

State Football Championship

Iqbal Sports, DFA Ganderbal among eight teams register win, advance to next stage

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

SRINAGAR, June 18: Iqbal Sports and DFA Ganderbal were among the eight teams, which have registered wins and qualified for the next stage of the ongoing State Football Championship, being organised by J&K State Sports Council and J&K Bank Limited at Bakshi Stadium and Polo Ground, here today.

In the first match of the day, Iqbal Sports defeated Jehlum Sports Club by three goals to zero.

In the first half, Bilal of Iqbal Sports netted the first goal of the match in the 4th minute and put a lead on the opponent team. Showkat of Iqbal Sports with his excellent footwork scored the goal in the 15th minute, which Jehlum Sports Club failed to equalize and the first half ended with 2-0 goals. In the second half, players of Jehlum Sports Club strived hard to equalize the match, but their dreams shattered, when Shabir of opponent team netted the goal in the 40th minute and raised the score card to 3-0 goals.

The players of Jehlum Sports Club were looking dominated at the hands of Iqbal Club and thus lost the match with 3-0 goals.

In the second match, Kashmir United Football Club smashed DFA Ganderbal by 2-1 goals. Rouf and Javid of Kashmir United netted the goals in the 11th and 56th minute



Players in action during football match at Srinagar on Tuesday.

respectively. Amir was the lone scorer for DFA Ganderbal.

The third match was played between J&K Bank Academy and DFA Shopian, former registered win 2 goals to zero (2-0). Salman Hassan and Aqib Mushtaq netted the goal in the 27th and 30th minutes.

In the fourth match, Maharaja Sports registered 2-0 goals victory over DFA Bandipora. In the first half, players of both the team played well and restricted each other from netting the goal and the first half ended with no goal. In the second half, Ishafaq from Maharaj Sports cracked the goal in 45th minute, whereas Irfan doubled lead in 72nd minute and paved way for Maharaja Sports to advance to next stage.

In the fifth match, Fill Ararat Football Club defeated Rahim Green Solina Football Club by 3-1 goals. For Fill Ararat Football Club, Imran, Mudasir and Zuhair netted the goals in the 21st, 28th and 60th minutes respectively, whereas from Rahim Green Solina Football Club Irfan was the lone scorer.

In the sixth match, DFA Baramulla XI defeated Kashmir Mughals via tie-breaker with 6-5 goals.

The seventh match was played between PDC Blue XI and DFA Anantnag, in which former registered win.

In the eighth match, AG's Office football team thrashed Food and Supplies football team by solitary goal. Khalid Qayoom netted the goal in the 73rd minute.

State Level Inter-District Tug-of-War C'ship

Jammu District makes clean sweep, lifts title

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JAMMU, June 18: Jammu District made clean sweep and lifted the title trophy in the State Level Inter-District Tug-of-War Championship, which concluded at Unique Public Higher Secondary School, Gadigarh, here today.

Jammu district defeated Samba district by two sets to nil (2-0) in the summit clash, while in the semifinals, Jammu got better of Poonch in a close contest by two sets to one (2-1) and Samba prevailed over Srinagar by (2-0) sets.

President of J&K Tug-of-War Association, Hardeep Singh Anand was the chief guest on the valedictory function, who distributed trophies and certificates among the winners and runners-up teams.

While speaking on the occasion, the chief guest stressed upon the players to take active part in sports and games and appreciated the participants for take part in the tournament.

He also thanked Jasvir Singh, Chairman Unique Public Higher Secondary School, Garigarh for providing venue and boarding and lodging facilities.

Prominent among those present on the concluding function were Jodh Singh Isher, joint secretary of the Association, Ajay Peshin, Deepjot Singh Anand and Ravinder Singh Sasan, general secretary, J&K Tug-of-War Association. Later on, Anand invited all the players and officials for a dinner at Hotel Asia.

