

THE FLEET STREET

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SPORTACUS 2019

The Intra College Sports Meet of IIT Palakkad (named as Sportacus for this semester) kicked off on the 16th of March, 2019. The meet lasted for two days. There were four franchises to make the meet competitive and energetic. Players in all events belonged to any one of the four franchises: Thunderhawks, Spartans, Phoenix, Dementors. The pool for the auction in different sports was independent of each other.

The standouts from this year's meet are the increased participation from the girls and a better schedule management by the Sports Council. Another addition to this year's meet was the Trump card system, where managers place the Trump card before the match begins. The rules of the Trump card state that if the team whose

manager places the Trump card wins, the team's points would be doubled while were they to lose, the team pays a penalty of losing half the points they would obtain for their respective position in that game.



A noteworthy mention to the NSS volunteers who worked hard behind the scenes keeping track of the stats and tabulating the scores ensured the smooth conduct of the event.

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Overview

The franchise heads chose their players for each sport on an Auction based system with virtual money that was held prior to the meet. Initially scheduled to be done in a day, the auctions extended to a total of two days. Though there were initial discrepancies for eg. in the basketball sport, the organisers and the bidders came to a consensus to resolve the issue. Overall, the auction saw a smooth bidding from all the heads. The choice of each player was crucial to not just the sport but for the franchise as a whole and as the results show, each franchise had its own share of good deals.



results **oncharts**

FRANCHISE	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	FAN POWER	POINTS
Phoenix	6	2	2	9	116.3
Dementors	2	7	3	10	94.6
Thunderhawks	1	3	5	8	74.3
Spartans	3	-	1	7	67

EVENT	SPARTANS	THUNDERHAWKS	PHOENIX	DEMENTORS
Cricket	2	4	10	6
Football	1**	20*	4	6
Basketball	3	3	20*	6
Volleyball	2	4	20*	6
Badminton	2	6	4	10
Table Tennis	6	4	10	2
Chess	20*	6	2	4
R6 Siege	2	4	6	20*

Women's Basketball	4	2	10	6
Women's Throwball	10	4	2	3**
Women's Kho-Kho	2	3**	10	4
Athletics	10	6.3	9.3	6.6

* Trump Card called and Won : Score x2

** Trump Card called and Lost : Score x0.5

summary

By Irene Casmir, Maria Rose Joseph

Cricket

Finals | Football Ground | Mar 17
Dementors Vs Phoenix

Dementors, batting first: 52/10 (8.2 overs)

Phoenix: 53/3 (8.1 overs)

Phoenix won the first place by defeating Dementors in the finals by 7 wickets.

Second Runners-up | Football Ground | Mar 17
Thunderhawks Vs Spartans

Thunderhawks, batting first: 84/4 (10 overs)

Spartans: 68/5 (10 overs)

The third position was bagged by Thunderhawks by defeating Spartans. Thunderhawks won by 16 runs.



Football

Finals | Football Ground | Mar 17

Dementors Vs Thunderhawks -> 0 (6) - 0 (7)**

In a tightly contested match, Thunderhawks emerged victorious. The game extended to shoot outs with it ending in Thunderhawks-(7) and Dementors-(6).

Second Runners-up | Football Ground | Mar 17

Phoenix Vs Spartans -> 1- 0

Phoenix grabbed the third place by defeating Spartans.



***On penalty shoot outs*

Basketball

Womens



Finals | Basketball Ground | Mar 17
Dementors Vs Phoenix-> 4 - 6

End of 1st half: 2 - 4

End of 2nd half: 4 - 6

Phoenix won the finals by defeating Dementors. Chandana S K scored two free shoots.

Second Runners-up | Basketball Ground | Mar 17
Spartans Vs Thunderhawks -> 8 - 0

End of 1st half: 6 - 0

End of 2nd half: 8 - 0

A pretty one sided game in which Spartans stamped their authority throughout with their aggressive gameplay.

Mens



Finals| Basketball Ground | Mar 17
Dementors Vs Phoenix-> 16 - 30

End of 1st quarter: 8 - 2
End of 2nd quarter: 10 - 16
End of 3rd quarter: 11 - 22
End of 4th quarter: 16 - 30

It was a comeback of dreams for Phoenix, and they will surely be happy with their performance coming back from 8-2 down.

Second Runners-up| Basketball Ground | Mar 17
Spartans Vs Thunderhawks -> Match Abandoned

The number of players reported did not meet the minimum strength required to start the match and hence, the match was abandoned.

Volleyball



Finals | Volleyball Court | Mar 17
Dementors Vs Phoenix-> 1 - 2

Set 1: 13 - 25

Set 2: 25 - 21

Set 3: 11 - 15

The tension rose to the peak in the second and third set with both the teams coming close. In the end it was Phoenix who held their nerves to claim the title of victory.

Second Runners-up | Volleyball Court | Mar 17
Spartans Vs Thunderhawks -> 0 - 2

Set 1: 18 - 25

Set 2: 24 - 24 (26)

The closely contested second set went into a deuce with 24 a piece. It was Thunderhawks who clinched the victory with some cool heads and focused play.

