

44th Sub-Junior National Volleyball Championship

J&K boys beat Chandigarh in opening tie



J&K team posing with officials after defeating Chandigarh and organizers felicitating chief guest, Yogeshwar Dutt, Olympic Bronze Medallist.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir defeated Chandigarh in the opening group match in the 44th Sub-Junior National Volleyball Championship for boys and girls at Laxmi Public School, Karkardooma, Delhi on Tuesday.

As per the reports reaching here, J&K boys team made it a 3-1 win in best of four games with set score being 20-25, 25-19, 25-23, 25-19.

Yasir Hamid, Harshit Raina, Raghav Tadia and Aman Kumar remained in limelight for their superb display of spikes and blocks thus helped the side to win against Chandigarh.

Placed in Pool-2, J&K shall now meet opponents from Gujarat, Puducherry,

Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra in the next outings.

Meanwhile in the girls section, J&K lost to Tamil Nadu by 3-0 (10-25, 12-25, 08-25) and Kerala by 3-0 (25-07, 25-06, 25-06). Payal Sharma from J&K played an excellent game.

Placed in Pool-D, J&K girls will play against Telangana, Uttarakhand and Puducherry in the next matches.

Earlier, the championship, organising Delhi Volleyball Association under the aegis of Volleyball Federation of India, was inaugurated by the chief guest, Yogeshwar Dutt, Olympic Bronze Medallist in presence of Guests of Honour, Vipin Sachdeva, President BJP Delhi and Om Parkesh

Sharma MLA Vishwash Nagar.

A total of 48 teams including 25 boys and 23 girls are participating in the championship.

Saroj Sharma, Treasurer -Delhi Olympic Association, Anil Chaudhary, Secretary General of Volleyball Federation of India, Kuldeep Magotra, Chairman Control Committee and Treasurer Sunil Tiwari were also present.

On this occasion, Kuldeep Vats, President of Delhi Olympic Association and President of Delhi Volleyball Association and Kulbir Singh Gehlot, General Secretary of Delhi Volleyball Association honoured the chief guest and other dignitaries by presenting shawls and mementoes.

The J&K teams are accompanied by Subhash Kumar Sharma, Neloofar Habib, Mulkh Raj Sharma, Neha Bhagat, Anil Kumar and Sageer Ahmed as managers and coaches respectively.

Meanwhile, Patron-in-Chief Volleyball Association of J&K (VAJK), Raj Daluja, President Sidharth Daluja and other office bearers congratulated the boys team and coach while wishing them better performance in subsequent matches.

Today's results BOYS: Punjab defeated Odisha 3-0 (25-10, 25-15, 25-19); Telangana beat Himachal Pradesh 3-1 (20-25, 25-21, 25-18, 25-21); Manipur beat Assam 3-0 (25-15, 25-21, 25-14); Uttar Pradesh

beat Jharkhand 3-0 (25-13, 25-15, 25-18); Uttarakhand beat Bihar 3-0 (25-17, 25-19, 25-16); Tamil Nadu beat West Bengal 3-2 (25-21, 15-25, 22-25, 25-19, 15-10); Jammu and Kashmir beat Chandigarh 3-1 (20-25, 25-19, 25-23, 25-19); Gujarat beat Maharashtra 3-1 (26-28, 25-15, 26-24, 25-14).

GIRLS: Telangana beat Pondicherry 3-0 (25-15, 25-16); Gujarat beat Odisha 3-0 (25-09, 25-17, 25-10); Himachal Pradesh beat Jharkhand 3-0 (25-23, 25-09, 25-07); Rajasthan beat Assam 3-0 (25-08, 25-10, 25-16); Punjab beat Bihar 3-0 (25-06, 25-06, 25-22); Uttar Pradesh beat Maharashtra 3-1 (25-23, 25-15, 21-25, 25-11); Delhi beat Karnataka 3-1 (25-16, 25-16, 24-26, 25-17).

Directorate of Tourism organises trekking from Kattal Battal to Aithem

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JAMMU: Under the aegis of Department of Tourism, J&K, Directorate of Tourism, Jammu in collaboration with State Taxes Department, J&K organized a one day trek from Katal Battal, Nagrota to Aithem via Pehad Devta. Over 80 participants undertook the hiking activity. The trekking expedition was flagged off by the Commissioner, State taxes Department, J&K Dr. Rashmi Singh in presence of the Director Tourism, Jammu, Vivekanand Rai, Additional Commissioner, State taxes Department, Tax Planning, Policy and Advance ruling J&K, Ankita Kar, Additional Commissioner, State Taxes Department, Namrita Dogra and all the Deputy Commissioners of State Taxes Department, J&K.

