

FIH Hockey Pro League

Germany beat India

BHUBANESWAR: Reigning World Champions Germany beat India 4-1 in a high-octane encounter at the FIH Hockey Pro League 2024-25 (Men) at the iconic Kalinga Hockey Stadium. It was goals by Florian Sperling (7'), Thies Prinz (14'), Michel Struthoff (48') and Raphael Hartkopf (55') that helped clinch the winning points while Gurjant Singh (13') was the lone goal scorer for India on Tuesday night.

With the two teams sharing healthy rivalry in international hockey, the match was bound to be intense right from the start with both teams producing exciting brand of hockey. Though India looked like they held better possession in the first five minutes of the opening quarter, the tactically-driven attack by the Germans landed a field goal in the 7th minute of the game. It was brilliant assist by Eric Kleinlein to Florian Sperling who finished the job with

great finesse.

India was quick to respond, when Rajinder Singh - often compared to former India captain and midfield maestro Sardar Singh for his skillful play, set up Gurjant Singh with a classy cross-pass to equalise with Germany in the 13th minute.

The high-octane opening quarter continued to bring edge-of-the-seat action with Germany scoring another goal to extend their lead to 2-1 in the 14th minute. It was Thies Prinz who scored a dramatic goal, that saw Manpreet Singh taking a hit on his back trying to defend.

India displayed aggressive attack going into the second quarter, with youngsters in the forwardline showing a lot of heart standing tall against a resolute German defence.

In the start of the quarter, they came close to an equaliser when Nilakanta Sharma made a fine pass to Abhishek inside the circle but

the latter was not able to control the pass. There was another big chance in the 20th minute when Gurjant tried to deflect a pass from Rajinder but missed the target.

Meanwhile, Suraj Karkera who replaced Krishan Pathak in the second quarter came up with a brilliant save after India lost the ball to an ill-timed aerial ball in the 28th minute. In the following minute, Dilpreet came up with an unconventional shot on goal but didn't find success.

The match remained electrifying in the third quarter too, and India had an excellent chance to score in the 38th minute when they won a PC.

In the absence of the skipper Harmanpreet Singh who was rested, Jugraj Singh attempted the flick but could not come up with a good execution. The following minutes, though, saw India defend really well with three Indian defenders marking the ball carrier.

BHUBANESWAR: Spain secured a 4-3 victory over India in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2024/25 (Women) at the Kalinga Stadium on Tuesday.

Baljeet Kaur (19'), Sakshi Rana (38'), and Rutaja Dadaso Pisal (45') scored for India, while Estel Petchame (25', 49'), Sofia Rogoski (21'), and Captain Lucia Jimenez (52') netted goals for Spain.

Sakshi Rana and Jyoti Singh received their maiden senior international caps in the match, with the former scoring an impressive goal on her debut.

The first quarter was tightly contested. India had an early chance when Rutaja passed the ball to Sharmila Devi from the

left, but her shot narrowly missed the post. Spain attempted to play their signature free-flowing hockey but struggled against India's defensive press.

In the ninth minute, India earned the first penalty corner of the evening, but the opportunity was squandered as the ball struck

Sushila Chanu's foot while she was receiving it. Towards the end of the quarter, Spain had a significant chance when Florencia Amundson unleashed a powerful shot, but Indian goalkeeper Savita made a fine save to keep the score level.

The match opened up



in the second quarter, with three goals scored in a span of six minutes. In the 21st minute, Deepika drifted wide and fired a reverse hit from the left, which was perfectly deflected into the goal by an unmarked Baljeet, marking her first senior international goal.

Two minutes later, Spain equalized as Rogoski's powerful reverse shot from close range slipped past Savita and found the net. Spain then took the lead in the 25th minute when they earned their first penalty corner, which was successfully converted by Petchame. Just before half-time, Spain received another penalty corner, but Captain Lucia Jimenez's shot went too high.

WAJK to host senior c'ship

JAMMU: The Wrestling Association of Jammu and Kashmir (WAJK) will be hosting the 32nd Senior Men and 18th Women J&K-UT Wrestling Championship in the Wrestling Hall of University of Jammu on February 23.

