



THE OLIPHANT

A rolling stone gathers no moss but it gathers a certain polish

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EDITORIAL

This is to bring to your notice that a newsletter named the 'Oliphant' is very much alive. We know from your letters that our newsletter does go on vacation with you. During the past few months the Oliphant has presented extensive coverages on the running boom of the school machinery.

The last few weeks left behind a trail of activities and we had a tough time tailing them and do hope that we shall never run out of material.

Although it may seem presumptuous on the part of the Oliphant to make a suggestion of requesting the inclusion of themselves as reporters in the mess, school and games committees. We would like to request the administration to give representation to a member of the board to attend above mentioned meetings of the committees as an observer. This will gently help us in presenting important discussions and decisions taken by the councils. and are hoping for a favourable consideration.

It is with great joy we are writing that Mr. Kapoor is on the road to speedy recovery, and is often seen sitting in his lawn watching matches, near the mainfield. This has been due to fine treatment he received from Dr. Sabharwal, who was ably assisted by sister Chawla and sister Sabharwal.

We have however received an article from Mr. Kapoor on his trekking experience which he shall be missing during the forthcoming midterm holidays.

Before I conclude my editorial I would like to felicitate the boys and staff members of the Doon school who are celebrating their Golden Jubilee in the first week of November.

Mr. Kandhari and the whole school community join the Oliphant in wishing Doon School all the best for the future years.....

Gaurav Kampani

WELHAM OLD BOYS NEWS

KIRAN GARG (Ex.-1) has been selected in P.M.T.-Rajasthan. Good luck to him.

Computers in Welham

With the advancement of science and technology various sophisticated electronic gadgets have developed. Among them Computers have proved most

beneficial to human life. They are being put to use in all developing fields. Education is one of the most important one among them Since they are of vital use

to mankind they are being put to maximum use for the satisfaction of some of man's unlimited wants. Several countries have adopted them. India is also marching towards the rapidly progressing Computer Era (age).

The computer scheme was introduced in our school by our Principal Mr. S. Kandhari this term. The BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) Micro-Computer (model-Acorn) and Sinclair Spectrum ZX81. The BBC Micro has a storage capacity of 16 Kilobytes while the Spectrum having a greater capacity of 48 Kilo Bytes. More of them will soon be arriving and will be put to intensive use for various purposes as teaching aids in education and other activities.

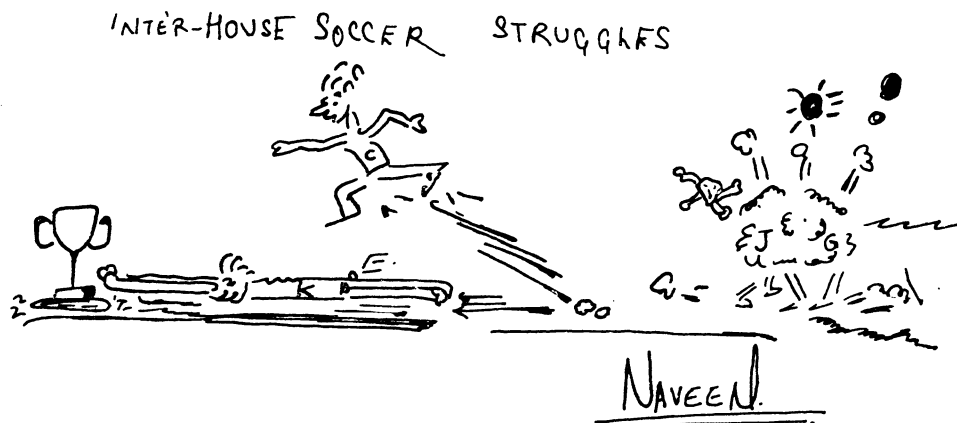
We have got many cassettes as software on which are programmes to be played by the computer. One of them is Horizons which tell us about the functions and basic of the Computer—its key board etc. We also have

one on 'Making a Chip'—which contains on it how an integrated circuit (I.C) is made which forms the basis of modern electronics. This programme was recently shown to the boys in the electronics C. C. A.

In our school class eleventh and twelve boys from class tenth are participating in the computer courses. The teacher incharge for the welham's Computer Society is Mr. S. K. Bhatia. The society is divided into 3 groups of four boys each and classes are regularly held at Prep time on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Recently we were shown a film on video about the basics of computers and its programming. We are presently learning computer programming.

