

7th Eid-Diwali Milan Cricket Cup Simula Cricket Club, Samar Cricket Club script wins; enter next round

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 18: Simula Cricket Club and Samar Cricket Club scripted wins and entered into the next stage of the league round of the ongoing 7th Eid-Diwali Milan Cricket Cup, being organized by Zonal Police Headquarters Jammu in collaboration with Simula Cricket Club, KC Sports Club and Vishal Cricket Club at Parade Ground, here today.

In the first match, Simula Cricket Club defeated Reasi Cricket Club by 84 runs.

Batting first, Simula Cricket Club scored 182 runs for the loss of 9 wickets in 20 over. Satish scored magnificent 81 runs, while Puneet scored 23 runs and Raman made 19 runs.

From bowling side, Ramnik took 3 wickets, Anuj scalped 2, while Rajat, Anshuman and

Kapil took 1 wicket each.

In reply, Reasi Cricket Club could not chase the target and managed to score 98 runs in 15.3 overs for the loss of all wickets thus lost the match by 84 runs. Rajat scored 20 runs and Kapil made 13 runs.

From bowling side, Ritik took 3 wickets, Raman and Manjeet took 2 wickets each whereas Sahil, Satish and Mohit scalped 1 wicket apiece.

Satish was adjudged as Man of the Match for his brilliant batting performance.

In another match, Samar Cricket Club outplayed Horizon Kings by 21 runs.

Batting first, Samar Cricket Club scored 160 runs for the loss of 7 wickets in the allotted 20 overs.

Vishawjeet scored 36 runs, Amrit made 34 runs and Samar Singh chipped in 20 runs.

From bowling side, Asif took 4 wickets, Ashish and Majid shared 1 wicket each.

In reply, Horizon Kings failed to chase the target and bundled out at 139 runs in 19 overs for the loss of all wickets thus lost the match by 21 runs. Akhil scored 28 runs and Dimple made 21 runs.

From bowling side, Sourav Chopra took 4 wickets, Vishawjeet took 3 wickets and Deepak took 1 wicket.

Vishawjeet Singh was adjudged as Man of the Match for his all round performance.

The matches were officiated by Ashok Kumar, Sanju and Vijay.

In tomorrow's fixture, Spartan Cricket Club will take on Vishal Cricket Club, whereas Road Safety XI will clash with Lions Cricket Club.

India A bowlers disappoint as NZ A score 458/9 decl

MOUNT MAUNGANUI, Nov 18:

New Zealand A's last-wicket pair frustrated India A attack with an 83-run stand as the home team kept the first innings lead down to just nine runs after third day's play in the first 'Unofficial Test' today.

In reply to India A's 467 for eight, New Zealand A declared their first innings at 458 for nine after being reduced to 375 for nine at one stage.

New Zealand A's No 10 batsman Seth Rance (69 no, 57 balls) and No 11 Blair Tuckner (30 no) played out the next one hour to negate chances of a substantial lead for the visitors.

At stumps, India A reached 35 for no loss in their second innings with the young Pritivi Shaw (33

Pankaj wins grand double, extends world title tally to 21

YANGON (MYANMAR), Nov 18:

Legendary Pankaj Advani extended his world title to 21 by winning the long and short formats of the IBSF World Billiards Championship titles for a record fourth time here.

While Pankaj has always won the timed version of the long format, the more recent short version eluded him over the years.

Pankaj's city mate from Bengaluru, B Bhaskar, a two-time Asian silver medalist and a bronze medal winner at the world level, had to settle for silver.

A weak break by the tall, lanky Bhaskar allowed Pankaj to start off with a bang as he delivered a massive first blow through a 190 break.

An additional 173 and 198 widened the gap beyond reach for Bhaskar as he struggled to score a single century. He sat in his chair, probably realising that there was no stopping his colleague on Sunday.

When Pankaj crossed the thousand mark in the first-to-1500 final, Bhaskar was languishing at 206. The 800-point deficit eventually proved to be a tall order for Bhaskar to bridge. (PTI)

District Udhampur Open TT C'ship from Nov 20

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UDHAMPUR, Nov 18: District Table Tennis (TT) Association Udhampur is going to organize District Open Table Tennis Championship under the aegis of J&K State Table Tennis Association from November 20 to 22 at Badminton Hall here.

This was stated by Incharge Joint Secretary Prikshit Khajuria while interacting with media persons here today.

Prikshit informed that Championship will be played in 4 categories (boys & girls) Cadet, Sub Junior, Junior and Senior.

