

Jammu boy Malik’s final-over heroics seal fourth win on trot for SRH

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NAVI MUMBAI: Young pace sensation from Jammu, Umran Malik's scorching final over proved to be the difference as Sunrisers Hyderabad slayed Punjab Kings by seven wickets for their fourth successive win in the Indian Premier League here on Sunday.

In top gear with Liam Livingstone's counter-attacking 60 off 30 balls (5x4, 4x6), PBKS lost five wickets in seven balls with Malik (4/28) producing a perfect final over -- a rare four-wicket maiden -- to skittle out the opposition for a below-par 151. After Bhuvneshwar Kumar (3/22) provided the key breakthrough of Livingstone, the 22-year-old uncappped pacer picked three wickets while the fourth came via run out to derail PBKS.

In reply, Sunrisers Hyderabad did not have a perfect start and lost skipper



Kane Williamson (3) early in the fourth over with Kagiso Rabada drawing the first blood.

Opener Abhishek Sharma (31 off 25 balls; 3x4, 1x6) and in-form Rahul Tripathi (34 from 22b; 4x4, 1x6) failed to convert their starts but the modest total meant that SRH did not have to worry much in the end.

Windies wicketkeeper-batter Nicholas Pooran (41 not out from 27b; 4X4, 1x6) and Aiden Markram (35 not out from 30b; 1x4, 1x6) then

completed the formalities with an unbroken 75-run partnership from 50 balls.

Playing without their regular skipper Mayank Agarwal, who suffered a toe-injury during training, PBKS were also let down with their sloppy fielding as they missed a runout and conceded easy runs defending a small total.

Markram finished off the chase in the penultimate over hitting Vaibhav Arora for consecutive boundaries and six to seal the issue with

SCOREBOARD		
PUNJAB KINGS INNINGS		
Shikhar Dhawan (c) e Jansen b Kumar		08
Prabhsimran Singh e †Pooran b Natarajan		12
Jonny Bairstow lbw b Suchith		14
Liam Livingstone c Williamson b Kumar		60
Jitesh Sharma † c & b Umran Malik		11
M Shahrulkh Khan c Williamson b Kumar		26
Odean Smith c & b Umran Malik		13
Kagiso Rabada not out		00
Rahul Chahar b Umran Malik		00
Vaibhav Arora b Umran Malik		00
Arshdeep Singh run out (Suchith/†Pooran)		00
Extras		07
Total		151/10
SUNRISERS HYDERABAD INNINGS		
Abhishek Sharma c Shahrulkh Khan b Chahar		31
Kane Williamson (c) e Dhawan b Rabada		03
Rahul Tripathi c Shahrulkh Khan b Chahar		34
Aiden Markram not out		41
Nicholas Pooran † not out		35
Extras		08
Total		152/3

J&K Cricketer turned Marathon runner-Pranav is no more

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: One of the prominent cricketers from Jammu and Kashmir, Pranav Mahajan, who had turned a successful marathon runner, today died of cardiac arrest during a Marathon run in Chandigarh.

A native of border tehsil of RS Pura, Pranav's last rites shall be performed tomorrow at his home town. Pranav, 40, represented J&K in the first class cricket for five years between 2004 and 2009.

He made his debut in the senior team in January 2004 against Delhi at Delhi. Left arm medium pacer, Pranav was soon made part of the Ranji team in December 2004 making his debut against Orissa in Srinagar.


Pranav played the last Ranji match against Haryana at Rohtak in 2008. His last limited overs game was against Punjab in Dharamshalla in Himachal.

In the recent past, Pranav

Ranjeet Kalra condoles demise of Pranav

JAMMU: Cricket administrator and sports promoter Ranjeet Kalra on Sunday condoled the demise of former J&K Ranji trophy player and popular marathoner Pranav Mahajan.

Kalra in a social media post wrote "Very very sad... Deeply hurt...It's a big loss for the cricketing fraternity...Pranav was not only an accomplished sportsperson but was also a very good human being...He was an inspiration to youngsters and was majorly responsible for developing a culture of sports in his hometown of RS Pura. I remember my last conversation with him was also with regard to the development and laying down of a turf wicket in Bana Singh Stadium of RS Pura. May his soul rest in peace and may god give strength to his family to bear this irreparable loss." "After an illustrious cricket career Pranav reinvented himself as an ace marathon runner. He was a patriotic person who always took pride in carrying the national tricolour...He was also an ardent admirer of Shaheed e Azam Bhagat Singh," said Ranjeet Kalra.



