hostels.

There is a large, well-equipped, and efficient hospital. Going through the hospital building, we were surprised by its extent, its numerous staff, the facilities available and its obvious importance in the scheme of things in the Campus. We blushed to think of our apology for a hospital at Madras and the paleolithic medical facilities our Campus had to offer. The Swimming Pool at Kharagpur was a big joke for a long time, we were told. But a joke it is no longer. Now it is finished, and fabulous is about the only word to convey our impression of it. When, oh when, will we see such a sight in IIT Madras? We are

of a remarkably sanguine disposition, but even a Micawber would find it difficult to keep up his expectations in the face of the progress our swimming pool is so visibly making.

One building which has no counterpart in our Campus is the Students' Centre. It has an indoor badminton court and houses a canteen, gymnastics equipment, gymkhana offices, etc. We looked wistfully at the striking building and decided its high time Daddy got us something of the sort. But will Daddy?

No dough, that's his complaint.

The Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Auditorium, where the cultural programmes were held, looked the ideal halfway house between the CLT and the OAT. On the day of our arrival at KGP, a movie was screened at the auditorium.

At KGP, there are no hostels . . . instead, they have halls of residence. Grandiose as this may sound, we can say confidently that one of our hostels, say Kaveri, can aspire to the title with equal justification. Our hostels may be a little colourless perhaps, but as to making people miserable, they are about as effective as their KGP counterparts.

The Jnan Ghosh Stadium is a little larger than ours, and has the distinct advantage of not being of the singing variety. It proved adequate for the demands made of it.

There is a lot more to the Campus . . . staff quarters, play fields, Institute buildings . . . and places, perhaps, of whose existence we are still unaware. But nowhere did we find a Gajendra Circle : we suppose we didn't look hard enough. We left with the feeling that there was a great deal of exploring we hadn't yet done.



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Point Hogs

With a tally 55 points greater than that of their nearest rival, KGP can justifiably boast of a talented and successful athletics team. But it can be seen that the points were mainly earned on the track where KGP had at least two places in every race except 100 m. Despite the fact that DLI and MDS came at the bottom of the table, the excellence of freshman Daljit (DLI) and Kumar (MDS) in field events was proved beyond doubt and their record-breaking performances were highlights of the meet.

The individual championship went to Richard D'Souza (21 points), who is probably the best runner any IIT will ever see. Daljit Singh, runner up with 19 points, smashed records in shot-put, hammer throw, discus and was the only member of an otherwise frustrated DLI contingent to meet with a measure of success. Narendra Kumar, third with 16 points, was very unfortunate in his choice of events to be considered for the championship. With every chance of remedying this next year, he is an asset to the MDS team.

Hammer Throw

1. Daljit Singh (DLI) 101' 4" (New Record)
2. B. K. Mishra (KGP)
3. R. D. Chillar (MDS)
4. A. Patra (KGP)

Broad Jump

1. Nansen D'Sa (KGP) 6.19 m. (0.03 m. short of record)
2. S. Dasgupta (KGP)
3. R. Upadhyay (DLI)
4. Daljit Singh (DLI)

400 m. finals

1. R. D'Souza (KGP) 51 secs. (New Record)
2. J. Abraham (KGP)
3. V. P. Aneja (KNP)
4. M. S. Grewal (KGP)

110 m. Hurdles

1. N. Kumar (MDS) 16.7 secs. (New Record)
2. P. Menezes (KNP)
3. N. Samanta (KGP)
4. S. R. Shah (BMB)

Triple Jump

1. N. Kumar (MDS) 41' 7"
2. N. Samanta (KGP)
3. S. Dasgupta (KGP)
4. M. S. Choudhury (MDS)

4x100 m. Relay

1. BOMBAY, 45.3 secs. (New Record)
2. KHARAGPUR
3. KANPUR

4x400 m. Relay

1. KHARAGPUR 3 min. 33.6 secs. (New Record)
2. KANPUR
3. BOMBAY

100 m. finals

1. A. Trivedi (KNP) 11.6 secs.
2. H. Press (BMB)
3. S. Dasgupta (KGP)
4. M. Thomas (MDS)

Point Tally

BOMBAY	31
DELHI	27.5
KANPUR	34
KHARAGPUR	89
MADRAS	30.5

Arjun Malhotra (about the contingents). We are the only girls.

Amitava Choudhury (announcer). In the 400 m. heats, the order is as follows:—The first heat will be the third heat; the second heat will be the second heat. . . .

