



# SPARDHA 09



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*If you smell, What the Spardha is cooking...*

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### THE KINGS AND QUEENS OF CANVAS CRICKET

The much eagerly awaited BHU Inter Hostel Canvas Ball Tournament is finally over and SRK hostel emerged victors in the boys segment while Triveni hostel was crowned the 'Queen' in the girls segment.



The tournament spanned a duration of 5 days and nights with both boys and girls taking to the field with equal zeal and vigour. All the matches especially the flood lit ones proved to be real 'crowd magnets' as people from across the university flocked to the grounds in large numbers to watch the spectacle.

The finals ensured that the tourney ended on a high note as they had the same dose of scintillating shots and innovative bowling which had become a trademark of the tournament by then.

The SRK hostel put into bat by FMS posted a whopping 193 in 20 overs with their innings being powered by Narendra Kumar's quick fire 89 which packaged a stunning 11 sixes. His innings helped pull his team

out of a tight spot as they had been left wounded at 70 for 5. FMS failed to make a strong reply as they managed only 145 in 20 overs. FMS never really threatened SRK's chances as only Nikhil managed to fire with his innings of 45(6 sixes).

Triveni hostel's playoff with MMV hostel didn't quite live up to the expectations as it was a completely one-sided affair with Triveni thrashing MMV to reign supreme. Triveni helped by Anuradha's 67 and Shazia's 39 scored 135 in 12 overs. The total proved too much for MMV as they were bowled out for just 31 runs.

Finally, we appreciate the

initiatives taken by our Dean of Students, Mr. S.K.Sharma and efforts put in by Gaurav Yadav, Student's Convenor from 4<sup>th</sup> Mechanical, in organizing the event. This tournament was unique in the aspect that it is one of the few events which promotes interaction between the different faculties of the University. Also it will be remembered as the debut of the IT girls' team. Wow!! Cricket and girls. Life just got better at IT.

### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK....

Hi and welcome to all the ITians and would be participants of Spardha '09. Spardha '09, one of the most eagerly anticipated sporting extravaganzas, takes off with the launch of this magazine. Spardha '09 has been completely repackaged to satiate the zeal of ITians and is bound to touch new horizons.

Since this is the first issue of the newsletter, we start with humble aspirations. We pay tribute to those prolific achievers who spent their days in IT winning trophy after trophy. Also, we attempt to show our appreciation for the masters of the game who are gearing up for their farewell Spardha. It is hoped that the energy of this magazine will infect and inspire the first yearites to pad up and perform for glory, honor and self-satisfaction.

Finally, I would like to appreciate the efforts of the Conveners-Spardha09, Shashank and Arun Shukla. Without their co-operation this magazine would have remained a dream.

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## SOCCER SAGA- A Rear View of IT-Football

The craze and enthusiasm for Football has always been very high among IT students. Legend has it that a Palestinian student of '84 batch named Adel, used to go to Kolkata on bike to watch league matches of football. In recognition of his tremendous passion for the game, Adel Memorial Tournament is organized every year. The IT Football team has been a consistent performer. In particular it has shown great improvement in the last 4 years and has fetched some big titles. These include 2 gold & 1 silver in Spardha, runner up in BHU Inter Faculty football tournament in 2004-05 and 2007-08 and semifinalists in Mahaveer District Level Tournament during 2005-06. It shows our team's dedication & passion for the game. They have perspired hard for these glories.