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from Jammu and won a number of titles.

Gandhi Nagar Green Belt Morning Walkers honour Sapna



Gandhi Nagar Green Belt Park Morning Walkers felicitating gold medalist Sapna Jain.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Gandhi Nagar Green Belt Park Morning Walkers' Association on Sunday felicitated Sapna Jain on winning four gold medals at National Classic Powerlifting Championships in the past. This is the first time that she has won four Gold Medals in the master category in a single tournament. Sapna has won medals four times in National Championship besides state championships.

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Association, is a house wife and has been credited with winning medals at national and Asian Powerlifting Championships in the past. This is the first time that she has won four Gold Medals in the master category in a single tournament. Sapna has won medals four times in National Championship besides state championships.

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and said that Sapna has proved her mettle even at international level and brought laurels to Jammu by her commendable achievements.

Sapna thanked the members of the Association for encouraging her and assured that she would continue to put in her best foot forward in the future events. A very large number of the morning walkers were present at the occasion and lauded Sapna's achievements in the field of sport and wished her many more such successes in future.

J&K Wrestler Benia Min lifts 93rd Jhajjar Kotli Dangal title

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATRA: Wrestler Benia Min of J&K Police of Basantgarh in District Udhampur lifted 93rd Jhajjarkotli Dangal 2022 by defeating wrestler Amit of Chandigarh in a very tough bout that lasted for 23 minutes at Jhajjarkotli in District Jammu.

Winner Benia Min was given a cash prize of Rs. 41,000 while runner-up wrestler Amit was given away Rs. 30,000.

In the second main bout, Munner of Nagrota defeated Ajit of Zirakapur (Chandigarh) and received a cash prize of Rs. 25,000. Runner-up wrestler Ajit got Rs. 16,000.

Third main bout was won by Nadeem of Doda who defeated Babba of Kot Bhalwal, Akhara Domana. Winner Nadeem was given a cash prize of Rs. 17,000 while wrestler Babba got Rs. 14,000.

Dangal was organized by Jajjarkotli Dangal Committee in association with J&K Indian Style



Kisan Morcha J&K UT Prabhari Nand Kishore Sharma and Shiv Sharma, Ex-Joint Secretary JKSC posing with wrestlers of main bout.

Wrestling Association on the eve of Shri Hanuman Janamoustav under the overall supervision of Durga Dass Thappa and Ajeet Thappa.

In all, 32 bouts were played and an expenditure of Rs 3.50 lakh has been incurred for the event.

Kisan Morcha J&K UT Prabhari and senior BJP leader Nand Kishore Sharma was the Chief Guest on the occasion while Shiv Kumar Sharma, former Joint Secretary J&K State Sports Council and President J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association presided over the function.

District Jammu

President BJP Rajinder Singh Chib, Mandal Pardhan Bharat Bhushan, Tehsildar Drub Gupta and SHO Devinder Singh were the Guests of Honour.

Sohan Singh Thakur (Sonu), Naresh Kumar (Pappu Lakri), Madan Mohan (Ex Sarpanch), Kuldeep Kumar (Sarpanch), District Secretary NC Noor Ali, Shamsher Singh Baloria and Deep Singh (Pinka) were among those prominent present.

Members and technical officials include Durga

Dass Thappa, Ajeet Thappa, Ankush Baru, Sham Lal Baru, Mulkh Raj Baru, Nazir Mohd, Mustaq Mohd, Anil Kumar, Satish Kumar, Kaka Ram, Kanchan Singh, Sanjay Kumar Dubey, Bunty, Deepak, Kumar (Langa), Vijay Kumar (Panch) Sanjay Singh, Tarsem Singh, Om ParKash Dubey, Sunil Advocate, Sonu and Sunil Singh.

Nand Kishore Sharma said the time has come when parents should encourage their wards for taking part in the game of their interest. He added that the clear guidelines have been given by the government that the sports talent of the children of this UT should be tapped and encouraged in such a way that it achieves laurels for all of us.