Satish Kumar (KNP footer cap, in a daze). In Cal, is the traffic permitted to overtake from the left and right?

Badminton Referee (to Bana, who was getting into position with camera and flash gun). You can take photographs of the match only after it.

Richard lost all three of the races that he ran against old records and on the 20th, Prof. Mitra asked him, 'Richard, how many records have you broken?' 'None Sir'.

'Then I will deduct 50% of your marks'.

After the 400 m. race, Richard is expecting a I Div.!

Entertainment Secretary U. Mazumdar. The ALANKAR the cultural side, is neglecting.

Some KGP'ites were heard trying to persuade MDS basketball star Eswaran to come to KGP for M.Tech. Even if he does not get a job, there's a long wait ahead—he is only in his second year.

J. S. Bhogal (Films & Pub. Sec.). Here is a flashlight from the badminton court.

While Richard was running the 400 m. there was an anxious query on the phone, 'Has he broken the record?' Came the confident reply, 'He is just breaking it.'

When KNP were putting up a feeble resistance against MDS in the doubles in the tennis semi-final the forlorn cries of 'Keep it up KNP' were silenced by one realist 'Don't be sarcastic yar.'

The fun and games that have been crammed into the last four days (more of the former, we hope) were enough to exhaust every one of the wish to prolong the leave-taking. We have enjoyed hosting the meet and having all of you staying and competing with us. We hope you have enjoyed it as much as we have.

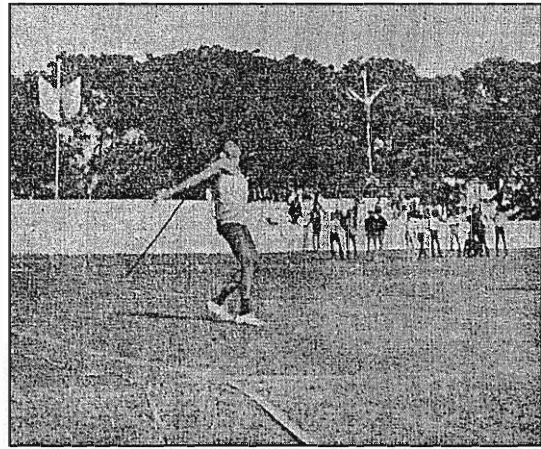
Here's wishing you all the best, bon voyage and good hunting.

GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP

IIT	Badminton	Basketball	Football	Hockey	Tennis	Table Tennis	Volleyball	Track & Field	Gymnastics	Total Points
Bombay		10	2			2	6	4	5	29
Delhi	2			2					3	7
Kanpur		2	6		2	10		12		32
Kharagpur	6		10	10	6	6	10	20	1	69
Madras	10	6		6	10		2			34



*Chillar leading the march past :
NCC didn't do them no good*



*Narendra Kumar parting with the javelin yards
behind the line . . . and winning with ease*



*Dr. Klein, the hockey team, and sidies,
one up on Delhi*

Help ! Help ! !

The Cultural Week

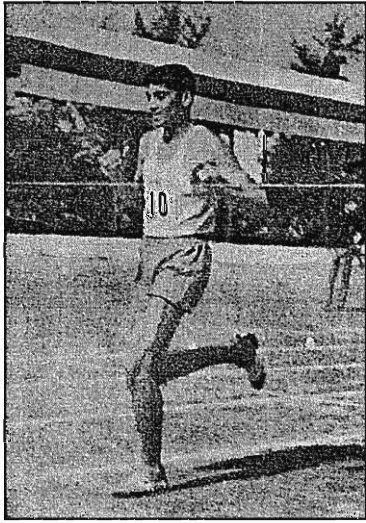
is coming down on us !!!

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400 M. Hurdles . . . record

THE UNFORTUNATE NARENDRA KUMAR

The winner of the individual championship in athletics in the seventh Inter-IIT Meet was Richard D'Souza of Kharagpur with 21 points. Second was Daljit Singh of Delhi with 19 points, and third was Narendra Kumar of Madras with 16 points. The position could very easily have been drastically different. Actually, Narendra Kumar had 21 points to his credit, but 'unfortunately' the hop-step-and-jump event was not among his declared events. But for this error in forecasting, he would have been joint holder of the title with Richie D'Souza. That would have been something to write home about. To walk away with the championship in one's first appearance at the Inter-IIT Meet is no mean achievement by any standards; and that's what, in effect, our prodigy would have done. But for that 'Unfortunate' piece of declaring, that is. Whatever the explanations, they can be but poor consolation to the unfortunate Narendra Kumar.

