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Behind the coloured ball

Mixed Doubles Snooker Completed

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Last week the mixed doubles snooker championships were held at the games room of the Student Union Building. The 1st two places were decided so only the third place was up for grabs between three teams. To the spectators it seemed that the Hawkins-Bugden team were definitely going to be victorious. The Warcop team was very well balanced, in that, both players managed to overcome each other's deficiences. The MacDougall team was too one sided - Mr. MacDougall's partner had only been playing the game for a short period and this created some serious problems for the team as a whole.

On Sunday, the first two places in this section of the tournament had been decided by about 5 o'clock in the evening. At this stage of the game there was a three way tie for third place. It was at about that time that the playoff started these playoffs were to last almost one week - something never before encountered in the history of these matches at the university.

The method of play to determine who would place third, was quite simply to play round-robin between all three teams. All the required matches being played each team had a victory and everything was back to square one. Close to four hours had been spent on these matches, so it was decided that each team play the other team in one game only, total points would be counted and the team with the largest amount of points would be declared

the winner. The Hawkins team after playing both their opponents amassed a lead of close to 65 points, with the other teams having only one game left to play. Eventually both teams needed to overtake the margin of 65 points, (so it appeared that) they started to give each other points in a manner that was not exactly against the rules, but was clearly bad sportsmanship. The game was halted at eleven and all three teams were asked to

report back on Saturday following. The Hawkins team overcame their opponents quite easily and were declared the winners after a long and ardous week of frustration. The other teams played well. Special credit must go to William Lim who refereed all the matches.

It was a well deserved victory for Robert Hawkins and Trina Bugden who played exceptionally well in all of their matches.

Boat show worth seeing

The Forum has been holding for the last week its annual (second year in a row) Boat and Trailer Show. Doesn't sound like much to get enthusiastic about, does it? That's what I said last year when I attended; I went again this year.

This year the display area was much more extensive than the previous. Various boats, from the kayak to small yacht, were being shown. With each display was a "guide" - someone who knew what he was talking about.

The same applied to the trailer display. The range of vehicles extended from a pup tent to a luxurious \$20,000 camper, complete with shower.

Interspersed among the major exhibit areas were motor bike displays, cars, scuba gear, handicraft booths and, of course, food areas - popcorn, cotton candy, chickenburgers. You name it, they had it.

I'm not much of an outdoors person myself but this show proved to be worthwhile. Sure its advertising, effective advertising, but its also educational. And for those of you like me who know little about the sea or the woods, its just plain interesting. It doesn't take long to wander through most of the displays but I assure you it will be quite a while before you lose interest in what you saw (and dispose of the tens of thousands of pamphlets you collected).



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