Many extraordinary footballers have played for IT. Sudha Suman (2007,metallurgy)was an amazing goalkeeper. Siddarth Sharma(2005, civil batch) and Alok(2008,mining batch) were the kind of mid fielders who created excellent moves out of nowhere. Mayank Sharma (Gillespi), ' 07 Mining and Vikas Sharma (Tarzan), previous year team member from ceramic, have been amongst most aggressive and intelligent strikers in our footballing history. Sandeep Singh, captain of the last year team has brought great honours & medals to IT-BHU and was a member of the Haryana Football Squad. In the current squad Vinay Gupta (Goalkeeper) is regarded the best player, Dharmendra and Siddhart Khandelwal , the best strikers and Diwakar ,the best defender. Baljeet Vikas (current capt.) is considered the best mid fielder and Vivek(I<sup>st</sup> Electrical) as the best emerging player. Deepak Kumar Singh was the best scorer in Spardha'08.As the 70%of the team comprises of seniors, it is a big worry that when they will leave, it will create a big void. So, to give chance to every football lover and new talent, IPL (IT premier league)was organized previous year, funded by alumni. IPL had the participation of 60 players from different hostels.



## Baljeet's Pick

The Adel Memorial Inter Hostel was won by Vishwasariya Hostel last year,which had key players like Dharmendra & Animesh.

The current Football Capt., Baljeet Vikas ,has been in very high spirit to win in Spardha'09.He is hoping for the best and believes in hard work of his team members. Cambridge College, Ranchi & Madan Mohan Malviya Engineering College Gorakhpur are the major opponents. Baljeet says "Come what may ,we will be ready". IT-BHU with its rich culture of football is definitely the front -runner in winning the Spardha'09 Championship. **Be there to cheer for your team.**

## CR7 : BEFORE YOU KNEW HIM

From humble beginnings, Cristiano Ronaldo has become to be regarded by many as the best footballer in the world. Cristiano Ronaldo dos Santos Aveiro, born on February 5th 1985 at Funchal, Madeira island in Portugal, was the youngest of four children having a brother and two sisters. His mother Maria Dolores was a cook and his father José Dinis Aveiro, a gardener. They lived in a dilapidated shack. His father being a great fan of the actor Ronald Reagan, the then US President, coined his second name after him.

As a child, Ronny supported S.L.Benfica who were the arch-rivals of the team he later played for- Sporting. As a footballer he was a child prodigy. All of 6 years, he joined his 1st team, C.F. Andorinha.Words of his talent soon spread out to whole Madeira. People used to discuss about this boy wonder. In 1995 he joined C.D. Nacional. His first transfer fee was paid in the form of football kit and balls.

His parents worried about any possible physical injuries as his rivals were much older than him. By 11 he was a star in Madeira. But soon Nacional realised that Ronaldo was too big a player for them. So, he was transferred to Sporting for a sum of 22000 euros. This changed his destiny. He had to leave his family and home for Football. It was very tough for the 12 year old. He grew homesick but somehow managed to continue. In Lisbon he continued his studies as well. But he didn't enjoyed it particularly. His English remained very weak. However he continued to grow as a footballer. He had the uncanny habit of trying to be the best in whatever he did. He became the only player ever to play for Sporting's U-16, U-17, U-18, B-team, and first team, all within one season. Meanwhile his family worked very hard to support his dreams. He came to the attention of Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson in the summer of 2003, when Sporting defeated United 3-1 in the inauguration of the Estádio José Alvalade in



Lisbon. Ronaldo's performance impressed the Manchester United players, who urged Ferguson to sign him. Earlier Liverpool F.C. had declined to take him and Livery's loss became ManU's lottery. Ronaldo became Manchester United's first-ever Portuguese player when he signed for £12.24 million after the 2002-03 season.

Since then Ronaldo hasn't looked back .He is the best player in the world currently, testified by millions of fans across the globe, who swear by his name. May he entertain all his fans by his amazing skills for a long long time.

## HAPPY DAYS ...

This column is dedicated to our distinguished alumni who were ace performers in the sporting arena. Every week we shall pay tribute to their performances by throwing light on their eventful "HAPPY DAYS".

One of the most famous athletes in the history of our college is Vikas Sharma aka "TARZAN" bhaiya from the batch of 2008. So we tried to take a glimpse in his current life, past achievements and various incidents related to his sporting career. Here are the excerpts from a telephonic interview.

