



Ranji Final: Pundir, Hassan help J&K gain control

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Despite early dismissal of Qamran Iqbal, Shubham Singh Pundir and Yewar Hassan put J&K in a commanding position in the face of valiant knocks from skipper Paras Dogra, Abdul Samad, Kanhaiya Wadhawan and Sahil Lotra, who together bring J&K to a position from where the victory seems visible.

Already crossed the magical 500 mark with score on board 527 runs with four wickets still intact in 156 overs of play at the end of day-two. High spirited J&K still have got the power in the tailenders, Aquib Nabi and Yudhvir Singh to take the score to new heights.

Sahil Lotra (57) and Abid Mushtaq (20) were at the crease when rains halted the play and the umpires decided to call it a day due to bad light with a deficit of 24 overs in first two days of play. Batting confidently, both these young cricketers, have already added 56 runs for the seventh wicket stand.

Since the winners of the Ranji Trophy could be decided on the basis of first innings lead, in the case of a drawn game, first timers in the title clash, J&K look better placed to take the glittering silver trophy home for the first time ever.

The day-two witnessed three crucial partnerships of over hundred runs for J&K with highest being 139 between Shubham Singh Pundir and Yewar Hassan for the second wicket.

Earlier, Shubham (121) and Abdul Samad (61), who resumed the day's play from overnight score of 284 for two, could not do well in the light of



some tight bowling spells from India bowler, Prasidh Krishna with the results, soon J&K were at 307 for four.

Then came inform Kanhaiya Wadhawan and skipper, Paras Dogra (retired hurt yesterday), who, though took time to settle down, played brilliant cricket virtually taking the all important game away from eight-time champion, Karnataka to a position from where the win seem quite visible. Kanhaiya and Dogra together added 110 runs for the fifth wicket stand.

Earlier, during the day, out of frustration, K V Aneesh of Karnataka argued with J&K skipper, Paras Dogra, which attracted the attention of the umpires, who intervened to sorted out the matter.

However, Paras brought the matter to the notice of Karnataka skipper, Devdutt Padikkal.

From Karnataka, Prasidh was the most successful among the bowlers, who took three wickets for 90 runs in 29 overs. Vidyadhar Patil, Shreyas Gopal and Shikhar Shetty shared apiece each.

SCORECARD

J&K 1st Innings

Qamran Iqbal c K L Rahul b M Prasidh 06

Yewar Hassan c K L Rahul b M Prasidh 88

Shubham Pundir c Aneesh b Vidhyadhar Patil 121

P K Dogra (c) b Shreyas Gopal 70

Abdul Samad c Kruthik Krishna b M Prasidh 61

Kanhaiya Wadhawan (wk) c K L Rahul b Shikhar 70

Sahil Lotra not out 57

Abid Mushtaq not out 20

Total 527 for six in 156 overs.

Extras: (Nb 0, W 4, B-14, Lb 16) 34

Fall of Wickets: 18-1, 157-2, 303-3,

307-4, 417-5, 471-6

Yet to bat: Aquib Nabi, Yudhvir Singh, Sunil Kumar

Bowling Analysis: Vidyadhar Patil

29-2-104-1; V Vyshak 31-10-60-0; M

Prasidh 29-7-90-3; Shreyas Gopal 33-

2-130-1; Shikhar Shetty 32-1-112-1;

Karun Nair 2-1-1-0.

J&K teams shine at 46th Sub-Junior National Volleyball Championship

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The Jammu & Kashmir boys and girls teams delivered spirited performances at the 46th Sub-Junior National Volleyball Championship being held at Polba in Hooghly, West Bengal from February 24 to March 1, 2026, showcasing determination and fighting spirit on the national stage.

As per report reaching here, the J&K boys team, after facing a tough challenge in their opening match against Gujarat, went down by 3-1 sets (25-23, 17-25, 21-25). Despite the loss, the team displayed resilience and strong coordination, particularly in the closely contested first set.

Bouncing back in style, the boys registered a commanding 3-0 victory over Pondicherry with an impressive scoreline of 25-17, 25-14 and 25-20. The dominant win reflected the



team's sharp attacking play, solid defense, and improved teamwork. Players Sourav Verma, Muzamil Ahmed and Faisal Amin stood out with their energetic performances, contributing significantly to the team's morale-boosting victory. Their confidence and composure on the court drew appreciation from supporters and officials alike. In the girls section, the J&K team also put up a commendable fight against Uttarakhand. Although they lost 3-1 (25-18,

19-25, 25-20, 25-22), the players displayed grit and determination throughout the match.

The team fought hard to level one set and kept the contest competitive till the end. Gantauya Sharma and Reena Jan were particularly impressive, showing excellent skill, coordination and fighting spirit against a strong opponent. Both teams have demonstrated immense potential and sportsmanship in the championship. Their perfor-

mances have brought pride to Jammu & Kashmir and reflect the growing strength of volleyball in the Union Territory. The Volleyball Association of J&K, under the leadership of Patron Raj Daluja and President Sidharth Daluja, extended congratulations to both the boys and girls teams for their commendable efforts and best wishes for the upcoming matches—keep up the great performance and continue to make J&K proud.

