

Brilliant Wattal, gutsy Sagar guide Navreh CC, Habbakadal Warriors to emphatic victories in KPCL

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JAMMU: Gritty batter Puneet Wattal scored his third consecutive half-century on Tuesday to guide Navreh Cricket Club to narrow victory over Ace Cricket Club, while Sagar Bhat was brilliant with the ball to power Habbakadal Warriors to emphatic 4-wicket win over Jagti Oriental Cricket Club in the ongoing Kashmiri Pandit Cricket League (KPCL) Season-III, being organised by Safran Cricket Club at Country Cricket Stadium Gharota, near here.

In the first match, Habbakadal Warriors got the better of Jagti Oriental Cricket Club (JOCC) in an easy contest by 4 wickets.

Earlier, batting first, JOCC scored a modest total of 99 runs in the 19.5 overs. Rajesh Raina, S Bhat, Nikhil Bhat and Vaneet



Man of the match award being presented to a player at Country Cricket Stadium Gharota in Jammu.

Dhar contributed 14, 13, 13 and 12 runs to the total respectively.

For Habbakadal Warriors, Sagar Bhat took 3 wickets, Amit Bhat and Vinayak Pandita bagged 2 wickets each, while Ronak Razdan claimed one wicket.

In reply, Habbakadal Warriors chased the target

easily in 17.4 overs by losing 6 wickets, thus won the match by 4 wickets. Ronak Razdan top scored with unbeaten 27 runs, while Alok Mam and Deepak Mam contributed 15 runs each. Ankush Bhat chipped in with 11 runs. For JOCC, Amit Bhat and Gibbs took one wicket each.

For his splendid bowling display, Sagar Bhat was adjudged as the Man of the Match.

In another match, Navreh Cricket Club defeated Ace Cricket Club in a thrilling contest by a narrow margin of 7 runs.

Batting first, Navreh Cricket Club scored a good total of 159 runs in the stipulated 20 overs, losing 6 wickets in the process. Puneet Wattal top scored with 56 runs off 38 balls, studded with 7 delectable boundaries and one six, while Karan Gupta contributed brisk 47 runs off 31 balls with 5 fours and 2 sixes. Anil Raina also contributed 20 runs to the total.

For Ace Cricket Club, Rahul Raina Jr took 3 wickets, while Shashank Raina, Sachin and Prabal Pandit claimed 1 wicket

each.

In reply, Ace Cricket Club scored 152 runs, thus lost the match by a narrow margin of 7 runs. Mukul Raval top scored with 70 off 52 balls, while Sumit Sharma (28) and Rishab Raina (11) were the other contributors. For Navreh Cricket Club, Vikas Pandita and Ajay took 3 wickets each.

Puneet Wattal was adjudged as the man of the match for his superb batting show.

The matches were officiated by Ashok Singh and Girdhari Lal as the umpires, while Arun Zalpuri, Deepak Pandita, Raja Nadeem and Amit Bhat were the scorers. Ajay Peshin was the match referee.

The tournament is being held under the overall supervision of Chief Organiser Sarthak Khoda.

DYSS Kishtwar hosts Volleyball, Kabaddi, matches in zone Drabshalla



Additional Secretary YSS, Garbi Rashid posing with players and other dignitaries.

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KISHTWAR: Department of Youth Services & Sports (DYSS) Kishtwar on Tuesday organised sports events in the discipline of Volleyball, Kabaddi, and Tug of War here at zone Drabshalla under the ongoing Jan Abhiyan launched as a prelude to the fourth phase of Back to Village Programme (B2V4).

Additional Secretary Garbi Rashid was the Chief Guest

and DYSSO Kishtwar K L Sharma and DYSSO Doda Jaffar Haider were the Guest Of Honour on the occasion.