**Q. Hi Bhaiya, how are you? How is life going?**

R. Hi. I am fine.

**Q. What are you doing presently?**

R. I am presently working in Ace Cadley, New Delhi.

**Q. Which were the main sports you were involved in I.T.?**

R. I was mainly interested in football and athletics.

**Q. What were your main achievements during your sporting career?**

R. I was awarded most promising youngster by the Varanasi district football association in 3<sup>rd</sup> year. In 2<sup>nd</sup> year I represented BHU in east zonal inter university football tournament held at Ranchi university. I was district champion in under 16 table tennis. I participated in athletics for my state team. Also I was awarded the golden ball and my good friend Alok got the golden boot award in the 1<sup>st</sup> year facha cup football.

**Q. How did the sports culture change in I.T. during the 4 years you spent here?**

R. Pretty interesting question. Actually when I took admission here in 2004, there were no internet connections available. So people used to participate much more in sports. Public came in huge numbers to watch tournaments like Adil Memorial. Sometimes it became quite tough for the administration to control the crowd. Nowadays we hardly get to see such things.

**Q. Is there something you would like to do if given a chance to come back here.**

R. Not really. I had a wonderful time during my 4 years stint there. I didn't leave any job unfinished.

**Q. Do you miss I.T.?**

R. Ya, I do. I have spent some of my best moments in life and I surely miss it a lot. I still have my sporting shoes which remind me of my glory days.

**Q. How has sports helped in shaping your career?**

R. It has helped me immensely. I have developed many qualities like team spirit, strength of character, positive attitude because of active participation in sports. They have also helped in making me better in forming strategies and implementing them.

**Q. Do you still pursue sports?**

R. Ya, I do play on weekends for a local club.

**Q. Most cherished moment during your career?**

R. When I lost to a junior, Pramant in the finals of the 100 meters race.

**Q. Your message to the budding sportspersons of I.T.?**

R. Challenge yourself constantly to achieve greater heights. Remember that you are competing against yourself, not others.

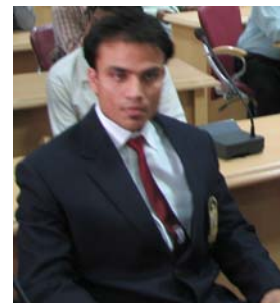
Thank you bhaiya. It was a pleasure talking to you.

Thanks. My pleasure.

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## RAINING PRIZES....PHEW

The ebullient atmosphere at Rajputana ground turned into scenes of laughter as administrators joined in the pursuit of glorifying the winners by announcing personal cash rewards.

The occasion was the prize distribution ceremony of Inter Hostel Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament hosted under flood lights. The act began when the Director Of Agricultural Institute announced a cash reward of Rs. 1000 for SRK hostel guys, the winners of the tournament. Seeing this noble deed, Dean of Student Prof.S.K.Sharma stood as the saviour of girls and announced a cash reward of Rs 1000 for Triveni Hostel, the girls champ.

The barsaat didn't end here, rather joined by Warden of Management Institute who too announced a prize of Rs 1000 for the FMS team, the runner up. This was truly an act of encouragement and support from the administrators end. Hats off to them.

Finally, when the ceremony ended it was Naare Baazi time with SRK guys shouting "Desh Ka Culture, Agriculture"

## Cricketing Bonanza!!!

The BHU Inter Hostel Canvas Ball Tournament in which 20 boys hostels and 3 girls hostels of BHU participated was played in the Rajputana, Broacha and IMS grounds between the 8th and 12th of January

The tournament witnessed the beginning of girls' cricket in BHU with 3 girls' hostels namely Triveni, MMV and IT girls taking part. The boys' hostels were divided into 4 pools of 5 teams each and the tourney started off with a league round, the top team from each pool qualified to the semis. The girls had a triangular series format.

The tournament was action packed right from day one with the adopted 15-15 format providing cricket minus the dot balls. It was raining boundaries and wickets for five days in the campus as the cricket lovers of BHU enjoyed cricket at its aggressive best.