I am confident that the scheme of Computers will be a grand success in Welham's.

Anuraj Gambhir
Member, Welham's Computer Society.



QUIZ

OBITUARY

With deep regret and sorrow we announce the passing away of Shri Nayyar, an Urdu Teacher who died on Sunday 27th due to heart failure. On behalf of the whole school we join the agrieved family in the hour of sorrow.

We pray for the soul of the departed and hope that the family gets added strength. To bear this immense loss.

- Q. What was the name of the ship that was hijacked by palestinian terrorists ?
- Q. A flight was intercepted on the way to Tunis by American aircrafts; which airline was it ?
- Q. India recognized the SADR; what is it ?
- Q. What did the great actor Rock Hudson die of ?
- Q. Who invented the microscope ?

THE VALLEY OF FLOWERS AND ABODE OF GODS

When I was at an Impetuous age, I always proclaimed myself to be an athiest but when I was in trouble and depressed I found myself praying to God, or blaming him. If even on my mother's instance I went to a temple I always boasted that I went to give darshan to God (and not to ask for a favour), but silently I asked him to ignore my childish arrogance. While studying in Benaras I would tell my mother that I allowed Ganges to wash my feet but such conciously felt fortunate to be able to swim in Ganges for days, hoping that all my sins had been washed away. Ofcourse I also claimed (and still do) that I have never committed any sins.

I always expressed horror at the idea of having to go to heaven, because I said that I would come across Jesus Christ, Mahatma Gandhi and such noble people that I would feel far comfortable in the company of Mae West.

It was with this arrogance, but with a conciousness of a silent devotee that I left Rishikesh on the 7th of August.

During the trip, I found, inspite of efforts not to show it, myself getting involved in the stories of Gods and Godesses. What impressed me most in these stories was that Gods and Godesses were as pretty, zealous, quarrelsome, romantic and as we mortals are and concluded that heaven was not at all that prosaic place. So I am a far more confused person after the trip.

Now coming to the grind of the trip, we left by bus at 7 A.M. and after a hot and sweaty drive reached Joshimath. (approximately 620 ft. above sea level).

On the way we passed through Prayag, the confluence of Bhagirathi and Alaknanda. There are a number of Prayags on confluences of holy rivers, which apparently were nothing but two hill streams joining, but they seemed to affect us all. Why? I do not know.

All along the journey from Rishikesh to Joshimath meandered the smooth Alaknanda. The scenic beauty became better and better, and we would

get excited at every Prayag. The next morning (9th August) we drove to Gobind Ghat and then followed the first arduous climb of 15 Kms. The streams which till now were rather smooth and sedate, now became turbulent and all around us we had cascading waterfalls. There were so many lovely spots along the streams where I wanted to sit and enjoy the view-As there was no time.

The climb was steep but the last 2 Kms. really finished us and we found ourselves resting at every ten minutes. We accomplished the climb in six hours.

At 6 A.M. on the 10th, we left for Hemkund (4330 m.). This distance was 6 Km., but so steep that it completely drained us of energy. It is pointless to repeat that the view was enchanting throughout.

At Hemkund there is a holy lake about 2 Kms. in circumference and a Gurudwara. According to the Guru Granth Sahib Guru Gobind Singh mediated here in one of his previous births. Lakshman also prayed here. Even though on a road, the climb was arduous and wondered how people managed centuries ago. The Sanjivini Buti was also found somewhere in this valley.

There were a number of Sikh pilgrims, young and old. Some very old struggling barefooted to the top. All you heard them saying was that the almighty brought them here and he would take them to the top.

At the Gurudwaras we were given prasad and steaming hot tea.

The weather throughout the climb was just right-cloudy, but not very misty. At that height, walking in the sun is extremely unpleasent and mist can hide the views. Breathtaking views assailed throughout the climb. Unfortunately, when we reached the top it started raining heavily and became very misty and so not only did we have to rush back but were deprived of what I am told a heavenly view from Hemkund. The descent was pretty exhausting too and we were much too tired and longed for sleep.