As per the official communiqué, Jammu and Kashmir Minister for Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma will declare open the championship while Nasir Aslam Wani, Advisor to the CM of J&K will also attend the event.

The winners of each weight category will represent J&K in forthcoming Federation Cup which is scheduled to be held at LPU Punjab on March

8 to 9, the communiqué said.

The release said that the championship will be held in collaboration with the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education University of Jammu under the auspices of Wrestling Federation of India, J&K Olympic Association and J&K Sports Council.

All the wrestlers of J&K-UT, both Men and Women have been asked to report at the venue alongwith a photocopy of Aadhar card. The weight and verification of the wrestlers will be done from 7 AM to 9 AM on February 23. No wrestler will be allowed to take part in the competition after 9 AM on that day, the communiqué added.

J&K UT Wushu C'ship

Jammu district wins trophy

JAMMU: The District Jammu on Tuesday won an overall trophy on the closing day of the four-day-long Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory Wushu Championship held at Indoor Hall, Bhagwati Nagar.

Around 1200 players from 19 districts, six Khelo India Centres and J&K Police participated in the championship.

J&K Sports Minister Satish Sharma was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

He lauded the Wushu Association of Jammu and Kashmir for giving a platform to the young budding wushu players and reaching every nook and corner of the UT J&K to make this sport more prominent.

He said that sports is the priority for the government that is determined to make UT J&K a hub centre for sports in the coming years. He advised parents to encourage their wards towards sports, resulting in them being mentally and physically strong.

He congratulated all the medallists of Wushu in the recently held 38th National Games at Uttarakhand and assured

that soon, the government will establish a Wushu Academy in Jammu and Kashmir for better results in the forthcoming international and national events.



Jammu remained the overall champion, whereas District Srinagar remained the runner-up, and KIC Jammu remained the second runner-up in the event.

Kuldeep Handoo (Dronacharya Awardee), presented a welcome address and thanked the minister for his presence.

He briefed the achievements of Wushu and the support to Wushu Sports extended by the J&K Sports Council.

Dubai C'ship

Raducanu loses to Muchova

DUBAI: Emma Raducanu was beaten by Karolina Muchova in a hard-fought match in the second round of the Dubai Tennis Championships. There were concerns for the British wildcard early in the match as she appeared to be crying and breathing heavily after Muchova broke for a 2-0 lead, the BBC reported.

Raducanu continued playing and was able to fight back from 4-0 down and force a tie-break, which she lost after missing a set point. Having secured an early break in the second, Muchova held off the 2021 US Open champion to seal a 7-6 (8-6) 6-4 victory.

Raducanu, who reached the third round of the Australian Open last month, climbed back into the world's top 60 last year after missing most of the 2023 season following surgery on both wrists and her left ankle.



India Aerosol Expo 2025 from Feb 28

NASHIK: With participation from a large number of Indian and International companies, 6th India Aerosols Expo (IAE2025) is to be held at Jio World Convention Centre, BKC, Mumbai from 28 Feb to 1 March 2025. India's only trade show dedicated to the Aerosol (sprays) industry, IAE2025 shall display Personal Care, Health Care, Auto Care, Agri Care, Home Care Spray Products, Paint Sprays, Industrial Lubricants, Cleaners and Coating Sprays, and is set to bring together leading minds and innovators from Indian & global Aerosols industry.

Says Harrisbh Arora, Hon Secretary & VP, APC, "With larger focus on innovation, sustainability and growth of this dynamic sector, IAE 2025 is expected to attract senior-level buyers from Personal Care, Health Care and Pharmaceuticals, Home Care, Auto Care, Paint & Chemical Industries as well as many other sectors for exploring pack-

aging solutions or sourcing private label aerosols from exhibitors." Buoyed by the fast changes in consumer behaviour, increasing disposable income and greater emphasis on sustainability, the Aerosol segment in India is growing at a rate of around 8% annually fueled mainly by massive growth in personal care, agriculture, industrial and FMCG sectors. The domestic aerosol market stood at USD 635 million in 2023 projected to cross USD 1 (one) billion by 2031.