More than 100 youth hailing from different Panchayats of zone Drabshalla participated in the sports events in the discipline of Volleyball, Kabaddi, and Tug Of War to showcase their talent.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest threw light on the significance of Sports

and Games in the life of a person, besides said that it was a great opportunity for the local Youth to showcase their talent and make it their career in the long run.

He also added that Sports can be instrumental in keeping the Youth away from the menace of drugs and other anti-social elements and appealed to the parents to encourage their children to take part in sports for a prosperous and healthy life.

Amrita wins Women's Chess event

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JAMMU: Amrita Gupta bagged Jammu Division women's selection event, prior to their participation at the National level, held at Udhampur on Tuesday.

Second place went to Sonali Manhas while Ojaswani Mengi secured third place. Now, top two women out of this event and top women from Kashmir Division shall represent J&K in forthcoming Nationals.

Event was organized by All J&K Chess Association (AJKCA) under the supervision of Jammu division selection committee chairman, Ajit Singh following latest FIDE laws of Chess.



Winner girls after receiving trophies.

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JAMMU: Football clubs of Jammu, who have stake in the J&K Football Association (JKFA), have formed a seven-member temporary committee in an emergent meeting called in response to odd developments taking place in the UT football.

The committee, which included prominent names, would work towards planning, fund raising and organising future events, involving all the clubs of Jammu. The Committee: Kuldeep Singh, Surinder Singh Bunt, Mohan Lal, Feastus Sotra, Bharat Bhushan, Moon Stephen and Arun Pal Singh Jasrotia.

Primary worry among a



Jammu Football Clubs Committee members at a meeting.

string of issues, raised in the meeting, was the authoritative decisions forced on football fraternity of Jammu by a otherwise dissolved JKFA body, including those pertaining to district body and central body elections in the UT that too without taking stakeholders in Jammu into confidence.

Jammu Football Clubs form committee

In a strong and unanimous response, all the members present stressed upon the need to take matters into own hands without playing second to stakeholders at Srinagar.

"Football in Jammu has been suffering and facing discrimination at the hands of those responsible for

development of the game in UT. But now it was difficult to trust anyone from former regimes in Kashmir and Jammu as well. It is high time that we, as actual stakeholders, joined hands to take matters into own hands to give a life back to football in Jammu that has been on ventilator for more

than a decade," a senior member said in the meeting.

"We will also make sure that football in other districts of Jammu province is also not neglected and is aggressively developed in times to come, while a more efficient and sustainable system is put in place in all the districts," added the member.

It was unanimously resolved in the meeting not to give recognition to any committee constituted in Srinagar by a 'dissolved' body of JKFA.

The members discussed and resolved look into the matter of voting rights of some of the football clubs in Jammu and surrounding districts.

Further, clubs of Jammu

have been requested to join hands and not to get influenced by any unconstitutional policy decisions made at Srinagar.

Another issue related to upcoming Santosh Trophy was also discussed. An urgent call to initiate football activities in Jammu and surrounding districts, was also made by some members in the meeting as it would greatly help create a rich football culture in the coming season.

"A revolution in football is coming at Jammu but that purely depends on who is at the helm of affairs in Jammu, in other districts and in central body in times to come," said young member of Jammu football fraternity, Arun Pal Singh Jasrotia.

Leh, Khaltse Sub Div level 'Police Martyrs Memorial Cricket Tournament' concludes

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LEH: In continuation to the ongoing Ladakh police martyrs memorial cricket tournament in the Sub divisions of Leh district, the final match of the cricket tournament concluded at Khalsi Sub division (Basgo) and at District Hqr Leh (NDS stadium) respectively on Monday.

On the occasion SSP(AIG Pers) police Hqr Leh Stanzin Norb was the Chief Guest and SSP CID Stanzin Losal was the Guest of Honour. ADC Leh Sonam Chosjor was the Special Guest and other police and civil administration officers were also present to witness the exciting match.

DySP Hqr Leh Regzin Sandgup welcomed the chief



Chief Guest presenting trophy to runner-up team.

guest and other dignitaries and gave a brief outline with aim and objective of organising this cricket tournament by district police Leh.

