

Harmanpreet hits four as India record biggest-ever win over Pakistan in hockey

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HANGZHOU: Captain Harmanpreet Singh found the net four times as a rampaging India hammered Pakistan 10-2 to record their biggest-ever win over the arch-rivals in a one-sided Pool A match to book a semifinal berth in the men's hockey competition at the Asian Games here on Saturday. Harmanpreet scored in the 11th, 17th, 33rd and 34th minutes while Varun Kumar (41st and 54th) struck twice. Mandeep Singh (8th), Sumit (30th), Samsheer Singh (46th) and Lalit Kumar Upadhyay (49th) were the other goal getters. Pakistan reduced the margin through Muhammad Khan (38th) and Abdul Rana (45th) as India toyed their opponents for large part of their penultimate pool match.

This was the 180th match between the two teams and the 8-goal margin win was the biggest-ever in the history of India-Pakistan hockey.

India's earlier biggest victory margin was 7-1 against Pakistan registered in 2017.

Pakistan's 7-1 win in the final of 1982 Asian Games in New



Indian team celebrating victory over Pakistan in hockey.

Delhi was their biggest win against India.

India, thus, exacted revenge of that humiliating loss 41 years ago though Saturday's match.

India collected 12 points from four consecutive wins to stay on top of the pool.

India will play Bangladesh on October 2 in their last Pool A match.

India took the lead when Abhishek made a fine turn on the left side into the opponent's striking circle and his pass was deflected into goal in the eighth minute by Mandeep. Pakistan

made some threatening moves and earned their first penalty corner in the 11th minute but India goalkeeper Krishan Bahadur Pathak was upto the task.

India doubled their lead in the 11 minute when they were awarded a penalty stroke and Harmanpreet made no mistake.

Harmanpreet scored his second goal and sixth of the tournament in the 17th minute by converting India's first penalty corner of the match with an accurate drag-flick.

Pakistan attacked mostly

from the left side but failed to get a clear shot at the Indian goal. Pakistan earned their second penalty corner in the 28th minute but failed to get past veteran Indian goalkeeper PR Sreejesh.

Just seconds before half-time, Sumit struck with a fierce reverse hit. The Pakistanis went for a review but lost and trailed 0-4 at the halfway mark.

India made it 5-0 three minutes after the change of ends with Harmanpreet converting another penalty stroke after the ball hit a Pakistani player's foot.

Initially, the referee gave a penalty corner but India successfully reviewed for a penalty stroke.

It turned into a rout for Pakistan as India earned three back-to-back penalty corners and Harmanpreet struck his fourth goal of the day with a fine drag flick.

Varun, Samsheer and Lalit too joined the party with field goals in the 41st, 46th and 49th minutes.

Varun found the net for the second time in the day when he converted a penalty corner six minutes from the final hooter.

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KUPWARA: Jammu District won the 35th JKUT Senior Volleyball Championship by defeating J&K Police by 3-1 set in the final match played at Maidan Chogul Handwara in Kupwara today.

The tournament was organized by Kupwara District Volleyball Association under the aegis of Volleyball association of J&K in collaboration with J&K Sports Council.

The final match was played between Jammu District and J&K police. Later won the match by 3-1 sets with set score 13-25, 25-22, 29-27, 27-25. Earlier in the semifinal match, Jammu defeated Budgam by 3-1 (25-15, 24-26, 25-20, 25-17) and J&K Police beat Anantnag by 3-1 (20-25, 25-23, 25-9).

Deputy Commissioner of Kupwara district, Ayushi Sudan was the chief guest on the closing ceremony of 3 day Volleyball championship. Jugal Manhas SSP Kupwara was the guest of honour, who gave away trophies, individuals prizes, certificates to the winner and runner up teams.

Speaking on the occasion



The chief guest presenting winning trophy to the winner of 35th JKUT Sr Volleyball champions on Saturday.

the chief guest congratulated all the teams for their excellent performance during the championship. He lauded the efforts of Volleyball association of J&K and J&K Sports Council in scaling new heights in the sports arena especially in volleyball by clinching 3rd position in the 48th Junior National Volleyball championship which was held at Jammu in the last year and got bronze medal.

The chief guest also appreciated the hard work of office bearers of association, Volleyball coaches, referees and players for up-gradation of sports in JKUT.

Welcoming the dignitaries Kuldeep Magotra CEO of

VAJK presented brief note of the achievements of the association from time to time. He further disclosed that association has so far produced 5 international Volleyball players.

In total 52 matches were played in the championship from September 28 to 30 under the panel of dedicated volleyball referees wherein as many as 400 players and officials participated with zeal and gist.

On the occasion, Jagir Singh Randhawa international volleyball coach was also honoured by the administration of Kupwara district. Shabir Khan and other dignitaries were also present

during the occasion.

Those present on the occasion included Kuldeep Magotra CEO, Abdul Ahad Shah vice president, Mohd Tariq joint secretary, Akbar Ali Office secretary of Volleyball association of J&K, Muneer Alam Srinagar district Secretary, Nilofar Habib Kugam district secretary, Javid Uri Baramulla district secretary.

The technical panel was comprised of Sr. Amarjit Singh, Neeraj Sharma, DK Raina, Intizar Ali, Mohd. Shabir, Sidharth Hussain, Wasim Akram, Modh Ikhlaf, Mohd. Ayaz, Amit Sharma, Manik Nagotra, Mulkhraj, Mohd Iliyaz.

