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THINK ABOUT IT

Two starving men cannot be twice as hungry as one, but two rascals can be ten times as vicious as one.

Bernard Shaw.

The end of the exceptionally heavy and prolonged rains has brought about a change in the season. The weather in the past few days has been showing a steady but significant change. The days are becoming shorter with the evenings coming in quite quickly, and that tinge of early winter cold can be felt in the early morning mist and in the cool evening breeze. For those interested and inquisitive enough to know the extent of the rains, the roads in Dehra Dun are sufficiently large mouth-pieces themselves. The new season has brought with it a large share of favourable changes. The hither to muddy and rainsoaked fields, now present a lush green look, while the trees too bear very fresh and green foliage, and fortunately enough, after a long time the tanks are overflowing with water. In fact, the whole set of surroundings look very ambient and pleasing to the eye, without the water proofless anywhere in sight a very welcome change from the relentless, and idelfatigable rains.

The football season is at its end, but the cricket season is still a long way from starting. So, in the interim period we have other sports like basketball, volleyball and tennis taking the centrestage. The Basketball team returned from Gwalior a few days back after participating in the annual IPSC basketball meet. They reached the semi finals where they lost to the Delhi Public School which proved to be a superior team on that day, and two consecutive matches in a day for us, all were to their advantage. But, quite an impressive performance overall as compared to last year, and surely, with a little more extra effort we could be the lucky finalists next year.

After the ISC's, what, where, and how? These are some of the questions which haunt almost every



Welhamite in PH and, not surprisingly, everyone has varying answers. Most commercial students have their minds set on colleges like SRCC, Hindu and other good institutions centred in Delhi. For the science students, IIT and BITS are their dreamlands, while the humanities and the art section is aiming for NID, NIFT and other fashion designing and art institutions. Some more ambitious Welhamites have their mind set on the famous universities of U.S.A. and Europe, and as seen in the past, many of them have been successful in making a career abroad.

But, there are an appreciable number who are still undecided as to the city and college they would like to study in and do not have a clean picture of their future studies. Moreover, even those with their minds set in regard to colleges, there are a large number who are tentative and more importantly unsure of their choice of courses and subjects. This can be seen from the fact that quite a few students change their stream after their experience of the first two months in class XI.

But, the most important single factor on which our future hangs is admission into the good colleges, which is directly proportional to the ISC marks. In short, it is the ISC marks which matter finally. And, today's academic world has grown so competitive that less than a eighty five percenter, which goes upto ninety in case of science, has a very bleak future as for as admission into colleges goes. Let us not be oblivious to the seriousness of the situation, and our taking things for granted. This attitude has to change for the positive. There should be a clear picture instilled in our minds in regard to future studies, choice of courses and our goals, and we should

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work towards achievement. The desire for excellence, especially in academics, should be drilled in our minds. Excellence in the required field is the only way to get admission into the desired colleges and to be successful men in the future because today's world needs skilled professionals and not just mediocres. So, to stay ahead in the race, we have to be exceptionally good and excellent in our fields. To be successful in life we have to go according to time and its ever changing and ever increasing demands.

The only answer to 'how to get admission', is sincere hard work. Like I said in the begining :-

The season has changed. Let us equip ourselves accordingly.

□ Prashant Goenka

Old Boys' Desk

The following are in the colleges and doing the courses mentioned against their names :-

BATCH OF 1992

Name	College	Course
Ranjit Bedi	SRCC	B.Com. (Hons.)
Varun Bhasker	Australia	
Gautam Punj	L.S.E. (London)	Law
Shankar Bhanot	Pune	Engineering
Akash Mathur	Xavier's (Calcutta)	B.Com.
Anurag Kumar	Bhagat Singh	History (Hons.)
Abhijit Saran	" "	B.Com
Udit Mittal	" "	"
Rajesh Mukherjee	St. Stephens	History
Piyush Aggarwal	IIT (Kanpur)	Mech. Engineering
Prashant Kochhar	Doing Chartered Accountancy	

THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

While Playing Basketball.