Badminton



Finals| Ahalia Badminton Court | Mar 17 Dementors Vs Thunderhawks -> 4 - 3

Match 1:	15-10, 15-10	Chaitanya T (Dementors)
Match 2:	7-15, 9-15	Nagaraj (Thunderhawks)
Match 3:	15-7, 15-10	Chaitanya T and Utkarsh (Dementors)
Match 4:	5-15, 8-15	Maria (Thunderhawks)
Match 5:	10-15, 14(16)-14(14), 15-11	Neelima (Dementors)
Match 6:	10-15, 14(16)-14(14)	Maria and Nagaraj (Thunderhawks)
Match 7:	15-12, 15-8	Sushil Kumar (Dementors)

Second Runners-up| Ahalia Badminton Court | Mar 17 Phoenix Vs Spartans -> 4 - 1

Match 1:	15-2, 15-7	Vaibhav (Phoenix)
Match 2:	13-15, 15-4, 15-8	Arjun (Phoenix)
Match 3:	9-15, 9-15	Vishnu Teja (Spartans)
Match 4:	15-13, 15-8	Milind and Sandeep (Phoenix)
Match 5:	15-11, 15-11	Sandra Mary Jacob (Phoenix)

Table Tennis

Table Tennis saw some astonishing victories with Bharani beating Prabal and Vishnu beating Prakhar Agarwal, both of the latter being well acclaimed Table Tennis players in the institute.



Finals| Hostel 3 | Mar 17

Phoenix Vs Spartans -> 3 - 2

Match 1: 10-12, 11-4, 11-7, 11-7
Match 2: 11-7, 11-6, 11-6
Match 3: 11-4, 11-9, 4-11, 8-11, 11-7
Match 4: 11-4, 11-9, 11-7
Match 5: 11-5, 11-7, 11-8

Vishnu (Spartans) beat Prakhar Agarwal
Arjun (Spartans) beat Devansh
Varad (Phoenix) beat Abhishek Bagri
Akash Nayak (Phoenix) beat Aman
Maria (Phoenix) beat Jyothsna

Second Runners-up| Hostel 3 | Mar 17

Dementors Vs Thunderhawks -> 2 - 3

Match 1: 11-6, 11-9
Match 2: 8-11, 11-9, 11-8
Match 3: 11-3, 11-7
Match 4: 11-9, 11-4
Match 5: 11-4, 12-10

Anish (Dementors) beat Vivek
Bharani (Thunderhawks) beat Prabal
Jishnu (Thunderhawks) beat Srujan
Naveen V (Thunderhawks) beat Subhash
Priyanka G R (Dementors) beat Sritha

Chess



Finals| Mess Block | Mar 17
Spartans Vs Thunderhawks -> 4 - 0

A clinical performance by Spartans ensured that they always had the upper hand. Thunderhawks never seemed to find an answer to the threats posed by the opposition which resulted in them losing the finals. Jufel, Pankaj Verma and Rajat (Research Scholar) emerged as the star performers from Spartans.

Second Runners Up| Mess Block | Mar 17
Dementors Vs Phoenix -> 3 - 1

This match was closely contested and the event witnessed some tactical moves blended with some terrible blunders.

R6 Siege (Rainbow 6 Siege)

(Rainbow six siege was the only PC game for the meet)



Finals| Canteen | Mar 17
Dementors Vs Phoenix -> 3 - 0

Skyscraper Map: 3 - 1
Bank Map: 3 - 0
Consulate Map: 3 - 1

Dementors took Phoenix for an easy victory, ending up losing the first round in the first map. They made a comeback in the game, finishing it in just three maps instead of five.

Second Runners Up| Canteen | Mar 17
Spartans Vs Thunderhawks -> Match Forfeit by Spartans

Throwball (Womens' exclusive Sport)

(Debut event)



Finals| Volleyball Court | Mar 17
Dementors Vs Spartans-> 1 - 2

Set 1: 25 - 17
Set 2: 17 - 25
Set 3: 14(16) - 14(14)

Being a set down, Spartans came back strong and in the final set, after an inch-to-inch competition, Spartans won the game against Dementors after the last game was pushed into deuce. Both the teams gave their all.

Second Runners-up | Volleyball Court | Mar 17
Phoenix Vs Thunderhawks -> 0 - 2

Set 1: 23 - 25

Set 2: 10 - 25

The first set witnessed neck to neck competition between the teams. Phoenix gave Thunderhawks an easy lead of 10 points in the start of the second set and then there was no looking back for Thunderhawks.

Kho-Kho (Womens' exclusive Sport)

(Debut event)



Finals | Football Ground | Mar 17
Phoenix vs Thunderhawks -> 1:50 - 1:48

Phoenix ran first for 1:50 s and defended it.

In a closely contested match with high energy levels, Phoenix won the match rising to glory.

Second Runners-up | Football Ground | Mar 17
Spartans vs Dementors -> 1:55 - 1:55+

Spartans ran first for 1:55 s and failed to defend it.

