

Udhampur to face City Club in Volleyball final



Chief Guest, CEO of VAJK, Kuldeep Magotra and other dignitaries posing with participating teams.

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RAMNAGAR: Udhampur Club shall be playing against equally good City Club in the final of the District Udhampur Volleyball Championship underway at Indoor Complex, here tomorrow.

The championship is being organised by Udhampur Volleyball Association under the aegis of VAJK and sponsored by the J&K Sports Council.

In the semifinals of this three-day meet, Udhampur Club defeated Thial Club 3-0

(25-11, 25-21, 25-14) while City Club trounced Ramnagar Club 3-0 (25-19, 25-18, 25-19). Preliminary Round: City Club beat Dhanori Club 2-0; Basantgarh beat Sudhmahadev Club 2-0; Udhampur Club beat Tikri

Club 2-0 and Ramnagar Club beat Basantgarh.

On the second day of the championship, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Volleyball Association of J&K (VAJK), Kuldeep Magotra was the Chief Guest and whereas Mohd Tariq, Joint

Secretary of the Association was Guest of Honour.

They interacted with the teams and witnessed the semifinals.

The Chief Guest, speaking on the occasion, exhorted the participants to show their skills of the games and con-

tribute their energies for channelising towards national reconstruction inculcating thereof the spirits of national unity and communal harmony among themselves.

Lauding the efforts of office bearers of Udhampur District Volleyball Association, he extended his full corporation on behalf of the Volleyball Association of J&K for conduct of more such events in future too in Udhampur District.

Sunil Sharma and prominent sports personalities were present on the occasion.

The matches were officiated by Kuldeep Kumar, Amit Sharma, Suresh Paul, Rakesh Singh, Surinder Gupta and Vinod Sharma. The proceedings of the function were conducted by Amit Sharma.

Cooch Behar Trophy HP gains huge first innings lead against J&K

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JAMMU: Himachal Pradesh gained a huge first innings lead of 200 runs over Jammu and Kashmir in the ongoing Cooch Behar Trophy match at Luhn Cricket Ground Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh.

Earlier, resuming from an overnight score of 173/3, Himachal Pradesh sailed on the big knocks by wicket-keeper batter Ujjawal Sharma and Satvik Katoch to score a huge total of 435/8 before declaring their innings.

Ujjawal Sharma scored a splendid century, scoring 111 off 161 balls, studded with 15 fours and 2 sixes, while Satvik Katoch contributed valuable 87 runs and

Abhinav D Sharma made 55 runs.

Zaid Ahmed and Dhruv Sharma took 2 wickets each for Jammu and Kashmir, while Nashant Kumar, Mudasir Abdullah and Mousub Mohd Bhat claimed one wicket each.

J&K were 24/1 in 7 overs in the second essay at stumps on day-3 today. Makeshift opener Hatim Reyaz and Salman Ahmad Bakshi were at the crease on 10 runs each, while Kamakh Sharma was the only batter to be dismissed at his individual score of 2 runs.

With the final day's play left in the match, J&K are still trailing by 176 runs with 9 wickets in hand.

Legends League Cricket: Jhunjhunwala takes Gujarat Giants on top of points table

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VISHAKHAPATNAM: Abhishek Jhunjhunwala was at his murderous best in his rapid-fire innings of 81 runs to guide Gujarat Giants to a resounding 5-wicket victory and take them on top of the points table with seven points after the completion of his team's all group stage matches in the ongoing prestigious Legends League Cricket at Dr YS Rajasekhara Reddy ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium, Visakhapatnam on Sunday.

The Legends League Cricket, the four matches of which were held in Jammu before the matches held in Ranchi and Uttarakhand, is now in full swing at Vishakhapatnam.

Chasing a big total of 159 runs, Gujarat Giants sailed on splendid batting display from Jhunjhunwala to chase the target in penultimate over of the match, losing 5 wickets in the process. Jhunjhunwala was in sublime touch and sent the bowlers on a leather-hunt, smashing 10 delectable boundaries and 3 massive sixes, while Kevin O'Brien (29), Chirag Khurana (22) and Elton Chigumbura (21) were the other major contributors.

For Southern Super Stars, Hamid Hassan took 2 wickets, while Abdur Razzak, Suranga Lakmal Chaturanga de Silva claimed one wicket apiece.