Harpreet—Come on Danish, hit a 3 pointer.
(Danish shoots, but misses)

Kirtiman—It was not a 3 pointer but a disappointment.

Asif—How is your school shirt so clean ?

Ashish—This is not a school shirt, it is a white shirt which has just come from a wash.

Davinder—How will you ask Himanshu to keep quiet ?

Kohli—It is simple, just take his name 'Hey-man-shoo.'

BATCH OF 1991

Name	College	Course
Vivek Mittal	Venkateshwar	B.A. (Eco.)
Sandeep Sawhney	Bhagat Singh	B.Com.
Dilsher Atwal	Khalsa	B.Com. (Hons.)
Gagan Taleja	Dayal Singh	" "
Sumesh Suri	Delhi College of Arts/Commerce	B.Com.
Samarendra Rautela	St. Stephens	B.A.
Gurjyot Singh	Ramjas	B.A.
Harinderbir Singh Mann	Hindu	Eng. (Hons.)

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✓ Durgesh Bhatia (Ex-'91/C) is captaining the Basketball team of SRCC, Delhi.

□

Welham Now !

1. On 4th September an English Handwriting (Sr.) Competition was held. The following is the result :-

Group C (VI-VII)

1st	Vikas Prasad
2nd	Puneet Bansal
3rd	Manu Talwar and Kumar Abhijeet

Group B (VIII-IX)

Nikunj Gupta
Ashish Patodia
Sachin Dhir

Group A (X-XII)

1st	Atin Sharma
2nd	Himanshu Gupta
3rd	Jairaj Singh

2. English and Hindi Handwriting (Middle School) Competition was organised. The following were awarded :-

English

Class IV

1st	Mohnish Charan
2nd	Saumya Khaitan
3rd	Rajat Arora

Class V

1st	Vikram Kushwah
2nd	Gauri Sharan Singh
3rd	Nitin Bansal

Hindi

Saumya Khaitan
Amish Mulmi
Siddharth Kumar

Prateek Khurana
Nitin Bansal and Parimal Piyush Chaitanya Sood

3. ~~Vijay~~ Bishnoi and Mandeep Lamba represented our School in the Miss Linel Inter School Hindi Extempore Competition held at Welham Girls' High School.

4. The following were commended in the English Story Telling (Middle School) Competition held on the 9th of September.

Class IV

1st Sahil Vohra
Paritosh Kumar

2nd Varun Gupta

3rd —

Class V

Vir Mehta

Vishal Garg

Alok Kapur
and Rahul Chaudhary

5. The world famous Singh Bandhu Brothers' performed in the Activity Centre on 17th of September. They sang the raag 'Khayaal' and few shabads. The show was organised by Spic Macay.

6. On 17th of September All India Inter - School Hindi Debate was held at RIMC. Our school was represented by Simran Nurpuri, Mandeep Lamba and Vijay Bishnoi. Mandeep stood first among the prativadak's. Our school lifted the runners up trophy.

7. The results of the English Essay Writting (Middle School) Competition are :-

Class IV

1st Rahul Sharma

2nd Arpit Tandon

3rd Harsh Kumar

Class V

Vikram Kushwah

Himanshu Gupta

Kumar Nilay

8. Results of the Hindi Essay Writting Competition held on the 17th of September '93.

Class III-A

1st Prayaas Rana

2nd Anuj Golaknath

3rd Sukant Goel

Class III-B

Abhinav Jha

Atin Ansari

Ashutosh Pandey

9. Udit Raj and Chirdeep Prashar won the District Doubles Badminton (Under 18) runners up trophy.

10. The Computer Society of India organised a Computer Science Quiz at the Geopic Computer Centre of O.N.G.C. on the 19th of September. The School was represented by Ashish Gupta, Nitin Agarwal and Jayant Gokhale.