Shiv Kumar Sharma said that UT is rich of

sports talent and sportsmen from the UT have proven their mettle at different National and International championships, adding that proper nurturing by the Wrestling Association will go a long way in promoting the talent at different level.

Other Results: Dillar Khan of J&K Police beat Sagar of UP, Amir Khan of Nagrota beat Gurmali of BSF, Ranjeet Singh of J&K Police beat Sonun of Punjab, Arjun of Jammu beat Saif Malok of Numani. Bout between Sethi of R.S. Pura and Liakat Ali of Bajarangi Akhara Jammu ended in a draw.

Wrestler Arjun of Jammu was nominated as best wrestler of the Dangal and was honoured by Mata Ki Chunari and cash prize of Rs. 500 by Nand Kishore Sharma and Shiv Kumar Sharma.

Kotli Tanda Panchayat wins Volleyball trophy

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
AKHNOOR: As part of Inter Panchayat Zonal Level Competitions being held under the ages of 'Sansad Khel Spardha' for boys under-17 years, started at GBHSS, Akhnoor, a total of 70 players drawn from different Panchayats of Zone Akhnoor were participated on day two in the discipline of volleyball.

In the final match, Kotli Tanda Panchayat beat Gurha Brahmana East Panchayat.

Besides, competitions of Kabaddi were also com-



Volleyball teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

pleted yesterday in the under-17 boys category in which Kotli Tanda Panchayat emerged winner.

The competitions were played under the chairmanship of Sub Divisional Magistrate, Akhnoor Akhil Sadotra and overall super-

vision of Zonal Physical Education Officer, Akhnoor Tarsem Singh.

Prominent among others present were Madan Lal,

Ashnak Raj, Ashok Kumar, Pritam Lal, Darshana Devi, Indu Bharti, Jagdev Singh, Gurmukh Singh, Rajesh Kumar, Vikram Jamwal, Rinku Kumar, Vijay Tangra, Suram Singh, Rahul Dev Singh and Shambu Dutt.

All guests and local people encouraged participants and stressed upon them to take benefits from such activities and thanked the Department of Youth Services and Sports for conducting such competitions.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: District units of Jammu and Reasi celebrated the Foundation Day (Sthapna Diwas) of the Kreedha Bharati on Hanuman Jayanti by involving young students in special prayers.

The main function of Jammu district held at Maha Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir Public School, Resham Ghar Colony, here.

Caretaker of Shiv Mandir, Resham Ghar, Suresh Sharma was special guest while general secretary of the Kreedha Bharati J&K, Ramesh Chander Vaid recited Hanuman Chalisa and involved students in special prayers.

Earlier, Principal of the host school, Prem Lata Bali told the participating students and other guests about the importance of the Day. She thanked those promi-



Kreedha Bharati members during celebration of Foundation Day.

nent citizens present for their presence.

Meanwhile, similar function held at district Reasi where Shiv Kumar Sharma, president Kreedha Bharati, J&K performed Havana with students of Bhartiya Vidya Mandir School (BVMS), Kadmal in Katra.

Among other prominent, who performed Puja were Babu Ram Sharma (vice-president) and Rattan Chand (joint secretary) as also Principal, BVMS,

Rajesh Sharma and Vice Principal, Sapna Sharma.

Such functions also took place at Sprawling Buds ICSE School Bantalab and at Marh. At Sprawling Buds School, joint secretary of the Kreedha Bharati, J&K, Rahul Sharma told young students about aims and objectives of the sports organisation while at Marh, Executive Member, Raj Kumar took the initiative to education the students on the Foundation Day.

Over 100 lifters take part in Open Championship

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Over 100 lifters contested for the top honours in various weight categories in the one-day 1st Open UT J&K Weightlifting Championship which was organised by District Jammu Weightlifting Association under the aegis of J&K Weightlifting Association at Indoor Sports Complex, Bhagwati Nagar, here on Sunday.

The event took place in collaboration with J&K Sports Council with the sole aim to encourage and promote the game among youngsters thus giving boost to the sports culture the UT.

Prominent businessman and president of Hockey J&K, Rajeev Sharma was the Chief Guest, who presented medals and certificates among those winners and participants in boys and girls categories.

