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TWO EDGE-OF-SEAT DRAWS WARM UP SCENE IN NEHRU SUB JUNIOR HOCKEY
HOLDERS NAVAL TATA OWE IT ASHISH PURTI

NEW DELHI - Oct 14:

Beginning of Phase III comprising top 12 teams warmed up the scene in S Manmohan Singh 42nd Nehru Sub Junior Boys hockey tournament with two edge-of-the-seats draws and two facile victories marking the day.

Taking full advantage of playing at home ground NDMC Academy held much more fancied Punjab's Round Glass Club to 2-2 draw after leading by a solitary first quarter goal for 55 minutes. Last five minutes produced three goals.

It was Ashish under the NDMC bar who carried the day by standing as a wall between Punjab team and goal.

Earlier, Guru Gobind Singh Sports College, Lucknow were held to an identical draw by springtly Young Pioneer's English School, Manipur. Pioneer's would have sneaked a surprise victory but for man of match Aman Yadav for keep Manipuris at bay.

Both the matches produced brilliant hockey.

Kuldeep put NDMC team when the game was in nascent stages. It was beauty of a goal as he connected a cross from Luv Kumar.

NDMC held on their lead courtesy their goalkeeper Ashish as Round Glass held on his own with Karan, Vikash, Gagandeep and Sanmukh having pot shots at local goal.

The real action started five minutes before the hooter. It was Arjandeep who made the most of a goalmouth skirmish to to have the score 1-1.

Next moment Punjab boys struck again when Prahlad Singh converted a stroke for dangerous foul in the semi-circle.

A capacity crowd at Shivaji Stadium thought that match was over for locals, when Luv Kumar, the most dependable for the team converted a penalty corner after faltering with an earlier attempt.

Earlier Guru Gobind Singh Sports College, Lucknow became the first team seeded directly in the Phase III to be held to a 2-2 by Young Pioneer's English School, Manipur in a match that rose to great heights. Manipur boys did everything but score in the fourth quarter squandering four penalty corners. It would be more justified if we say that Lucknow custodian Amarjit Tiwari, stood between Manipur team and a goal in last ten minutes.

Left winger Maibam Manimatam was the man behind his team's brilliant showing. He opened the account in the first minute for Manipur surprising everyone on the field and scored again in the opening minutes of third quarter when his team was trailing 1-2.

Both the teams played versatile fast-paced hockey. Lucknow boys drew level through a penalty corner conversion by Dhiraj Pal six minutes into the second quarter. They took lead in a counter attack next minute through centre-forward Krishna Vanvanshi.

Earlier two teams Maharana Pratap Sports College, Dehradun and Bihar State Sports Authority, who made it through to Phase III through qualification rounds met their respective matches in their tame surrender.

Dehradun boys were pounded 7-0 by Govt School, Palol, Khunti while holders Naval Tata Academy, Jamshedpur opened the campaign for defence of their title by moulting Bihar State Sports Authority 11-2.

Tata outfit literally scored at will with captain Ashish Tani Purti converting five the eight penalty corners the team got.

Ishu Sunil Mundu, Afridi, Jaysan Kadulna, Amit Kongari were the other goal getters for Tatas. Captain Ajay Shah and Yogesh Gond reduced the margin for Bihar.

Jharkhand boys from Khunti established their authority through Sachin Bhengra (2), Sukuvan Bhengra (2) besides Atul Horo, Anuj Mahto and Sahil Horo.

Fixures for Oct 15:

SSCB vs NDMC 10-0 am Sonapat Hockey Academy vs Young Pioneer's, Manipur 11-30 am, Dhyan Chand Sports College, Saifai vs Bihar State Sports Authority 1-00 pm, Namdhari XI vs Maharana Pratap, Dehradun 2-30 pm.