

4th MCA Plate Tournament

Contrasting wins for Model Club and ESU

By Our Sports Reporter

IMPHAL, Apr 15: Today's league matches of the ongoing 4th Plate Cricket tournament, organised by Manipur Cricket Association saw Model Club, Chingamakha romp to a huge 225 run victory against YAC. Yaikul at Luwangpokpa Cricket Stadium while ESU, Wangkhei posted a narrow 15 run victory over PTCC, Patsoi at Langthabal Public Ground.



while Hemchand, Mehul and Chitaranjan together added 47 runs in this innings.

Bowlers of PTCC were fast to take wickets with Santosh dismissing 3 wickets in 7 overs while Sadananda and Kenjit picked up 2 wickets each. Dominic also picked up 1 wicket in this innings.

Though the bowlers did their tasks well, the batsmen of PTCC had a dismal end even if they had a promising start. Deepak led the batting for the Patsoi side hitting 51 runs off 66 balls but the remaining order were easy pick for the bowlers of ESU who succeeded in stopping the chase at just 121 runs.

Herojit bowled well to register 4 wickets in his name while Premananda and Chitaranjan claimed one wicket each. Herojit was named man of the match.

Tomorrow matches RRCC, Churachandpur vs SSU, Singjamei at Langthabal Public Ground, UCC, Uripok vs IBSA, Yumnam Leikai at Luwangpokpa Cricket Stadium

Jameson of YAC picked up 3 wickets in this innings. However, his efforts to contain the strike rate went in vain. Arnold of the same team also scalped 2 before Joychandra claimed a single wicket.

In reply, YAC bundled out for a paltry 119 runs in 32 overs as bowlers of Model Club, Iboyaima and Mangi ran ragged their batting line up. Dinesh of YAC was the highest scorer for his team with 17 runs in his name and other batsmen had to return to the pavilion with meagre scores.

Iboyaima and Mangi of the Chingamakha side dismissed 3 wickets each while Binoykumar, Tejkumar and Dhamendra picked up one wicket each to pull down their enemy's chase considerably. Abhishek Dinan was adjudged man of the match for his outstanding batting performance.

Elsewhere, ESU relied on bowler Herojit to register a 15 run victory against PTCC. Electing to bat first, ESU stacked up a total of just 136 runs for 10 in 35 overs. Herojit struck 24 runs, the highest for his team

ESU finish runners up in IWL

SHILLONG, Apr 15

Rising Student's Club were crowned champions of the second edition of the Hero Indian Women's League after the Sukla Dutta coached side defeated Eastern Sporting Union 5-4 on penalties after the full-time scoreline read 1-1 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Shillong, Meghalaya yesterday.

Rising Student's Club started the match on an attacking note and in the 3rd minute, a scramble from inside the box led Ngoubi Devi to shoot wide of goal. Undeterred by the early pressure, ESU staged attacks of their own and in the 13th minute, Roja Devi found the back of the net from outside the box as her shot left the opposition goalkeeper wrong-footed.

In the 19th minute, Mandakini Devi's attempt from a tight angle inside the box hit the side-netting as ESU pressed to double their lead. Supriya Routray had a chance to equalize proceedings for Rising Student's Club in the 40th minute after a corner kick found her free of any marking player, but her shot went wide of the goal.

The half-time scoreline read 1-0 in favour of Eastern Sporting Union.

Changing over, Eastern Sporting Union hunted to double their lead while Rising Student's Club played on counter-attacks. The constant pressure from ESU led Rising Student's Club to commit bodies into defence.

In the 51st minute, Roja Devi connected on a cross

from the flank but her shot from inside the box went way wide of the goal, as ESU showed their intent.

The defensive line of ESU mopped up any Rising Student's Club attacks that cropped up with ease, while the midfield held onto possession of the ball.

Much against the run of play in the Rising Student's Club were awarded a penalty in the 71st minute after a foul inside the box and Sanju slotted the ball home from the spot to level proceedings as the scoreline read 1-1. The full-time scoreline read the same as the match proceeded into extra time.

In the 94th minute, the Rising Student's defence line blocked Roja Devi's shot from inside the box and two minutes later, Mandakini Devi's freekick was saved by the opposing custodian. In the 105th minute, Roja Devi's shot went inches wide of the goal as she attempted to shoot from outside of the box.

