The Jaipur Juggernaut

Given below are reports of the recently-concluded Inter-House Soccer Competition.

Senior Cup

Madhav Dutt and Raghav Puri

Jaipur House - that is what you invariably hear these days after the words ‘First-position’, be it in cricket, hockey or soccer. While most thought they would burn out after their exploits last term, they returned with even greater vigour and desire this term to lift the Shield. Although many are trying to discover the mystery behind their achievements, we must emphasize that their victory in soccer was no walk in the park. Houses such as Tata were determined and eager to prove their mettle on the field.

Intricate passing, fluid movement and clever footwork was characteristic of most House XI games this season. Hyderabad House, under the inspiring leadership of Rahil Badhwar, produced a dramatic comeback against Oberoi House to win the game 3-2. Rajkumar Vijay equalised with a stunning freekick after which Hyderabad sealed the game with a stroke of luck. Tata’s House XI defended admirably, and while they created numerous opportunities in front of the goal, they clearly lacked sufficient firepower to put the right finishing touches and hence drew all their matches. The Kashmir House team, with an adventurous formation, won its first House XI after a long time. The victors, Jaipur House, blessed with immense talent, played attractive football with their one touch passing and efficient finishing.

There was no clear victor until the last leg of the race and the competition was stiff throughout. The House XI match between Jaipur and Oberoi Houses turned out to be the decider and Jaipur managed to win the game with a solitary goal by Shivaan Seth.

Apart from team performances, recognition must also be given to certain individuals. Shivaan Seth, Yuv Vir Khosla and Aaahan Menon were the highest scorers of the Competition, scoring two goals each. Anmol Jamwal, Sharan Seth, Tushar Gupta, Aditya Gupta, Udit Kapur and Arjun Parmar were the other standout performers in the Competition.

At the Leagues level, Hyderabad House dominated, with other Houses being unable to cope with their quick forward line. Kabir Sethi, Shantanu Seth and Avanindra Singh played with great spirit.

Although this year’s Competition was played on fair terms, one negative which came out was the numerous injuries, perhaps because of the tight schedule. All in all, the Competition promised a good future for the sport.

Junior Cup

Aditya Bhattacharya

Considering that the House Cup was reintroduced this year, it was not surprising to see junior teams gearing up for the competition. Boys could be seen practicing soccer before games time, on Sunday mornings, and even during test week, often being supervised by masters and seniors. Whatever the weather had in plan, the attendance was spot-on and boys could be seen discussing strategies on and off the field.

Once the competition began, the preparation and planning became evident. Each player put his skills to test and played as part of a team, but no one could stop Jaipur House from cruising to victory. They collected 24 points and outcompeted their rivals by a wide margin. The competition saw an array of talent in the form of Ishan Sandhu, Suhel Karara, Rakshit and Aditya Gupta. Even Juniors 2 witnessed some great performances from Aditya Bhardwaj, Varun Sinha and Gaurav Kothari.

I think the teams would have been better prepared for the competition had Upper Skinners been available. However, despite the handicap, teams managed to get sufficient practice time and the rain gods were most indulgent when it came to letting boys practice and play one of their favourite sports.
IPSC News
In the recently concluded IPSC Squash Tournament, The Doon School, represented by Sumer Sandhu, Vihan Khanna, Ishan Sandhu and Sidharth Sethi, was placed third.

The IPSC Table Tennis championship was held at Welham Boys’ School, Dehradun from September 26 to 28. The School team participated in the Under-14, Under-17 and Under-19 team events and in the individual championship. The School Under-19 team lost to DPS RK Puram, 3-1, in the semi-final round. The School Under-17 team lost to Modern School, Delhi, 3-0, in the final round. The School Under-11 team lost to Modern School, Delhi, 3-0, in the final round. In the individual championship, Raghu Kothival reached the semi-final round in the Under-17 category while Chaitanaya Agarwal reached the semi-final round in the Under-14 category. Kanav Agarwal made it to the quarter-final round in the Under-14 category.

Also, Chaitanaya, Kanav and Raghav have been selected to represent the IPSC team in their respective categories at the National School Games to be held at Rajkot, Gujarat in January 2012. Congratulations!

Debating
Ritesh Shinde, Vedit Sidana and Abhinav K ejirwai represented the School in the Madhav Rao Scindia Memorial Inter-School Hindi Debates held at the Scindia School, Gwallior. They reached the Semi-finals and lost to Mayo Girls by one point.

Well tried!

Basket Boys
Adhiraj Thakran, Selvaj Jouthal and Vinayak Chaudhary represented Dehradun in the 8th Uttarakhand State Youth Basketball Championship, held at Hardwar, between September 30 and October 2. The team won the tournament by defeating Rorkee in the final round; the score was 53-30.

Well done!

IH Soccer
The results of the Inter-House Soccer Tournament 2011 are as follows:

Juniors:
1st: Jaipur House
2nd: Tata House
3rd: Kashmir House
4th: Oberoi House
5th: Hyderabad House

Seniors:
1st: Jaipur House
2nd: Tata House
3rd: Kashmir House
4th: Oberoi and Kashmir
5th: Hyderabad House

The House positions are as follows:
1st: Jaipur House
2nd: Tata House
3rd: Kashmir House
4th: Hyderabad House
5th: Oberoi House

Well done, all!