11. Results of the English Essay Competition held on 21st September '93.

Class III-A

1st Sukant Goel

2nd Abhishek Agarwal

3rd Prayas Rana

Class III-B

Gautam Mahajan

Pawan Rana

Neha Joshi

12. The debating team of Zayed Khan and Vidura Bahadur represented the school in Inter School English Debate at the Doon School on the 23rd of September.

13. On 25th September an Inter School Hindi Debate was held at the Doon School. Vijay Bishnoi and Anubha Pant represented our school.

14. Nitin Bhanot stood first in the 'Sangeet Natak' Academy District Music Competition' held at Welham Girls' High School on the 28th of Sept. □

LAMPOON

After the ceremonial opening of the Activity Centre and its use in full swing, Welhamites are looking forward to Mr. Kandhari's next programme on agenda-Co-education. The twelfthies excited at this prospect comment on this envisaged scenario.

Gagan 'Dewana'—"Oh my God ! The very idea sends a chill down my spine. With the girls around I'll be deprived of the privilege of bathing once a year on my B'Day."

Raman 'Preetam Horror'—"Hey, That's great ! No more pugs and patkas" says he. With his beard neatly gelled, hair pony tailed and Ray Bans on, Raman's ready to portray himself as a star from Ramsay's latest movie.

Sanjay 'Platz' Prasad—"Wow ! Plenty of weight pumping now. It'll be a great time showing off my physique" (No regrets Chirdeep.)

Pratya 'Prem' Chopra—The Bookworm of the year says "It's going to be a tough job concentrating on our studies with the 'Menakas' sitting around."

Jagmeet 'Despo' Kohli—"Jhat Mangni, Pat Byah !"

Anubha 'jealous' Pant—As the law states "opposite charges attract and similar charges repel", Anubha's begun envying her future buddies and is practicing her aims with chakla-balans (OK Kittu).

'Saurabh Nari-young'—Phew ! with all that was growing on his face young Saurabh claims "My looks will kill them !" (All the best Milind).

On asking the 'B' houses their views on co-education in Welham with girls swarming all over the campus, the junies universally shouted and sang—"We want to break free!"

□ **Himanshu 'Brahmachari' Gupta**

Significance of Trees

Love for trees is inherent in man for their lyrical appeal and for the numerous benefit they bestow on him. From aeons he has been almost instinctively drawn to them in a spirit of gratitude for their benevolence and beauty.

Apart from the benefits which are directly related to wood and various other products of great value which the trees confer on us, the indirect benefits we derive from them are inestimable. Trees are literally silent sentinels, mountings guard on mother earth. Every tree is an invisible fountain, a verdant monument of life itself. The trees form a protective vegetal mantle, which purifies the air we breathe, temper climates, cushion the rain and storms prevents soil denudation by flood and erosion and help regulate flow of streams and rivers. To agriculture they are an indispensable complement, not only by way of providing timber, fuel and pasture to the farmer but also by insuring his land against the savage of floods and erosion.

To primitive man tree worship is profound love and reverence for nature and for all life. Our ancient scriptures and folklore teem with reference to a variety of trees. The flowering trees provide a feast to the eyes when they bloom. They soothe our jaded spirits and beckon us to stir out even for a while from the din and bustle of urban life, to their peace and and serenity to refresh a-new and feel the oneness of all that exists.

Forests provide timber and fuel wood including charcoal, timber is used for house construction, furniture, boat building, railway sleepers, plywood, hard board, veneer, matches, pulp and paper industries. It is used for making boxes, wooden toys, sports goods, pencils, wood carvings and engravings. Among the other forest products may be mentioned bamboo, canes, leaves, fruit, fibres, grasses, gums, resins, fatty oils, dyes, essential oils, medicinal plants, spices, bees wax, honey, turpentine oil and lac. Quite a number of these are used as raw materials for cottage industries while some are valuable items for export.

To the millions of hilltribes the forest is their home and their means of livelihood. About 4 million people are directly engaged in forestry activities.