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Dr Pardip Shankhayadhar Memorial Badminton Tourney Jasleen, Peehushi, Swati register win in under 15 girls

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JAMMU, June 18: Jasleen, Peehushi and Swati crushed their respective opponents and register win in under 15 girls event organised during 1st Dr Pardip Shankhayadhar Memorial Open Badminton Tournament by Young's Badminton Club at badminton hall, Gulshan Grounds, here today.

Jasleen defeated Mehar by straight 2-0 sets, Peehushi thrashed Amishika by 2-0 sets and Swati trounced Rounak by 2-0 sets.

In under 15 boys singles, Arun Dagotha trounced Apoorav, Sarandeep thrashed Vishal, Tushar crushed Mohit, Vishal smashed Kanav, Adeshwar defeated Dravit, Abhinav beat Vanshay, Manav routed Shubham, Rehan crushed Pranav and Nitin smashed Raghav.

In under 15 boys doubles, Harsh and Adeshwar beat Aryan and Dravit, Nitin and Aesh smashed Sarandeep and Rishav and Savinay and Aryan trounced Vishal and Tushar.

In under 17 boys singles, Bhavesh beat Deepak, Bashir smashed Nitin and Vishant trounced Manthan, whereas, in girls category, Amishika thrashed Vitika, Arushi crushed Preeti, Jasleen outplayed Nikita and Akshita crushed Rounak.

In under 17 girls doubles, Avinesh and Dhananjay beat Savinay and Aryan, Raghav and Bhavesh trounced Satyam and Vikram, Nalin and Raghav out-classed Vishal and Bashir, Divum and Divyanshu thrashed Harsh and Adeshwar.

In under 17 girls doubles, Peehushi and Preeti smashed Jasleen and Amishika, Suvidha and Naman beat Amishika and Arushi.

In under 13 boys, Aesh Goswami beat Sureshwar by straight 2-0 sets.

Summer Camp concludes

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 18: The children Summer Camp organised by Station Headquarters, Kaluchak, under the aegis of Tiger Division concluded today, in which around 80 children of the station took part.

The aim of the Camp was to provide the children an opportunity to inculcate healthy habits and to encourage them to pursue various activities of their choice in life. As part of the programme, classes on drawing, painting, music and dance were conducted under the guidance and supervision of experts in respective fields. Children were also taught the basics of swimming.

The highlight of the Camp was an Industrial Tour to various manufacturing units, in and around Jammu, with which the children were closely associated. Children were taken to the bottling plants of major beverage companies, stationary factory and a biscuit making factory. The Children also got an opportunity to visit heritage sites and other places of interest in Jammu.

A painting competition on the theme "Green Environment, Clean Environment" was also organised, in which tiny tots participated.

On the concluding day today, Brigadier NS Khroud, Station Commander, Kaluchak Military Station and Inderjit Kaur, Chairperson FWO, Tiger Artillery Brigade were the chief guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairperson, FWO assured them that such activities which help in developing the overall personality of an individual, would be organised in future too.



Dignitaries felicitating winners of 4th International Sqay Masters Cup.

Salma Rashid retains 4th International Sqay Masters Cup

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

SRINAGAR, June 18: Sqay player Salma Rashid made the Valley proud by retaining the 4th International Sqay Masters Cup for third consecutive time.

Sakeen and Irfan Rangraz also lifted the titles in both girls and boys categories respectively held at Sports stadium Pahalgam.

The winners will now have been selected to participate in the International Sqay Championships scheduled to be held at Malaysia, Iran and Georgia.

While congratulating the winners, President of Sqay Federation of India, Dr Bashir Ahmad said that these players have brought laurels to Kashmir by winning the

medals. "We have identified the land for International Sqay Academy in Kashmir and very soon the work on this proposal will commence", he informed.

The time will come when foreign teams will visit Kashmir to take part in coaching in this academy and we are hopeful that Government will help them for developing this International Sqay Martial Art Academy, Dr Ahmed added.

In the championship, 80 participants including male and female participated and exhibited their talent, he added.

Later, Dr Ahmed flanked by other dignitaries awarded the winners of the championship.

