

SARDAR MANMOHAN SINGH – 42ND NEHRU SUB-JUNIOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT
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Khunti in Jharkhand has always been a nursery of Indian hockey with many adivasi players making the India grade from here. Interestingly Nehru Hockey tournaments having been their route to stardom.

Govt Sr Sec School Palol (they prefer to call it Govt Upgraded +2 School), Khunti virtually riding their reputation ensured the semi-final berth in with a match to spare when Maharana Sports College, Dehradun outplayed Namdhari XI 4-1 from Jiwan Nagar in Manmohan Singh 42nd Nehru Sub Junior Boys hockey.

The Dehradun Academy team was pounded by Khunti boys yesterday 8-0. Unless there is a miracle the Jharkhand team should have cakewalk against Namdhari team on Thursday.

Three other semi-finalists would also be formally decided tomorrow, holders Naval Tata, Haryana Govt Academy being the favourites. Round Glass Hockey Academy will have to defeat Services Sports Board to make the grade. Match between Naval Tata and Safai boys would also be interesting.

Earlier playing their second match within 16 hours local NDMC drew their successive outing on the trot against Services Sports Control Board. No team could score despite chances galore. NDMC on had on Tuesday held Round Glass team.

Govt Hockey Academy, Sonapat ended the victory run of spirited boys from Young Pioneer's English School, Manipur 4-2 and Maj Dhyan Chand Sports College, Saifai pumping in a dozen goals against Bihar State Sports Authority without reply.

Sonapat Academy's victory was marked three quick goals in the first half scored by Abhay and Gaurav before Rahul Nain scored first of his two goals. Vishal Waribam struck twice for Manipur team in 16th and 36th minutes to make the scoreline look respectable Northeast team.

Maharana Pratap Sports College led 4-0 through Bharat Koranga, Sanjeev Kumar (PC), Priyanshu and skipper Govind before Namdharis struck the consolation goal through Rajbir Singh.