



### **Paltan and UP Yoddhas play out hard-fought tie as Pankaj Mohite, Bhavani Rajput shine**

Noida, November 19, 2024: We witnessed the fifth tie of the Pro Kabaddi League Season 11 after the contest between Puneri Paltan and UP Yoddhas ended in a stalemate, with the scoreline reading 29-29, at the Noida Indoor Stadium on Monday. Bhavani Rajput registered a Super 10 for the UP Yoddhas, while Pankaj Mohite score 9 points for the Puneri Paltan.

#### **LIVE MATCH**

It was a rapid start from the defending champions as Pankaj Mohite registered the first tackle of the game to open the scoring. His side cruised to a 4-0 lead in three minutes, going about like it was business as usual. After a slow start, UP Yoddhas got their first points on the board courtesy of a Super Tackle from Ashu Singh. From there on, it didn't take them too long to level the score at 5-5.

Puneri Paltan managed to inch ahead with a three-point lead, before another Super Tackle, this time from Sumit, got the UP Yoddhas levelled things up again. UP Yoddhas steadily found their groove and inflicted an ALL OUT on Puneri Paltan, opening a six-point gap between the two sides.

The defending champions weren't going to go down without a fight as the first half was coming to a close. V Ajith Kumar's two-point raid helped them cut the deficit down to two points, ending a closely contest first half with a scoreline of 16-14 with the UP Yoddhas in the lead.

It was a cautious start to the second half from both sides until Bhavani Rajput was on the right side of a Do-or-Die Raid, ensuring the UP Yoddhas stay in the lead. Pankaj Mohite returned the favour, getting two points in a Do-or-Die Raid to help close the gap for Puneri Paltan, before Aryavardhan Navale evened things up at 20-20 with ten minutes to go in the game.

The defending champions got their noses in front again after Mohit tackled Bhavani Rajput on a Do-or-Die Raid, followed by Pankaj Mohite carrying on his good work on the offensive end. Gaurav Khatri's third tackle of the night, this time on Keshav Kumar helped Puneri Paltan inflict an ALL OUT and move back in front by five points.

V Ajith Kumar got some momentum, inflicting a couple of quick raids to keep the Puneri Paltan's lead intact. However, Bhavani Rajput was doing his bit to make sure that UP Yoddhas stay in the hunt with under four minutes to go and only three points separating the two teams.

There was no stopping Bhavani Rajput as he scored a two-point raid, cutting the deficit to one point for UP Yoddhas. He completed his Super 10 to even things out for his side in the dying moments, ensuring that the two teams share the spoils. This was Puneri Paltan's second draw in three matches and the fifth tie of this season.

Please find below the schedule for PKL Season 11 match on Wednesday, November 20:

Match 1 – Dabang Delhi K.C. vs Gujarat Giants – 8 pm

Match 2 – Telugu Titans vs U Mumba – 9 pm

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The Pro Kabaddi League Season 11 will be broadcast live on the Star Sports Network and streamed on Disney+ Hotstar.

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