The tournament also witnessed many firsts with Navneet of C.V.RAMAN hostel, scoring 42 runs in a single over in his knock of 92 against Vivekanand hostel. The girls weren't far behind and entered the history books when the match between IT and Triveni girls was shortened due to the excessive extras bowled.

The crowd had a blast during the matches played. The matches played between girls teams witnessed an increase in number of spectators.

The semis of the BHU inter hostel canvas ball tournament had all the ingredients necessary for a good cricket match. The semi-finals had FMS from Pool A taking on Birla from Pool B while Pool C leader Atrey played against SRK from Pool D for a place in finals.

The match between SRK and Atrey had the same unpredictability which had characterised the tournament till then. SRK's decision of batting first was proved right by its batsmen as they scored a mammoth of 151/8 in 15 overs. Man of the Match, Narendra top scored with a blazing 52 runs including 6 huge sixes. The valiant fight put on by medical first year students from Atrey hostel wasn't enough for them to win the match as SRK's bowling spearheaded by Brijlal (4 wkts) devastated their batting line up. 110 was all that Atrey could muster before being bowled out.

The crowd at Rajputana ground witnessed some extraordinary cricket as the two titans of canvas cricket – Birla and FMS duelled it out for a shot at the title. FMS won the toss and put Birla to bat. Birla responded with a total of 119 with Pankaj top scoring with 30. FMS's batsman Nikhil scored a fine 56 (6 sixes) as FMS cruised to the target in 12.2 overs with six wickets to spare.

## Moronic ICC believes Little Master not even among The Best... Are u Serious!!!

Recently ICC listed the Best Ever Test Batsman list. To the surprise of cricket fraternity, The Mumbaikar was absent not only from the top 10 but also from top 20. Apply any performance benchmark, use any mathematical model, nominate any jury, no one on this earth could commit such a hilarious blunder...but these morons have committed it.. intentionally or unintentionally.....yet to be revealed.

ICC claims that only those individuals who have performed consistently for a prolonged period of time are included in the rating. I guess that this 156 test veteran, with nearly 13,000 runs at an average of 55 in his kitty, defied the standards. Even The Wall, known for his consistency failed to satiate ICC and bagged 30<sup>th</sup> slot.

What can be inferred from the list is that the top 4 run getters in the test arena are not consistent which includes The Master himself, The Stylish Lara, The Brutal Steve Waugh, and The Legendary Sir Allan Border. Even more baffling is the fact that the list includes Sachin's contemporaries like Ricky Ponting, Sangakarra, Kallis, and recently retired Matty Hayden (probably as a retirement gift),but not Him.

I guess this is an act of retaliation from ICC end to curb the growing influence of Indian Board and Indian money in International Cricket. Plethora of Cricket ratings sponsored by Indian company have emerged in recent past and have gained immense popularity among the fans. This is an act to tame them by launching a controversial rating and gaining undue popularity. For me it has already

Back Fired and ruined the left over (image). I suggest ICC to abort this gimmick of imposing themselves as Cricket Administrators, rather seek public acceptance.

TOP 10 TEST BATSMEN				
R	RATING	PLAYER	CP	BROKEN ON
1	961	D Bradman (Aus)	961	v Ind 6-2-1948
2	945	L Hutton (Eng)	945	v WI 30-3-1954
3	942	J Hobbs (Eng)	942	v Aus 19-8-1912
3	942	R Ponting (Aus)	942	v Eng 1-12-2006
5	941	P May (Eng)	941	v Aus 23-8-1956
6	938	C Walcott (WI)	938	v Aus 11-6-1955
6	938	V Richards (WI)	938	v Eng 27-3-1981
6	938	G Sobers (WI)	938	v Ind 13-1-1967
6	938	K Sangakkara (SL)	938	v Eng 1-12-2007
10	935	M Hayden (Aus)	935	v Eng 7-11-2002
10	935	J Kallis (SA)	935	v NZ 18-11-2007

TOP 3 INDIANS				
R	RATING	PLAYER	CP	BROKEN ON
20	916	S Gavaskar	916	v Eng 30-8-1979
26	898	S Tendulkar	898	v Zim 21-02-2002
30	892	R Dravid	892	v Pak 16-2-2005

### FIGHTBACK FOR SACHIN

Post your opinion and comments in the comment box on [www.spardha09.blogspot.com](http://www.spardha09.blogspot.com).