On the 11th we visited the valley of flowers. The climb was gentle and the distance covered from

Ghangaria to the valley of flowers and back was 12 to 14 kms. This valley was discovered by Frank Smythe in 1931. The valley was known to the locals but they belived that fairies who beautified the place would deprive the valley of its beauty. The locals called the valley the valley of Nandan Kumar, the valley where the Gods play. It was belived that the almighty had showered flowers from the heaven and they had taken root there. I heard that since man has begun tampering ecology the number of flowers had depleted. There is a tombstone of Joan Margret Leggs there. She had slipped from a rock while collecting flowers and died. The epitaph on her tombstone shows her love for the himalayas and reads—

“I shall lift my eyes upto the Himalayas from whence come to my help”.

The valley is about 10 Kms. long with a maximum width of 2 Kms. and is surrounded by small cascading streams.

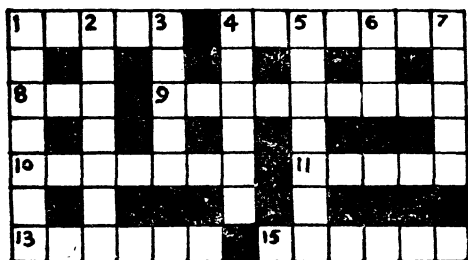
The valley is very scenic but while there were a reasonable number of flowers—we were dissapointed that they were not enough. It seem a different types of flowers come periodically during July and September. So there were a lot of flowers a few days before we reached and again a few days later—plain bad luck. Flowers or no flowers the valley is worth visiting any time.

So we trekked back to Ghangaria, collected our luggage and down to Gobind Ghat—a trek of about 30 Kms. At Gobind Ghat our bus was waiting for us to carry us to Badrinath.

That was the route of our trek from the 9th to 11th of August. Ravi carried a heavy rucksack throughout and seemed to enjoy himself, uncomplaining.

J. K. Kapoor

CROSS WORD



Clues Across

1. Pass out with many a twitch, convulsive muscular contraction.
4. She was visiting an unlicenced drinking establishment.
8. A set up, an oil well.
9. Not a big audience; not rich (2 words).
10. One drunkard turns to espy another.
11. Proper ones need capital letters to start.
13. Sudden & violent gust of wind.
15. The way; style of working

Clues Down :

1. New stripes raise spirits.
2. Imagine Julius Caesar's son without the ending letter 'S'
3. Clean up (Two Words) with a mop.
4. What we were for games.
5. Intensify; brighten or exaggerate.
6. One may see one in the Museum of natural history.
7. Requirements of necessity.

Aresh Shirali

Answer to Previous Crossword

- Across 1. Panther, 2. Anchovy, 3. Ring, 4. Astir,
5. Here 6. Polo 7. Idle 8. Len
9. Postage, 10. Endured.

Prize winner : Aminder Bal

नानी ने बताई कहानी

मेरे बचपन में मेरी नानी
ने बताई मुझे एक कहानी
“एक राजा था, एक रानी,
उनकी थी एक सुन्दर बेटी,
पर वह आँखों से अन्धी।
एक मछुआरे ने उसके लिए दे दी अपनी आँखों की कुर्बानी

फिर तो राजकुमारी हो गई उसकी दीवानी
और उसने उससे शादी करने की ठानी।
उनकी शादी की रात थी बड़ी सुहानी
बन गई दोनों की जिन्दगानी,
यहीं कहानी बताती थी मुझे मेरी नानी

मानव चौपड़ा

अपने स्कूली जीवन की किसी अविस्मरणीय घटना का वर्णन कीजिए।

मैं स्कूल में नया-नया आया था। शनिवार की रात थी और हमें एक चलचित्र दिखाई जाने वाली थी। वह कमरा जिसमें चलचित्र दिखाई जाती थी स्कूल के एक कोने में था। अब वह हमारा पुस्तकालय है।

रात का खाना खाकर जब मैं उस कमरे की ओर बढ़ा तो कुछ लड़कों ने मुझे बताया कि इसी कमरे के नीचे पहले एक कब्रिस्तान था और अभी भी शनिवार की रात को यहाँ भूत अपना डेरा जमाते हैं।

चलचित्र देखते हुए मुझे नींद आ गई क्योंकि मैं जल्दी सोने का आदी था और चलचित्र भी नीरस थी। धीरे-धीरे सर्व-सन्ताप हरिणी निद्रा मुझ पर राज्य करने लगी।

