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CHAMPIONS NAVAL TATA WERE & CHAMPIONS THEY STAYED

Champions they were and champions they remained.

Naval Tata Academy lifted the 42nd Nehru Sub Junior hockey trophy a third time, second time on a trot today. The tournament this was in the memory of S Mohan one the core members of the Society.

In the final, a clash between two upcoming nurseries, holders Naval Tata prevailed over a little subdued Round Glass Hockey Academy Punjab 3-1, the last goal coming seconds before the hooter. Tatas had first won the tournament in 2021.

Goalgetters for the winners were Sunil Bhengra (23rd minute), and Amit Kongari late in the second quarter. This was before Arjandeep, being off the field for long, came to reduce the margin for Punjab side.

The score at 1-2 looked very respectable in the third quarter.

The last session belonged to Jamshedpur team many a chance were missed before Sanjeet Bhengra aimed right in the dying minutes. Sanjeet alongside Premchand Soy had role in the second goal too.

It was a clash of two hockey academies, the Jamshedpur one being sponsored by Tata Trust and Tata Sons besides technical collaboration with Jan Bovelanders Hockey Academy, Netherlands (a Dutch coach with the team today had its advantage) and Round Glass being funded by Sunny Singh, son of Dronacharya awardee Sarpal Singh, a former Railways coach, based in the US.

The latter had recently organised Round Glass Hockey League at various age group levels with big prize money involved.

The scoreline could have been different had Anish Dung's reverse flick with an open goal in front of him not gone over the bar for the Tata boys eight minutes before close. Earlier too the last quarter saw some missed chances for Tatas. Round Glass started off well and had a better control in the goalless opening quarter. One wished Arjandeep was on field was on field for a longer time along with skipper Sanmukh. The two Rajbhars - Kunal and Shivam - did well for the Punjab side. Their defence was erratic.

Amit Kangori and Anish Dung impressed for the winners.

Mr Jasmohan Singh, MD Frick India Ltd was chief guest while super cop of 1990s Amod K Kanth, IPS (Retd), Founder and Mentor of Prayas Juvenile Aids Centre was the Special Invitee for the final.