Speaking on the occasion the Chief Guest said that the activity has been planned as a recreational activity to promote fitness of body, alertness of mind and dutifulness of soul and it has been planned to highlight the broad message that youth must befriend the nature as a counsellor to overcome anxiety, stress etc.

She requested the participants to be the brand ambassadors of the revered trekking trail and promote the Adventurous activity among



Commissioner, STD J&K Dr. Rashmi Singh and Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai and others during flagging off trekkers.

youth. With the start of the New Year, this activity shall help the participants to reestablish a connection between Mind, body and spirit, said Director Tourism, Jammu.

The trekkers covered the trek route through fields, thick vegetation and after crossing a number of brooks to reach the shrine. Later, some of the participants visited Aithem view point. Aithem which is already known for paragliding activities is also listed among 75 Off Beat tourist destinations of Jammu region.

Although, the route from Pehad Devta to Aithem is challenging, it offers breath taking views of the Shivalik uplands. Some of the participants undertook the Shikara ride who preferred going back to Katal Battal.

In the local folk lore and methodology, Baba Pehad Nag brought waters of Tawi from Kali Kund Glacier in Kaplash

Mountains of Bhaderwah to Jammu with the help of Kaliveer Devta and blessings of Kalika Mata. The place where Shrine is situated is known as Pehad village. The shrine is atop a big rock on the base of which is the River Tawi. Beneath the temple is a large and deep water body known as 'Davar' abounding with Fish which is revered as Devta.

The trekking expedition which was coordinated by Joint Director Tourism Jammu, Sunaina Sharma Mehta, alongwith Deputy Director Publicity, Abdul Jabbar, was appreciated by all the Senior Officers/ Officials of State Taxes Department, J&K.

J&K eves lose to Assam in close contest

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir eves lost to Assam in a close contest by 7 wickets in the U-15 Women's One Day Trophy at Sanosara Cricket Ground Rajkot. Earlier, batting first, J&K scored a modest total of 118/7 in 35 overs. Manya Banotra top scored with 32 runs off 40 balls, studded with 6 boundaries, while Shambhavi Rajput contributed valuable 26 runs off 28 balls including 5 boundaries. Skipper Ayati Sadotra scored 17 runs off 39 balls with 3 fours. Khushi Kumari was the wrecker-in-chief for Assam who took 4 wickets, while Akansha Shandilya bagged 3 wickets. In reply, Assam chased the target in 31.5 overs, losing 7 wickets in the process, thus won the match by 3 wickets. Skipper Khushi Kumari top scored with 49 runs off 63 balls, studded with 9 boundaries, while Samadrita Saha contributed 24 runs the total. For J&K, left-arm seam bowler Sheetal Devi was the pick of the bowlers, who took 3 wickets by conceding 21 runs in 6.5 overs, while right-arm medium pacer Sania Slathia bagged 2 wickets by giving away 21 runs in 7 overs.

Kanhaiya, Kawal Preet slam tons; Vishal, Rydham impress

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JAMMU: Skipper Kanhaiya Wadhawan and promising Kawal Preet Singh slammed classic centuries and Rydham scored fifty to enable J&K declare their innings at 449/6, while left-arm spinner Vishal Kumar though bowled just two overs in his debut match, yet showed the glimpses of his bright future and impressed one and all against Rajasthan at GGM Science Hostel Ground, here on Tuesday.

Earlier, resuming from an overnight score of 267/3, Jammu and Kashmir rode on a marathon innings of 185 runs by Kawal Preet Singh and classic 118 runs by Kanhaiya Wadhawan to score a big total of 449/6 before declaring their

innings after playing 110 overs.

Kawal Preet took 305 balls to score 185 runs, hitting 28 fours and 1 six, while Kanhaiya scored 118 off 162 balls studded with 18 boundaries.

Wicketkeeper Rydham Sharma scored brilliant unbeaten 50 runs off 56 balls with 6 boundaries. For Rajasthan, Rohit Khiehar captured 3 wickets, while Mohit bagged 2 and Sangram Singh claimed one.

Rajasthan, in reply, were 1/1 in 3 overs at the draw of stumps on day-3 today.

ZA Khan was at the crease on zero while Puneet Mishra was dismissed by Vishal Kumar on one. Vishal was impressive with the ball, who bowled 2 maiden overs with a wicket.

Young Heroes, FC United Kathua, ASCOMS FC win in football



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

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JAMMU: Jammu's First Football Fest organised by Batra Group and Pegasus Sports Academy started on Tuesday at Mini Stadium Football Ground Parade, here.

The event was kicked off by Bhisham Batra, Director Batra Group and President Pegasus Sports

Academy.