जब मेरी आँखें खुली तो मुझे ज्ञात हुआ कि मुझे सोए हुए बहुत देर हो गई थी। घड़ी न होने के कारण मुझे समय का भी भान नहीं था। लेकिन उस समय अंधेरे का साम्राज्य फैला हुआ था, हाथ को हाथ नहीं सूझ रहा था।

धीरे-धीरे मैं अंधेरे का आदी हो गया लेकिन साथ-साथ मुझे वे अपवाहें याद आने लगी जो मेरे दोस्तों ने मुझे बताई थी। मेरा दिल तेजी से धड़कने लगा।

अचानक मुझे एक कुर्सी के पीछे हल-चल होती हुई दिखी और फिर अचानक मेरे सामने एक सफेद आकृति आकर खड़ी हो गई। मैं चीख मार कर एक कुर्सी के पीछे छुप गया।

सहसा मुझे लगा कि मेरे पीछे किसी ने बत्ती जला दी है। मैंने मुड़ कर देखा तो हक्का-बक्का रह गया। मेरे पीछे मेरे दोस्त खड़े थे और उन्होंने ही मुझे डराया था।

बाद में मुझे पता चला कि उनकी यह रीति थी कि जो भी नया लड़का आए उसको एक बार एक ऐसी ही घटना से अवगत कराया जाए।

हिमांशु कपूर ६ ए

कंगाली में आटा गीला

जलते हुए उपलों का धुआँ मेरी आँखों में लग रहा था। सुबह छः बजे से ही मैं बच्चों के लिए तथा अपने लिए नमक की रोटियाँ बनाने बैठ जाता था। तीसरी लड़की के होने पर मेरी पत्नि का देहान्त हो गया था।

धुएँ के कारण मेरी आँखों में से अक्सर आँसू (पानी) निकलकर पृथ्वी से मिलाप करते थे। इन आँसूओं के आँसूने में मुझे अपनी पुरानी नौकरी दिखाई पड़ती थी। वो भी क्या दिन थे जब मैं ‘सेठ हुन्दर राम किरोड़ी’ की मिल में मैनेजर था। मेरा वेतन था ३५०० रुपए था। क्या ठाठ से जिन्दगी कटती थी। मेरी यह

पुरानी जिन्दगी शायद भगवान को सुहाई नहीं। हुआ यह कि मिल में ताला लग गया तथा हम भी बादलों से सड़क पर पटक दिए गए। सब इतनी जल्दी हुआ कि मुझे कुछ भी पता न चला।

बहुत तलाश करने पर एक कलंक की नौकरी मिली जिसमें तनखाह सिर्फ ७५ रुपए मिलती थी। भला ७५ रुपए क्या होता है? पचास रुपए तो बच्चों की पढ़ाई में चले जाते थे तथा बचे पैसों में दो वक्त की नमक की रोटी खाने को मिल जाती थी। कभी-कभी उपवास भी करना पड़ता था।

न जाने मैंने पिछले जन्म में क्या पाप किए थे जो भगवान नाराज थे। उन्हें मेरी कलक्री भी पसन्द न आई। और मेरी नौकरी छूट गई एक बार मैं फिर बेरोजगार हो गया था। मैं फुटपाथ पर आ गया। अब, फुटपाथ पर बच्चों के निकट बैठ

सोच रहा था कि मुसीबत भी अकेली नहीं आती। ये भगवान भी कितने दयालु हैं जो कि हर चीज को 'छप्पर' फड़ कर देते हैं' चाहे वे मुसीबत ही क्यों न हो।

पंकज त्यागी



The Footlights are flashing Again.....

The Chakrovarty Memorial Debate was declared open on the 12th of October and the school participated. The topic of discussion was—"Today's progress cannot be identified with happiness". Gaurav Kampani speaking for the motion and yours truly, Aresh Shirali against, represented the school. The Doon School stood first out of the total of nine schools, colleges and academics.

The All India Hindi Vad Vivad Pratiyogita was hosted by the R.I.M.C., this year Piyush Modi spoke against the motion—"Santoshm Param Sukham" while Vishal Mohan, in favour of. The Doon School stood first.

The satirical comedy "Ghost Busters" was shown by the Audio Visual. The so called 'Sagacious' choice was hailed by the boys who really appreciated the film. The title song had already been popular and film made the boys greater Ray Parker enthusiasts.