He requested the players to contact on mobile numbers 8713000084, 8899480145 and 9596892252 for registration or any details.

Sunny Sharma Vice President and Sanjeev Sharma Executive Member were also present during the press conference.

batting, 26 balls) hitting seven boundaries in the company of veteran Murali Vijay (2 batting, 22 balls). India's overall lead currently is 44 runs.

The Indian bowlers started off well in the third morning as New Zealand A were reduced to 211 for five from 176 for one within the first hour of play.

Tim Seifert (20) edged one to Parthiv Patel off Mohammed Siraj (1/104 in 29 overs).

Century Hunter Rutherford (114, 181 balls) was cleaned up by Deepak Chahar (2/51 in 12.4 overs), who didn't complete his 13th over.

Left-handed opener Rutherford, who has played 17 Tests for New Zealand, hit 107 boundaries and a six. Chahar also got rid of Rachin Ravindra (0) while Navdeep Saini (2/88 in 25 overs) trapped Glenn Phillips (16) leg-before.

However, the Indian bowlers couldn't press home the initial advantage with the second new ball as Doug Bracewell (48) and Dane Cleaver (53) added 65 runs for the sixth wicket before off-spinner Krishnappa Gowtham (3/107 in 42 overs) castled him.

Cleaver and Kyle Jamieson (30) added another 53 to take the team past the 300-run mark. Jamieson and Cleaver were then dismissed in quick succession as New Zealand A were reduced to 346 for eight.

Theo van Workom (11) added 29 with Rance before the final flourish from the last pair.

Brief Scores: India A 467/8 decl and 35/0 (Pritivi Shaw 33 batting).

New Zealand A 458/9 decl (Hamish Rutherford 114, Seth Rance 69 no, Dan Cleaver 53, Doug Bracewell 48, Krishnappa Gowtham 3/107, Navdeep Saini 2/88, Deepak Chahar 2/51, Mohammed Siraj 1/104). (PTI)

Kishtwar Warriors wins Dhanidar Premier Cricket League

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RAJOURI, Nov 18: Dhanidar Premier Cricket League organized by Indian Army at Rajouri culminated today with an exciting final match and a glittering closing ceremony at District Police Lines ground, Rajouri.

Eight teams from seven districts of J&K participated in the tournament. After keenly contested matches at league and semifinal stages, Kings XI Rajouri and Kishtwar Warriors played the final match.

The event was witnessed by General Officer Commanding, Romeo Force, Major General PS Bajwa, Vice Chancellor, Baba Gulshan Shah Badshah University (BGSBU) Prof Javed Mashart, DIG, Rajouri Deepak Kumar Slatia and other dignitaries from Army and Civil Administration of Rajouri district and large number of local population.

The event created an environment of festivities in the border town and persons of all age groups turned up to witness the finals in huge numbers.

In the final match that went till the last ball Kishtwar Warriors defeated Kings XI Rajouri by five wickets. Winning the toss, Kings XI Rajouri elected to bat and scored 109 runs in 16 overs.

Kishtwar Warriors successfully chased the target. Mohammad Saleem was the chief architect for Kishtwar Warriors victory.

During the closing ceremony, Military Band and Shaheed Bhagat Singh Bhangra Group of Poonch District mesmerized



Dignitaries presenting trophy of Dhanidar Premier Cricket League to the winner team at DPL Rajouri on Sunday.

the gathering with their performances.

The winning team in addition to the coveted trophy was awarded with Rs 60,000 cash prize whereas the runner up team received Rs 30,000. Mohammad Saleem of Kishtwar Warriors was declared as Man of the Series and was awarded individual medal and cash award of Rs 10,000. Rahul Sharma of Kings XI Rajouri was declared as Best batsman of the tournament.

General Officer Commanding, Romeo Force said that it was a treat to watch both the teams play the finals. He complimented each and every player who participated in the tournament and wished them good luck for future. He thanked the local administration for their whole hearted support for the successful conduct of Dhanidar Premier Cricket League.

England wins second test against Sri Lanka by 57 runs

KANDY, Nov 18:

England won the second Test against Sri Lanka by 57 runs on the fifth and final day at the Pallekele International Stadium to clinch their first series victory in Sri Lanka in 17 years.

The tourists, who had won the first Test in Galle by 211 runs, needed just 32 minutes Sunday to claim the second Test as their spinners quickly took control.

