

Delhi Wrestler Deepak wins 46th Muttal Dangal 2023 title

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KATRA: Wrestler Deepak Kakran of Guru Hanuman Akhara Delhi lifted 46th annual Muttal Dangal title by defeating wrestler Babba of Kot Bhawal Jammu, Akhara Domana in the main bout that lasted for 27 minutes at village Muttal in Tehsil and District Udhampur.

The Wrestling event (Dangal) was organised by Muttal Dangal Committee in association with J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association under the overall supervision of Sarpanch Makhan Lal (President), Channay Ram (Chairman), Chuni Lal (Vice Chairman) and Naib Sarpanch Sukhdev Singh (Vice-President).

Swarn Singh Rathore, prominent wrestling promoter and Vice President BJP Udhampur District was the Chief Guest on the occasion who gave away cash prizes to the winner and runner-up wrestlers.

Shiv Kumar Sharma, President J&K Indian Style Wrestling Association presided over the function.

Parvez, hero of Dogri film Mouj



Shiv Kumar Sharma, President JKISWA with other officials and winner Wrestler.

Masti, Hans Raj, President Api Party Udhampur District, Rami Parshotam, President NC Udhampur District, Contractor Karnail Singh, Naresh Kumar (Pappu Lakri) and Rajinder Kumar Ramotra were the Guests of Honour.

The winner of main bout wrestler Deepak Kakran was awarded with cash prize of Rs 31,000 while runner-up wrestler Babba was awarded with cash prize of Rs 20,000.

Prize money for the first bout Rs.

51,000 was given by Chief Guest, Swarn Singh Rathore to the organizers.

Shiv Kumar Sharma, President Senior Citizens Welfare Forum Katra (Regd.) honoured prominent social activist Gandarb Chand, age 74 years of village Muttal by presenting him Mata Ki Chunari and turban.

The second main bout was won by wrestler Ajay Sharma of Udhampur who defeated wrestler

Abhishek of Guru Hanuman Akhara Delhi, another second bout was won by wrestler Rashid of Domana Akhara who defeated wrestler Sonu of Patti and third bout was won by Wrestler Bablu of J&K Police who defeated wrestler Zakker of Lallian.

Members of organizing Committee who helped in smooth conduct of Dangal were Makhan Lal (President), Channay Ram (Chairman), Chuni Lal (Vice Chairman), Sukhdev Singh (Vice-President), Rakesh Kumar (Cashier), Vijay Kumar (Panch), Mast Ram, Gulam Mohd (Panch), Darshan Singh (Panch), Sham Lal (Panch), Yusuf Din and Om Parkash Verma.

In total, 47 bouts were played and decided in the one day long Dangal and an expenditure of Rs 1,75,000 has been incurred for the conduct of this Dangal.

Proceedings of the Dangal were conducted by Naresh Kumar (Pappu Lakri), Channay Ram (Retired ZEO) and Rajinder Kumar Ramotra.

Wadoo, Ishfaq attend AFC Advance Course



J&K Coaches Mehrajuddin Wadoo and Ishfaq Ahmed with others posing for a photograph.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Two professional coaches from Jammu and Kashmir, Mehrajuddin Wadoo and Ishfaq Ahmed attended the Fourth Module of AFC Pro Diploma coaching course held at Dempo SC Academy, Goa, recently.

This was the last domestic module of the course which focussed on practical and theory assessment sessions delivered by the 17 coaches present, who also had to present their thesis.

Kim Poulsen and Savio

Medeira were the lead and assistant coach educator, respectively, during the course.

After the conclusion of the course, Poulsen said, "The coaches did well, and it was great to see all the potential coaches flourish. I hope that many of them from this group of top coaches will get opportunities to display their mettle on a bigger stage. They have the competence and ability and are ready to become successful coaches. Trust them and give them the chance for

which they have invested so much in their professional and personal development."

Important to mention here that both Wadoo and Ishfaq serve Sports Departments of the J&K Government.

While, Wadoo is coach with J&K Sports Council and Ishfaq Ahmed serves with Department of Youth Services and Sports. Presently, both of them have turned professionals and got engaged with professional football clubs outside the Union Territory of J&K.

Wushu trials today

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Wushu Association of J&K shall hold two-day selection trials to raise UT team for the upcoming 32nd Senior National Wushu Championship slated to be held at Pune in Maharashtra from May 13 to 18.