On the inaugural day, Young Heroes defeated Vijay Football Club via penalty shootout while FC United Kathua defeated Young Rovers and ASCOMS FC was given a walkover.

On the occasion Bhisham Batra said "We are happy to see the response from

both boys as well as girls teams. Our main focus is to develop football culture in Jammu and also give our local players a chance to play regular football. In previous tournaments we have seen many teams get players from outside the UT of J&K especially Punjab & Delhi this culture was demotivating our young players. So we have organised this Football Fest for J&K and Ladakh Players only."

Carrom trials on Jan 9

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Carrom Association shall hold selection trials to name J&K team for the upcoming the 47th Junior National Carrom Championship to be held at Dadar, Mumbai, Maharashtra from February 1 to 4.

Those eligible players have been advised to report to the association for the selection process which shall take place at Carrom Hall SKISC, Srinagar on January 9, a handout issued by the Association here today informed.

Players can also contact the Association nominee for the trials Arif Sultan (9906767529).

Players born on or after 02.02.2005 may take part in Junior (under 18) category while those born on or after 02.02.2002 can appear in Youth (under 21) group, the handout added.

It's also a great honour for the J&K that the masters roller hockey team is performing extraordinary at national level and adding gold to the medal tally of JKRSA.

Inter District Provincial Level U-17 Cricket tournament begins

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KATHUA: Department of Youth Services and Sports Kathua organized the inter District Provincial Level U-17 Cricket tournament for boys at Sports Stadium Hiranagar,

here on Tuesday.

The tournament was inaugurated by DYSSO Kathua, Sunil Kumar, who advised the participants to play the game with true sportsmanship and well discipline manners.

Cycling team named for Nationals

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JAMMU: Cycling Association of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday announced team for the 27th Senior, Junior and Sub Junior National Road Cycling Championships to be held at Sinner, Nashik in Maharashtra from January 7 to 10.

Soon after the team named by the Association, the J&K Sports Council (JKSC) conducted screening of the selected players in the presence of officials.

The Team: Elite Category: Waheed Ahmad Ganie, Bazil Ahmad, Adil



Selected cyclists posing with dignitaries.

Teli and Manjeet Singh. U-23 Boys: Mohmiss Ismail, Sheikh Saqibal Raheem, Suhaib-ul-Mehraj and Zamin Hassan Mirza. U-18 Junior Boys: Adnan Bashir, Abhay Choudhary and Hilal Ahmad Dar. U-

16 Sub-Junior Boys: Jahangir Ahmad, Mir Bahjat Nawaz and Sahil Manzoor. U-14 Youth Boys: Arfat Bashir and Arindham Ravi. U-14 Girls: Yumna Parvez and Farah Ahad.

Debutant Mavi stars in India's two-run win over Sri Lanka

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MUMBAI: Shivam Mavi made a dream debut with a relentless display of fast-bowling as his four-wicket haul made the difference in India's narrow two-run win over a spirited Sri Lanka in the first T20I here on Tuesday.

India batters found the Sri Lankan spinners hard to put away before Deepak Hooda (41 not out off 23) and Axar Patel

(31 not out off 20) took the hosts to 162 for five. The Sri Lankans surely had the firepower to chase down 163 but Mavi's strikes at front and back end of the innings tilted the game in favour of the home team. The game went down to the wire with spinner Axar Patel managing to defend 13 runs in the final over. Mavi ended with envious figures of four for 22 in four overs.

J&K masters roller hockey became National champion for the 4th consecutive year

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JAMMU: In the recently concluded 60th National Roller Skating championship at Bengaluru, the masters Roller Hockey team of J&K again retained the champions title for the 4th consecutive year under the captaincy of International player Rajesh Anand (DySP, J&K Police).

It is important to mention here that the J&K Masters team did not even lose their single match for the last 4 years in the Nationals.



J&K team after receiving medals at national championship.

The members of the gold medal winning team were Anksuh Kohli, Dr. Rai Brinder Singh, Ramneesh

Sharma, Gagan Singh Jamwal, Arvin Singh, Vikram Gupta, Sanjeev Kumar and Sunil Pargal.

North Zone Inter-University Basketball Tournament JU basketball women team wins tie

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JAMMU: The University of Jammu basketball women team won first match in the ongoing North Zone Inter-University Basketball (W) Tournament 2022-23 organized by the Arts and Sports College Jalandhar. In the first match, Jammu University team beat CSJ Kanpur by 44-08 points.

Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director Sports & Physical Education, JU lauded the efforts of the team congratulating the players of JU team for showing tremendous performance and wished the university team to give their best performance in the next match.



Winner JU team posing with officials.