## LEGENDS

'Legends' is a series of articles of interviews of some of the most prolific performers IT has produced. This is a tribute to their performances as they participate in their farewell Spardha.

**Q: Please tell us about your achievements in and before IT.**

**R:** Well, before IT, I participated in the Open State Tournament in '03 where my

team won silver. After joining IT BHU, I was part of the team that came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Inter-faculty meet in '06 and '07. **I vice captained the team that won gold in Spardha '06 and '07 and bronze in IIT-K's Udghosh '06. I was captain of the team that won gold in Spardha '08.** In academics I was Joint Secy. of the Civil Society in '06-'07.

**Q: What have you gained from playing for IT?**

**R:** Most importantly I have gained temperament to tackle critical situations and have learnt the value of team spirit. It has benefited me in the HR round of job interviews and of course helped me gain a good name in my Institute

**Q: Who do you think is most likely to take your place among the younger players?**

**R:** Vikas from 3<sup>rd</sup> year Metallurgy.

**Q: What are your expectations from Spardha '09?**

**R:** I hope that the participation is high and of good quality so that the youngsters may gain valuable experience. Also, Spardha should be memorable for all the 4<sup>th</sup> yearites as it will be their final tourney before they leave college.

**Q. What are your plans? Do you intend to play volleyball in the future?**

**R:** Yes, I'm planning to join a club because without playing volleyball I feel incomplete at the end of the day. Volleyball is my passion.

**Q. What is your most memorable moment in your career at IT?**

**R:** The Spardha '06 volleyball finals where I scored four points straight to push our team ahead from a deficit of 11-13. I still remember the huge crowd that day and the intense pressure to perform well for the honour of my team.

**Q. Any message for the IT Junta?**

**R:** Sports make a man perfect, physically as well as mentally. It develops one's decision making ability and is helpful in our professional career. I urge all ITians to come out of their hostels and participate in Spardha. At last I would like to say, "SPARDHA ROCKS!"



Ranjeet "DON"  
Spiker, volleyball

## MILLION DOLLAR BABY

This space is dedicated to the most promising sports persons of the first year.



Avinash Thakur  
Spiker, volleyball

I was introduced to volleyball by my dad, who is a volleyball player himself, in class 7<sup>th</sup>. From 7<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> I played on and off, both in college and with the Police Lines team from whom I learnt much. However I never had the opportunity to compete in any big tournament.

I currently play spiker, but am equally comfortable with the center position. I was part of the IT volleyball team that participated in Udghosh at IIT-K this year.

I am ambitious, but also well aware of my limits. I idolize many of the senior players in IT, especially Ankur and Ranjit, who are incredible spikers. It is my aim to learn from them and achieve what they have achieved in four years within the next two years. I would also like to match the temperament of Vikas, who I believe has amazing presence of mind on the court.

People should choose their respective fields and try to excel in what they do. Other students should support their team members and cheer for them as they gear up to face tough competition in Spardha '09

## Era of Changes: IT-Gymkhana Soars to New Pinnacle

The single largest body in IT-BHU, the IT-Gymkhana is a functionary of all co-curricular and extracurricular activities in IT. A hoard of changes have taken place in the sports facilities in IT in the last couple of years and all credit goes to the Gymkhana. During this period some new grounds have been constructed and the provision of the flood lights in some grounds have made them accessible in the night too. The Gym has also been refurbished. Some badminton and volleyball courts have also been built, courtesy of which, you can see shuttles rambling at the Gymkhana ground in the evening. Recently a handball court has also been prepared.