The trials shall be held at Wushu Hall, MA Stadium, here on May 24 and 25, a handout issued by the Association here on Sunday informed.

Players in both Taolu and Sanda can take part in the selection trials through affiliated district units and need to bring along DOB proof certificate, fitness certificate and passport size photographs for the selection trial.

The selection team: Kuldeep Handoo (Chairman); Kamal Kishore, Ajaz Hassan, Ashi Jamwal, Ajay Paul Gill, Sohni Sharma and Nisar Ahmed Mir (all members).

Shubham Khajuria slams cracking double century in England



Shubham Khajuria being presented a debut cap on representing Westhoughton Cricket Club in England.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: J&K's talented batsman, who has scored over 6000 runs across all formats at the BCCI's domestic level, Shubham Khajuria has blossomed in Club Cricket in England. While making debut for Westhoughton Cricket Club, Shubham has shown stellar grit and tenacity in notching up a thunderous double century, scoring massive 212 runs off just 126 balls, studded with 11

fours and 21 sixes in a One-Dayer against Friarnere Cricket Club.

Earlier, batting first, Westhoughton Cricket Club rode on a masterful knock by Shubham Khajuria to score a huge total of 366 runs in 47.3 overs. Apart from Shubham, who came in at number-4, openers K Younis (36) and MM Morris (20) were the main contributors. Extras also contributed 61 runs. Shubham has

shown elegance, sublimity, brilliance and radiance in his innings. He was simply at his butchering best, hitting the ball with fluidity and grace.

For Friarnere Cricket Club, I Ahmed and E Chiappe bagged 3 wickets each while M Waqas took 2 wickets.

In reply, Friarnere Cricket Club bundled out for 192 runs in 43.2 overs to lose the match by a big margin of 174 runs. Hasnat Ahmed top scored with 63 runs, studded with 7 fours and 4 sixes, while M Waqas and A Annum contributed 48 and 25 runs to the total respectively.

For Westhoughton Cricket Club, T Pindoria was the pick of the bowlers, who took 4 wickets by conceding 31 runs in his 7.2 overs, while K Younis and Shubham Khajuria bagged 2 wickets each.

700-odd Masters assemble to compete in 29th Masters National TT Championships

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Never say never. This expression of Charles Dickens Pickwick Papers is true as far as the 700-odd masters of the games assembled here to compete in the UTT 29th Masters National Table Tennis Championships getting underway at the Indoor Stadium of the Punjab Armed Police Complex here from tomorrow.

Nothing is impossible for them and anything can happen. For them, age is just a number. Their enthusiasm towards the sport they played and loved so much as youngsters have not only still intact but has grown with age. It also explains the fulsome participation of these ageless players from

28 states and institutions in 36 events-40+ to 80+ age categories in the men's section and from 50+ to 65+ in the women's section-ying with one another to claim the team titles as well as the singles crowns.

The championships, held under the aegis of the Table Tennis Federation of India through the Indian Veterans Table Tennis Committee (IVTTC), will be conducted by the Jalandhar District Table Tennis Association.

Maharashtra has sent 98 entries, making the western state the largest as in the past and followed by Delhi (64). Surprisingly, West Bengal stands third behind them with less than 40. Yet, the fight for team

titles will be among the three teams-Maharashtra, West Bengal and Indian Audit-with the right mix of players and regulars that are in touch with the game even today. That makes them formidable and favourites, including in some singles events.

Title holder Abu Rizwan (40+) of the Audit is a force to reckon with, and he would be the man to beat in the lowest age category.

By and large, the sheer number of its contingent has made Maharashtra garner maximum titles and the top perch on the medal tally in previous editions. Though there are several contenders from other states, they will look at Maharashtra paddlers

with envy for their seriousness and grit. However, they would feel the absence of Mangal Saraf, especially teammate Ranjana S. Patki, who shared several medals and brought laurels to their state, helped swell the medal kitty.

As usual, the technical team headed by N. Ganeshan and referee Anil Dubey will set the ball rolling with the team events beginning across categories at noon, after the inauguration by M.F. Farooqui, IPS, ADGP, State Armed Police, at 11 a.m. tomorrow. They will have the assistance of 45 other officials, including deputy referee Mangesh Mopkar with international and national umpires.

