

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 Prabhari AAP, MK Yogi were the special guests, while Tehsiidar Imran, SDPO Pardeep



Jubilant Moon Strikers XI posing along with 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, Bhmesh 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 Bhmesh Bhat scored brilliant fifties. Ajay contributed 52 off 35 balls with 6 fours and 2 sixes, while Bhmesh 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-poked 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, 70 and 110 runs respectively. He also got the man of the series award for superb all-round display, while Bhmesh 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



Kanhaiya Wadhawan | Kawal Preet Singh

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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 Jiyaad 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 along with 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

STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: KKR Marheen was the first team to entered the semifinal of the ongoing 11th Police Martyr's Memorial North Zone T-20 Cricket Championship 2022 being organized by J&K Police in collaboration with Shaheed Welfare Committee Kathua at Sports Stadium Kathua.

Earlier in the first quarterfi-



A player receiving a Man of the Match award.

nal match played on Monday, KKR Marheen outplayed

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 chased 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.

ReK teachers welcome ZPEO Surankote

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POONCH: The Rehbar E Khel (REK) teachers of Zone Surankote on Tuesday welcomed the newly appointed Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO), Kulwant Singh at the Zonal office, here. The new ZPEO took charge of the sports zone of district in the recent past after an order in this regard issued by the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS).



ReK teachers of Zone Surankote welcoming the newly appointed ZPEO, Kulwant Singh.

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

STATE TIMES NEWS

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.

The problem with the current Indian T20 team in recent past, has been distinct lack of intent and ability to play fearless cricket.

The idea of self preservation at the cost of impactful performance was hurting the team for a long time and perhaps the poor show in the T20 World Cup became the last straw.

Rishabh Pant, who suffered a horrific car crash last week, opened for the team in New Zealand alongside Ishan Kishan. Pant was anyway not picked for the Sri Lanka series, making Kishan and Ruturaj Gaikwad opening combination most likely for the first T20 at the high-scoring Wankhede Stadium.

Both Kishan and Gaikwad have been bonafide IPL stars for a past few years and this is their real chance to show their wares without worrying about their place in the side.

India: Hardik Pandya (cap-

tain), Ishan Kishan (wk), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Shubman Gill, Suryakumar Yadav (VC), Deepak Hooda, Rahul Tripathi, Sanju Samson, Washington Sundar, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Arshdeep Singh, Harshal Patel, Umran Malik, Shivam Mavi, Mukesh Kumar.

Sri Lanka: Dasun Shanaka (C), Pathum Nissanka, Avishka Fernando, Sadeera Samarawickrama, Kusal Mendis (VC for ODIs), Bhanuka Rajapaksa (only for T20Is), Charith Asalanka, Dhananjaya de Silva, Wanindu Hasaranga (VC for T20Is), Ashen Bandara, Maheesh Theekshana, Jeffrey Vandersay (only for ODIs), Chamika Karunaratne, Dilshan Madushanka, Kasun Rajitha, Nuwanidu Fernando (only for ODIs), Dunith Wellalage, Pramod Madushan, Lahiru Kumara, Nuwan Thushara (only for T20Is).

3 Udhampur cyclists selected for National C'ship

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UDHAMPUR: Three youth of Udhampur District selected for participating in forthcoming national level cycling championship 2023 to be conducted at Delhi. Group of cyclists led by District President of J&K Cycling Association Rajesh Sharma met with Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Kritika Jyotsna before departure to participate in forthcoming national championship.

It is pertinent to mention here that a total of 28 cyclists from J&K UT selected to participate in national cycle championship. Out of 28 selected youths, eight cyclists were selected from Jammu Province including three from District Udhampur:



Selected cyclists with association members calling on DC Udhampur, Kritika Jyotsna.

Rajesh Sharma said that out of one cyclist to participate in Mountain Terrian Bike (MTV) event while two youth selected for Road Race Bike (RRB) event. Deputy Commissioner expressed her gratitude towards J&K Cycling Association and participants to have such opportunity to par-

ticipate in national level cycling championship 2023.

She wished them good luck and further assured District president Rajesh Sharma to provide best possible infrastructure especially safe cycling trial track for local youths so that their sports morale can be developed and boost.

VAJK to conduct selection trials from Jan 13

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JAMMU: Volleyball Association of J&K (VAJK) has proposed to conduct the senior men and women selection trials to select the players for coaching camp prior to participation in the forthcoming 71st Senior National Volleyball Championship for Men and women to be held at Guwahati, Assam from February 2 to 9, 2023.

The trial shall be conducted by the selection committee of the association at volleyball courts District police line Jammu from 13th to 15th

January, 2023.

All the affiliated units, institutions and district volleyball associations of J&K have been requested to send their outstanding players for the trials.

The selection shall be followed by the coaching camp under the guidance of qualified volleyball coaches at the aforesaid same venue from January 16 to 29, 2023.

The players should bring original Aadhaar card, Domicile certificate, Medical fitness certificate for the selection trials.

Ricky Club Jammu wins Volleyball trophy



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries at Kathua.

tournament.

In these teams, many national level players and one international player Mannat Singh was playing, defeated a strong Palanwala Volleyball Club by 3-1 to win the trophy.

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.

In the final, Ricky Club

GDC Marh organises Basic Computer Course for Ist 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 Vishali, Shalhu, Suhani, Prena, Khushi, Reshma, Virender, Harshul, Sourav, Aayush Shan, Shubam, Mishu, Manish, Sanjana and Sunny.

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 Khel 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 Charak 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.