Despite all these efforts, some girls are still not satisfied, because the time restriction in their hostel does not allow them to take full advantage of these facilities. But still, we can say that the Gymkhana is breaking the moulds and stretching up all its limits to benefit the students as much as possible. Now it is on the students to take the best advantage of these facilities because Malviyaji's dream of overall development of the students could not be fulfilled without student's cooperation. **Ponder over it**

## Big Money, Better Football?

The venue is the City of Manchester stadium. A large Eastlands crowd, which seemed fairly subdued till now, suddenly seems to have come alive. It whistles and jeers in unison as a Chelsea player shoves down one of the Manchester City players just outside the box. It waits in anticipation as the Man City players decide who is to take the free-kick. Some of the fans are yelling their choices. And even while they are at it, Robson de Souza, Man City's newest signing, steps forward and takes it. The ball, struck quite cleanly, takes a deflection and flies into the net. The crowd goes mad with frenzy: they have just witnessed Britain's costliest player Robinho score his first goal in a Man City shirt. Will he be the change that the fans have waited for so many years? Will he lead them on to the premiership title? The stadium is abuzz with excited, hopeful, and now maybe with the benefit of hindsight, a tad immature predictions of Man City's future reign at the English Premier League. But even as the magic of the moment is being soaked in, and the \$60 million dollar messiah being hailed, Chelsea with one of their characteristic breathtaking counter-attacks, score on the break. And from then on it's the same old story: mediocre football by the home side, which goes on to lose 1-3.

While there can be no doubts that the coming of Robinho to Citeh has given manager Mark Hughes greater options, it can also not be argued that, so far, the player of the season for them has been Stephen Ireland, a 22 year old Irish international, who joined the club for a pittance at the age of 15 and has played there ever since. Having learnt his trade at the Eastlands, Ireland is a classic case of an academy player proving more effective than a big-budget signing. But such cultivation of players needs time and patience. This is something that the Abu Dhabi royal family, the new "owners" (splashing \$360 millions of petro-dollars might let you procure the stadium and the players, but it doesn't give you

of the fans) of Manchester City may not necessarily have. They are bound to look for results. Hence the big-budget signings are sure to continue.

But this takes us back to our original question: does spending big bucks translate into success on the pitch? Take Chelsea, for e.g. . . Mr. Abramovich's millions of dollars, for all the fabulous players that it has brought to the club, big time success still eludes them. Not just that! Their talismanic player, amongst the glitterati of costly stars, has been an academy player, Frank Lampard. Very similar is the case of the captain courageous of Liverpool, Steven Gerrard. In fact, if you look carefully, the Premier League is littered with such examples of home-grown players outshining the high profile signings. Paul Scholes, Ryan Giggs, John Terry... to name a few.

But at the same time, some clubs with fabulous youth systems in place, say West Ham United, haven't done that well and hence find it difficult to retain their talent. They end up being surrogate mothers for the bigger clubs. Are the big bucks to be blamed for it? Would the likes of Rio Ferdinand, Joe Cole, still have played for the Hammers if they would have tasted success there? Or would they still have preferred big money? It's alright for a 68 year old Pele to say that players these days play only for the money, but what would he have done if he were to ply his trade now?

As the premiership continues to evolve, such questions would be asked more and more often. Also what is quite clear that the huge marketability is bound to have an effect on the football? The free flowing, open attacking games will be substituted by closed, monotonous affairs (last season, the average number of goals per match was 3; this season, up till now, it's been 2.5) between big spending teams only looking for results.

So like it or not, our beautiful game has been sullied by some cheap petro-dollars, and the stain is here to stay.

