

Yudhvir, Sidha honour players

Chander steals show, sweeps awards as Moon Strikers lifts cricket title at Jagti

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JAMMU: Experienced middle-order batsman, Chander Mohan Pandita stole the limelight by scoring thunderous century and sweeping maximum awards after guiding Moon Strikers XI to a convincing victory over TRT Kings to lift the title trophy of the mega cricket tournament which concluded at Sports Stadium, Jagti, near here on Monday.

Twenty seven teams from J&K and outside the Union Territory took part in this cricketing extravaganza, which was organised by Orzu Cultural, Sports and Educational Trust, under the overall supervision of Chief Organiser, Subash Zutshi and Media Incharge Sanjay Batra.

Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (Migrants), KK Sidha was the Chief Guest on the closing ceremony, while Senior BJP leader Yudhvir Sethi presided over the function. BJP leader Nand Kishore and Kashmiri Pandit leader and Displaced Minority Prabhati AAP, MK Yogi were the special guests, while Tehsildar Imran, SDPO Pardeep



Jubilant Moon Strikers XI posing alongwith chief guest and other dignitaries after winning cricket title at Jagti.

Kumar and SHO Nagrota Vishav Partap Singh were the Guests of Honour.

Earlier, in the final match, batting first, Moon Strikers scored a good total of 202 runs in the stipulated 20 overs. Chander Mohan slammed a fabulous century, top scoring with 110 runs off 64 balls, studded with 9 fours and 9 sixes. For TRT Kings, Bhunesh Bhat took 2 wickets.

In reply, TRT Kings managed to score 184 runs in the allotted

overs, this lost the match by a narrow margin of 18 runs. Ajay and Bhunesh Bhat scored brilliant fifties. Ajay contributed 52 off 35 balls with 6 fours and 2 sixes, while Bhunesh scored 51 off 29 balls studded with 4 fours and 3 sixes. Rahul Koul and Chander Mohan took 2 wickets each for Moon Strikers XI. For scoring power-packed century in the finals, Chander Mohan was adjudged man of the match. He was also declared as the best batsman of

the tournament for scoring 260 runs in three matches with 80, 71 and 110 runs respectively. He also got the man of the series award for superb all-round display, while Bhunesh Bhat got the best bowler award.

Earlier, in the Tennis Ball Cricket finals, Sydney Thunders defeated Lalitaditya Cricket Club by 32 runs to win the title. Rahul Bhat was declared as the man of the match and best batsman, while Binny Manhas was adjudged as the best bowler.

The event was sponsored by Landmark Crafts Pvt Ltd and Nirvana Buildtech Pvt Ltd.

The winners and the runners-up teams/players were honoured by the chief guest and the other dignitaries on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, all the dignitaries including Sidha, Yudhvir, Nand Kishore and Yogi lavished praise on the organisers for holding this mega event in a most befitting manner.

They said sports and games keep youth away from drugs and other allied social evils and helps them not to derail from the mainstream.

Kawal Preet slams splendid ton, Kanhaiya scores 88 in J&K's 267/3



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JAMMU: Talented right-handed batsman Kawal Preet Singh slammed a superb unbeaten century, while skipper Kanhaiya Wadhawan scored magnificent 88 runs to guide Jammu and Kashmir to 267/3 against Rajasthan at stumps on day-2 of the U-25 CK Nayudu Trophy at GGM Science College Hostel ground, on Monday.

Earlier, winning the toss and batting first after first day's call off and today's around one hour delay in the match due to

wet outfield, J&K lost 2 early wickets in the form of openers Arya Thakur (16) and Jiyaa Nazir Magrey (5) on 34/2 in 8.2 overs. However, promising batsman Kawal Preet Singh and Shubham Pandir consolidated the innings and took the score to 120 runs in 37.1 overs before Pandir was dismissed at his individual score of 34 runs off 87 balls, studded with 3 fours and one six.

Kawal Preet continued brilliance and alongwith his skipper Kanhaiya Wadhawan guided Jammu and Kashmir to 267/3 in 74 overs.

Kawal Preet was unbeaten on 101 off 192 balls, studded with 17 delectable boundaries, while Kanhaiya was at the crease on 88 runs off 117 balls including 16 crispy fours. Both the batsmen played with solidity, sublimity, grace and brilliance and showed stellar grit and tenacity to hit good scores. For Rajasthan, Sangram Singh, Mohit and Rohit Khichar claimed one wicket each.

11th Police Martyr's Memorial T-20 KKR Marheen beats Amigos Sports Club Panipat, enters semis



A player receiving a Man of the Match award.

match played on Monday, KKR Marheen outplayed

Earlier in the first quarterfin-

Target killings can't deter my community, unlike others
PoJK DPs will not flee from their home: Rajiv



continue to stay in their existing places and fight terrorism tooth and nail.

"The people of my community, wherever they are sitting in exile today, will neither leave that place nor will they be afraid of such nefarious activities," he said and appealed to the Government to ensure elimination of the terrorists involved in the heinous attack.

Seeking Government job to the next of the kin of those killed as well as those injured in the terrorist attack last evening, Rajiv Chuni also demanded that cash relief of rupees one crore to each of the deceased and Rs 50 lakh to each of the injured should be provided as immediate relief to the victims. "Government must instill a sense of security among these people and provide them adequate relief so that they don't feel discouraged," he added.

Rajiv Chuni, who is presently out of State for his post surgery follow up and will come back on January 04, 2023, announced that his whole team of S.O.S. Internationals would soon visit the terror hit families to reiterate solidarity with them at this difficult time.

