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A close yet inconsequential encounter and four runaway victories was the fare dished out at Shivaji Stadium as Young Pioneer's English School, Manipur alongside Bihar State Sports Authority and Maharana Pratap Sports College, Dehradun joined local NDMC team in Phase III of the tournament.

Tomorrow these teams would join the eight outfit seeded directly in Phase III of Sardar Manmohan Singh 42nd Nehru Sub Junior Boys hockey to make the contests more engrossing and close.

Today Bihar State Sports Authority helped by two goals each by Sonu Ansari, Yogesh Gond and Abhay Shah outclassed Guru Nanak School Rajnandgaon, Chattisgarh 8-0. The tally was completed by Amarchand Kumar and Deepu Vishwakarma. Most of the goal came within a 24-minute spell starting well into second half.

Maharana Pratap Sports College Dehradun was the second team to move to the next round routing Loyola Nagaland 11-0. They could have hit a dozen but for a goal by skipper Govind Singh being disallowed. It could have been a hattrick by the captain.

Bharat Koranga, who has been doing well, found the net four times. Ayush, Anurag, Harsh Kumar and Rahul Tomar were the other contributors.

The Manipur team have been the most consistent performers in the tournament so far. They knocked out Netaji Subhash Bose Academy, Krishnagiri (TN) 8-0 in the last action of the day.

Captain Saikhom Nishi Singh was toast of the crowd by scoring five goals including a brilliant three in a row feat. Vishal Waribam, N Ronin Singh and Bhagir Takhellabam were the others among goals. Nishi was the man of match.

The best hockey of the day was reserved for the inconsequential contest between Holy World Sports Academy, Batala and Don Bosco, Matunga Mumbai. Batala boys after being held 1-1 and 2-2 in the first two quarters produced a late burst led by Manjosh Singh to quell the early challenge of their rivals.

Holy World are a team to watch. But for their losing 0-2 to NDMC Academy, they would have made the grade. Mantosh (2), Harkirat, Saibaz and Jagraj were among the goals for Batala while Mumbai listed their presence through Samarth Sanjay Singh and Ambarsameer.

Nirwal Rawatsar Govt School from Hanumangarh were unlucky to miss making the grade because of a tough pool. They blanked local OTHL 18-0. The match had no bearing. Maharana Pratap, Dehradun had already, well almost, booked a berth from Pool F.