At Leh the final match was played between Shelkhar and Avengers in which Avengers won the match.

The winning team was

awarded with a Trophy and cash prize of Rs 20,000 whereas the runner up team awarded with Trophy and cash prize of Rs 15,000 and the man of the match was also awarded with a trophy and cash prize of Rs 5000 respectively.

The match officials were also presented with mementos

as a token of appreciation.

SSP Stanzin Norbu appreciated the players who have professionally played the game with highest sportsmanship spirit and reiterate that Ladakh Police under the leadership of ADGP UT Ladakh is always stand behind the youths in promoting sports in the region viz a viz remembering the brave souls of Ladakh Police who made supreme sacrifices in the line of duty.

In the sub division Khalsi the final match was played between Sham brother and Lamayuru in which Sham brother won the match.

Councillor Khalsi and Temisgam were the chief guests on the occasion and among other sarpanch and

BDCs were also present.

Similarly the winning team was awarded with trophy and cash prize of Rs 20,000 and runner up team was awarded with Trophy and cash prize of Rs 15,000, and man of match was also awarded with Trophy and cash prize of Rs 5000, all the match officials were presented with mementos on the occasion in appreciation to their service provided during the tournament.

Councillors thanked the Ladakh police for organising such a big cricket tournament in the entire region of Leh for the 1st time and such step is paramount as a youth engagement programme and timely remembrance of martyrs of Ladakh police is equally needed to pay homage to their sacrifices.

Stoinis smashes 18-ball 59 in Australia's easy win

■ AGENCY

PERTH: Marcus Stoinis blazed away to an unbeaten 18-ball 59 as Australia crushed Sri Lanka by seven wickets in their T20 World Cup match here on Tuesday.

Sent into bat, Sri Lanka scored 157 for six. Opener Pathum Nissanka top-scored with 40 but consumed 45 balls to score

overs. Stoinis was undoubtedly the star of the day for Australia, hitting six sixes and four boundaries in his explosive knock.

Coming off a defeat against New Zealand in their opener, Australia were disciplined with the ball on the day.

Glenn Maxwell smashed a 12-ball 23.

Brief scores:



those runs.

Dhananjaya de Silva chipped in with 26 in 23 deliveries, while Charith Asalanka remained not out on a 25-ball 38, helping the islanders cross 150.

In reply, Australia completed the task in 16.3

Sri Lanka: 157/6 in 20 overs (Pathum Nissanka 40, Charith Asalanka 38 not out; Glenn Maxwell 1/5).

Australia: 158/3 in 16.3 overs (Marcus Stoinis 59 not out; Dhananjaya de Silva 1/18).

My Youth My Pride: Officers of Sports Council reach youth in Central, South Kashmir



J&K Sports Council members posing with players at Srinagar on Tuesday.

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SRINAGAR: In the public out-reach programme under Jan Abhiyan and B2V4, Officers from J&K Sports Council visited many panchayats and had a series of interaction with the locals which chiefly comprised of youth, with many of them being the professional sports persons and yet a vast majority of them being students, waiting in wings to start their sports career. A function under the programme was organised by J&K Sports Council in collaboration with local Administration in Women's ITI at Kangan, Ganderbal on Tuesday. Secretary Sports Council highlighted the importance and benefits of sports besides initiatives taken by the administration to upgrade sports infrastructure and provide quality coaching. Responding to various issues raised by the youth regarding sports, Nuzhat Gull assured that every step shall be taken to maximise the benefit of various schemes launched by the government. During the last outing alone, sports equipment and gear were provided to players from weaker sections of society and a lot of talent was scouted by way of the sports flagship programme My Youth My Pride. A huge gathering of participants including

sports persons, citizens attended the day-long programme.