"We pay our sincerest condo-

lences for all of our community members who laid down their lives for the Nation at this time. You have our deepest sympathy and unwavering support. Wishing you peace, comfort, courage, and lots of love at this time of sorrow. Our heart goes out to you at this difficult time," he said and also wished speedy recovery for those injured in the terror attack.

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Mission 2024: Indian T20 team under new skipper Hardik prepares for life without 'big three'

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MUMBAI: Hardik Pandya will be expected to begin his full-time T20 captaincy tenure on a bold note as the Indian T20 team prepares to start its life beyond Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul with the three match series against Sri Lanka, beginning here on Tuesday.

The followers of Indian cricket got more than glimpse of Hardik's vision for the team when led the team to victory in the rain-hit T20 series in New Zealand.

In an ODI World Cup year, the shortest format is not priority for the Indian team but the series will allow Hardik to start planning for the future, specifically the 2024 T20 World Cup.

India's famed top three — Rohit, Kohli and Rahul — are not part of the squad and irrespective of their T20 future, the team must prepare for life without them.

Amigos Sports Club Panipat by 26 runs.

KKR Marheen, batting first after winning the toss, scored 140 runs in 20 overs for the loss of nine wickets. Tarun played a fine inning of 54 runs off 58 deliveries studded with seven boundaries and one six while Dikshant Kundal made

25 runs off 11 balls with four boundaries and one six.

In reply, Amigos Sports Club Panipat team was unable to chase the target and scored only 114 runs in 20 overs four the loss of none wickets.

For his match winning knock, Tarun was declared Man of the Match.

In the final, Ricky Club

tournament.

Ricky Club Jammu wins Volleyball trophy



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries at Kathua.

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KATHUA: Two-day All J&K Volleyball Tournament organized by the Volleyball Club Bhaiya in collaboration with the District Volleyball Association Kathua under the aegis of Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir, concluded at the Government Middle School Bhaiya's volleyball ground, here on Monday.

The tournament conducted under the supervision of Deepak Sharma President Volleyball Club Bhaiya and Mahendra Sharma, General Secretary District Volleyball Association Kathua was inaugurated by Sunil Sharma, SHO Police Station Hiranagar.

A total of 22 teams from Jammu, Samba and Kathua Districts participated in the

Jammu, in which national level players including international player Mannat Singh of RS Pura displayed their sporting talent and won the applause of the audience. Thousands of spectators enjoyed the tournament which lasted day and night in bitter cold.

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Mahant Swami Krishnanand Ji Maharaj of Kali Mata Mandir, Jasmedhgarh Fort was the Chief Guest in the closing ceremony who distributed prizes to the winning and runner-up teams.

The final winning team was awarded a trophy and Rs 11,000 and the runner-up team was also awarded a trophy and Rs 5,100.

GDC Marh organises Basic Computer Course for 1st Sem students

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JAMMU: Government Degree College (GDC) Marh organised maiden 10 days Basic Computer Course for the students during winter break from January 1 to 10, 2023.

The course was inaugurated by Principal of the College, Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul, who emphasized the need of computer literacy among students.

The students who volunteered to develop computer skills are Vishal, Shalhu, Suhani, Prema, Khushi, Reshma, Virender, Harshul, Sourav, Aayush, Shan, Shubam, Mishu, Manish, Sanjana and Summy.

It is pertinent to mention that two months faculty/staff computer literacy/skill course is already running in the college since December 2022.

College has utilized its own resources for organizing the programme. Er. Samit Gupta, Mohit Kalotra and Principal Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul acted as resource persons.

GC Hiranagar CRPF organizes Inter Battalion Athletic Meet



DIG Group Centre CRPF, Manoj Kumar taking guard of honour.

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JAMMU: The six-day Inter Battalion (Ops)/Group Center (Adm) Athletics Meet was inaugurated by Manoj Kumar, DIG at Group Centre, CRPF, Hiranagar (Nagrota), here on Monday.

During this event, Geeta Yadav, Dy. Comdt., Dev Kumar, Dy. Comdt. (Min.) and other Gazetted Officers, Subordinate Officers and Jawans of GC Hiranagar were present.

Chief Guest, Manoj

Kumar, DIG Group Centre, CRPF, Hiranagar also briefed the participants/players regarding rules/regulations of the games.

He emphasized player to develop team spirit and true sportsmanship spirit during the game.

There are total 19 events in the aforesaid athletics meet and 14 teams are participating in this meet. Today, on January 2, 2023, this athletics meet was inaugurated with 200 meter sprint race and 4 x 100 relay race.

Press Club Jammu XI outplays Revenue CC by 48 runs



Players of Press Club XI posing for a group photograph after register win.

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JAMMU: Jammu Press Club XI defeated Revenue Cricket Club by 48 runs in an exciting match played at Khet Gaon Nagrota, here. After winning the toss, Press Club Jammu XI captain Naveen Kaul decided to bat first.

The team scored 185 runs for the loss of 7 wickets in the allotted 20 overs. Opening batsman Sonu Chakar scored brilliant 61

runs, while Rupesh Raj contributed valuable 48 runs.

Skipper Naveen Kaul scored power-packed 26 runs off just 9 balls including 2 huge sixes and 2 fours.

For Revenue Cricket Club, Sajjad and Raghav Sharma took 2 wickets each.

In reply, Revenue Cricket Club scored 137 runs to lose the match by 48 runs.

Pankaj scored 43 runs, while Yashpal contributed 19 runs. For Press Club, Rishi and Varun Sharma took 3 wickets each, while Rohit Sharma got 2 wickets and Sahil Kumar claimed one.

The captains and other players of both the teams extended thanks to the Director Youth Services and Sports, Subhash Chandra Chhibber for providing them ground facility.