SOF felicitates International Olympiad winners

Mahika among 33 Jammu students excel as State toppers

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 18: Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF) organized 16th International Award ceremony at New Delhi to felicitate the International winning students, teachers and Principals of Olympiad exams for the academic year 2012-13.

During the felicitation programme, Mahika Koul of Heaven Kingdom School was among 33 Jammu students, who had excelled as State toppers in the International Olympiad 2013.

On the occasion, Former Chief Justice of India, Justice RC Lahoti was chief guest, while Prof YS Rajan, Professor of ISRO and Chairman NIT Manipur was the guest of honour. Charlie Walker, Director Programmes, British Council India and Swami Nikhilananda Saraswati, Acharya Chinmaya Mission were also present.

During the function, awards

were given to the top 3 international rank holders from classes one to twelve for the 4 Olympiad exams conducted by SOF. Winners from classes 7 to 12 won Rs 50,000 each, the rank two holders won Rs 25,000 each and rank 3 holders won Rs 10,000 whereas, winners from classes one to 6 were awarded I-Pads. In addition, attractive gifts were given to all winners. The top 10 Principals and top 40 teachers whose students put up an excellent performance were also felicitated with cash awards, mementos and citations.

The Jammu topper awardees to receive prizes and medals were Mahika Koul from Heaven Kingdom High School, Advay Gupta, Devansh Magotra, Dhariti Kotwal, Shuvang Jandiyal and Pranav Krishan from KC International School, Uditi Verma, Vinod Gupta, Prabhnoor Singh, Ananya Sharma, Sushant Padha from Jodhamal Public School, Sparsh Jandial, Rishab Anand, Nadeem

Aslam, Arnub Rana, Danish Mehmood, Medhashree Bansal from Heritage School, Nalin Mujoo from Kendriya Vidyalaya No 1 School, Aabir S Wani from BSF Senior Secondary School, Shubham Attri from Banyan International School, Harsimran Singh from Army Public School and Pranav Krishan from KC Public School.

Justice RC Lahoti and Prof YS Rajan handed in valuable gifts and financial awards to the attendees.

Mahabir Singh, Founder and Executive Director of SOF said that 24,000 students from 1050 cities across India and 14 countries have been awarded for achieving top State level ranks. In addition, close to 3,50,000 students have been awarded "Medals of Excellence" for achieving top rank in their respective schools.

Certificate of participation and a performance report for each student and school has also been provided, Singh.

Salute & Tribute T20 Cricket Tournament concludes

Anshuman's knock goes in vain as JKP XI lifts Veteran title trophy

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JAMMU, June 18: Splendid innings of 89 runs by Anshuman Sharma went in vain as Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP) XI scripted a thrilling win over Laxmi Cricket Club to lift the title trophy of the Tribute to the Veterans T20 Veteran Tournament, which concluded at Parade Ground, here today.

The Open T20 and Veteran Tournaments, which had begun on June 3, 2013 were organized by Parade Sports Association at the aforementioned venue.

MLA Jammu East, Ashok Khajuria was the chief guest on the valedictory function, who distributed prizes among the winners and runners-up teams of both the tournaments, while Joint Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Kapil Sharma was the guest of honour.

The chief guest also honoured senior cricketers Sant Singh, Gyaneshwar Sharma, Brajinder Singh and Randhir Singh with lifetime achievement award on the occasion.

Earlier, winning the toss and batting first, LCC scored a fighting total of 158 runs in the stipulated 20 overs, losing 5 wickets in the process. Anshuman Sharma played a swashbuckling knock of 89 runs off 56 balls, studded with 8 boundaries and 3 towering sixes, while Rajinder Saini and Varinder Sharma contributed 24 and 15 runs to the total respectively. For JKP XI, skipper Rajesh Gill, RK Bhat and Shamsheer Singh claimed one wicket each.