Earlier, batting first, Southern Super Stars scored a decent total of 159 runs in the

stipulated 20 overs, losing 8 wickets in the process. Upul Tharanga top scored with 34 runs off 31 balls, studded with 4 boundaries, while Shreevats Goswami contributed brisk 24 runs off 21 balls including 4 fours. C de Silva (17), Rajesh Bishnoi (17), Lakmal (15) and Pawan Negi (13) were the other contributors.

For Gujarat Giants, Johnston took 3 wickets, while Monty Panesar bagged 2 wickets.

Now, with just one league match remaining before the qualifiers, Gujarat Giants are on the top of the points table, followed by Manipal Tigers, Urbanisers Hyderabad, India Capitals, Southern Super Stars and Bhilwara Kings.

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JAMMU: Stunning the professional Pegasus Football Club in the semifinals, the raw talent of Dream Football Club Poonch today made it to the final of the Jammu Gold Cup Under-19 Football Championship being held at GGM Science College ground, here.

Though Pegasus dominated their second half of the play, but the early lead taken by Dream FC worried them throughout the game. Two time man of the match with back to back hat-tricks, Sukhmanveer Singh stole the show today with only goal of the match which he netted in the 22nd minute. He was named man of the match.

Now, Dream FC shall take on by the J&K Bank Academy (Jammu) in title clash tomorrow at 2.30 pm at

Girls' trophy for Khelo India Centre Hiranagar Poonch Dream in U-19 Football final



Winner girls' team of Khelo India Centre Hiranagar after receiving trophy.

GGM Science College ground, here. Organised by the Young Hero's Football Club in collaboration with J&K Sports Council, the event is also

being supported by R K Kohli Memorial.

The match, besides others witnessed by senior BJP leader, Yudhvir

Singh, who was special guest.

Meanwhile, an exhibition match for girls also organised today with the sole aim to promote football among women. In this match, Khelo India Centre Hiranagar defeated Khelo India Centre Reasi 2-1.

Shivani was star of the match with both goals scored by her for the winning team. The first goal came in the 10th minute of the match, followed by lead via a penalty in the 50th minute. From Reasi, Sharanya was the goal scorer in the 25 minute.

Former Minister, Priya Sethi was chief guest in this match presented the title trophy as also individual medals amidst appreciation for the organisers. She was all praise for the Young Hero's FC for providing young girls from the rural pockets of the J&K a platform to perform and excel.

Deshmesh Club lifts 7th Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Memorial Hockey tournament trophy

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JAMMU: Deshmesh Hockey Club Nanak Nagar outplayed MBS Hockey Club Simbal by three goals to one in the final and lifted the trophy of 7th Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Memorial Hockey Tournament 2023 organized by Kashmir Sikh Sangat under the aegis of Hockey Jammu and Kashmir, which concluded at KK Haku Hockey Stadium, here on Sunday.

In the final match, Jasjot Singh from Deshmesh Hockey Club was declared



Deshmesh Club receiving winner trophy from chief guest, Mahant Manjeet Singh at KK Haku Stadium Jammu.

as Man of the Match for his outstanding performance whereas Rajveer Singh from Deshmesh Hockey

Club was declared as Man of the Tournament.

In the closing and prize distribution ceremony,

Mahant Manjeet Singh was the Chief Guest and SSP Randhir Singh was the Guest of Honour.

Others present were Dr Dhanwant Singh (USA), Karanjit Singh President KSS, Tejwant Singh Reen, Tejpal Singh Mehta, Suraj Singh (General Secretary KSS), K.N. Singh, Popinder Singh, Balbir Singh, Inderjit Singh, Surjit Singh Bali, Jaswant Singh, Paramjit Singh, Prof. Inder Singh and Ajinder Pal Singh.

Officials of Hockey J&K GS Bakshi (Tournament

Director), Rajinder Singh (Former President Hockey India), Rajinder Koul (Senior Vice President Hockey J&K), Daljit Singh (Executive Member Hockey J&K), Ishan Sharma (Treasurer Hockey J&K) and Supinder Deep Singh Bakshi (General Secretary Hockey J&K) were also present.