The chief guest was so kind in extending a helping hand that he assured



Medal winners posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

to sponsor lifetime study of physical challenged sportsperson, Ranjesh Singh, son of Surinder Kumar, a resident of Basantgarh in district Udhampur.

Former National medalist weightlifter and Inspector with J&K Police, Daljit Singh was Guest of Honour.

Earlier, Vice President of Weightlifting Association of J&K, Ravi Singh welcomed the distinguished guests in the presence of Association President and veteran

lifter, Harbajan Singh. Yudhvir Singh, General Secretary presented the vote of thanks.

Among others present were Onkar Singh (President, District Jammu Weightlifting Association), Vinod Sachdev (Vice President), Dayal Singh Saini (General Secretary), Inderpal Singh, Amit Sharma, Lakwinder Gill, Dhanraj Singh, Manish Charak and Akash Virdi.

The Results:

MEN JUNIOR: 55 kg: Jasmeet Magotra, 1st;

Krish Saini, 2nd and Aditya, 3rd. 61 kg: Vardesh Koushal, 1st and Guru Partap, 2nd. 67 kg: Nirbhay Partap Singh, 1st; Ayush Amgotra, 2nd and Sanatan Choudhary, 3rd. 73 kg: Narinder Lalotra, 1st and Kartik Kumar, 2nd. 89 kg: Gokul Takayia, 1st and Aditya Sambyal, 2nd. 96 kg: Nirmal Singh, 1st and Karan Kumar Sahu, 2nd. 102 kg: Misem Choudhary, 1st. 109 kg: Jatin Mehra, 1st. Plus 109 kg: Saksham Singh, 1st.

MEN SENIOR: 55 kg: Ravi Shankar, 1st and Anil

Kumar, 2nd. 61 kg: Parshant Sharma, 1st and Sourab Sharma, 2nd. 67 kg: Naman Mahajan, 1st and Manav Sharma, 2nd. 73 kg: Manpreet Singh, 1st; Rahul Chopra, 2nd and Akshay Dayal, 3rd. 73 kg: Rishab Dogra, 1st Varun Changotra, 2nd and Rajat Katal, 3rd. 89 kg: Manjeet Singh, 1st; Mohd. Zaffer, 2nd and Abhishek Kumar, 3rd. 96 kg: Namandeep Singh Naranian, 1st; Naresh Kumar, 2nd and Arun Raj Bhagat, 3rd. 102 kg: Himanshu Sharma, 1st and Nitin Kumar, 2nd. 109 kg: Archit Mahajan, 1st. Plus 109 kg: Pushpinder Singh, 1st.

WOMEN: 49 kg: Monika Devi, 1st and Yateksha Rao, 2nd. 55 kg: Ritika, 1st and Dimple, 2nd. 59 kg: Laxmi Devi, 1st and Palak Devi, 2nd. 64 kg: Palak Manhas, 1st and Akam Kour, 2nd. 87 kg: Sharon James, 1st and Kripa, 2nd. Plus 87 kg: Subi Shivgotra, 1st and Priyam Sharma, 2nd.

RASC holds painting contest at Jindrah



RASC members posing with a winner student.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Roller Athlete Skating Club (RASC) Jindrah, under its Swach Bharat Abhiyaan series, organised painting contest, poetry recitation and awareness rally under the banner of 'Swach Bharat Abhiyaan' at village Jindrah in block Dansal.

The events were organised under the supervision

of Dr Sunil Dutt Sharma involving around 40 participants from Government Degree College (GDC) Jindrah, Government Higher Secondary School Jindrah, National High School Jindrah and other educational institutions.

Former Sarpanch Kishori Lal was the Chief Guest and Chander Mouli (Retired Master and Dogri

poet) was the Guest of Honour. Sanjay Jamwal and Ravi Kumar were the judges for the painting contest.

The winners of painting contest (male category) were Keshav Verma, Gourav Sharma and Anil Kumar while Pallvi Thakur, Riya Jamwal and Diksha Jamwal were best among female participants.

Speaking on the occasion, chief guest extended his warm greetings to RSAC Jindrah for providing opportunities to the students of remote areas to showcase their talent.

Later Dr Sunil Dutt Sharma thanked all the participants and other individuals involved in the successful conduct of the event. He also requested the parents to encourage their wards for Roller Skating.