Sri Lanka, resuming on Sunday from their overnight score of 226-7, required 75 runs to win the game but could only add 17 as Moeen Ali struck twice in an over before Jack Leach had Malinda Pushpakumara caught and bowled to seal the victory.

Sri Lanka's chances to pull off a difficult win depended heavily on overnight batsman Niroshan Dickwella, but local hopes faded quickly as the wicketkeeper-batsman was dismissed for 35 by Ali (4-72) when Ben Stokes completed a good catch at first slip.

Two balls later captain Suranga Lakmal was bowled by Ali for no score to bring England to the brink of its first series victory in Sri Lanka since Nasser Hussain's side recorded a come from behind 2-1 win in 2001.

Leach (5-83) completed the win when he took a return catch off Pushpakumara to claim his maiden test five wicket haul. The left-arm spinner playing his third test finished with match figures of 8-153.

England captain Joe Root was named man of the match for his magnificent 124 that helped England to a total of 346 in its second innings, after the tourists had conceded a deficit of 46 runs in the first innings. (Agencies)

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Participants and dignitaries posing for group photograph.

Inter-City Model United Nations conference concludes at Heritage School

*GD Goenka bags Best Delegation Trophy

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JAMMU, Nov 18: The first edition of Heritage School InterCity MUN Conference organized by the Heritage School concluded on a pulsating note with a glittering closing ceremony today. The theme of the HJSMUN 2018 was 'War For Peace'.

The 3 day event started with a phenomenal opening ceremony on November 16, which was graced by Danesh Rana, IGP Armed Jammu as the chief guest. The sessions simulation of UNHRC, DISEC, ECOSOC, UNSC, Lok Sabha and International Press saw animated debates, heated discussions and frequent interjections of global issues of rising extremism, human trafficking, regulations of private military contractors, illicit financial flow etc.

Vikas Sharma, Joint Transport Commissioner, J&K, was the chief guest on the closing ceremony of the HJSMUN today. He shared his insights on United

Nations, its functions and role in maintaining world peace. He also highlighted the importance of MUN as school activity in providing students platform to come together to listen, negotiate, collaborate and then offer solutions to some of the most pressing problems of the world.

Principal, Heritage School, Jagadish Singh Dhani also emphasized the value MUN provides to students for their educational and social development as young leaders and for this reason the school has made it an integral part of its co-curricular activities.

The vibrant cultural programme which witnessed some enthralling dance and music performances added to the day's festivity.

The ceremony concluded with the prize distribution in which the outstanding delegates were felicitated. The Best Delegation Trophy was bagged by GD Goenka Jammu. The other awards included DISEC-Best Delegate was

bagged by Hanan Choudhary of GD Goenka. High Commendation was bagged by Agastya Bajaj of Heritage School, Oshin (Individual Participation) and Special Mention Udhayveer (Bhavani Vidyalaya Chd) and Utkarsh (Individual Participation). Lok Sabha-Best Delegate was bagged by Ananya Raina of Heritage School, High Commendation by Yashvardhan Rathore of GD Goenka and Special Mention Saksham Jain (Nagbani) and Amulya Sharma (Individual Participation). UNSC-Best Delegates was bagged by Rohit Ghangar and Harshit (Bhavani Vidyalaya Chd), High Commendation by Tawishi Malhotra and Vandie Bhakri of GD Goenka and Special Mention Pranjal and Vanya Bakhri (Individual Participation). HRC-Best Delegate was bagged by Chaitnya (Bhavani Vidyalaya Chd), High Commendation by Atharav Dabgotra of Heritage School and Special Mention (Nagbani). ECOSOC-Best Delegate was bagged by Ayan Mudra (Individual Participation), High Commendation by Nausheen Thusoo of GD Goenka and Special Mention by Arman Luthra of GD Goenka. International Press-Best Photographer was bagged by Chanakya and Best Journalist by Divyanshi of GD Goenka.



Players of Football Club Hiranagar in jubilant mood after winning final match.

Football Club Hiranagar lifts U-17 Football Trophy

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

KATHUA, Nov 18: The ongoing Tournament for block Hiranagar under Khelo India organized by the District Administration Kathua under the chairmanship of District Development Commissioner Kathua Rohit Khajuria witnessed competitions of football for U-17 boys and girls at Sports Stadium Hiranagar, here.

A total of 108 players of block Hiranagar participated in today's events. The first match of U-17 boys was played between Government Higher Secondary School Sallan and Government High School Mela in which Higher Secondary School Sallan outplayed Government High School Mela by 3-0 goals.