Technical panel comprised of Joginder Singh, Jagjit Singh, Harmanan Singh, Gurpreet Singh, Nazarat Hussain, Sahil Kumar, Ravneet Singh and RP Sarna.

Vijay Merchant Trophy J&K's Zaid sparkles in a losing battle against Rajasthan

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JAMMU: Right-handed middle-order batter Mohammad Zaid blossomed with the willow as he hit magnificent 77 runs in the second essay after scoring brilliant 92 runs in the first innings against Rajasthan in the Vijay Merchant Trophy match at Vijayawada on Sunday.

Though, J&K received a heavy thrashing by an inning and 180 runs, yet Zaid displayed extraordinary batting skills to score big half-centuries in both the innings of the game.

Earlier, Rajasthan declared their first innings at 540/5 as Rajat Bhagel slammed an unbeaten triple century, scoring 300 runs off 347 deliveries studded with 37 fours and 3 sixes, while S Shaktawat and Abhay Sharma



scored 89 and 88 runs respectively. None of the J&K bowlers could make much impact, however Saksham Sharma bagged 2 wickets.

In reply, J&K was bundled out for a meagre total of 188 runs in the first innings, while following on the team again collapsed at 172 runs, thus lost the match by innings and

180 runs.

Zaid smashed 13 fours and 3 sixes in 123-ball knock of 92 runs in the first innings and hit 9 boundaries and one six in 129-ball 77 in the second innings.

For Rajasthan, Bhavya was the wrecker-in-chief who took 8 wickets in the match, while Ekansh Sharma bagged 5 wickets in the match.

Vijay Hazare Trophy Centurion Tare overwhelms efforts of Vivrant, Auqib to fashion victory for Uttarakhand

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JAMMU: Wicketkeeper batter Aditya Tare slammed a glorious ton and overwhelmed the efforts of the quartet of Vivrant Sharma, Auqib Nabi, Shubham Khajuria and Shubham Singh Pundir to script a convincing victory for Uttarakhand against Jammu and Kashmir in the Vijay Hazare Trophy match at Gujarat College Cricket Ground A, on Sunday.

Chasing a big total of 283 runs, Uttarakhand were struggling at 85/4 in 15.2 overs, before Tare and Kunal Chandela made a partnership of 158 runs and took the score to 243/5 in 38.1 overs. After the dismissal of Chandela, Tare continued his brilliance and along with Akhil Singh Rawat took their side to home in 45 overs by losing 5 wickets, thus winning the match by 5 wickets. Tare top scored with unbeaten 225 runs off 101 balls, studded with 17 fours and 3 sixes, while Chandela and Avneesh Sudha contributed valuable 56 and 51 runs to the total respectively. Akhil Singh contributed unbeaten 22 runs to the total. Auqib Nabi was the pick of the bowlers for J&K who took 4 wickets by conceding 39 runs in his 10 overs, while Rasikh Salam claimed one wicket.



Earlier, batting first, Jammu and Kashmir scored a good total of 283 runs in the stipulated 50 overs, losing 8 wickets in the process. Vivrant Sharma played a magnificent innings of 83 runs off 74 balls, studded with 11 fours and 2 sixes, while Shubham Khajuria contributed 51 runs off 72 balls with 6 fours and one six. Shubham Singh Pundir scored brisk 45 runs off 30 balls including 2 fours and 2 sixes and Qamran Iqbal contributed 46 runs off 64 balls with 6 boundaries. Yudhvir Singh also chipped in with 9-ball 13 runs.

For Uttarakhand, Madhwal A took 3 wickets, while Avneesh Sudha bagged 2 wickets. D Negi and Abhay Negi claimed one wicket each.

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JAMMU: Myrah Dewan with her dominant performance this year storms into under-13 girls final defeating her younger sister Syrah by 3-0.

It was a sweet revenge for the elder sibling after she got outclassed by her younger one in the semi-finals of district championships this year.

Carrying forward her strong performance from this year's district championships, Syrah Dewan made her way through the Under-11 girls finals and will lock horns with the experienced Alena who outclassed Bhavin by 3-0 in the semis.

In both under-11 and



under-13 boys final, Saiyam Nischal will take on Ahaan for the title clash. Ahaan is the new entrant this year's final outshining Samar 3-1.

