

## **CARVE, BLITZKRIEG, SMASH AND FAN...! ...SPORTS, THE FORE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT WAY.**

The 2011-12 Session was clearly one of the most happening sporting years at FORE School of Management, New Delhi. Classes were turned into arena, and the 'room beside the canteen' was abuzz with sporting competitions all the year round.

### **CARVE 2011**

The FORE sports and cultural division timed the intra-college table tennis tournament to ring in the winters. Starting 22 November 2011, the table tennis competition found a fairly big number of boys and girls of the FORE School of Management sweating it out in the early winters, for singles as well as doubles crowns. The competition was held at the room adjacent to the canteen of the FORE School of Management and saw enthusiastic participation.

### **Blitzkrieg 2011**

Close on the heels of the success of CARVE 2011, The FORE Sports and Cultural Division got the intra-college Chess competition rolling from December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011, inviting students to pit their mental prowess against each other. So huge was the participation, that organizers were forced to conduct games even during the breaks. This event, held at the FORE School of Management, New Delhi Cafeteria, went down so well with the students that you could find daggers drawn on the chess board, across the campus, long after the tournament had concluded and winners declared. Hariram S.G was crowned the chess champion of FORE School of Management, New Delhi, while Ishan Jain was the first runners-up. Both of them are from the batch of 2011-13 of the FORE School of Management.

### **Smash 2011**

The intra-college badminton tournament was the first major tournament held in the FORE School of Management, New Delhi in 2012. Held between 11-24 January this year, FOREians competed in all possible categories - men's and women's singles and doubles matches, and mixed doubles. The pre-tournament strategy for regular players of the FORE School of Management revolved around a very complicated manouvre – pair up with Nitin Gandhi. By the end of the event, everybody knew why. Nitin Gandhi won all the matches that he played, emerging as the singles Champion, the doubles Champion with Vaibhav Manocha and the mixed doubles champ with Saumya Srivastav. Neena Gangwani won the women's singles championship.

But the greatest entertainment in the 2011-12 session was provided by the boisterous and energetic FAN - also known as the Fore Alumni Network - of FORE School of Management, New Delhi. The FAN organized a cricket match on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at the grounds of Gyan Bharti School, Saket. The atmosphere at the grounds was festive with the alumni striking an immediate and unconditional rapport with the current batches in a way which can only happen at the FORE school of Management. Somewhere, amidst this laughter and bonhomie, the cricket match began.

In this T-20 match 'The Veterans' - aged above 32 years - took on the 'Young Guns', who were less than 32. A handful of students from the current batches of FORE School of Management were also added to both the sides, under the guise of 'interaction', but really just to fetch the cricket ball when it had been hit for quite a distance. 'The Veterans' batted first and scored a competitive 129 all out in 19.4 overs. The innings break really stretched on a bit too long as certain members of the playing eleven were not ready to give up on reminiscing 'those wonderful days' to a willing bunch of listeners from the current batches of FORE School of Management.

Finally play did resume, and by the 14<sup>th</sup> over it seemed like the 'Young Guns' were in the deeper side of trouble creek at 86/6. But a spectacular performance by the 'Young Gun' Akhil Diwan of the 16<sup>th</sup> Batch saw the 'Young Guns' cross over the line, with a few balls to spare.

While it is customary to say that in tight fought matches the winner is the game on cricket, but on that day at the Gyan Bharti School grounds, the winner clearly was the FORE School of Management, New Delhi and undoubtedly the FAN. The event was lauded by all present, and each player was awarded a miniature bat and a cap. There was a general consensus among the past and present

students of FORE School of Management that more such events should and will be organized in the near future. Way to go FAN!