In reply, JKP XI, rode on a quick-fire knock of 31 runs off just 11 balls by Shishu chased the target in 19.1 overs by losing 8 wickets, thus won the match by 2 wickets. Akshay Khajuria scored valuable 32 runs off 24 balls, while Rajesh Gill, Prashant and Shamsheer Singh Manhas contributed 23, 24 and 22 runs to the total respectively. For LCC, Anshuman and Aman took 2 wickets each, while Ajit Singh and Ashok Gupta claimed one wicket each. For his brisk knock of 31 runs, Shishu of JKP XI was adjudged man of the

match. Rajesh Gill bagged the man of the series and best bowler award, while Anshuman claimed the best batsman award. Ravi Abrol of Advocates XI was named outstanding player of the tournament.

Meanwhile, Manik Gupta was adjudged man of the series in Open tournament, Manik Gupta of KCCC was adjudged man of the series and best batsman, while Deepak Singh Manhas got the best bowler award. Sahil Gupta and Tushar Gurang got excellent player and best fielder awards respectively.

Later-on, speaking on the occasion, chief guest Ashok Khajuria while lavishing praise on the organizers, assured them of establishing sheds on the stairs of Parade Ground.

The match was officiated by J D Singh and Sadiq Hussain Malik as umpires, while Ajay Sharma was the scorer. Dr Karan Nayyar was the official physio therapist and Harsh Nayyar was the organizing Secretary of the tournament.

Unbeaten India consolidate top position in ODI table

LONDON, June 18:

India have strengthened their number one position on the ICC ODI Championship Table as they have added two more rating points to their kitty with an unbeaten run in the group stage of the Champions Trophy.

India had entered the tournament on 119 ratings points and have moved to 121, thanks to victories over South Africa, West Indies and Pakistan.

England are now ranked second after moving up two places from fourth, thereby pushing Australia to third position.

Second-ranked England and third-placed Australia are level on 113 ratings points, but

Alastair Cook's side is ranked above Michael Clarke's team by a fraction of a point.

South Africa has dropped a place to fourth with a loss of one ratings points to 112 following the completion of the group stage. Sri Lanka at fifth and Pakistan at sixth have retained their pre-tournament positions.

Meanwhile, among the players, in form Indian spinner Ravindra Jadeja has entered the top-5 as he gained three places to be at number four in the ODI bowlers' list.

His Spin colleague R Ashwin though dropped a place to 15th. Jadeja has moved up a place to fourth in the all-rounders' list.

The highest run-getter of the tournament until the end of the group stage, Shikhar Dhawan, has re-entered the batting rankings in 50th place. Dhawan has scored 264 runs so far in the tournament, with two back-to-back hundreds.

The batting table is still topped by South Africa captain AB de Villiers, with teammate Hashim Amla in second place and India's Virat Kohli in third place and followed by his skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

Suresh Raina has gained a place to be 14th while out of favour Gautam Gambhir dropped three places to 19th (PTI)



10-year-old Shivanshi during Chess Championship at Udhampur on Tuesday.

Shivanshi proves mettle in Chess C'ship, claims first position

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, June 18: The youngest Chess player of the State Shivanshi again proved her mettle and secured first position in the 2nd Jagdev Singh Channotra State Open Chess Championship, being organized by Jammu Chess Academy, here.

During the championship, 10-year-old Shivanshi secured first position in under-10 and open categories. She bagged two points out of four in the open

category. On the valedictory function, Aman Kalsotra, President, District Udhampur Chess Association was the chief guest, who awarded cash prize to the youngest chess player Shivanshi.

While speaking, Kalsotra asked the Government and the State Sports Council to extend support to the budding players for nurturing their talent, so that they can compete at national and international levels and bring laurels to the State.

Big GK JKCPPL constitutes BoD, OC; holding bidding of players today

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

SRINAGAR, June 18: The Big GK Jammu and Kashmir Corporate Premier League (JKCPPL), which has already got the nod of Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA), to be organized in association with Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Players Association (JKCPL), has constituted its Board of Directors (BoD) and the Organising Committee (OC) in a meeting attended by over 50-members at Peerzoo Islands, here today.