Aerosols are designed to dispense products in the form of sprays, streams, gels, foams, lotions or gases through metal, glass or now even in plastic containers and are used in household preparations like air fresheners, hair sprays, sanitizers, perfumes, dry shampoos, insect repellents, deodorants, cleaning agents, car cosmetics, paints and varnishes and in health care as disinfectants, inhalers, pain relief, anesthetic prep

Flipkart set to launch TPL

NASHIK: Flipkart, one of India's leading e-commerce marketplaces, is set to launch the first edition of this year's Flipkart Tablet Premier League 2025 (TPL 2025) from February 20th at noon. Building on its past success, TPL 2025 continues Flipkart's commitment to affordability and accessibility while catering to the growing demand for entertainment on the go. This edition brings industry-leading deals on top-rated tablets, allowing customers to upgrade their devices without stretching their budget.

With the theme of "Screen Bada, Scene Bada," TPL 2025 highlights that entertainment,

education, and productivity are key drivers of tablet sales, with OTT and sports streaming playing a significant role in increasing usage. Flipkart's data shows tablet searches surged 16-18% during major cricketing seasons in 2023 and 2024. Recognizing this trend, TPL 2025 has been strategically scheduled to coincide with the upcoming cricket events, ensuring consumers have access to premium tablets for an enhanced viewing experience.

Flipkart's Tablet Premier League 2025 will feature top-selling brands, including Samsung, Lenovo, Apple, Realme, OnePlus, Redmi, Mi, POCO, and Infi-

nix offering customers a diverse range of choices. With offers up to 50% off for a limited period of time on best-selling tablets enabled by sellers, customers can enjoy limited-time price drops offered by brands, exchange offers, and attractive deals on tablet accessories such as folio covers and keyboards.

Recognizing the growing demand for tablets among students, young professionals, and tech enthusiasts aged 18 to 40, Flipkart has designed TPL 2025 to go beyond just deals. To enhance the shopping experience, Flipkart has introduced several consumer-friendly innovations.

ACCL announces results

MOHALI: Active Clothing Co limited (ACCL), India's one of the leading 'design-to-shelf' platform, specializing in flat-knitted sweaters, jackets, and circular-knitted apparel for global fashion brands, has announced its unaudited Q3 & 9M FY25 results.

Commenting on the Financial performance Rajesh Mehra Managing Director, of Active Clothing Co Limited said, "We are pleased to report a strong financial performance for Q3 and 9M FY25, with our Q3 PAT surging by 223% and our 9M FY25 revenue already surpassing the full-year revenue of FY24. This growth reflects our continued focus on innovation, efficiency, and strengthening relationships with leading global fashion brands. By leveraging AI-driven design, smart manufacturing, and data-backed marketing, we are optimizing our operations and expanding our presence in both domestic and international markets.

HDFC Life wins ICAI award

MUMBAI: HDFC Life Insurance has been awarded the Silver Shield in Category-III Life Insurance at the ICAI Awards for Excellence in Financial Reporting 2023-24, said a statement issued on Monday.

Arjun Ram Meghwal, Union Minister of State (independent charge) for Law & Justice, presented the award to HDFC Life, one of India's leading life insurers, at the ICAI Awards ceremony held in New Delhi, the statement added. HDFC Life is the only life insurance company to feature among the awardees this year.

Every year since 1958, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), awards corporates who demonstrate outstanding financial reporting standards. The esteemed jury selects winners after a thorough review of the accounting practices adopted in financial statements, disclosure policies and presentation of financial statements.

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My old name was PRIYA (PRIYANKA) SACHIN WADGAONKAR has been changed to my new name PRIYA SACHIN VADGAONKAR. Both names are of one person. Affidavit. No.34 AB 999022. Before Notary Ashok S. Rumane. Dt.16/02/2025. (Bk-10348)