Our forests have diminished alarmingly for various reasons and as a result we are faced with a staggering shortage of wood and pasture. It is in this context that our Prime Minister recently

announced his decision to set up a National Wasteland Development Board to under-take all the plant action of trees primarily for fuel wood and pasture at a pace of 5 million hectares every year to help bridge this gap early. With trees life began on earth, with more of them we can give our nation the proper balance between nature and progress and the true blend between utility and beauty. As a nation saves its tree the trees will save the nation.

We have been reckless by destroying trees through greed and ignorance and shortsightedness. Water tables are receding and are drying up, if we are to survive, our philosophy of life must be re-written not merely in words or ideas but firmly on the earth and under the shady tree for "trees mean water, water means bread, and bread means life."

□ Harbarium C.C.A. Boy's

Nightmare

We sat together. All of us in black. Black spectacles, black robes, black hair, black eyes and silent. We sat on the cold damp floor of the dingy crypt. Our backs aching and yet we sat straight, in silence. Our vocal cords...dormant. We sat in perfect silence, discipline, not complaining about the redundancy of the whole thing. We were priests in the making, what else were we expected to do. There was no one to make sure and yet we sat silently.....praying. Then suddenly the silence was broken by a.....whisper. It shocked us, rocked our brains, broke our forced concentration. We turned to see the man, the peace breaker. He was in a trance, a spiritual trance. A man absorbed in his sins. Contemplating loudly about some sin. Then he began to relate. "As I sat on my bed staring at the white abundant thing. It was wonderful. It was beautiful. The gift of God and yet satanic. Staring at me like the lord of the scavengers, the vulture. The abundance of it made me smile. I didn't know what it was, but it was.....beautiful. I touched it and death smiled. I had broken god's law. I had sinned. But if I worshipped it we could end the world and start a religion. It gripped me like a warm friendly hand. And I let loose the essence of my soul..." With that he fell to the floor a shivering, tearful creature. Sin had overcome the pious man and he died a slow death repenting for those few moments of freedom. He died and we didn't know why. We were scared and we didn't know why. We couldn't laugh it off, we weren't allowed. But we wondered.

□ Sudeep (X-B)

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter, hoping to get some response from your large body of readers – boys, old boys, staff, parents and other well-wishers.

Many years ago, the Board gave the green signal to work towards co-education, initially at the Plus 2 stage. We were hoping to purchase the Welham Girls' Junior School and No 19 Municipal Road (Principal's residence and offices) but as Welham Girls' have changed their plans, we will not be able to purchase that property. However, with the completion of the Activity Centre, the present Assembly Hall can easily be converted into a hostel.

What suggestions, ideas, recommendations would your readers have if we were to admit girls into Class XI?

Yours etc.,
S. Kandhari
Principal

We would welcome your suggestions, ideas and recommendations on the above proposal.

—Editor

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Dear Ed.,

The bearded supremo seems to be walking around school like something out of Jurassic Park. The most feared periods are his due to his volley of most "Zappy" questions. We hope the Ed can help the Prince-E to shed this most feared side of his Michael Crichtonish character.

Yours sincerely,
The Dopeheads.

Editor : "I prize my job !!!"

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Dear Ed.,

I wonder what these new brown balloons called track suits with Welham looking straight at you in bold letters on the leg look like? The hood makes most of us look a kin to Jack The Ripper. I think we should stick to the old skin-tight track suits worn by Mr. Jagjit Singh.

Yours sincerely,
Big gun#1

Literary Affairs

MISSING YOU NOW

I was seven months old,
And Ma was no more.
I did not cry, My eyes were dry,
I didn't know what was going by.

I lived to grow without a mother,
Her place could not be taken by any other,
Went to corners and there I wept,
O! How all my happiness was torn and swept.

I was not even fourteen when my father died,
Couldn't stop crying, how much I tried.
People came, in white they were clad,
But how many of them were really sad.

With a heavy heart, I came to school,
Throughout my exams, I sat like a fool.
I could see the pity in people's eyes,
No, I didn't want that, I know it was lies.

No, longer could I wait for his lovely letters,
As though we were bound in chains and fetters.
He was always there in all my dreams,
To find him there, with joy I'd scream.