The meeting, held under the chairmanship of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the League, Farooq Amin of Kanwal Group, among others was attended by the key players and the mentors of most of the teams, who gave their suggestions regarding smooth and successful conduct of the cricketing extravaganza.

The meeting unanimously elected Sheikh Imran of Kehwa Group as the official spokesperson and secretary Media and Public Relations.

The 9-member Board of Directors will be headed by Farooq Amin as chief Executive Officer.

The Organizing Committee framed in the meeting included Abdul Qayoom Bagow as its general secretary and organizing secretary of the event, Rajesh Dhar and Mansoor Ahmed Lone as the joint secretaries and Manzoor Ahmed Dar as the technical advisor, while the mentors and the key players of

all the teams will be the executive members of the League. Nisar Ahmed Khan was elected treasurer of the League, while the CEO was the unanimous choice to head the Organising Committee as the president.

Meanwhile, the meeting decided to hold the bidding of the players at Hotel Taj Vivanta, here tomorrow.

It is pertinent to mention here that the bidding of the players was earlier scheduled to be held on June 17, 2013, but due to some technical modifications, it was postponed for tomorrow.

"The main objective of the League is to provide ample opportunity to the state cricketers to hone their skill and talent and help them blossom at the higher levels. Moreover, the League aims at producing more and more cricketers to represent the state in Indian Premier League (IPL) and allied tournaments," said spokesperson Sheikh Imran.

JKSA announces players for nationals

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, June 18: Jammu and Kashmir Swimming Association (JKSA) today announced the names of the selected players, who are going to participate in the 30th Sub Junior National Aquatic Championship to be held at Panaji, Goa from June 20 to 23.

The selected players are Karan Dhar, Anubhav, B Sachity, Yatoksha Tandon and Vaishali Grewal.

Indian Martial Arts Board framed

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SRINAGAR, June 18: Indian Martial Arts Games Board was framed at indoor stadium, here today.

Abdul Hameed Khan was elected as Chairman of the board, while as Mohammad Iqbal as CEO, Shafkat Shafi as technical director, Irfan Aziz as Finance director, Maqsood Ahmad Rather as administration director, Abdul Qayoom as development director, Mustafa as activities director, Ajaz Rasool as Planning director and Ajay Bhat as press and publicity officer.

Rahi, Shafi, Mufti Hameed, Ajaz Hassan, Manzoor Ahmad, Muzaffar Ahmad, Arshid Aziz were elected as members.

KC Sports Club organising T20 Tourney

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, June 18: KC Sports Club Jammu is going to organise T20 Cricket Tournament from June 24, 2013 at KC Public School Ground, here.

According to a handout issued here, apart from attractive trophies, mementoes and individual prizes, handsome cash awards will be presented to the winners and runners-up teams.

The tournament will be played on knockout basis as per the ICC rules. 24 teams drawn from Jammu and adjoining areas on first-cum-first basis will be entertained in the tournament.

The organizers have invited the teams interested to take part in the tournament to submit their entries with Ravi Sharma, organizing secretary of the event by or before June 22, 2013.

For further information, the teams can contact the organizing secretary on mobile No: 9858222750.

16-member MGCA team leaves for Delhi

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, June 18: To play 6 matches with the leading schools and clubs from June 18 to 24, 2013, the 16-member team of Mayank Goswami Cricket Academy (MGCA) led by Surya Mahotra has left for Delhi, yesterday evening.

The team, which is being accompanied by Vijay Kumar Dogra as coach-cum-manager, will play matches against Roshanara Club, Delhi, Model School, Delhi, Subhania Cricket Club Delhi and LP Shastri School, Delhi, besides two other schools.

The team: Surya Mahotra (Captain), Ateev Saini, Suryansh Raina, Yudhamanyu Singh, Mohit Gupta, Ajay Sharma, Arjun Bharti, Sahil Mahotra, Mohit Gupta, Sahil Lotra, Kunal Singh, Nitesh Jamwal, Sampark Gupta, Vinod, Anubhav, Dheeraj Sharma and Arya Sehgal.