Unique International Public School celebrated Gandhi Jayanti



Students taking part in Gandhi Jayanti function.

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JAMMU: Unique International Public School, a renowned institution committed to holistic education, celebrated the event with unparalleled enthusiasm and dedication. The event, held on Thursday was a testament to the school's unwavering commitment to cleanliness and hygiene, aligning perfectly with the national mission of a cleaner India. On the eve of Gandhi Jayanti, Unique International Public School organised flagship program which was aimed at creating a clean and sanitized India. It encouraged citizens to

actively participate in cleanliness drives and environmental conservation efforts. Unique International Public School took this initiative a step further by organizing a series of events that highlighted the importance of cleanliness and hygiene in our daily lives. The day began with a special assembly where students and staff members gathered to take the Swachh Bharat pledge, emphasizing their commitment to keeping their surroundings clean. Students actively participated in a cleanliness drive within the school premises and the surrounding areas

armed with brooms and garbage bags, they worked tirelessly to ensure that every nook and corner of the campus was spotless. The Chairperson of Unique International Public School, S.Jasbir Singh, expressed immense pride in the students' dedication and their commitment to the cause. He said, "Our school has always been at the forefront of instilling values that go beyond textbooks. Celebrating Swachh Bharat Abhiyan allows our students to understand their role as responsible citizens in building a cleaner and healthier India."

KNIT celebrates Gandhi Jayanti, Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti

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JAMMU: Kowal National Institute of Teaching, Bharat Nagar, celebrated Gandhi Jayanti and Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti with great fervor.

A Cultural programme comprising bhajans and speeches was presented by the students of 9th and 10th classes. It was followed by a cleanliness drive where not only the students but also the whole administration and teacher of KNIT

Principal Bimla Blawria encouraged the students to follow clean habits to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhiji. Director Prof. J.L Kotwal guided the students by narrating Gandhiji's childhood incidents. He impressed upon to follow the principles of truth and non-violence. He also threw light on the resourceful life of our 2nd Prime minister Shastriji. We should follow these great Indians so that we



Cleanliness drive being observed at KNIT

contributed towards may serve our nation in cleanliness as its rapid progress.

Pir Panjal Range trekking expedition concludes



Trekkers who participated in the trekking expedition with the chief guest.

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RAMBAN: Indian Army, in collaboration with State Tourism Directorate and Leaf Monkey Hiking Club successfully concluded three days trekking expedition on Pir Panjal Range in Ramban district on 28 Sept 2023.

Sixteen trekkers from different walks of life participated in this trekking expedition. State government representatives, the school kids and locals congregated at Government Degree College Ukhral to welcome the successful

team and add charm to the event. These trekkers moved a distance of 19 kms with height variations from 2300 mtr to 4000 mtr. The team successfully submitted second highest peak (Hansraj Top) on Pir Panjal Range in Ramban District.

The trek was cordially supported and encouraged by locals in high hilly region of Pogal thesil.

The trek highlighted the picturesque Pogal Valley and traversed unexplored meadows, lakes, waterfalls, and jagged peaks of

majestic Pir Panjal Ranges. The participants also interacted with the local youth to showcase patriotism, women empowerment, and self-employment. On conclusion ceremony SDM Ramssoo, Ghanshyam Basotra facilitated the participants and media. The event is aimed at promoting adventure tourism, which has received an impetus due to the return of normalcy in the region and the various developmental changes.

JK Public School, Kunjwani celebrates Gandhi Jayanti, Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti



Students of the JK Public School, Kunjwani participating in the different programmes during the Gandhi Jayanti and Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti celebrations in the school on Saturday.

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JAMMU: JK Public School, Kunjwani, with great reverence, celebrated two momentous occasions included Gandhi Jayanti and Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti.

This day not only marks the birthdays of two exemplary leaders but also provides us with profound

teachings that continue to shape our nation and our lives. 'Mahatma Gandhi The Apostle of Non-Violence' Parthvi, a student of class VIII, presented the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi ji. She threw some light on Mahatma Gandhi's life and principles, which have illu-

minated the world for generations and his unwavering commitment to non-violence (Ahimsa) has left an indelible mark on history. She stressed on Gandhi's message of non-violence as a path to social and political change which is timeless. Lal Bahadur Shastri, India's second Prime

Minister, was a man of unimpeachable integrity and simplicity. Our faculty member, Arjun, graced today's assembly by telling about the teachings of Lal Bahadur Shastriji. He also awarded students about his famous slogans 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan.' 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan,' which emphasizes

the equal importance of our soldiers and farmers. Followed by amazing songs presented by JKPS faculty members and JKians. Infact, the audience was thrilled to witness the slogans delivered by Primary wing students with the motive of giving the message of Gandhi Ji and

LalBahadurShastri Ji; thus promoting a sense of belonging amongst all. Director JKPS, Shashi Chaudhary, graced today's occasion by her presence. JKPS Principal, Rajesh Rathore, in today's special assembly, reflected on the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur

Shastri, he asked students to remember that their legacies are not just historical artifacts; they are guiding stars in our lives. Their lessons of non-violence, truth, simplicity, and unity are more relevant than ever in our world today. Therefore, Today's celebration left a mark on jki-

and taught them how crucial it is to integrate these teachings into our lives, to be truthful, humble, and compassionate individuals who contribute positively to our society. By doing so, we honor the legacy of these great leaders and truly become responsible citizens of India.