

Hardik's all-round show helps India pull off scrappy win over Pakistan

■ AGENCY

DUBAI: Hardik Pandya produced a special all-round effort as India held nerves to pull off an exciting five-wicket win over arch-rivals Pakistan in their Asia Cup opener here on Sunday.

Hardik (3/25 in 4 overs) showed his high value under extreme pressure as his well-directed short balls helped India bowl out Pakistan for 147.

It should have been straight forward chase but India's experienced top-three faltered, putting extra pressure on the middle order.

Hardik (33 not out off 17) and Ravindra Jadeja (35 off 29) then shared a 52-run stand to take India on the cusp of a famous win. The star all-rounder's three fours over Haris Rauf off the 19th effectively sealed the game for India.

With the team needing 6 off three balls, Hardik finished the game with a six off left-arm spinner Mohammad Nawaz.

The focus was on India's



top three going into the tournament and all three -- K L Rahul (0), Rohit Sharma (12 off 18) and Virat Kohli (35 off 34) -- did not have the best of times in the middle.

Rahul was out first ball with a tentative away from the body stroke off Naseem Shah that saw him playing on to his stumps.

Virat, who did hit a couple of confident pull shots in his innings, was dropped in the first over. He also played and missed a few times and also got lucky when a mistimed pull went all the way for six.

Media Cricket Club lost thrilling match against PCC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Fifer by Ankush Googly and disciplined bowling by Pathania Cricket Club (PCC) restricted Media Cricket Club (MCC) to chase a modest total of 124 in stipulated 20 overs & registered victory by 17 runs in an friendly encounter at Forest Ground Sidhra.

Arjun Pathania Captain of PCC won the toss and elected to bat first. PCC had a steady start as the bowlers of Media Cricket Club spearheaded by Captain Vivek Suri bowled on the nagging line & length.

But Ankur & Kanav applied themselves in albores Kanav was bowled by Shubham. Wickets kept on tumbling on regular intervals for PCC and they were restricted to 123 for the loss of 9 Wickets. Ankush scored 27 runs, Kanav 19 & Aman scored 12



Media Cricket Club team posing for a photograph.

runs. For Media Cricket Club Shubham, Vivek Suri, Rahul Khatri, Yasser took 2 Wickets each while Gurdeep took 1 wicket.

Chasing a modest total of 124, Media Cricket Club lost in form batsman Amit Kumar for 7 in 2nd over. Vishal tried to stabilize the innings but MCC kept on loosing wickets as PCC

bowlers kept on bowling on perfect line. Media Cricket Club was all out 106 runs. Yaseer scored 24, Vishal scored 22 & Vivek Suri scored 13 runs.

For PCC Ankush took 5, Rohit & Vinu took 2 with keys each while Aman Jadoo took 1 wicket.

Ankush Googly was declared as Man of the Match.

SO flags-off J&K Wrestlers for U-23 Meet at Kerela



Wrestlers posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Sports Officer of the J&K Sports Council (JKSC), Ashok Singh flagged off the 16-member U17 wrestling team for participation in the Under-23 Senior Boys Free Style, Greco Roman Style and Women National Championship being organized by Wrestling Federation of India at Kochi in Kerala from September 1.

The team, selected by the J&K Wrestling Association, screened by the JKSC before departure at MA Stadium, here in the presence of general secretary Jai Bharat; treasurer Om Parkash; Ravinder Kumar; Sahil Dagar and

Ajay Bharti. In the meantime, Basudev Sharma, president Wrestling Association of J&K, in his message, wished the team success in the upcoming event. The Team:

FREE STYLE: Kulvinder Singh (57 Kg), Natter Singh (61 Kg), Harsh Dev Singh (65 Kg), Jarnail Singh (70 Kg), Gourav (74 Kg), Gulshan Chib (79 Kg), Madhan Singh (86 Kg), Goutam Singh (92 Kg), Aman Kumar (97 Kg), Vikram Singh (125 Kg).

GRECO ROMAN: Avishek Lahoria (63 Kg), Kshitij Mansotra (87 Kg).

WOMEN: Upasana Singh (53 Kg), Muskan Rajput (59 Kg) and Kusum Rani (75 Kg).

Week-long Karate camp concludes at Rajouri

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: A week long special Karate coaching camp concluded at Indoor Sports Complex Rajouri. Around 100 young participants attended the camp which was organised by Rajouri based Yasmeen Karate Academy.

The objective of the coaching camp was to introduce new rules, techniques, belt grading



Karate players posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

test and self defense techniques among the participants. On the

concluding day, a competition

among the campers organized.