1-day volleyball tournament organised by Akhil Bharatiya Vidhyarthi Parishad

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A one day volleyball tournament was organised by Akhil Bharatiya vidhyarthi parishad in collaboration with volleyball Association of District udhampur at village jaganoo. The main motive of this tournament under khelo Bharat Nagar khel Khumbh. In which 4nos of team's participates, Jaganoo VB club, Johnu VB club, Roun domail vb club, veera vb club. The first match played between veera VB club v/s Johnu VB club, Johnu beat veera VB club by 2.0 score is 25-19 25-17. Second match Roundomail v/s Jaganoo, Roundomail beat Jaganoo by 2-0, score is 25-16, 25-13. In the final match played between Roundomail v/s Johnu club Roundomail beat Jaganoo by 2.0, score is 25-19, 25-18. In the culmi-



nation of tournament Sh parlad sharma Dysp Head quarter udh, Sh Ashok padha President VADU, Sh Anoop Thakur ABVP Vibhag saganthan udh, Sh Pawan Kumar principal HSS Jaganoo, Sh Ravinder singh lecturer, Sh Rajesh Sharma, Sh Ashish Sharma mandal pradhan BJP jaganoo and prominent

members, sports lovers were present. Sh parlad sharma Dysp Head quarter gave away the Trophy, medals for winning and losing team. In his address the chief guest called upon the youth to participate in game's and sports so that they keep fit and healthy and remain away from any sought of intoxication of drugs and any other

distractions in the society and should work with dedication, declipline and true sports man ship to fulfill the objective of vikshit Bharat. The match was officiated by Sh Amit Sharma Sanjay Kumar and stage proceeding by Ashish Sharma prominent youth of Jaganoo.

Poonch spikers help LPU win Bronze in Volleyball

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Three promising boys from district Poonch helped Lovely Professional University (LPU) secure bronze medal in the All India Inter-University Volleyball Championship.

As per the reports reaching here, Musharraf Khan, Ayaz Ahmad Madni and Ayous Kumar were part of the LPU men team that lost in the semifinals and then won the hardliner to finish third



in the national varsity event.

Important to mention here that all these three boys are the product of Shaheed DySP Manjit Singh Memorial Volleyball Club Poonch and presently pursue their studies from LPU.

"We are proud of the youngsters, who have made their presence felt in the prestigious event.

They have brought to the Club and district Poonch in general and the UT of J&K in particular," said chairman of the Club, Mohd Tariq.

Open District Cricket Tournament: Semi-Final matches held at Sports Stadium Kathua

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The semi-final matches of the Open District Cricket Tournament, organized by District Administration Kathua in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan, were played today here at the Sports Stadium amid enthusiastic participation of youth and presence of senior officers.

Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Sharma felicitated the winning teams and appreciated the players for their discipline, sportsmanship and competitive spirit. He reiterated that such tournaments provide a constructive platform for youth engagement and strengthen the campaign against drug abuse under the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan.

In the first semi-final, Sub-Division Hiranagar defeated Sub-Division Bani. After winning the toss, Bani elected to bat first and scored 89 runs in the stipulated overs.

The target was successfully chased by Hiranagar in 12.1 overs with the loss of



five wickets, securing a place in the final.

In the second semi-final, Sub-Division Billawar registered a convincing 67-run victory over Sub-Division Basohli to book their berth in the final.

ADC Kathua Vishavjeet Singh and Chief Planning

Officer Kathua Ranjeet Thakur, DSWO Varun Chaudhary were also present on the occasion.

The tournament is being organized to channelize the energy of youth towards constructive activities and to reinforce the message of a drug-free society through

sports-based initiatives.

Refreshments were provided to the participating players and officials at the venue.

The winning teams will now compete in the final match scheduled to be held at Sports Stadium Kathua on February 26, 2026.

Inter-Block District Level YSS Cricket Cup "Leagues of Classics" kicks off in Doda

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The District Youth Services and Sports (YSS) Department Doda today commenced the Inter-Block District Level YSS Cricket Cup –Leagues of Classics, marking a significant initiative towards strengthening the sports culture and promoting healthy competition in the region.

The mega cricket championship is witnessing enthusiastic participation from 17 Blocks and 03 Municipal Committees, setting the stage for a vibrant and competitive sporting event and reflecting the growing passion for sports among local youth. The matches are being conducted simultaneously at four designated venues across the district at Departmental Sports Ground-Ghat, Bhaderwah, Degree College Bhaderwah, University Campus Bhaderwah and Helipad Ground Bhalassa.

The prestigious championship is being organized under the guidance of Director General YSS J&K, Anuradha Gupta, Joint Director Jammu, Vinakshi



Koul and Deputy Director (Activities), Megha Baogia. The competitions are being conducted by DYSSO, Jaffar H. Sheikh and concerned Zonal Physical Education Officers (ZPEOs), ensuring smooth and professional conduct of the tournament.

The opening match held at the Departmental Sports Ground-Ghat witnessed an impressive performance by Block Thatthri as it defeated

Block Marmat by 8 wickets. Batting first, Marmat posted a competitive total of 97/3 in 10 overs, with Sameer Ahmed top-scoring with a fine knock of 36 runs. From Thatthri's bowling side, Yasub Khan and Sami claimed one wicket each.

In response, Thatthri chased down the target convincingly in just 6.3 overs. Yasub Khan played a brilliant innings of 42 runs, well supported by Babar Ahmed,

who contributed 25 runs. For Marmat, Zahid and Amit picked up one wicket each.

The match was officiated by an expert panel from the YSS Department comprising Faheem Farooq Zargar, Shahnuwaz Wani, Imran Mughal, Muzamil Hussain, Pawan Sharma, Mohd Saleem, Inderjeet Singh and Anil Kumar, ensuring fair and smooth conduct of the game.