

THE DAILY EXHAUST

Issue Two



EDITORIAL

Fest presses are so fun.

I come back to the booth to find it filled with people working (it is uncommon). Some are huddled over designing the elements for every page, some are collectively writing a shitpost (we love to see it), and some are there just for the vibes and 500-word articles they must write.

Day 1 was pretty smooth, and now I feel weird because we are halfway done with BEP. I must not think about this right now because I have to allot articles for tomorrow, which by now you know is my least favorite task. Anyway, we got our printed issues! And they are coloured and glossy! To hold the issue in my hand is incredible. It is now a souvenir for everyone who shows up, at least until they decide on other uses for it.

By the way, it is 4:44 AM right now. Another pretty number.

**Signing off for now,
Never forget to girlboss, gaslight and gatekeep,
Harshita**

TEAM

**Aarjav, Adaa, Anurag, Anushka, Avi, Keshav, Mizaan, Nandinee,
Riya, Sahaj, Shaz, Zehaan;**

**Aditi C, Aditi M, Aditya, Akshatha, Anantshree, Gowrav,
Harshita, Iyer, Kavya, Krishnam, Navin, Samarth, Sury, Vedit,
Yash;**

**Adhvaith, Aniruddha, Anshuman, Esha, Ishaan, Garvit, Gurekas,
Harsh, Nandini, Nishit, Shreyas, Shivansh, Siddharth, Stuti,
Tarun G, Tarun S, Vagisha, Vivegan;**

BASKETBALL (GIRLS)

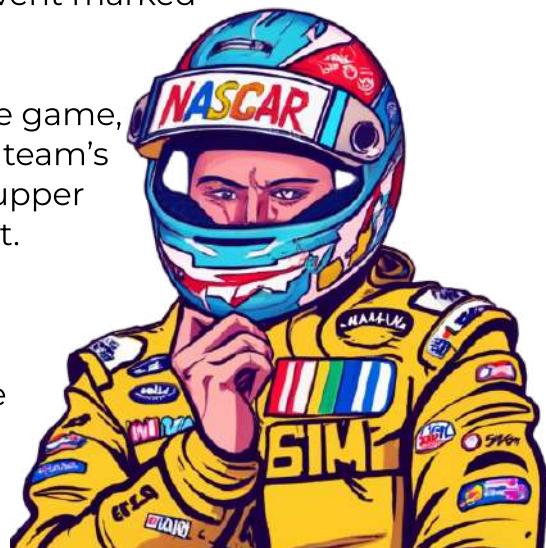
The much anticipated basketball match between IIT Roorkee and Christ College took place in GymG at 7:30 PM on September 23, 2023, leaving the spectators at the edges of their seats. The game was a noteworthy event marked by intense plays and fouls.

With five points to Christ's three at the beginning of the game, IIT Roorkee had the early advantage. Despite the other team's efforts and some outstanding plays, Roorkee held the upper hand in the first quarter gaining the audience's support.

As the second quarter began, IIT Roorkee continued to dominate the game and increased their lead. Their consistent scoring and strong defense proved to be the key to widening the score gap. The second quarter ended with teams going for a short break.

By the start of third quarter, IIT Roorkee was well ahead in the game with a score of 23-13. Christ on the other hand showed resolve and determination as they attempted to narrow the gap by scoring more points although still falling short as the third quarter ended with IIT Roorkee maintaining the lead with 36-22.

The teams entered into the fourth quarter, with IIT Roorkee determined to increase their lead. Although Christ tried hard to catch up, IIT Roorkee kept their ground and further solidified their lead. Both teams fought hard in the game but IIT Roorkee's dominance throughout was key to their win with a final score of 42-24.



