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Odisha Naval Tata HHPC sweeps to third straight win in Khelo India U21 Women's League

New Delhi, December 17: Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High Performance Centre, Bhubaneswar, and Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy, Bhopal, cruised to the top of Group A and B tables respectively in the Khelo India U21 Women's Hockey League at the Maj. Dhyan Chand National Stadium here today.

Odisha Naval Tata HHPC earned a 5-2 verdict against a fighting Him Hockey Academy, Vikas Nagar (Himachal Pradesh) with Ashima Rout and Munmuni Das accounting for the five goals in their team's third straight win in Group A. Madhya Pradesh HA established itself as the team to beat in Group B with a commanding 9-1 win against Delhi Hockey.

Sports Authority of India B continued its winning ways with a 3-0 win against Khalsa Hockey Academy (Amritsar) in a gripping contest that swung decisively when Vartika Rawat scored a goal each in the last two quarters to add to the sixth-minute goal by Reema Baxla. It was the second victory for SAI B after its 0-6 defeat at the hands of India Juniors on Wednesday.

Yet, it was the Group A table topper which caught the eye with its determination and organised play when under pressure. Him Hockey Academy showed resolve and scored twice in the final quarter to breathe life into the game that was slowing down. Odisha Naval Tata HHPC regrouped quickly to score two goals through its efficient attack.

Madhya Pradesh HA laid down the gauntlet by sweeping to its second big victory but it will be worth tracking the Pritam Siwach HA which held Sports Authority of India A to a 1-1 draw on Thursday, a day after it drew with the team from Bhopal after having led 2-1 with just two minutes left on the clock.

Friday's results:

Group A: Odisha Naval Tata Hockey High-Performance Centre 5 (Ashmita Rout 15th minute, 17 and 48, Mumuni Das 46 and 60) beat Him Hockey Academy 2 (Sarabdeep Kaur 48, Navjot Kaur 42).

Halftime: 2-0.



Sports Authority of India B 3 (Reema Baxla 6, Vartika Rawat 45 and 51) Beat Khalsa Hockey Academy 0. Half-time 1-0.

Raja Karan Hockey Academy 12 (Priya 12, 17, 39 and 44, Gurmail Kaur 15, 18, 22, 27, 34, 35 and 51, Kajal 46) beat Mumbai School Sports Association 0. Half-time 6-0.

Group B: Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy 9 (Bhumiksha Sahu 10, Seema Verma 17, Neeraj Rana 19 and 47, Swati 24, Sadhna Sengar 38 and 46, Yogita Verma 41 and Kanchan Nidhi Kerketta 57) beat Delhi Hockey 1 (Subham 43). Half-time: 4-0.

Thursday's results:

Group B: Sports Authority of India A 1 (Sujata Kujur 25) drew with Pritam Siwach Hockey Academy 1 (Manisha 24). Half-time: 1-1.

Sports Hostel Bhubaneswar, 7 (Neha Lakra 5, 52, Rashmi Kishan 34, Anjela Toppo 39 and 49, Nitu Lakra 42, Nimabati Singh 55) beat Delhi Hockey 1 (Preeti 50). Half-time: 1-0

Saturday's fixture: Khalsa Hockey Academy vs. Raja Karan Hockey Academy (Karnal) 8-00 a.m India Juniors vs Him Hockey Academy, 9-45 a.m; Odisha Naval Tata HHPC vs. Sports Authority of India B, .11-30 a.m.; Har HA vs Pritam Siwach HA, 2-30 p.m.; Madhya Pradesh HA vs. Sports Hostel, Bhubaneswar, 4-15 p.m.; Sports Authority of India A vs. Delhi Hockey, 6-00 p.m.

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