Cadet Girls (U-13) Semi Finals: Myrah beat Syrah by 3-0 and Gunjan beat Alena 3-0.

3-0 and Alena beat Bhavin 3-0.

Hopes Boys (U-11) Semi Finals: Saiyam beat Isaan 3-0 and Ahaan beat Samar 3-1.

Cadet Girls (U-13) Semi Finals: Myrah beat Syrah by 3-0 and Gunjan beat Alena 3-0.

BVP conducts State Level Bharat Ko Jano Quiz Competition

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JAMMU: Bharat Vikas Parishad Jammu Kashmir Prant conducted Bharat Ko Jano Quiz Competition on Sunday at Auditorium of Institution of Engineers, Channi Himmat, Jammu.

Arun Gupta, President Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Jammu was Chief Guest on the occasion.

Dev Raj Sharma, Regional President, BVP (North-1) presided over in the competition where Dr. Gautam Mengi, Prant Sangh Chalak RSS J&K was Guest of Honour, Er. Sachin Tickoo, Honorary Secretary, Institution of Engineers (IEI) was Special Guest and Manoj Rattan, Regional Secretary BVP(Sanparak) was Regional Observer.

Shiv Ram Sharma, Prant General Secretary welcomed the participants and digni-

taries.

Bharat Bhushan Sharma, Prant President BVP threw light on the objectives of BVP and various achievements of BVP.

Chief Guest lauded the role of BVP which work for Sanskars and is running various Seva Projects selflessly and had also introduction with the children and reciprocated with all words of praise for the participants from different corners of J&K.

Arun Sharma, Regional Jt. General Secretary gave briefing about the organisation and blessed the participants and asked them to perform their best in competition.

16 teams from various branches of BVP participated in Senior Category and 16 teams in Junior category.



Cheif Guest, Arun Gupta, President CCI Jammu along with other dignitaries and winner students at Jammu.

Er. Gopal Sharma, Regional Secretary BVP Sanskar (N) narrated the rules and regulation of the competition and briefed the importance of the function whereas Ashok Gupta, Prant Sanskar Pramukh threw light on various ongoing projects in J&K under Sanskars.

In the neck to neck

Competition of Junior category students of Modern Public School Channi Himmat, Jammu bagged first prize whereas Maharishi Vidhya Mandir, Sainik Colony got second prize and Lawrence Public School Reasi settled at third prize.

In another competition in Senior Category, R.S Public

School, Canal Road Jammu bagged first prize whereas DBN Mubarak Mandi Jammu won second prize whereas Nav Adarash Hr. Sec. School, Kathua & Govt. Hr. Secondary School, Gandhi Nagar jointly got third prize due to tied scores.

Manoj Rattan, Regional Secretary, expressed satis-

faction over the Competition. Er. Sachin Tickoo, Special Guest said that it is important to take youth on board for making progressive India and Engineering fraternity will also come forward in such programs and extend every possible help to BVP in this regard.

Dev Raj Sharma, Guest of

Honour highlighted the need of inculcating Sanskars among youth and shared details of various ongoing activities under the project Sanskars and congratulated the Prantiya Team over the Competition which was held on Computerised format with the expert technical assistance of team provided by Institution of engineers.

Dr. Gautam Mengi explained the importance of overall personality development of youth leading to Swasth and Shreshth Bharat and narrated such type of competitions will lead India to prosperity with moral based education and nobody can stop India to become Vishav Guru.

It was informed that teams who stood 1st will be participating at Regional Level Competition to be held in

Amritsar on 10th Dec.23.

Prominent among others who were present on this occasion were Arun Sharma,, Regional Jt. General Secretary, Anita Sharma, Sunita Gupta, Ashok Gupta, Ramesh , Vijay Sharma, Prof. B.B Sharma, H.C Vaid, Madhu Gupta, Arti Sharma, Anju Bansal, Sushma Rattan and many others besides Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers from various branches, School teachers and prominent citizens from all walks of life. All the participants were given Mementoes and certificates.

The competition was jointly conducted by Jyotsna Sharma, Prant Convenor Bharat Ko Jano and Er. Gopal Sharma.

All the proceedings culminated with National Anthem followed by vote of thanks presented by Sunita Gupta.