The special round of the last quiz contest was concerning Hindi literature. Jamuna won the contest, Krishna and Cauvery getting the second and third places.

It was a pity that most of the staff forgot about the Ganges and Cauvery house entertainment show. However the programme was highly amusing.

The revolutionary sneaker Leg - Beatles of

Cauvery sang 'you can't do that', to begin with it was followed by the Hindi Play performed by the class VI & VII boys of Cauvery, 'Rambo'.

The English play 'Ghost with one black eye' featuring Sanjit Lamba was highly amusing and entertaining.

Gautam Wahi presented two hindi songs, with the help of a music synthesizer. Debashish sang an English tune 'Seasons in the Sun'. The Hindi Play 'Chonchu Nawab' was extremely hilarious, Piyush Modi and Pankaj Raheja playing the chief roles.

Ganges began with their English group song "Piece of Mind" followed by the English Play, "Love will prevail". Dhananjay's song "someone taught me how to dance, was not bad while the versatile monoacting of Ashish Malhotra was enjoyed by the whole school. His acting of a mad man and a frustrated man was good.

Ganges had a short skit with Ravinder Raheja acting as the idiotic fortune teller. The 'Yeh jo hai Gandagi', performed by Ganges had the audience rolling in mirth.

The Break Dance done by Ashish Sharma was very good, his nimbleness fascinated the boys.

Aresh Shirali

CULTURAL NEWS MIDDLE SCHOOL

On the 23rd of October another english quiz contest was held in the auditorium. The boys participating were:—

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| White House | Bikash Chaudhary 289 - 5 |
| | Ashish Debroy - 4 |
| Toad Hall | Pratikaksha Basu 459 - 5 |
| | Kulpreet Singh Sahni - 472 - 4 |

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| New Upper | Dhiraj Wahi - 457 - 5 |
| | Raghav Oberoi - 526 - 4 |
| River Side | Neeraj Kakati - 458 - 5 |
| | Mohit Mehta - 229 - 4 |

This time New Upper did surprisingly well and scored 65 points to come second I would like to congratulate Dhiraj and Raghav for their very good

performance in the quiz. Congratulations !

White House also did very nicely and shared second position with 65 points. Well done Bikash and Ashish Toad Hall came first with 95 points. They tried their best and won. Kulpreet Singh gave a brilliant

performance. I would like to give Bikash Chaudhary special mention for his outstanding performance in the past two english quiz that we had recently. Well thats all for this fortnight. See you soon.

—Pratikaksha Basu
(Toad Hall)



SPORTS REVIEW

At last football season has come to an end. Athletics seems to be in full swing.

The interhouse football matches have just finished and I last left you midway in the matches between Cauvery and Krishna. Due to rainfall the conditions for play were not ideal, although the match got underway. Both teams seldom counterattacked, and at the breather both the teams were locked at 0-0. However, in the second half Krishna certainly looked a better team. Abhijeet ghosh played extremely well. Sanjeev sehgal while defending stood like a wall. Minutes before the final whistle, Abhijeet penetrated the Cauvery defence and scored a goal. Cauvery tried to reduce the margin but the final score were 2-1.

In the Junior section Cauvery and Krishna clashed on the following day. The ground remained slippery and the playing conditions again not ideal. The Cauvery team was definitely superior, but the score remained 0-0. until halftime. In the second half Krishna right winger Deepak Kataria smashed the Cauvery defence which resulted in Cauvery's defeat. The final scores read, 1-0.

In the senior Ganges and Jamuna met on the 16th. Ganges easily beat Jamuna. They went ahead through Rakesh Dewan early in the first half. Dhiraj Kakati also scored for Ganges. Jamuna reduced the margin by scoring another goal.

The following match was played between Ganges and Cauvery. Cauvery crushed Ganges and established a clear lead of 5-0.

The deciding match of this Inter-House Football Tournament was between Ganges and Krishna. Ganges, through Rakesh Diwan succeeded in establishing a lead in the first few minutes of the game. In a desperate move Krishna tried to shake of the lead, but Ashish Goswami denied all possible opportunities. However before the breather, Krishna equalised the score through Mohit Jain.

The second half started with a bang. Both teams showed much enthusiasm to score, but none managed. It was only in the dying minutes of the game when Abhijeet dribbled past the Ganges defence to put Krishna up in the race. Final score 2-1.