In second match, Sai International School Hiranagar outplayed Infant Jesus Higher Secondary School Hiranagar by 3-0 goals.

Ankita-Karman clinch WTA Taipei Open

PUNE, Nov 18:

Ankita Raina and Karman Kaur Thandi-India's top two singles players combined well to win their maiden title on the WTA Tour, grabbing the doubles trophy at the USD 125,000 Taipei OEC Open, today.

Playing first time together on the Pro circuit, the Indians clinched the title when Russia's Olga Doroshina and Natela

3-0 goals.

Kendriya Vidyalaya Hiranagar outplayed CMP Dayalchak by 2-1 goals in 3rd match and in 4th match, Football Club Hiranagar outplayed Royal Club Kootah by 4-0 goals.

The first semifinal was played between Sai International School Hiranagar and Government Higher Secondary School Sallan in which SIS registered win and enter in final match by 5-0 goals.

The second semifinal match was played between Football Club Hiranagar and Kendriya Vidyalaya Hiranagar in which Football Club Hiranagar defeated KV Hiranagar by 3-0 goals and entered in final match.

In summit clash, Football Club Hiranagar trounced SIS Hiranagar by 5-0 goals. Sunil Sandhu netted 2 goals, while Dharuv Kumar, Nistish Jasrotia and Harshed scored 1 goal each.

Dzalamidze opted out of edge-of-seat contest due to latter's injury. The match was on even keel with both the pairs splitting the first two sets.

The Indians had won the first set 6-4 but lost the second 5-7. The super tie breaker was tied 12-12 when Natela fell and suffered a hamstring injury. She struggled to even walk and they were forced to retire. (PTI)

SMDA organizes Mansar to Mahoregarh trek

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 18: The picturesque lake destination of Mansar was thronged by hundreds of avid trekkers and adventure enthusiasts today to participate in Mansar to Mahoregarh trek. The trek was organized by Surinsar Mansar Development Authority (SMDA) in collaboration with the Directorate of Tourism, Jammu.

Professional trekkers from Tawi Trekkers and students from Government Degree College Udhampur, Government Higher

trekkers aware about the natural flora and fauna of the Surinsar Mansar Wildlife Sanctuary.

Sumit Khajuria, a noted mountaineer briefed the participants about the trekking gear and need for maintaining cleanliness along the nature trail.

The participants were given souvenirs by the Department of Tourism. The trek was organized to give a fillip to the outdoor adventure activities and to afford an opportunity to the city dwellers to enjoy the nature at its best.

SMDA had specially invited bloggers, video bloggers, social



DC Udhampur Ravinder Kumar flagging of Mansar to Mahoregarh trek.

media experts and writers to spread the awareness about the trek. The event was also attended by travel agents, adventure planners and event managers to assess the potential of adventure tourism in the Surinsar Mansar area. The authority has planned Heritage Walk at Babore Temple complex, an early medieval temple site maintained by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to commemorate World Heritage Week next Sunday.

Aman nominated Coach of senior Indian team

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 18: Senior coach of the Sports Authority of India Aman Sharma has been nominated as the coach of the Senior Indian men team.

The decision in this regard was taken by the steering committee of the Basketball Federation of India, taking into account the recent



performances of the Indian junior men team in the South Asian and Asia Pacific Championships, which was trained by Aman Sharma.

Sharma will train the senior team at Basketball Academy Bangalore from the November 21 to December 8, before its participation in the Kung Shung Cup Championship at Hongkong from December 11 to 16.

Devs Kids World School celebrates 14th Annual Day

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 18: The 14th Annual Day-cum-Prize Distribution function was celebrated with great zest and zeal at Devs Kids World School Katra today.

On the occasion, Simrandeep Singh CEO Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board Katra was the

welcome speech was presented by Meenakshi Mahajan whereas annual report was read by Principal Sharda Devi.

A beautiful cultural programme including solo dance, group dance, skits etc were presented by the students of different classes.

On the occasion, all position



Children presenting cultural item during Annual Day function.

chief guest, while Kamal Gupta President, Rameshwar Mengi Vice President, Ajay Gupta General Secretary J&K PSA along with Sanjeev Luthra and Shiv Kumar Sharma were the guests of honour. The function was presided over by the Tej Singh Chairman.

The programme started with the lighting of the traditional lamp followed by Sarswati Vandana. The

and distinction holders from different classes were felicitated for their achievements in different activities by the guests.

The programme was compared by Anupam Sharma. In the end, the vote of thanks was presented by the Ajay Singh.