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The Prize Distribution and The Closing Ceremony

Mr Naresh Kumar, former captain of the Indian tennis team, was the chief guest at the Closing Ceremony. The function started with a speech by Prof Bose, the Director, followed by the march past. Mr Naresh Kumar briefly addressed the participants in the Meet, stressing the importance of doing one's best in any endeavour. Then he distributed the prizes. When the procession of proud trophy-bearers had ended, Dr Klein addressed the gathering preparatory to receiving the Inter-IIT flag on behalf of the Madras contingent. He regretted that MDS, unlike the other four IIT's, could not promise reasonably dry weather at this time of the year, and said that there was a distinct possibility of having to hold '400 metres puddles' and 'hop, slip & slump' events in place of the more customary dry land exercises. He assured them that we would endeavour to uphold the high standards set by the previous hosts, and that we were not altogether without experience in hosting the Meet. With that, the flag was lowered and Dr Klein received it. The crowd dispersed while the Madras contingent set off firecrackers to celebrate their success.

The Break-up Dinner and Victory Procession

ALL good programmes begin or end with a dinner and our hosts at KGP were determined to make their programme for the Meet as good as any. So a-dining we went on the last evening of the Meet, after the prize distribution and closing ceremony. Students traditionally have phenomenal appetites and the hectic events of the day were of the type that arouse a feeling of famine in one's interior. We gathered on the lawns outside the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Auditorium in the cold evening air and waited for the grub to arrive in trucks. Clustering in knots and groups, we kept a wary eye on the progress of the grub from the trucks to the counters, and the moment it was properly laid out, away we did charge. Sounds of contented snuffling and hogging rose to the sky . . . need we say more?

Somebody had set up a P.A. system and voices filtered out to us over the sounds of hungry people getting theirs. Big shots were making speeches, as big shots always will, and people with nothing else to do paid desultory attention to the words being broadcast. However the announcement that there would be a victory procession after the dinner, caught our attention. Victory procession? Complete with blazing torches and riotous song and dance? Sure thing!

Out of the Institute gates we poured, raising a din fit to wake the dead, singing songs no maiden should hear, dancing through strange and original figures and evolutions. Somebody hung a folding chair from his shoulders and kept banging away on it for all he was worth; somebody grabbed a cycle-rickshaw and converted it into a drum-carriage; somebody else led the curiously violent stone-age dance. A mirthful crowd tagged along excitedly to see the fun and laugh at what was laughable.

A quiescent campus looked interrogatively at us as we invaded hall after hall, inviting the inmates to come out and join us. Someone threw out a brilliant suggestion. Why not go to SN Hall? The ladies would surely be glad to welcome us! No sooner was the

suggestion made than the vanguard dashed off in the direction of SN Hall. Were the ladies surprised to see the noisy victory procession invade the grounds of their hall? Yes, and delighted! They witnessed a dance, the like of which they had never seen before, and savoured the tumultuous din of the celebrating songsters. We hope they didn't hear the exact words the immoderates bawled out. The songs were pretty indistinct by that time, anyway. Someone hoarsely asked for some water, and an SNite ran to fetch some. A moment later, scores of opportunists were pretending to be desperately thirsty and croaking out requests for water. They got the water all right: a sight more than they asked for. Good-night, SN Hall, and sweet dreams! And thanks for being so sporting and putting up with us.

The procession, by now resolved into a mixture of KGP and MDS devil-may-cares, started off on the next leg of its circuit round the campus. A jeep was commandeered . . . and inched along under a burden of inebriated humanity hanging precariously from all sides. The jokes grew coarser, the limericks bawdier, and the songs became absolutely unmentionable. The weak at heart dropped out and let the rough ones and the Sardarjis enjoy themselves into a state of babbling incoherence and roaring obscenity.

The happenings of the night were not over yet. There was ye olde tea shoppe joint near the gate, and those thirsty for tea or more companionship drifted along there, to talk and sing and have a good time. Someone had a guitar, someone suggested a song, and someone else started it off. Soon the mid-night tea party was sailing merrily along. We sat and sang at the rustic table well into the next day, delighted at each fresh sally and each new song. But we hadn't forever on our hands, and the party had to end. The company parted, by now all old friends and jolly good fellows. Come next year to Madras, we told our KGP friends, and we'll give you a right royal time. And you can get your boots we will! . . . for they are jolly good fellows, they are jolly good fellows. . . .



Against Delhi. Fourth encounter. They Lost. Again.