

Press Release

Contrasting wins for champs Punjab, Kerala

Pune, January 15 : Defending champions Punjab boys and Kerala girls registered contrasting wins in the Under-17 section and continue from where they left off last year in the basketball event at the Khelo India Youth Games 2019.

In a Pool A encounter, Punjab logged a huge 30-point win over Tamil Nadu winning 92-62 with skipper Rajan (27 points), Navkiran Singh (16 points) and Manpreet Singh (16 points) standing out. Tamil Nadu had their skipper Alvin Basil (15 points) as the top score.

Kerala's eves fought off resistance from Rajasthan in Pool A to force a three-point verdict, 57-54. Ann Mary (17 points) and Ameesha (16) were excellent, while Rashi (17 points) and Ankita (16 points) did well for Rajasthan.

Hosts Maharashtra had mixed luck. The Under-17 boys went down to Haryana 55-81, while the girls lost to Tamil Nadu 63-71 to draw a blank in the section.

However, it was the Under-21 section that brought cheers late in the day. The boys downed Uttar Pradesh 74-67, while the girls had it easy against Gujarat 83-41.

RESULTS

Under-17, Boys

Pool-A: Rajasthan bt Kerala 66-60; Karnataka bt Madhya Pradesh 70-60

Pool-B: Punjab bt Tamil Nadu 92-62; Haryana bt Maharashtra 81-55

Under-17, Girls:

Pool-A: Kerala bt Rajasthan 57-54

Pool-B: Tamil Nadu bt Maharashtra 71-63; Uttar Pradesh bt Karnataka 71-40;

Under-21, Boys

Pool-A: Maharashtra bt Uttar Pradesh 74-67; Kerala bt Delhi 77-73

Pool-B: Punjab bt Rajasthan 81-63; Tamil Nadu bt Karnataka 100-74

Under-21 Girls

Pool-A: Maharashtra bt Gujarat 83-41