



Press Release

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India Juniors, Har Hockey Academy top respective pools in Khelo India U21 Women's League

New Delhi, December 21: India Juniors emerged the only team to win all six matches in phase 1 of the inaugural Khelo India U21 Women's Hockey League, compiling a clinical 12-0 victory over Mumbai Schools Sports Association in Group A on the final day at the Maj. Dhyan Chand National Stadium here today.

Har Hockey Academy, which could have earned similar bragging rights from Group B, was held 1-1 by a gallant Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy in a pulsating contest. The two teams finished their engagements without tasting defeat but the Sonipat side had already assured itself of the top spot in the pool by winning each of its five earlier matches.

Madhya Pradesh HA was the hungrier of the two sides, keen to take the second place on the table ahead of Sports Authority of India A and Pritam Siwach Hockey Academy. With Pritam Siwach HA and SAI A expected to win against Delhi Hockey and Jai Bharat Hockey Academy later in the evening, the Bhopal team did not want to risk losing the second spot in the pool.

With the Madhya Pradesh HA midfielders powering a series of attacks, it was only a matter of time before a goal came by. Sadhna Sengar scored in the 20th minute, being at hand to deflect the ball in off a relayed pass by Neeraj Rana who was put through by Yogita Bora who intercepted a weak freehit.

Stung by the reverse, the Sonipat squad fought hard to find the equaliser through Jyoti four minutes after half-time. She sprinted in from the top of the circle, lunged forward to score with a deflection off a fine centre by Pooja from the right flank. Har Hockey Academy forced a couple of penalty corners later but was unable to find the breakthrough.

The Sonipat team contented itself with a point from the match and a clean slate after six matches. Madhya Pradesh consoled itself with the assurance that the second place was put beyond the challengers, SAI A and Pritam Siwach HA. Those two teams were left to fight for the third place, with SAI A holding the edge on goal difference.



The barrage of goals for India Juniors in their final match saw Deepika triple strike take her tally of goals in the tournament to 16 goals. Her team-mate Mumtaz Khan scored two goals today to finish with 13 in six matches. The second phase of the Khelo India U21 Women's Hockey League will be played in the Sports Authority of India, Lucknow.

Tuesday's results:

Group A: India Junior 12 (Rujuta Pisal 2nd minute and 4, Sangita Kumari 8 and 60, Annu 10 and 38, Baljeet Kaur 11, Deepika 16, 18 and 54, Mumtaz Khan 21 and 53) beat Mumbai Schools Sports Association 0. Half-time 8-0.

Khalsa Hockey Academy 4 (Sukhpreet Kaur 9 and 25, Anjali Panwar 44, Simranjeet Kaur 56) beat Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre 1 (Priya Toppo 50). Half-time 2-0.

Raja Karan Hockey Academy 1 (Gurmail Kaur 30) beat Him Academy 0. Half-time 1-0.

Group B: Har Hockey Academy 1 (Jyoti 34) drew with Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy 1 (Sadhna Sengar 20). Half-time 0-1.

Pritam Siwach Hockey Academy 2 (Disha 2, Tanu 15) beat Delhi Hockey 0. Half-time 2-0.

Monday's results:

Group B: Har Hockey Academy 6 (Jyoti 2, Saavi 4 and 19, Pinki 8, Usha 55, Shashi Khasa 60) beat Delhi Hockey 1 (Subham 47). Half-time: 4-0.

Sports Hostel Bhubaneswar 2 (Sunita Xaxa 50, Mukta Jojo 59) beat Jai Bharat Hockey Academy 0. Half-time: 0-0.

Final standings

Group A:

India Juniors 6-6-0-0-18 (50)

Sports Authority of India B 6-4-1-1-13 (4)



Odisha Naval Tata HHPC	6-3-0-3-9 (4)
Khalsa Hockey Academy	6-3-0-3-9 (3)
Raja Karan HA	6-2-1-3-7 (4)
Him Hockey Academy	6-2-0-4-7 (-1)
Mumbai Schools SA	6-0-0-6-0 (-64)

Group B*

Har Hockey Academy	6-5-1-0-16 (11)
Madhya Pradesh HA	6-3-3-0-12 (17)
Pritam Siwach HA	6-3-2-1-11 (7)
Sports Authority of India A	5-2-2-1-8 (12)
Sports Hostel Bhubaneswar	6-2-0-4-6 (-2)
Delhi Hockey	6-1-0-5-3 (-25)
Jai Bharat Hockey Academy	5-0-0-5-0 (-20)

Key: Matches played – Won – Drawn – Lost – Points – Goal difference

* Table with one Group B match yet to be played.

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