SFS, Hirangar, Dashmesh among winners in Hockey



Participating teams posing for a photograph with officials.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Society for Sports (SFS), Bandurakh Club, Dashmesh Club and Hiranagar Club won their respective matches to move into the next round of the three-day Junior Hockey Tournament, organised by Bandurakh Hockey Club under the aegis of Hockey J&K at Bandurakh in the city outskirts, here.

In the first match, Society for Sports defeated AKS Club 5-4

while Bandurakh Club outplayed Zorawar Hockey Club 6-3. In other scheduled matches, Hiranagar Club beat MBS Simbal 3-2 and Dashmesh Club trounced Khalsa Club 5-3.

Harjit Singh, Kirandeep Singh, Vivek and Sajjan were named player man of the matches played today.

Jorawar Singh, Manmeet Singh, Jaswant Singh and Jaswant Singh were special guests in today's matches.

Today's matches officiated by technical panel comprising Gurjeet Singh (Kaka), Gurjeet Singh (J&K Police), Tarandeep Singh and Prabhjot Singh. Among others present were Ravinder Singh, Tejinder Singh Raja, Daljeet Singh, Harpreet Singh Honey, Ajit Singh Sonu, Gurpreet Singh Guppy, Sukhvinder Singh, Javinder Singh, Sarabjit Singh, Tejpal Singh and Jasbir Singh.

FC Goa part ways with Head Coach Carlos Pena

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The FC Goa have parted company with head coach Carlos Pena. The Spaniard and his assistants, viz. Gorka Azkorra, Eduard Carrera and Joel Dones will be leaving with the Club's thanks and best wishes for their future.

Pena returned to the Club as Head Coach earlier this season after a storied time as a player. In his only season as the Head Coach, he saw his side miss the play-offs as they finished seventh in the Hero ISL 2022-23 season. The Gaurs then went on to finish second in Group C of the 2023 Hero Super Cup.

Speaking on the departure, FC Goa Director of Football, Ravi Puskur said, "On behalf

of everyone at FC Goa, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Carlos Pena and his coaching staff, Gorka Azkorra, Joel Dones and Eduard Carrera for the integrity and sincerity with which they went about doing their job."

"Unfortunately, the results didn't accompany the hard work put in behind the scenes but that does not take away from the time and effort they have dedicated towards the development and growth of the team," he maintained.

Director further said, "Their contribution to the club will always be cherished and remembered with fond memories, and we wish them all the best for their future endeavors."

6th World Cup Rollball Championship India, Poland, Sri Lanka teams advance in competition

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
PUNE: India, Poland and Sri Lanka defeated their rivals to advance in the 6th Rollball World Championship started at Shiv Chhatrapati Stadium in Mhalunge Balewadi, Pune.

In the women's section, Sri Lankan team defeated France by 2-1. In the half time, both the times were tied at 1-1. M.D Didulani and N Vinusha scored one goal each from Sri Lanka to give victory to their team. Jessica Billard scored a goal for France.

In the men's section, the Poland team won 7-2 over Uganda. In the half time, the Poland team had made a lead of 4-1. Poland's Raddia Satyam scored six goals (0.22, 10.44, 16.51, 18.25, 21.00 and 25.40 minutes) to win his team. Zhetkovski M. also scored a goal for Poland. Kwesya Ali and Kyada Simon scored one goal each from the Ugandan team.

In the men's section of the morning matches, India defeated Egypt 6-4. In the half time, the Egypt team had made a lead of 2-1. Mihir Sane and Vicky Saini scored two goals for India. Akash Ganeshwade and Sachin Saini scored one goal each to give victory to India. For Egypt, Hasan Ahmed scored two and Dassouki Kasseb and Abdul Fatah scored one goal each.

Nepal defeated Brazil 2-0. Nepal had taken a 1-0 lead at half time. Shrestharaj from Nepal made the team victorious by scoring two goals.

Latvia defeated the Yemen team by 3-1.



A Match between India and Egypt in progress.

Latvia team took a 3-1 lead at the half time, with Elvis Barkauskis scoring two goals and Siarmenis Vytyurus one goal.

Ivory Coast beat Syria 5-1. The Ivory Coast team had made a 4-0 lead at half time. Lath Timurien, Claudio Siler, Nando Kofi and Kafando Gilbert scored a goal each.

In the other match of women's section, Poland team defeated Syria Livon team by 7-1. The Poland team had taken a 5-1 lead at half time. Poland's Niekiewicz Malczane with three, Senowicz Mariane and Stellarj Barberane scored two goals each to win their team. Kamra Hassunatune scored a goal for Syria Livon.