Sudipta Mukharjee

## Lewis Hamilton: The Rise of FI's Golden Boy

I, like many other die-hard fans, was left heartbroken when the greatest contemporary FI driver, Michael Schumacher retired in 2006. But, the sport dished up the perfect remedy the very next season as Lewis Hamilton came to the fore. Today, at 24, just two seasons into his FI career Lewis already seems destined to take over the mantle vacated by the German legend. With 9 wins and 22 podium finishes in just 35 races; and a driver's championship (2008) under his belt, the baby faced Lewis Hamilton has become a mega star in a very short time.

Lewis Carl Hamilton, named after the great American sprinter Carl Lewis, started his romance with cars at the age of five, when his father brought him a remote-controlled car. By the age of 8, Lewis had already won his first go-kart race. Despite Anthony's modest income, he left no stone unturned to back his son's progress through the numerous expense-ridden levels of racing, even holding down three jobs at a time. After coming to prominence Lewis proudly announced that his dad was his hero.

At 14, Lewis competed in a televised karting series, "Champions of the Future", backed by McLaren Mercedes. He won and was given a scholarship, which included a top-of-the-line kart, technical support, transportation around Europe and most importantly the option of a future FI contract. The rest as they say is history.

Lewis made excellent progress through Formula Renault, F3 and GP2, winning all the way and was rewarded with an FI starting berth in 2007 for McLaren Mercedes, making him the first black driver in FI. He was chosen to partner the mercurial Fernando Alonso. Lewis made a great start to the season and led the championship at several times, outshining his more established teammate. Alonso however struggled to cope with the mental pressure of being outdone a rookie and had a much publicized falling out with Lewis. But Hamilton kept up his performances and eventually finished 2nd in the Driver's Championship behind Kimi Raikkonen. Alonso left McLaren at the end of the season and was replaced by Heikki Kovalainen. Lewis went on to win the 2008 championship in dramatic fashion, by one point, on the final day of the season and became the youngest ever FI World Champion.

Ankit Khanna

**CROSSWORD**



**ACROSS**

- 1. MAN-U's guiding light in the Knight.
- 5. 1<sup>st</sup> to win all was Don Budge.
- 6. Some bowlers really have weird bowling action & even weirder hairstyles.
- 7. Eiddler, won Olympics without participating.
- 8. Jharkhand lad
- 11. Cricket's mecca.
- 14. Perola Negra (Black Pearl).

17. Federer's idol. Won all slams in a year.

18. Latin America soccer cup.

**DOWN**

- 2. Ntini missed the 2001 world cup because
- 3. End of Tekker.
- 4. Performed at Berlin WC final.
- 8. Breathless game.
- 9. One thing girls can't throw at Olympics.
- 10. Boxing organization.
- 12. Sleep race with no steering.
- 13. B.Bhutia played for this club in UK.
- 15. in Spain. Gone crazy.
- 16. Ground of Kolkata's Prince.

**Do U Know??**

- The Indian Football team finished 4th in the football tournament at the [1956 Melbourne Olympics](#), won the [1951](#) & [1962 Asian Games](#) Gold medal and reached the semi-finals in the next two [Asian Games](#)
- Martina Navratilova, the ace tennis player has won an astonishing 59 grand slam titles. It includes doubles and mixed doubles too. The 1st one was in 1974 and last in 2006.

Submit the crossword at Spardha office:  
C.V.Raman Hostel  
Lucky winner will get a *Spardha Hamper*



**A K CHANDOLA MEMORIAL**

POOL A	MATCH PLAYED	WON	LOST	POINTS
VISHWESARAIYA	3	3	0	10
RAMAN	3	2	1	9
RAJPUTANA	3	2	1	7
DE	3	1	2	4
DHANRAJGIRI	4	1	3	3
POOL B				
LIMBDI	3	2	1	7
VISHWAKARMA	2	2	0	6
MORVI	3	1	2	6
VIVEKANAND	2	0	2	1

\* Bonus points are also awarded

**SPARDHA MANIA**



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