HOCKEY

The hockey match between IIT Roorkee (IITR) and Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC) was scheduled at 3:00 PM on Day 1 of BOSM, with the winner qualifying for the finals. However, due to issues with the markings on the field, the match was delayed by half an hour. IITR started the match aggressively, taking control of the ball and making numerous attempts at scoring the goal. Pandey, an enthusiastic player from SRCC led a solo attack but was unable to score due to a lack of support. Both teams continued with their aggressive approaches but some excellent defense ensured that the scores remained tied at zero at half-time.



Early into the third quarter, IITR's center forward fell down, leading to a hole in their defense. SRCC capitalised on the opportunity and scored the first goal of the game. A few minutes later, IITR unexpectedly converted a routine play into a goal, thanks to a wonderful reverse shot. The rest of the third quarter was marred with fouls and penalty corners, although neither team was able to score.

During the timeout, SRCC expressed displeasure at the allegedly biased umpiring, as the referee happened to be IITR's coach. The fourth quarter progressed at a relatively slow pace. Pandey tried to rejuvenate the attack by once again breaking through the defense, but was unable to get past IITR's goalkeeper. The last few minutes were intense, with each team desperately trying to score a goal. IITR almost managed a goal, but SRCC's defense managed to hold them off. The match finally ended with the scores tied 1–1, but SRCC qualified for the finals due to a superior goal difference.



FOOTBALL (Boys)

Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC) went up against Sri Venkateswara College (Venky) in a gruelling match at 4:30 PM on September 23, 2023. Even though the number of spectators could be counted on one hand, many of them were heavily invested in the match.



SRCC spared no breath and adopted a high-paced approach right after the kickoff. It was evident that they were putting a lot of pressure on Venky with their swift and well-coordinated passes. They were able to readily break through Venky defences and within ten minutes had their first goal. A teammate's corner pass and Khatri's quick thinking allowed him to manoeuvre the ball into the top right corner of the goal. A lucky break for the team as it was extremely difficult to aim at the angle he received the ball.

Venky opted for longer passes but despite their best efforts, they were unable to score a single goal. Although they had good teamwork, managing to get the ball close to SRCC's goal post several times, they could never see it touching the net on the other side. Unlike Venky which missed a lot of scoring opportunities, SRCC maintained their intense pace and after multiple possession changes racked up another goal.

A Venky player's defensive error and a missed pass allowed SRCC players to drive the ball further into their half. Displaying immense coordination, the team passed at angles the Venky players had no response for. Khatri once again led the ball into the net with a header and the crowd went into raptures, asserting it was one of the finest goals they had seen thus far. People from the crowd could be heard whispering that the Venky goalkeeper was quite seasoned but the claim could not be verified. The rest of the first half saw Venky attempting in vain to score.



After changes in their strategies, the second half began with Venky starting to put pressure on SRCC. The former team grew closer to netting a goal but SRCC's goalkeeper proved to be an obstinate obstacle. SRCC reduced their tempo significantly and prioritised defence, hoping to run the clock out. However, both teams had numerous fouls. Venky persevered until one of the SRCC players received a yellow card, which earned Venky a penalty shootout. The team easily scored a goal, however, the response from the now larger crowd was lukewarm at best. With just a few minutes remaining, Venky put everything on the table but just as it seemed they would be able to score, the referee blew his final whistle.

TENNIS (GIRLS)

The BOSM tennis tournament adheres to the Davis Cup format, with teams playing three matches—singles, doubles, and reverse singles.



Sri Venkateswara College (Venky) started the first game of the singles set with an ace play, setting the tone for the rest of the set. Great athleticism and swift on-court mobility from the visiting team led to a decisive victory in all the games. The first point finally won by Ivana from BITS after losing a consecutive series was due to a careless play by Venky. Nevertheless, a series of powerful strokes and precise groundstrokes led to the home team getting bageled in the first set.

The second doubles set saw Riya and Veda of the BITS team beginning with a strong effort, leading to them winning the first game. Riya later said that overconfidence on her part enabled Venky to catch up quickly.

