

# 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 off Haris Rauf off the 19th over 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.

With luck going his way, it seemed Kohli will finally get a much awaited big score but he was caught at long off off Nawaz. In his previous over, Rohit was too dismissed in a similar fashion as he attempted to clear the long off fielder.

With Pakistani pacers led by debutant Naseem troubling the Indian batters with extra pace and spinners keeping it tidy, 86 runs off the last 10 overs seemed a tough task.

When Shah returned to rattle Suryakumar Yadav's stumps, India were reduced to 89 for four with a lot rid-

ing on incoming batter Hardik and Jadeja.

The equation was brought down to 32 off 18 balls with Pakistan forced to bring one extra fielder inside the circle due to an over rate penalty. Pakistan pacers especially

Shah struggling with cramps made the Indians task a tad easier.

Earlier, Rohit Sharma decided to chase after winning the toss and the bowlers, led by Hardik, set up the game nicely for India.

SCOREBOARD		
PAKISTAN INNINGS		
Mohammad Rizwan † c Avesh Khan b Pandya		43
Babar Azam (c) c Arshdeep Singh b Kumar		10
Fakhar Zaman c †Karthik b Avesh 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		05
Total		147/10
INDIA INNINGS		
Rohit Sharma (c) c 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

## 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 allbore 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 UT 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 Dagoria 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).

## 4 Udhampur girls in J&K Kabaddi team

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Fast emerging as sports hub in J&K, district Udhampur contributed to the growth of the game of Kabaddi with four girls from the district representing UT team in the Junior National Championship. These selected girls, who are part of the J&K team, which has already left for the venue, are Kriti, Ayushi Thakur, Kanika Sharma and Kanika Jamwal.

Meanwhile, District Udhampur Kabaddi Association congratulated these selected girls for bringing laurels to the district thus encouraging other young talent towards sport. District general secretary, Ashok Kumar Sharma in a congratulatory message expressed his happiness over selection of such a big number of girls from the district. He thanked president of the Association, Anil Gupta and secretary, Surinder Mohan for encouraging the talent from rural districts.

Among others present to encourage the girls before their departure to join the UT team included Tanveer Sheikh (president Udhampur District Kabaddi Association), Sanjay Sharma and Ram Kumar (Kabaddi Coach).



## 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 Parihar was the chief guest on the concluding day of the event. Wakeel Ahmed Bhat, District Social Welfare Officer Rajouri and Ambedkar Gupta, former general secretary of Karate Association of India were special guests.

Others present were Satish Kumar, Manager; Anil Modi, organizing secretary; Jasveer Singh, Nisha Rani, Kajal and Joginder Kumar. The Team: Siya Saini (Captain), Divya Chouhan, Taniya Sotra, Komal Sathia, Shelnaza Bano, Tamana Sathia, Naziya Begam, Kriti, Kanika Sharma, Ayushi Thakur, Manshu Devi and Kanika Jamwal.

Kajal and Nisha Rani accompanied the team as manager and coach respectively.

## J&K Junior Girls Kabaddi team leaves for Patna

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Raised by the J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association the J&K girls Kabaddi team today left for participation in the 48th Junior National Kabaddi Championship scheduled to be held at Patna from September 1.

Before their departure the team underwent screening conducted by the officials of the J&K Sports Council at MA Stadium, in the presence of president of the Association, Anil Gupta.



Girls kabaddi team posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

## 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 Aman Kumar, Sameer Chaudhary, Ajeet Sheeko, Tanish, Harshit Giri, Sandeep and Sachin Dagar played their part extremely well which helped this outstanding result and ultimately entered into finals of the event.

With this historic win now India will also qualified to play FIVB World U21 Men's Volleyball Championship 2023. Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta



A match going on between India and Thailand at 21st Asian Men's U20 Volleyball Championship.

Samanta, Member of Parliament & President, VPI, 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. Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta takes the vital role to prompt the players with all the smooth support in the coaching camp held since

last 3 months. 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.

## 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.



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 focussed 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.

## Rajouri Volleyball Association felicitates Kartik

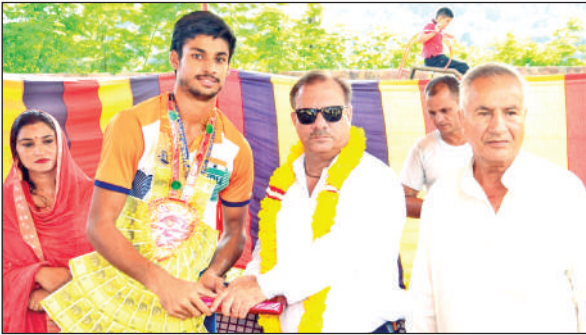
■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: District Volleyball Association Rajouri and Hurricanes Volleyball Club Bagnoti on Sunday felicitated international volleyball player from the district, Kartik Sharma at his home town for leading the Indian under-18 team to win bronze medal in the 14th Asian Volleyball Championship at Tehran in Iran.

On his reaching home, a grand welcome accorded to Kartik by volleyball fraternity and other prominent individuals of the district at village Bagnoti.

"It was due to the Kartik's exceptional leadership and talent that India has been able to qualify for the 2023 World Championship after a gap of 13 years," informed Incharge of Rajouri District Volleyball Association, Mohd Tariq while speaking on the occasion.

To pat the young talent from J&K, Kartik Sharma a big crowd of the locals turned



President Rajouri District Volleyball Association, Mohd Tariq honoring Volleyball icon Katik Sharma at Bagnoti in Rajouri.

up and profusely garlanded the spiker for bringing laurels to the district.

The speakers lauded the efforts of Mohd Tariq, FIVB Level 1 qualified volleyball coach and Incharge Rajouri for his efforts and guidance to the young talent in attaining new heights in sports, especially in Volleyball.

In the meantime, Mohd Tariq thanked Volleyball Federation of India and Volleyball Association of Jammu and Kashmir

(VAJK) for spotting and shaping the talent.

Among those present were DDC members, Sarpanchs, senior and prominent citizens.

Earlier, both young international spikers from J&K, Kartik Sharma and Mannat Choudhary of R S Pura in Jammu were welcomed and felicitated in a well attended function at Volleyball training facility of MA Stadium by the Volleyball Association of J&K in the presence of family members and friends.

## Drug-Free Bandipora: Final of Syed Hashmeer Memorial Football Cup-2022 held



DC Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed interacting with players.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BANDIPORA: Under Drug free Bandipora initiative, the final of Syed Hashmeer Memorial Football Cup-2022, eight edition was played on Sunday at S. K Stadium, here.

The final was played between Hashmi 11 Vs Arco Sopore.

Earlier, a total of 24 teams participated in the tournament which was organised by Hashmee FC in memory of Late Bilal Ahmad Tantray.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed along with SSP Bandipora Mohd Zahid attended the final match of the Football Tournament at

SK Stadium.

While interacting with players, Dr. Owais appreciated the youth for participating in the various sports activities and staying away from Drugs.

He urged all the participants, organisers and spectators to spread the message of drug free Bandipora and motivate youth to participate in sports and developmental activities.

He said the Administration is committed to promote sports in the district and urged youth to come forward on different platforms to showcase their talent.

Both the DC and SSP lauded the efforts of organizers for providing a platform to youth and engage them in sports activities.