Additional District

Development Commissioner,

Pawan Kumar Parikh was the

chief guest on the concluding

day of the event. Wakeel

Ahmed Bhat, District Social

Welfare Officer Rajouri and

Ambedkar Gupta, former gen-

eral secretary of Karate

Association of India were spe-

cial guests.

Shah struggling with

cramps made the Indians

task a tad easier.

Earlier, Rohit Sharma

decided to chase after win-

ning the toss and the

bowlers, led by Hardik, set

up the game nicely for India.

SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN INNINGS

Mohammad Rizwan	† c Ayesh Khan	b Pandya	43
Babar Azam	(c) e Arshdeep Singh	b Kumar	10
Fakhar Zaman	† c Karthik	b Ayesh Khan	10
Iftikhar Ahmed	c † Karthik	b Pandya	28
Khushdil Shah	c Jadeja	b Pandya	02
Shadab Khan	lbw	b Kumar	10
Asif Ali	c Yadav	b Kumar	09
Mohammad Nawaz	† c Karthik	b Arshdeep Singh	01
Haris Rauf	not out		13
Naseem Shah	lbw	b Kumar	00
Shahnawaz Dahani	b Arshdeep Singh		16
Extras			08
Total			147/10

INDIA INNINGS

Rohit Sharma	(c) e Iftikhar Ahmed	b Mohd Nawaz	12
KL Rahul	b Naseem Shah		00
Virat Kohli	c Iftikhar Ahmed	b Mohammad Nawaz	35
Ravindra Jadeja	b Mohammad Nawaz		35
Suryakumar Yadav	b Naseem Shah		18
Hardik Pandya	not out		33
Dinesh Karthik	† not out		01
Extras			14
Total			148/5

Indian team storms into finals of 21st Asian Men's U-20 Volleyball C'ship

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: India produced a fine display to overcome the formidable Thailand hurdle to enter the finals of the 21st Asian Men's U20 Volleyball Championship which was held at Riffa, Bahrain.

As per reporter reaching here, led by Dushyant Singh, India beat Thailand 3-1 (25-21, 23-25, 25-18 & 25-17) sets in a rather convincing manner to make the final.

The team will meet either Korea or Iran in the finals face tomorrow at 9:30 PM.

Captain of the team Dushyant Singh guided the team very well with the team extremely well which helped this outstanding result and ultimately entered into finals of the event.

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congratulated to all the players and Coaches G E Sridharan, Rajesh and Praveen Sharma and Manager for their tremendous and outstanding performance.

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A match going on between India and Thailand at 21st Asian Men's U-20 Volleyball Championship.

Samanta, Member of Parliament & President, VFI, Ramavtar Singh Jakhar - Executive Vice President - CZ, AVC and Anil Choudhary, Secretary General, Sunil Tiwari - Treasurer and members of all the executive committee of the Volleyball Federation of India congratulated to all the players and Coaches G E Sridharan, Rajesh and Praveen Sharma and Manager for their tremendous and outstanding performance.

Meanwhile, Patron-in-Chief, Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir, Raj Daluja; President, Sidharth Daluja; Chief Executive Officer, Kuldeep Magotra; General, Secretary, V K Magotra; Treasurer, R C Sharma; Executive Vice President, H S Gill, Joint Secretary Mohd Tariq and other office bearers of VAJK also congratulated all players and officials for their decent performance in the Semifinal match against Thailand in 21st Asian U-20 Volleyball Championship and hope India will bring gold medal first time.

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ADGP Jammu Zone honours Indian Roller Hockey contingent ahead of World Skate Games

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Cheering up the participants ahead of the World Skate Games, the Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh on Sunday honoured the contingent of Indian Roller Hockey attending a training camp at Maulana Azad Stadium here.

Singh boosted the skaters by facilitating them with mementoes and presenting T-Shirts on the occasion.

This is the second training camp being organised by the Roller Skating Federation of India as earlier the first camp was held from June 15 to 30 at Patiala.

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ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh honouring contingent of Indian Roller Hockey.

An athlete himself, Singh extended best wishes to the trainees for the prestigious international competition advising them to stay focused and give their best and bring home the title.

Federation appointed Head Coach, Rajesh Anand, who is also the Deputy Superintendent in J&K Police stated that it is a matter of pride for Jammu and Kashmir UT that such a level of camp is being organised by Roller Skating Federation of India, hosted by J&K Roller Skating Association and supported by J&K Sports Council in collaboration with J&K Police from August 20 to 31.

He said that the Indian Junior Men and Junior

Men Roller Hockey Team will be participating in World Skate Games to be held in Buenos Aires and San Juan, Argentina from October 24 to November 13.

Notably, Rajesh Anand, who is also an former International player and captain of Indian Roller hockey team is conducting the camp in Jammu.

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