SDM Kangan, Divisional Sports Officer Kashmir, Tehsildar Kangan, officials from local administration and council also attended the function. A number of sports activities were also conducted during the programme.

Meanwhile Bashir Ahmad Bhat, Joint Secretary also visited Nilandrusu in South Kashmir under a similar programme, where a huge number of youth including citizens participated. Joint Secretary Sports Council made people aware about the mega sports programs being carried out by the council. Bashir Ahmad also apprised the presentees about the benefits of the JK sports policy, and a checklist of recognised sports disciplines, national as well as international events besides various other incentives being offered under the sports policy.

Joint Secretary Sports Council also informed the audience about the services offered by the council at the panchayat level for rural children and requested for the dissemination of all such information to family as well as friends so that more and more people are able to avail the benefits that these programmes encompass.

Taekwondo competition organised under Jan Abhiyan



Players posing with officials during competition under Jan Abhiyan at Poonch.

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POONCH: Activities under the banner of Jan Abhiyan are in full swing in the District as per the directions issued by the UT Government from October 15 for fourth phase of Back to Village Programme (B2V4) commencing from October 27.

Taekwondo, Fencing and Handball Competition were organized on Tuesday at Sports Stadium Poonch.

More than 200 boys and girls took part in the Taekwondo, Handball and Fencing events organized

under the supervision of District Youth Services and Sports Officer (DYSSO) Poonch, Mohd Qasim.

The Chief Guest of the occasion was Deputy Director Planning DYSS, Ravi Sharma who monitored all the activities done under preparatory phase for Back to Village 4.

Earlier Mohd Qasim welcomed all the gathering and congratulated all the players who took part in the activities. He assured every possible help for sportspersons

through Department of Youth Services and Sports.

Taekwondo matches were held under the technical supervision of Rajinder Singh, Taekwondo Coach from Department of Youth Services and Sports while handball and fencing matches were organized under the supervision of Sourav Sharma PEM and Sachin Kumar ReK.

Prominent persons present were Amrsh Sharma Incharge ZPEO, Vijay Kumar PEM and Ramparkash Ground Incharge.

India beats Japan 5-1 at Sultan of Johor Cup

■ AGENCY

JOHOR: The Indian junior men's hockey team returned to winning ways, beating Japan 5-1 at the Sultan of Johor Cup here on Tuesday.

Captain Uttam Singh (3'), Rohit (12'), Johnson Purty (21'), Bobby Singh Dhami (31') and Amandeep Lakra (51') found the back of the net for India, while Ikumi Saeki (15') scored the only goal for Japan.

After a delayed start, India got out of the blocks quickly, as Uttam Singh's attempt beat the Japanese goalkeeper after a spell of domination. And even though Japan threatened with a couple of penalty corners right after that, India's defence wasn't allowing them any space.

India absorbed the pres-

sure from Japan, before Rohit fired home a penalty corner to give his side a 2-0 lead. However, just before the hooter, Japan pulled one back through Ikumi Saeki (15'), who converted a penalty corner to make it 2-1.

In the second quarter, both teams traded blows in the first few minutes before India regained their two-goal lead as Johnson Purty found the back of the net with a crisp shot from the top of the circle. India continued to pile on the pressure in search of another goal, but they went into the half-time break with the score reading 3-1 in their favour.

India started brightly in the second half, as Bobby Singh Dhami added a fourth, further extending the advantage. The Indian

Colts were in the ascendency and were dominating proceedings. Right after, Japan earned a fifth penalty corner, but a bad trap allowed the Indian defence to pounce and clear their lines. Japan did step it up in the final minutes of the quarter, but India kept them out, maintaining the three-goal lead and playing most of the game in their opposition's half.

In need of a quick goal in the final phase of play, Japan went on the attack from the start, but India dug deep and controlled the situation well.

Having dealt with the initial flurry of attacks, India stepped up the ante and Amandeep Lakra converted a penalty corner.

India will take on Australia in their fourth game of the tournament.