But that was only hope and thought,
What more did fate for me had got.
I was now in a vast world, all above,
And from nowhere at all did a lay of hope shone...
.....BUT LIFE CARRIES ON.

☐ Ankur Nigam

ABOUT THEM ALL

Acrobats love to somer-sault
Do stunts without any faults,
Wrestlers like having a tussle
With their great huge muscles

Boxers like to hit and punch
And hear their opponents bones go crunch,
Swimmers can float and crawl
While skaters love to slide but hate to fall.

Ballet dancers prance and dance
As if they are in a trance,
And horse riders like to gallop and race
Even though their horse goes at a snail's pace.

Skiers just love the snow
On which they slide and move,
High jumpers leap very high
They almost seem to touch the sky.

Now I think I've written about them all.
And I think its time, that I stopped this
Once and for all.

☐ Karan Gulaya
(VI-A)

The Workshop of Broken Souls

*As I left, I saw them all flocked for something
 I was not very sure the 'Sons' and 'Daughters'
 Cried for a thing that was no more.....Death—
 When it came, I wanted to perceive
 How 'Gentle', 'Brutal' or 'Silent'
 It was : or was it the same but, the moment it came
 it was just, thin air that I could perceive
 The controls ran wildly away away from me
 Out of my 'hand'
 The 'Herculean' body so strong so stout,
 Was forced to feel numbness.
 Even before it could breathe...
 Out the last shout, the life had slipped out,
 Like a grain of 'sand'
 The Angel, from the 'Embassy'
 Was around without a vision or sound,
 With the mission, to take me from the 'round'
 To a world away from this 'sound'
 To a mortality away from this 'ground'
 To the 'Steelyard' where
 The 'wickedness' came for 'goodness'
 The 'ruthlessness' ran for 'forgiveness'
 The 'Anger' begged perseverance
 The 'Grief' searched for happiness
 The 'selfish' looked for Symphony
 The 'lazy lion' gathered ability
 The 'Greedy' lost the greed, the 'Needy' lost the need
 The 'Slow Turtle' came to lead
 It was the workshop where—
 Flat expressions blended
 Without any caste, colour, creed
 It was the so called 'paradise'
 God had summoned the Good
 Before it turned stale and Bad
 Worse than the 'Black' had ever had
 Of competing there was, no device
 Mankind had lost the ambition to rise
 The Dark Cloud Met the bright one.
 There was obviously a flash —
 When they had a clash,
 Some feet under,
 The Silence ceased with a thunder.
 Its always, always in hiding,
 But the moment clouds faded
 There came a strange opening,
 Like a wave, In, In
 Inside, I entered the cave with
 Hands and feet, slide, slide sliding*

*Wind, wind winding
 Glide, glide gliding
 I went down, with a force
 Climb, climb climbing
 There appeared the cryptic world
 High above the fall,
 For 'souls' it was too huge
 For demons it seemed so small
 I Slithered in the empty spaces
 Eagerly, searching for familiar smiling faces
 With-out colour, and sound
 They were, in a complete harmony
 Those blended faces
 The maze, obscured by haze
 I was eagerly searching for a face
 That was the limit I would go no further
 Not like anybody else...he did resemble my father.
 Besides him, a face so bright—
 That was my own lost mother
 Once again the sense could sight,
 My brothers, sisters, friends
 My rivals and rivals were there
 Those who had left me the way I left the world
 I could no more see.
 Again after time they would be
 No more around me once again out for the land
 To reach—there before me
 Like a leaf in a new form
 They would be in the world,
 I could no more see wait down there for me
 Soon after the repair,
 End of, wear and tear
 I would once, more be dressed with a change,
 Out for the world.
 I now cannot see, and then back again
 Before and after we would be into this place
 Starting from the dark bright hole.....
 Leading to the, 'workshop of broken souls.'*

□ Saurabh Narang



Ringside View

The Inter house soccer matches began as soon as our school soccer team returned from Mayo College.



