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India down Malaysia for 1st win in four-nation meet

Nikkin Thimmaiah scored a brace as the Indian men's hockey team got the better of Malaysia 4-2 to register its first win in the round robin encounter of the 4 Nations Invitational tournament in Melbourne on Thursday. India scored two goals in the final quarter of the match to earn their first points at the tournament. India will next play New Zealand on Saturday.

Result: India 4 (Thimmaiah 21, 55, Rupinder Pal Singh 40, Akashdeep 56) bt Malaysia 2 (Faizal Saari 39, Shahril Saabah 47).

Dhruv-Sabeena pair finishes ninth:

India's Dhruv Sarada and Sabeena Athica, the reigning National champions, finished ninth in the Mixed Doubles event of the seventh Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championships in Johannesburg on Thursday. Dhruv and Sabeena finished with a total pinfall of 2429. The English pair Becky Daly and Elliot Crosby won the gold with a total of 2820. The top 12 after 24 games with qualify for the Masters event. After 18 games, Sarada (3788) and Akaash Ashok Kumar (3698) were placed ninth and 11th respectively. In the women's section, Sabeena (3338) was placed 11th.

Sarjubala wins; Haryana champs:

Former World Championships silver-medallist Sarjubal Devi picked up her third successive National Championships gold in Haridwar on Thursday. Haryana lifted the overall trophy with five gold, three silver and two bronze medals. Railways Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) finished second Sarjubala, 23, overcame Krishna Thapa.

Love powers Cleveland over Portland:

Kevin Love scored 34 first-quarter points, the second-most in any quarter in NBA history, on his way to a season-high 40 points Wednesday as Cleveland Cavaliers beat Portland 137-125.

Results: Philadelphia 99 lost to Memphis 104 (OT); Charlotte 114 lost to San Antonio 119; Orlando 87 lost to Phoenix 92; Cleveland 137 bt Portland 125; Indiana 85 lost to Atlanta 96; Brooklyn 92 lost to Boston 111; Detroit 107 bt Miami 84; Houston 102 lost to Toronto 115; Dallas 104 lost to LA Clippers 124; Utah 108 bt Denver 83; New Orleans 117 bt Minnesota 96; Golden State 149 bt LA Lakers 106; Sacramento 116 bt Oklahoma City 101.

Goel urges PSUs to promote sports:

Sports minister Vijay Goel called upon the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and Public Sector Banks (PSBs) to contribute to the promotion of sports in the country. In a meeting of major PSUs and PSBs held in New Delhi to discuss promotion of sports, Goel said the PSUs and PSBs have a vast reach and resources which can be used for growth of sports in the country.

Gurpinderjeet shines:

Gurpinderjeet won a grand double winning the Show Jumping and Six Bar contest in the National Equestrian Championship in Bengaluru on Thursday.

Results: Lance Team (Tent Pegging):1. ASC Team B, 2. ITBP, 3.BSF & ASC Team A; Show Jumping: 1. Gurpinderjeet, 2. Harsha, 3.Gurpinderjeet; Six Bar (Pre NoiceNoice):1. Gurpinderjeet, 2.Gurpinderjeet, Rana Pratap.

Greenwood HS score:

Green High School defeated Stonehill GHS 4-0 in the Parikrma Champion League in Bengaluru on Thursday.

Results: St Ann's HS, Goa 3 (Raj Pratap 11, Rahul R 12, Sevil P 12) bt Ryan International 0; Inventure Academy 4 (Rahul Menon, Aryan Kamdar, Yashodave Joshi, Rohan Xavier) bt Jain International 2 (Nikhil Daswani, Bob Chengappa) via tie-breaker. FT: 0-0; Greenwood HS 4 (Sidharth Bargava 17, Chirag 34, Rishab Harjani 35, Suman S Dev 37) bt Stonehill Boys HS 0; Indus International 3 (Ghalib Halin 25, 33; Kevan Keane Lyndoh 23) bt St Joseph's BHS 1 (Kevin 27); St Loyola HS, Goa 2 (Xavier Dmelo 37, Aaron Barreit 40) bt DPS East 0; Farook HSS, Kerala 3 (Jawad P 7, Akhil K 31, Muhammed Shahbas K 33) bt Vidyashilp Academy 0; Parikrma School 3 (Prem 10, 18; Sanjay N 48-og) bt St Aloysius HS 0; DPS North 1(Jagruth 14) bt Vidya Niketan School 0.

Bowring `A' score:

Bowring Institute `A' scored a 451-404 win overs KSBA `B' in the Hennur Banaswadi Cosmopolitan Club's inter-club handicap snooker tournament in Bengaluru on Thursday.

Results: Bowring `A' b KSBA `B' 451-404. HBCC `A' bt Indian Gymkhana `A' 480-424. KSBA `A' bt Domlur Club 481-362. Bowring Institute bt BDSA 541-387.