The latter part of the match saw changes in strategies adopted by both teams, with the home team displaying decent netplay and the visiting team engaging in plenty of volleys. However, Venky utilisation of their strong service tipped the scales in their favor easily. Riya affirmed that her team's serves were not up to the mark.

Venky broke serve in the fourth game of the set, resulting in a notable drop in the confidence level of the BITS team. The match saw decreased efforts from both sides thereafter, resulting in a much slower play and plenty of lob shots. The BITS team's performance loosened even more as they fell further behind. With a final score of 6–1 in the doubles set, Venky established clear dominance on the court against BITS Team B.

CRICKET

The first tournament fixture of the home team kicked off at 2:00 PM at the MedC grounds without any delay. Facing the team from G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology (G.B. Pant), BITS Pilani won the toss and opted to bat first. Quite a crowd turned out in support of both the teams, but no one in the audience could have predicted the one-sided encounter to follow.

The home team's innings got off to an explosive start, with a blistering knock of 25(9) by Saksham Bansal, studded with three 4s and two 6s. Of the opening pair, Yatharth Taneja got out first after scoring 5 runs off 6 balls, being replaced at the crease by Harsh Rathi. After Saksham's dismissal in the third over by Pankaj, Rathi served as an anchor for BITS Pilani's innings, while wickets fell steadily at the other end. Caught LBW in the 18th over by Monu Rajput, Rathi departed from the crease having scored a steady 51 runs off 49 balls. At this point, BITS Pilani found themselves in an enviable situation with 153 runs on the board and 5 wickets in hand. However, the real fireworks were to begin in the final two overs, with the explosive partnership of Harsh Jain and Prakhyat Vivek taking the visiting team's bowlers to the cleaners. While Harsh scored 23(14), a knock punctuated with two 4s and a 6, Prakhyat scored 42 runs off just 10 balls, hitting two 4s and five 6s, propelling the team's score to a mammoth total of 193 runs. The visiting team ended the innings with the consolation run-out of Prakhyat on the last ball.



G.B. Pant faced the uphill task of scoring 194 runs in their 20 overs to achieve victory. The bowling performance put on by the hosts made the task completely out of their reach, as the visitors were

bundled out for 37 runs in the second innings. The captain of the BITS Pilani team, Yash Nigam, chipped in with a player of the match performance, taking 4 wickets in his 4-over spell at the cost of 13 runs. Krish Mehta and Anirudh Potukuchi too contributed with the ball, taking 3 and 2 wickets respectively.

In the post-match interview with the winning captain, Yash Nigam stated that he was very satisfied with the team's all-round performance in the match and that the result vindicated the team's training regimen and strategies. He also expressed with confidence that the team would approach every fixture in the tournament with the same intensity and preparation.

TABLE TENNIS (BOYS)

Day 1 of BOSM witnessed an exhilarating series of table tennis matches between BITS Pilani's B-Team and Kirorimal College.

The series of four matches saw BITS Pilani's Team B winning the first match, with Kirorimal College bouncing back to secure victories in the remaining three matches. Each match was played with remarkable speed, typically lasting around fifteen minutes, ensuring a fast-paced and engaging experience for the audience. The third match emerged as the highlight of the series, extending beyond 25 minutes due to its nail-biting nature. This match was marked by intense rallies and numerous smashes, keeping the audience on the edge of their seats.



Mudit led BITS Pilani's Team B with determination and composure throughout the series. The initial two games were one-sided. In the third and fourth matches, both teams showcased their strengths and weaknesses. Notably, there were no instances of violations of rules. Both teams displayed a strong sense of sportsmanship, never resorting to violence or unsportsmanlike conduct. The camaraderie between the teams were evident throughout the matches.

The absence of air conditioning (or even fans, for that matter) in the table tennis court posed a significant challenge. Players were visibly affected by the sweltering conditions, necessitating frequent breaks to wipe away sweat. Some players even changed shirts between games, highlighting the discomfort faced by both players and spectators. In the end, Kirorimal College emerged victorious, securing three out of four matches.