Splash!
The following were awarded Swimming Colours:

Half Colours (re-awarded): Zorawar Whig and Apurv Aggarwal

Full Colours: Aditya Vikram Gupta, Charlie Fry, Jaiveer Jhakar, Sambuddha Naha, Rana Chowgule

Congratulations!

Test Week Results
In the last Test Week, the results of every stream showed an improvement; the highest improvement was shown by D-form.

Opinion Poll
Does possession of expensive gadgets undermine the ethos of equality in School?

Yes 23%
No 77%

(305 members of the community were polled)

Next week’s question: Do you think the abolishment of break shares is justified?

Memories from the 50s
Arshad ‘Sufi’ Rashid (ex-233 K ’55) visited the school on October 3, 2011, for the first time in 34 years. Here, he recounts one of his experiences at Doon.

I was once admitted in the hospital where we had a nurse by the name of sister Piers. I used to raid her fridge quite frequently because it was always full of lovely stuff and she would always scream at the fellow in the hospital. Mind you, I never got caught!

I did get caught by her once, for something else though. When I was admitted in the hospital, a very nice movie was being shown in the Rose Bowl. So I made a dummy out of pillows, put in my bed, and jumped out the window which was next to it. I was sitting in the Rose Bowl, enjoying the movie, when suddenly the lights came on and I heard a voice say ‘233-K. What are you doing here? You are admitted in the hospital and Sister Piers wants to see you immediately.’ This incident was reported to Jack Gibson and I ended up receiving ‘six of the best.’

CERN Expertise
Professor Rolf Landua, a senior scientist at European Organization for Nuclear Research, Geneva, popularly known as CERN, had a video interaction with students of B, S and SC forms on September 22, 2011 in the Physics department. Professor Rolf answered questions raised by students on antimatter, its behavior, recent developments in the Large Hadron Collider and research openings for students for more than an hour. Students attending the interactive session were quite excited when Professor Rolf showed them the canister of antimatter used in the popular movie ‘Angels and Demons’. The event was organized to encourage and motivate students into the field of science by providing a chance to interact with scientists from premier research institutes of the world.
भावानाओं के सफर पर
पर्यावरण नियंत्रण पर जाना, एक सफर से कम नहीं होता। पर, केवल एक अभाव भी होता है। एक साथ से कहीं अभाव है यह तुमके से काफी चौराहे के लिए। यह एक ऐसे मार्ग है जिसमें न केवल पहले ही चुनौती पड़ते हैं वरन्, भावानाओं के आकाश और आधारों के समूह में उठना और ठीक पता है।

अभावों ही प्राकृतिक प्रभावों से लोटा है। इससे सबका भावनात्मक एवं आधुनिक अभावों का स्वाभाविक पता लगाया जाता है तथा भावानों के लिए सभी को भुवनात्मक पता लगाना है।

भावानाओं के सफर पर पर्यावरण नियंत्रण
The small crowd of Jaipur House A-formers were perplexed when they came to know that their midterm destination had been changed to Purola. Only later did we find out that we would be staying in our initial destination as well, but only for the last two days. From Purola, we embarked on a trek to Ringali which turned out to be challenging, considering that the trek was on a steep path. Our next destination; Mori, being astonishingly beautiful, ensured a refreshing stay in the tents. Most of the time was spent playing recreational games and going on short treks. Overall, it proved to be a fruitful midterm experience which maintained a good balance between mountaineering and leisure.

Raniz Bordoloi

Destination: Purola, Mori
Distance trekked: 25 km

A group of nineteen boys and three masters left Chandbagh for Kedarnath early on a Monday morning. We reached Gaurikund later that evening and began our trek to Kedarnath the next morning. Sweet shop owners sold bright jalebis and steaming hot maggi, while hawkers sold idols of various Hindu Gods and rudrakshas along the route. On the way up we saw a few voles and a couple of lammergeiers. The next day, we left for Gandhi Sarovar, a lake situated at the foot of a glacier with huge cliffs surrounding it. It was a beautiful lake and we spent some time soaking up the visual delights and the cool air.

The next day, we left for Rudraprayag, where we stopped for the night, and before we knew it, we were back in Chandbagh, unpacking and getting ready for the monotonous life at Doon ahead.

Arjun Kamdar

Destination: Kedarnath
Distance trekked: 37 km

The trek to Yamunotri is not considered to be very demanding. Those of us who left for this destination did not find the trek very challenging, as the entire route was on metalled roads. While this was a time-saver, it ensured that we spent more time at the mouth of the Yamuna, taking in its breathtaking scenery while attempting to avoid the mules and palanquins that came in the way along the route. Yamunotri is a destination that is not very physically tiring, but still it encompassed the essentials of a great midterm experience.

Kunal Kanodia

Destination: Yamunotri
Distance trekked: 30 km

Your mid-term experience...

Rejuvenating - Sumer Sehgal
Unexpected, but enriching - Raj Surana
Keeps getting better every time - Rayhaan Imam
An adventurous one which proved to be a learning experience - ADN
Worthwhile - Sanjeet Suhag
Got to know the real India - Madhav Dutt
Harsh and unforgiving, but delightful nevertheless - Tanishq
Academic - Kanishka Malik
Refreshing - Saumil Agarwal

Glimpses of Adventure

Given below are recounts of a few mid-term experiences.