Ganga created history as it emerged the winner in all three sections. The first match of Section C was played between Krishna and Jamuna. Rajesh Sehgal spearheaded the Krishna forward line and played a spectacular game. The Krishna forwards tucked in three goals where as Jamuna was able to only reduce the margin through Vijay Bishnoi, in the dying minutes of the match. Ganga faced Cauvery in the next match. In spite of both the teams putting in their best efforts the match ended in a goalless draw. Ganga routed Krishna in the next encounter. Tapan Kuniyal's magnificent shot gave Ganga the lead and the final score read 1-0 in favour of Ganga. Krishna gave a major jolt to Cauvery as it beat them 2-0 in the next match. Rajesh was instrumental in Krishna's win over Cauvery as he scored both the goals. Cauvery received another setback as it lost to Jamuna. Jamuna considered to be the underdogs of the tournament played a spirited game with Absar and Vijay Bishnoi striking for Jamuna. The final score was 2-0 in favour of Jamuna. The last and the decisive match of section C was played between Ganga and Jamuna. Mohit Mehta's marvellous corner shot gave Ganga the vital lead. Ganga emerged victorious and lifted the trophy.

House Positions :

1) Ganga 2) Krishna 3) Jamuna 4) Cauvery.

Section-C

1. Jamuna (Vijay Bishnoi)	v/s	Krishna (Gautam-1 Rajesh-2)	—	1-3
2. Ganga	v/s	Cauvery	—	0-0
3. Krishna	v/s	Ganga (Tapan)	—	0-1
4. Cauvery	v/s	Jamuna (Vijay, Absar)	—	0-2
5. Krishna (Rajesh-2)	v/s	Cauvery	—	2-0
6. Ganga (Mohit Mehta)	v/s	Jamuna	—	1-0

Best player (Section C)—Mohit Mehta.

In Section B, Ganga dominated by registering convincing victories over Jamuna and Krishna. Ganga

demolished Krishna in its first encounter. Anshul Anurag played very well for Ganga. In spite of Samarth's efforts Krishna lost the match. In its next match Ganga edged Jamuna by a solitary goal scored by Anshul. Muzaffar Ali's performance was also worth applauding. Ganga was held to a draw by Cauvery in the last match. However it was again Ganga which lifted the cup in this section too, with Cauvery coming second, followed by Jamuna and Krishna.

Section B

1. Ganga (Akhbar Vivek)	v/s	Krishna	—	2-0
2. Ganga (Anshul)	v/s	Jamuna	—	1-0
3. Krishna	v/s	Cauvery (Bikash)	—	0-1
4. Jamuna (Gaurav)	v/s	Cauvery (Bikash)	—	1-1
5. Jamuna (Manish)	v/s	Krishna	—	1-0
6. Ganga	v/s	Cauvery	—	0-0

Best player (Section B)—Amiya Setu

The Section A inter-house matches saw Ganga emerge as the winner. On its way to victory Ganga beat Jamuna comfortably with the score reading 4-1 in favour of Ganga. Ganga blazed to another victory as it beat Cauvery 1-0 with Yashab Zia scoring for Ganga. Ganga finally clinched the trophy in this section too as it vanquished Krishna in the last match. The score read 2-1 in favour of Ganga.

House Positions :

1) Ganga 2) Jamuna 3) Cauvery 4) Krishna.

Best player (Section A)—Yashab Zia.

Section-A

1. Jamuna (Saswat-2, Ajay-1)	v/s	Cauvery	—	3-0
2. Jamuna (Saswat)	v/s	Ganga (Yashab-2, Rinchin-1, Ahmed-1)	—	1-4
3. Krishna (Abhishek Malla)	v/s	Jamuna (Ajay, Saswat)	—	1-2
4. Ganga (Yashab)	v/s	Cauvery	—	1-0
5. Krishna (Suryajai)	v/s	Ganga (Arif-1, Yashab-1)	—	1-2
6. Krishna	v/s	Cauvery (Ashok Roy)	—	0-1

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It was delightful to see the Juniors play with a lot of enthusiasm and they do show a lot of promise. Some of the budding footballers who performed well are - Yashab Zia, Ajay Kumar, Saswat, Ashok Roy, Abhishek Malla and Abhijeet Sengupta. In Section B the star performers were Amiya Setu, Bikash Gurung, Tenzing, Muzaffar, Anshul and Samarth. Amongst the Seniors, Mohit Mehta played marvellously with Jairaj, Jaimardeep, Vijay Sushant, Shiv Shanker, Vijay Nishant and Rajesh Sehgal also performing commendably.