Royal Challengers Bangalore defeats Rajasthan Royals by 7 runs in thrilling finish



■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
BENGALURU: A late charge led by a cameo from Dhruv Jurel was not enough for Rajasthan Royals as a century stand between captain Faf du Plessis and Glenn Maxwell set up a thrilling seven-run win for Royal Challengers Bangalore in their Indian Premier League match here on Sunday.

Invited to bat, Maxwell (77 off 44 balls) and du Plessis (62 off 39 balls) shared 127 runs for the third wicket from only 66 deliveries to power RCB to 189 for 9 in 20 overs.

Devdutt Padikkal (52 off 34 balls) struck his maiden fifty of the season and Yashasvi Jaiswal made 47 for a 98-run partnership for the second wicket but the Royals were lagging behind in the run chase before gaining momentum in

the last five overs.

Jurel played a small cameo of 34 not out off just 16 balls (2x4, 2x6) as the Royals scored 61 runs off the last five overs, losing three wickets in the process. But they fell short by seven runs in the end, reaching to 182 for 6 in 20 overs.

The Royals needed 20 runs off the final over bowled by Harshal Patel but could score only 12.

The Royals thus suffered their third defeat in seven matches but remained at the top of the points table due to a superior net run rate (0.844).

Harshal Patel (4-0-32-3) was the pick of the RCB bowlers while David Willey (4-0-26-1) and Mohammed Siraj (4-0-39-1) also played their parts.

RCB dealt a huge blow to RR when Siraj bowled a nip-backer

to beat the defence of the dangerous Jos Buttler, cleaning him up for a two-ball duck in the first over.

Having scored consistently in the last few matches, Padikkal ended his drought of a half-century as he struck one six and seven fours during his innings. Padikkal was dismissed by Willey, with Virat Kohli taking his 100th catch in the IPL.

Only two players, Suresh Raina (109 catches in 205 matches) and Kieron Pollard (103 catches in 189 matches) have taken more catches than Kohli in IPL history.

Padikkal's opening partner Jaiswal played some spectacular strokes in the powerplay post which RR were placed at 47 for 1.

Both Padikkal and Jaiswal perished in quick succession and in that phase, RR also could not find a boundary with Willey keeping it tight.

The benefit was reaped by Patel in the 14th over, when he pegged back RR while denying Jaiswal his fifty, who hit a slow full toss straight to Kohli at long-on. Patel struck again, in the 16th over, to have Sanju Samson (22) caught by Shahbaz Ahmed with RR stumbling to 125 for 4.

Shimron Hetmyer found it tough, managing just three

runs from nine balls before he was run out off a superb direct hit from Suyash Prabhudessai at extra cover.

Earlier, du Plessis and Maxwell's century stand threatened to take RCB to a massive total before RR fought back to restrict them to 189 for 9.

Du Plessis and Maxwell had

put on 115 runs from 50 balls against Lucknow Super Giants and 126 from 61 balls against Chennai Super Kings.

But RCB stuttered once the momentum was broken after the dismissal of du Plessis, run out off a brilliant direct throw from Yashasvi Jaiswal in the 14th over:

SCOREBOARD		
Royal Challengers Bangalore		
Virat Kohli (c) lbw b Boult		00
Faf du Plessis run out (Jaiswal)		62
Shahbaz Ahmed c Jaiswal b Boult		02
Glenn Maxwell c Holder b Ashwin		77
Mahipal Lomror c Padikkal b Chahal		08
Dinesh Karthik † c Buttler b Sandeep Sharma		16
Suyash Prabhudessai run out (Jaiswal/†Samson)		00
Wanindu Hasaranga de Silva run out (†Samson/Sandeep Sharma)		06
David Willey not out		04
Vijaykumar Vyshak c Hetmyer b Sandeep Sharma		00
Mohammed Siraj not out		01
Extras		13
Total		189/9
Rajasthan Royals		
Yashasvi Jaiswal c Kohli b Patel		47
Jos Buttler b Mohammed Siraj		00
Devdutt Padikkal c Kohli b Willey		52
Sanju Samson (c) † c Shahbaz Ahmed b Patel		22
Shimron Hetmyer run out (Prabhudessai)		03
Dhruv Jurel not out		34
Ravichandran Ashwin c Prabhudessai b Patel		12
Abdul Basith not out		01
Extras		11
Total		182/6