

Defending Champions Puneri Paltan Register Massive Win Against Haryana Steelers in Their Opening Game

Hyderabad, 19 October, 2024: The Puneri Paltan side kicked off their PKL Season 11 campaign with a clinical performance against the Haryana Steelers on Saturday at the GMR Indoor Stadium, Gachibowli, Hyderabad. The Puneri Paltan won the game by a scoreline of 35-25, with Gaurav Khatri (7 points) top scoring for them. Pankaj Mohite, Mohit Goyat and Aman registered 4 points each while Aslam Inamdar finished the day with 5 points to his name.

LIVE MATCH:

The Puneri Paltan captain Aslam Inamdar started off proceedings for the day for the defending champions with a quick raid. However, the Haryana Steelers kept up pace with the Puneri Paltan, and both sides traded blows in the early exchanges, and neither were able to establish a significant lead.

Midway through the first half, the Puneri Paltan led 7-6 and the Haryana Steelers were finding it difficult to get going. Gaurav Khatri inflicted an ALL OUT on the Haryana Steelers midway through the first half, which helped the Puneri Paltan take a 6-point lead. Gaurav Khatri, Mohit Goyat, Pankaj Mohite and Aslam Inamdar led the charge for the Puneri Paltan, who finished the first half very strongly. At the midway stage of the contest, Puneri Paltan led the contest 19-13.

The second half started off at a slightly slower pace with both sides being watchful in the opening exchanges. However, the Puneri Paltan still led by 6 points, and as the first half progressed, they ensured the Haryana Steelers would not cause them too much trouble.

In the final phase of the contest, Mohammadreza Shadloui looked to up the ante for the Haryana Steelers, but the Puneri Paltan were in fine form and thwarted any chances of a comeback. With less than three minutes to go, Aslam Inamdar inflicted an ALL OUT which helped the Puneri Paltan further strengthen their stranglehold on the contest. The Puneri Paltan eventually won the contest at a canter.

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