



Having a kick: Innoventures Education League's football tournament proved to be a big hit with the students.

**Basketball**

The second Sajjad Memorial Inter-School Basketball Tournament hosted by The Millennium School Dubai was won by Delhi Private School Sharjah last week.

In an exciting finale, DPS beat Westminster School, Dubai, in the final with the last basket of the game to become champions.

The tournament saw some lively action and tough competition between some of the finest school basketball teams in the UAE.

The tournament, in which 14 schools from Dubai and Sharjah participated, was hosted in memory of former student Mohammed Sajjad Nelikunna Sabeer, who passed away in a tragic road accident during the summer break in India.



**News**

British Olympic hero Dame Kelly Holmes was a special guest at the Dubai British School earlier this month, talking to Year 4 students about active lifestyles and how to pursue a career in sport.

It was a great chance for the youngsters to learn about such a successful athlete and also get them thinking about their current lifestyles and what they enjoy.

Holmes was a double Olympic champion for Team GB, winning gold in both the 800m and 1,500m in Athens 2004, and she happily interacted with DBS pupils and spoke to them about active lifestyles and succeeding in sport.

"It was awesome, she is a true hero," said Eshal, while Louis added: "I enjoyed learning about her and I was so amazed at getting the chance to meet an actual Olympian."



# Sporting versatility

Collegiate American School place importance on athletics for students

Matthew Jones



The academic year is barely two months old but it's already proving to be a busy one for sports students at the Collegiate American School in Dubai.

As well as participating in the Junior Emirates Athletic Conference, Sony Football League and Dubai Affiliated School Sport Association, special focus this year has been placed upon the unique Innoventures Education League (IVEI).

As an American curriculum school, CAS places emphasis on American sports such as volleyball, basketball and softball.

The volleyball season is nearly finished and the highlight for the



Pool rule: CAS had a great swim meet at the Hamdan Sports Complex.

CAS SandCats was winning a silver medal in the Under-14 girls' Invitational tournament last weekend.

However, attention is not just limited to these activities and they find themselves competitive across a wide variety of sports.

At the Hamdan Sports Complex Invitational swimming gala, CAS competed alongside other Ameri-

can schools from UAE and Qatar and picked up a bronze medal in the U-12 boys' relay.

This year the number of SandCats sports teams has doubled. More than 50 per cent of the students are involved in a sports team, which is a great achievement and generates a fun school spirit.

"We are aiming at high partici-

pation for student athletes as the American philosophy places a huge emphasis on sports, so we value the concept that a healthy body equals a healthy mind," said the school's athletic director, Jessie de Vries.

"Athletics contributes greatly to our extracurricular activities. I believe sports and physical education allow students to develop responsibility and confidence."

CAS is one of four IVEI schools in the UAE along with Dubai International Academy, Raffles World Academy and Raffles International School.

At least once a month an IVEI tournament will take place at one of the four schools.

So far there has been a football tournament for the primary students and a netball tournament for primary and secondary students.

Next on the IVEI calendar is the secondary swimming competition.

# Shetty's heroics with bat and ball lead DPS to title glory



Earning their keep: Delhi Private School are champions.

Delhi Private School Dubai claimed a commanding victory in the 12th annual Sandeep Batavia Memorial Inter School Cricket Tournament, beating opponents GEMS Modern Academy by 78 runs in the final.

Aditya Shetty was the star man for DPS as he shone with both bat and ball.

After winning the toss, DPS elected to bat first and they put on 112 in their allotted 15 overs with the help of a scintillating knock of 74 by Shetty, which included four sixes and eight fours from just 41 balls.

Tanish Suri supported him with a score of 28, while Utkarsh Kohli took one of the two DPS wickets.

The chase from GEMS never got going as they lost wickets at regular intervals, managing to post just 54-9 in an under-pressure innings.

Hrushel Bhatt top-scored with 11 for GEMS as Shetty was once again their tormentor, picking up two wickets which unsurprisingly saw him named man of the final for his all-round show.

Abel Thomas also took three wickets for the champions.

DPS reached the showpiece following a six wicket win over Our Own Sharjah in the last four, a game in which Suri starred.

DPS Dubai Chased down Our Own's total of 82 in just 11 overs with 40 off just 23 balls from Suri, which included eight boundaries.

GEMS had reached the final with an eight-wicket victory against Our Own Al Warqa, Dubai.

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