In a nail biting ending it was Dementors who had the last laugh. Spartans lost their first two runners in the early part of the game which turned out to be the final nail in their coffin.

Athletics

Shot Put

Men:

1st position:	7.54 m	Jithin Lal Pradeep K (Spartans)
2nd position:	7.05 m	Sachin Rustagi (Dementors)
3rd position:	7.00 m	Jishnu (Thunderhawks)

Women:

1st position:	5.52 m	Chandana (Spartans)
2nd position:	4.98 m	Meghana (Phoenix)
3rd position:	4.58 m	Nishalini (Thunderhawks)

800m



1st position:	2 min 35 sec	Rakesh Kumar (Phoenix)
2nd position:	2 min 50 sec	Abhitez (Dementors)
3rd position:	2 min 54 sec	Kedar (Spartans)

100m

Men:

1st position:	Hari Chaitanya (Dementors)
2nd position:	Rakesh Kumar (Phoenix)
3rd position:	Shyam Krishna (Phoenix)

Women:

1st position:	Meghana (Phoenix)
2nd position:	Niranjana S. (Spartans)
3rd position:	Yogitha Reddy (Dementors)

Discus Throw

1st position:	30.25 m	Nikhilesh (Spartans)
2nd position:	27.37 m	Satish Chandra (Thunderhawks)
3rd position:	22.36 m	Jithin Lal (Spartans)

quips

By Aswin Krishna B

(Views mainly on the event, the coordination among team members and also the organising of the event.)

Jaya Madhav, member of the Sports Council, on conducting the event :

" I'm really happy that the Sports Council had pulled off an amazing job by conducting Sportacus, our own intra college sports meet. The main aim of Sportacus was to inculcate a good sport culture in our institute and increase the amount of participation in the activities and I feel that our hard work in conducting the meet wasn't worthless. On behalf of the Sports Council, I would like to thank the NSS team for sweating it out under the scorching sun and helping us out in updating the scoreboards and results regularly. We specially thank Unni sir, Kutty sir and Samuel sir for arranging the transport during the meet.

Overall, we are happy that there was a lot of enthusiasm among the participants as well as the audience in the entire meet and we assure you that there would be many more attractions in the next edition of Sportacus. "

Chandana elucidates the factors which were responsible for the sudden increase in women participation :

" This time we actually had enough number of girls to form teams (which was the primary requirement to have separate matches - not pooled with boys). Most of the girls were really enthusiastic to play this time. Maybe girls were interested but needed a little push. Though it was difficult to convince some girls, the fact that, had we not come together to play, the entire match would have been cancelled or we would have to play with boys was the reason I could bring in more girls. It would not have been possible to conduct sports like Kho-kho and Throwball exclusively for girls had the number been less. Thanks to Teena, Anagha and Tulasi who also helped me convince the girls to play. Salma also coordinated really well from the other campus. If she was not there, then it would have been really difficult to connect with junior girls. A special thanks to her and Sanjay too who was like the captain of the ship. Also thanks to all the Sports Council members who played an important role to make Sportacus a success. "

Views by Purav Ghanshyam Kothiya (Team Phoenix) :

“ It was an amazing experience. We planned out the strategies one night before the auction and chose the players accordingly to make the best team possible. The coordination among the other managers was great. Trusting fellow managers is very important when we work with a team. It all went smooth as we planned. ”

Views by Banka Tulasi Reddy (Team Dementors) :

“ The event was great and was a new experience for me. I am very happy with the girls’ participation and they all gave their best. I wasn’t much aware about sports and players. So I just sat simply in the auction and everything was under the control of my fellow managers. But it was fun. Special thanks to the NSS volunteers who ran the event well. ”

Views by Shyam Sundhar Goyal (Team Spartans) :

“ Overall management was good. I think it gave opportunity to a large number of students and it was a huge success. My franchise had the least number of members and the coordination among us was great. Overall, Sportacus went fine for me. But I felt a little disappointed from the organisers’ side. No proper arrangements were made for lunch and water. ”

Views by Sai Kiran N (Team Thunderhawks) :

“ It was too good an experience for me. Each and every member of our team played a key role to ensure our success. Even after getting a good team, we were not able to win most of the events. Football was the only event where we could do well. Organisers did a good job. ”

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#tfsmentions

Here are some honorable mentions in each discipline:

- 1) **Cricket:** Chaitanya Reddy
- 2) **Football:** Jithin Lal Pradeep K
- 3) **Basketball:** Purav Kothiya
- 4) **Women’s Basketball:** Chandana S K

- 5) **Volleyball:** Vishnu Teja V
 - 6) **Badminton:** Chaitanya Reddy
 - 7) **Table Tennis:** Arjun Thangaraj
 - 8) **Chess:** Pankaj Verma
 - 9) **R6 Siege:** Madaka Srikar Reddy
 - 10) **Throwball:** Chandana S K
 - 11) **Kho-kho:** Meghana N
 - 12) **Athletics:** Rakesh Kumar
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