The junior match between Jamuna and Krishna was very vital from the point of view of Jamuna. They had to win to stay in the competition. Krishna bounced with a series of counter attacks. Jamuna managed a self goal. This was obviously a moral booster and at the breather the score read 1-1. After the breather Krishna managed to score another goal through Devraj Singh. This gave Krishna the initiative and they won 2-1.

As a result, the last match between Cauvery and Jamuna was merely a formality. It had been rumoured that Jamuna's first eleven would be replaced by other players. However, this did not occur. In the following match, Jamuna was smashed as the final score read 5-1 in Cauvery's favour.

Krishna emerged as the victor and Abhijeet Ghosh the best player. Congratulations !

Manvendra Salkhan

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

On the fourth of October, the Sub-Juniors Football Inter Company continued, on that day Cauvery had a match with Krishna and the match was a tie. Cauvery didn't play well in that match. They, even got

a penalty but yet they couldn't score a goal. Krishna played very well, especially their backs Sunil Mittal and Manav Khullar.

Some of the Cauvery boys started crying because they couldn't win the match.

On the 5th of the same month Ganges had a match against Cauvery and beat them 2 nil. Both the goals were scored by Raghav Banta. If Anup Kumar was not the Ganges House's back, Ganges might have lost the match. It was raining while the match was going on and so the boys enjoyed the match. This defeat was a crushing blow for Cauvery.

On the 6th of the same month Krishna had a match with Jamuna and it was a tie. From Krishna, Anurag Garg scored a goal and from Jamuna Manav Mohan. It was a interesting match because both the

team's played well.

On the 8th October at Assembly time, Mr. Chaturvedi presented Ganges a trophy because Ganges had come first in the Inter Company. Cauvery came second and Jamuna come third but it was a sad moment for Krishna as they had came last. Raghav Banta got the individual prize as the best player of the Sub Juniors. The boys who went up to receive the cup for Ganges were Anup Kumar and Amer Singh.

On the 9th of October, the Sub-Juniors' had a match-Winner's against rest. In that the Winner's lost 2 to nil. The Winner's didn't feel bad at all because they had already got the trophy.

WELHAM NEWS

Everybody in School is excited about the mid-term camps which are just around the corner. A few groups have been made who are going to places like Barkot Uttarkashi, Kanasar etc. Some trekking groups are going to Devalsari, Nagtibba, Kana Tal, Chakrata-Simla. Unfortunately cycling trips have not been given permission.

Boys who have brothers in Doon School and whoever has his father coming who is an old Dosco have been allowed to stay back from Mid-term and go for the Doon School Golden Jubilee Function

Various boys in Class X and XI have taken up the responsibility of opening stalls in the School Fete being held on 10th November. Different eating stuff and many games including disco will be put up. We hope it is a grand success, as it had always been yet.

A number of boys went to Welham Girls High School to see the full dress rehearsal of the Founder's Day function. It was Ras Lila in a dance and Music form.

A yet greater number of boys went to the Welham Girls fete where they thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Ganges and cauvery held Variety programmes on 20th October.

The Inter-house English Debate took place on 26th October. The topics were Seniors-Woman are

Emotionally stronger than men. One had to speak for and the other against the motion.

Juniors Money is the root of all evil.

The participants from the houses were

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| Gaurav Kampani | Seniors | Jamuna |
| Akin Mehta | " | " |
| Ashish Kalra | Juniors | " |
| Saurav Sinha | Juniors | " |
| Ashu Khanna | Seniors | Kirshna |
| Sanjeev Sehgal | Seniors | " |
| Samerandra Rautela | Juniors | " |
| Rajkamal Phukan | Juniors | " |
| Tarun Gautam | Seniors | Ganges |
| Indervir Shergill | " | " |
| Soumit Roy | Juniors | " |
| Hanut Bal | " | " |
| Aresh Shirali | Seniors | Cauvery |
| Sanjay Bharwani | " | " |
| Nreraj Thakur | Juniors | " |
| Gautam Punj | " | " |

Results :-

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| 1st Gaurav Kampani | Seniors |
| 2nd Akin Mehta | " |
| 1st Ashish Kalra and Saurav Sinha | Juniors |
| IInd Gautam Punj | " |
| Jamuna came first and Cauvery second. | |

-Amit Kamra

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