

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 Vaant

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



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

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 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 Rishabh 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.

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 Tuesdays.

Second place went to Sonali Manhas while Ojaswani Mengi secured third place. Now, top two women out of this event and top women from Kashmiri 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 Bunti, Mohan Lal, Feastus Sotra, Bharat Bhushan, Moon Stephen and Arun Pal Singh Jasrotia.

Primary worry among a

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.

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

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.

Jammu Football Clubs form committee



Jammu Football Clubs Committee members at a meeting.

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.

Memorial

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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 Hqrs Leh (NDS stadium) respectively on Monday.

On the occasion SSP (AIG Pers) police Hqrs 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 Hqrs Leh Regzin Sangdup 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 Sherkhan 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.

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

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

Memorial

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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

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 Amrith Sharma Incharge ZPEO, Vijay Kumar PEM and Ramparkash Ground Incharge.

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Meanwhile Bashir Ahmad Bhat, Joint Secretary also visited Nilandrusi 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.

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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:



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).

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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.

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