ESU pressed for the decisive goal but failed to find the net and after 120 minutes of play the scoreline still read 1-1 as the match proceeded to penalties where Rising Student's Club eventually won 5-4.

Meanwhile, Rising Student's Club were awarded 10lakhs for being crowned champions of Hero Indian Women's League, while Eastern Sporting Union were awarded 5lakhs for being runners-up.

For finishing top scorer with 12 goals, Bala Devi was awarded INR 1lakh, while Panthoi Chanu was awarded INR 1lakh for bagging the 'Best Goalkeeper Award'. The 'Most Valuable Player' was awarded to Prameshwori Devi with INR 1.25lakh and Dangmei Grace won INR 75,000 for bagging the 'Emerging Player Award'. AIFF Media Team

The Pioneer Club felicitates Thoudam Bidiyarani



By Our Sports Reporter

IMPHAL, Apr 15: In a simple function held at The Pioneer Club, Langthabal Lep Mayai Leikai, the club felicitated Thoudam Bidiyarani who brought home two gold medals in the 6th International Strengthlifting and Incline Bench Press Championship 2018.

The championship was held at Bali, Indonesia from April 7 to 10, said a press release issued by the Huidram Angamb Meitei, secretary The Pioneer Club.

2nd Sangai Trophy FLAM, AYMFA post huge wins, SIRTl hold VSA

By Our Sports Reporter

IMPHAL, Apr 15: FLAM, Yaikul, AYMFA, Yairipok today secured huge wins against their rivals while SIRTl, Chandel were held to a goalless draw by VSA. Sora in today's league matches of the ongoing 2nd Sangai Trophy Veteran Football Championship 2018 organised at Mapal Kangeibung by United Veteran Football Association Manipur.

The group C league match staged today saw FLAM notched up a 4-2 win against Sangai. M Biken of Sangai opened the account early in the 8th minute by Somatise Saiza was able to equalise the score two minutes later.

FLAM reversed the lead to their side through Muniram's goal in the 18th minute before K Joy Rongmei extended the lead to 3-1 first during additional time (30+1).



After the break both teams competed well, one attempting to come back into the game and the other trying to extend their lead. FLAM however raced ahead in the 55th minute and it was Ingobi who struck the finisher for his team posting a 4-1 lead.

Embarrassed with the huge lead Sangai threw more men into the opponents' half looking for the openings. Their efforts though late had a positive

impact and they were able to grab a goal through Ng Rajesh to go down by 2-4 to FLAM.

The group B league match staged later saw AYMFA, Yairipok demolished FVFA, Uyumpok 4-0. A brace from Tomba (8', 25') and two goals from Md Iliyas helped the Yairipok secure an emphatic win.

The last league stage match of the day witnessed SIRTl, Chandel hold VSA, Sora to a goalless draw.

Kumar retains King of Shivalik title

SHIMLA, Apr 15

Shimla cyclist David Kumar on Sunday retained the seventh edition of the Hero MTB (mountain biking) Himalaya -- Shimla race that saw Indian and foreign participants, the event organisers said.

He said 23-year-old Kumar retained his King of Shivalik title. German Sarah Appelt, 28, who rides for the Hero Action Team, made it three on the trot and retained her Queen of Shivaliks title. David completed the race in five hours 59 minutes, while his nearest rival Sherpa took 16 minutes more to end the race. Rana was third in the race, just 48 seconds behind Sherpa. IANS

State Arm Wrestling C'ship EK emerge women's champions, MPSC clinch men's team title

By Our Sports Reporter

IMPHAL, Apr 15: EK GYM clinched the women's team championship title earning 95 points while MPSC settled for runners-up title earning 71 points whereas MPSC bagged the men's team championship title earning 174 points and Wangkhei High School settled for runners-up title earning 69 points in the 36th State Arm Wrestling Championship 2018 organised by Manipur Arm Wrestling Association at Lilong Chajing Mamang Leikai Heining Makhong Community Hall. A total of 46 athletes (16 women and 30 men) from 10 units participated in this championship.

S Inao Devi of EK Gym and M Jeevan of MPSC clinched women's and men's champion of the championships title respectively. The closing ceremony of the championship was attended by Y Khemchand, Speaker Manipur Legislative Assembly, O Joy Singh, Chief Patron, Manipur Arm Wrestling Association and L Sarat, President Manipur Arm Wrestling Association as dignitaries who also gave away prizes to the winners and other participants.

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