The Inter house Table Tennis matches were also played recently. Cauvery won the trophy in the senior section with Gaurav Wahi playing well for Cauvery. In the Junior section Jamuna clinched the trophy.

Best player (Seniors) — Ramanpreet Arora

Best player (Juniors) — Akhil Bhanot

Atin Sharma and Gaurav Singhal led Welham to comfortable victories over D.A.V. College in a friendly Tennis encounter. Atin and Gaurav played well to win their singles matches and thus registered a 2-0 win over D.A.V. College.

Welhamites also made a mark in the District Badminton Tournament. Chirdeep Parasher and Udit Raj Singh played extraordinarily well to reach the finals of the under 18 Section (Doubles). They were, however, beaten in a nailbiting match in the finals. It is a remarkable achievement and should be a morale booster for our young badminton players.

Our Basketball team has had numerous practice sessions under the guidance of Mr. Vachani. We played against G.R.D. in our Activity Centre. Sidhant Sharma yet again proved his potential, as he netted in several three pointers. Akshi Saxena also gave a sterling performance with Sanjay foiling all the moves of the G.R.D. players. Welham out-played G.R.D. with the score reading 62-36 in our favour.

Our Basketball team participated in the I.P.S.C. Basketball Tournament held at Scindia School, Gwalior. We had a well balanced team and everyone was convinced that we would definitely make waves in the I.P.S.C. meet. Welham trounced Daly College in its first match. Samarth's performance was the star attraction of the match. We easily demolished our opponents 66-17.

In the next match we played against Y.P.S. Chandigarh. We underestimated our opponents and exhibited a very poor game. Our team's ballhandling was poor and lacked co-ordination. In the dying minutes of the match the score read 42-42 and both the teams fought for the possession of the ball. Everything seemed lost, but Siddhant's basket put Welham ahead. The match ended with the score reading 44-42 in our favour.

Welham faced D.P.S., Mathura Road in the semifinals. D.P.S. was a star studded side and had been winning this tournament since the last 3 years. Till the first half of the match we trailed behind by a mere 8 points. However, the second half proved to be the Waterloo for Welham. The Dipsites played marvellously and their shooting was accurate. Siddhant Sharma played well for Welham, his efforts went in vain as the DPS players went on consolidating the lead. The final score read 70-43 in favour of DPS. We could have reached the finals, had we exploited our talents and not been psyched due to the supposed superiority of DPS.

Our Volleyball team deserves a pat on its back as it fared well in the I.P.S.C. Volleyball meet held at Sainik School, Kunjpura. We stood 4th and lost in the semifinals to the host team. Vikas Kumar performed extraordinarily well for Welham and bagged the award for the best player of the tournament. This achievement will certainly motivate the juniors to excel in Volleyball.

The results of the Road Race held recently are :-

Section A	Section B	Section C
1. Shariq Ansari	Nikunj Gupta	Shiv Shanker
2. Saswat Prasad	Gurkeerat Arora	Amit Oberoi
3. Ashiq Rana	Karan Sood	Vishwas Kohli

The soccer season ended on a pleasant note for Welham as Welham defeated STC and the staff of the British High Commission.

Welham humbled STC 2-1 with Manish scoring both the goals for Welham. Mohit Mehta also played well. However, against the staff of the British High Commission we were unable to play an organized game. Mohit Mehta struck for Welham in the first half of the game. The match ended with Welham defeating their opponents by a solitary goal score 1-0. □

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