

SNU wins Silver at Jaypee Sports Fest

The SNU Table tennis team has bagged Silver at the inter-college Sports Fest at Jaypee Institute of Information Technology (JIIT), Greater Noida held on the 22 and 23 February 2013. SNU sailed through pre-quarter, quarter and the semi-final rounds but were beaten by the hosts 2-3 to finish as the first runners-up in the championship.

In the First round of the tournament SNU beat Galgotia Institute of Engineering 3-1. The start of the tournament was a little disappointing when SNU's star player, Droan lost the match to his rival from Galgotia Institute 1-3. However, excellent performances by team members Varun, who beat his opponent 3-1, Rahul who defeated his rival 3-0 and Suryakant who bettered his opponent 3-1, helped the team progress to the next round. In the Second Round SNU completely overplayed the Team A of JIIT and won 3-0 to move to the semi-finals. Varun, Droan and Rahul won their matches with ease beating their rivals from Jaypee Institute of Information Technology 3-0, 3-1 and 3-1.

The Semi Final round was held between the teams from SNU and Inderprastha Engineering College. Rahul and Varun, playing with great energy completely dominated their opponents to win 3-0. Droan, who was facing one of the best players of the tournament, lost the first match but made a comeback in the second round. The Third set was the most exciting and one of the finest sets of the tournament that saw eight deuces and Droan winning a thrilling contest. Boosted by the win in the previous set, Droan conquered the Fourth set also, thus bettering his opponent 3-1.

The Final round between SNU and Jaypee saw many ups and downs for both the teams. In the first round Rahul was outplayed 1-3 by the student from Jaypee Institute. Droan showing exemplary skills won his match 3-0 to level the scores. Suryakant was dominated by his opponent and he lost 1-3. Varun had a complete sweep and won 3-0, thereby again leveling the scores. In the final round all eyes were on Nipun to seal the tournament. But, he lost 0-3 and SNU had to be contented with Silver.