Among others present were Gansara Singh, Jatinder Heera, Laddi Sharma, Arvind Sharma and Pooja Sharma.

SOS Hermann Gmeiner School celebrates Annual Fest

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 18: Annual fest was celebrated in SOS Hermann Gmeiner School Jammu in the school campus with gaiety and fervour.

Chander Mohan Gupta, Mayor JMC Jammu was the chief guest and Munish Sharma former Vice Chairman JAKFED Jammu was the guest of honour on the occasion. Besides other distinguished guests, parents and large number of gathering were also present.

Principal Ramesh Kumar Dhar welcomed and introduced the guests followed by presentation of bouquets and welcome songs.

The program began with the traditional lighting ceremony and display of attractive cultural items like folk music, group dances, etc.

During annual festival, stalls comprising of food stalls and fun filled games were displayed. The audience enjoyed the food along with games. Camel riding remained the star attraction for children. There was exhibition of Science, Art and craft, Expression

and Yoga also.

Earlier, the prize distribution ceremony was also held, where the chief guest gave away medal and certificates to students who excelled in different areas.

While speaking on the occasion, Gupta impressed upon the school management for providing equal opportunities to poor and needy children to excel in their life and become useful asset to society.

The last attraction of the festival was Lucky Draw of exciting items having numbers from 1 to 35 as 03855, 00915, 01042, 02067, 01806, 03747, 08131, 03679, 06001, 01317, 02785, 08272, 01049, 08513, 02071, 08535, 01026, 01240, 05650, 01285, 00081, 03086, 03240, 08452, 07742, 02066, 03107, 02162, 00501, 07311, 02283, 02133, 05306, 03160.

05812, a super Bumper Draw bearing number 30602 and five consolation prizes having number 03889, 03158, 05163, 06965 and 04206.

In the end, vote of thanks was presented by Geeta Bhan.

District Kickboxing C'ship held

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 18: District Kickboxing Championship was organized by J&K Kickboxing Association under the guidance of GN Tantray, President of the Association.

The championship was scheduled for two days and was conducted for different weight categories.

Dr Vikesh Kaur, Principal Doon International School was the chief guest on the valedictory function. The opening ceremony was presided over by Mani Ram Vice President of Kirpal Ashram.

A total of 260 students from 7 schools and academies namely Presentation Convent, Doon International School, RMPS, Bharti Shiksha Kendra School, Air Force School, Alis Sports Academy Jammu and Sambhal Club participated in the championship.

Doon International School

emerged as the winner by winning 11 gold, 16 silver and 22 bronze medals under the guidance of the coach Sahil Sambyal where as Bhartiya Shiksha Kendra School was the runner-up with 9 gold, 5 silver and 7 bronze medals.

The chief guest Dr Vikesh Kaur asserted that such sports of adventurous nature are the demand of today's scenario not only for self defense but also to enhance the fear management skill of the children. "It is the onus of the school and the parents to prepare the children for an unpredictable future by instilling confidence and indomitable spirit of taking risk. Spirited and confident children of today are the beginning of the bright future of our nation", Dr Kaur asserted.

The championship was organized and coordinated by Younis Hassan, General Secretary, Faizal and Harmet Singh.

'Magnificent Mary' in quarters, Sarita bows out

NEW DELHI, Nov 18:

Five-time champion M C Mary Kom punched her way into the 48kg quarterfinals while another veteran Sarita Devi made an early exit after losing a hard-fought 60kg bout in the AIBA Women's World Championships here on Sunday.

Chasing a historic sixth gold and first medal since 2010, the 35-year-old Mary Kom registered a convincing 5-0 win over Aigerim Kessenayeva of Kazakhstan in her opening bout of the tournament.

The 36-year-old Sarita, who won a gold in the 2006 edition when it was also held in the Capital city, lost to 2016 World Champion silver medalist Kellie Harrington of Ireland in a split 3-2 verdict. Sarita, who got a standing

count against her opponent in the third round, later said the decision was wrong. She, however, said that she will accept the decision as she does not want another ban.

The Manipuri was handed a one year ban by the world body AIBA for refusing to accept her bronze medal in protest during the victory ceremony at the 2014 Asian Games.

Besides Mary Kom, three other Indians-Manisha Moun (54kg), Lovlina Borgohain (69kg) and Kachari Bhagyabati (81kg) -- also made it to the quarterfinals with 5-0, 5-0 and 4-1 wins on points in their respective pre-quarterfinal bouts.