

STATUS OF MAHARASHTRA STATE UNIVERSITIES IN KHO-KHO COMPETITIONS OVER OTHER STATE UNIVERSITIES IN THE INTERUNIVERSITY TOURNAMENTS FROM 2001 TO 2010

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ABSTRACT

Kho-Khogame developed and nourished in Maharashtra. The game is played Asian countries like Maldives, Bhutan, Thailand, Bangladesh, Pakistan, India, and Nepal. First Asian Kho-Kho championship was held at Kolkata, India in 1996. In the year 2000 second Asian championship was held in Bangladesh at Mirpur, Dhaka. After efforts of federation, this game has reached at national level since 1959-60. Universities from India started conducting competitions at various levels like Intercollegiate, west zone Inter-university, all India Inter-university, and then Combine University. Right from the beginning of the university Kho-Kho competitions organized by AIU, most of the Kho-Kho championships won by teams Maharashtra. While working in the field of Kho-Kho, researcher critically thinks what is the reason behind Kho-Kho boy's teams wins most of the time? For the personal curiosity researchers was under taken the study. Researcher was conducted interviews of champion's men team players to know the reason behind winning percentage of Maharashtra. On the basis of findings and within the limitation of present study it was found that reason behind the winning more Kho-Kho competitions by teams from Maharashtra is due to getting more opportunities to participate in a state as well as All India competitions organized by sports clubs from Maharashtra and various parts of India. There are many private sports clubs running in Maharashtra & Origin of Kho-Kho game in India is from Maharashtra.

Key words: Kho-Kho, Inter-university competitions.

Introduction

Kho-Kho game is purely an indigenous game. The birth of Kho-Kho game is in Maharashtra. This game needs very less equipments and it is a non expenditure game. This game is played in every parts of Maharashtra and mostly at rural parts. In 1914 Kho-Kho matches were conducted. Rule book was published in 1934 at Akola. During Berlin Olympics Kho-Kho team from Pune demonstrate this game in the year 1936. Kho-Kho federation of India is formed in the year 1943-44. 1949 Hanuman Vyayam Prasarak Mandal, Amravati demonstrated this game at Sweden and Denmark. In the year 1977-78 NIS Diploma course in Kho-Kho started at Patiala for producing coaches. Kho-Kho included in School and university games since long. The game is played by Asian countries like Bhutan, Bangladesh, Pakistan, India, Thailand, Maldives and Nepal. Arjun Puraskar started in 1970-71. First Arjun award received by Sudhir Parab. Asian Kho-Kho championship first time held at Kolkata, India in 1996. In Bangladesh. Asian Kho-Kho championship was held second time in the year 2000 at Mirpur, Dhaka, Bangladesh. After hard

efforts of Kho-kho federation of India, this game has been played at national level since 1959-60 to till date. Kho-Kho team consists of 12 players. 9 players will take the field in the beginning of the match for their turn of chasing. An inning will consist of chasing and defending turns which shall be in senior and junior groups 9 minutes and of 7 minutes in subjunior group. In India Kho-Kho game is played at school level from Tehsil-School National. Kho-Kho game is being played from the University level started from Intercollegiate to All India level. Association level, it is from Tehsil-International level. If one sees the record of all the Kho-Kho competitions conducted by school federation, universities or associations, most of the times maximum competitions won by university teams from Maharashtra. As researcher is working in the field of Kho-Kho since last 35 years, question aroused in the mind of researcher is that what would be the reason behind this historical record created by Maharashtra Kho-Kho boy's universities teams by winning west zone and all India university competitions for percentage of Maharashtra. Researcher wanted to under taken this subject for the study.