DHWANI

Dhwani, organised by Gurukul, was conducted in the main auditorium on Day 1 of BOSM on September 23, 2023. Although it was supposed to start at 8:30 PM, the show was delayed due to a lack of attendees. In an effort to keep the crowd entertained, the club decided to perform "Crawling", while waiting for more people to arrive.

Following that, they decided to commence the show. They opened the performance with "Iktara", which drew a considerable number of audience members to gather in front of the stage. This was followed by crowd-pleasers including "Less I Know the Better", "Jiye Re", "Watermelon Sugar", and "Tornado of Souls" amongst many more.



"Chahun Mai Ya Na" proved to be a crowd-favourite, with the audience singing along. In addition, several people raised their flashlights as they swayed to the song. Whistles and cheers filled the auditorium as they served "Slither" with people headbanging to the beat. The guitar solo, especially, saw a fervent response. This was followed by "Haareya" which amplified the energy in the crowd and saw people lifting their friends and wingies on their shoulders.

Their performance of "Blinding Lights" was accompanied by a show by the Department of Lights, resulting in the crowd energetically jumping and singing along. However, during "Blinding Lights" and "Memory Box", they faced audio issues, with the singer's voice being inaudible for half the performance. Nevertheless, it was eventually resolved but during the performance, several people had started leaving.



"Light" saw a reduced yet enthusiastic crowd with people chanting for the song even before it had begun. The excitement reached a peak when a member of Gurukul and Dance Club performed a dance routine in the middle of the song, eliciting cheers and applause from the audience.

The last song of the night was "Choo Lo". Rows of flashlights flickered and swayed as all the club members took the stage, joining the audience in raising their flashlights. The crowd erupted into applause as the song came to an end, chanting "once more". The eager response led to an encore but with all the members joining in on the song. 'It's not a song, it's more of an emotion', remarked Aryan Madhav Verma, the singer.

Although the show lasted for over two hours, a decent crowd stayed till the very end. As the night came to a close, a few psenti-sem students gave speeches. Additionally, a member of the club, Vasu Sharma, took the opportunity to thank various departments including BoCo, Sounds, Lights, Photog, FMaC, SPD and DoPy for their collaborative efforts. ‘We are Gurukul BITS Pilani, see you next time.’ concluded Vasu Sharma.

DEPT. OF LIGHTS (FROM THE VAULT)

The BOSM English Press came to know that the Department of Lights was feeling left out of the pre-fest articles. Fortunately, a press member out in the wilds of Gym-G happened upon the coordinator of the Department of Lights, otherwise known as the Lord of Sermons (often unprompted ones), who took a few minutes out of his busy schedule to give a short Interview. Known as the HR whisperer, KMnO₄ talked passionately about Einstein, who he believed to be his mental contemporary. He explained that the general population used to regard space and time as different entities, but Einstein considered them to be related. How Einstein was relevant to the interview escapes the minds of the fest press. After a few demonstrative hand-actions and real-life examples by Mr Permanganate, the press members were left more puzzled than ever.



Enlightening as this was, the press pointed out that this had nothing to do with lighting in the auditorium. The coordinator, disgruntled at being interrupted mid-sermon, shook his head and said, ‘The juniors handle that. I don’t know, ask Effy.’

The Department of Lights consists of six members, the majority of whom do not wish to know where the Lights booth in the Main Auditorium is.

The coordinator was not entirely sure either and asked if he could tell the press about the flaws in Einstein’s personality instead. All the press members politely declined. The coordinator sighed and said that he feels pushed around due to being younger than all his colleagues, desperately searching for someone to boss around.



The coordinator encouraged all participants of BOSM to ‘pull up to Audi and check out the lights’ while he mused about the hidden fun in World War I. On a concluding note, he mentioned that he was open to dating, lamenting that people knew he was single but not that he was ready to mingle. ‘Add that to the article.’ he said. To whomever it may concern, beware.



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