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An analytical study of 1st ultimate Kho-Kho league in India during 2022

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Abstract

14 August to 4th September 2022 an Indian Franchise based Kho-Kho league started in 2022. Ultimate Kho-Kho, India's first ever professional Kho-Kho league is promoted by Mr. Amit Burman in a collaboration with the Kho-Kho Federation of India. The first Ultimate Kho-Kho league in the newly constructed Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex at Maharashtra, India in the great enthusiasm. The new upgradation of Kho-Kho games is Ultimate Kho-Kho. The Ultimate Kho-Kho league strives to elevate the age-old Indian sports to international standard and allow young talents to showcase their skills in front of Pan India and global audience and as the league's tagline "India Maar Challaang" depicts, the game is all set for the transition from mud to mat and pole to podium through Ultimate Kho-Kho. It was a life-changing opportunity for the players to impress the fans with their top-notch performance and become national stars.

Keywords: Ultimate kho-kho, professional, sports, federation

Introduction

Kho-Kho is one of the oldest traditional games in India, and the second most popular one after Kabaddi. Just like kabaddi, Kho-Kho is a traditional Indian sport. It's an outdoor game played all around the country mostly in raw mud grounds. In a way, it's an Indianized version of catch-and-chase games with much more fun rules. The Kho-Kho is also popular in countries like Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Nepal.

Kho-Kho is a traditional game played in India. Its origins are ancient, with strategies and tactics likely derived from the epic 'Mahabharata'. On the 13th day of the war, the Kaurava General Guru Dronacharya created the 'Chakravyuha' a special military defensive circle which was eventually penetrated by the renowned warrior Abhimanyu. He was killed eventually by having to fight alone against 7 other warriors, but he inflicted heavy casualties in return. His style of fighting reflects the concept of 'ring play' – a defensive tactic in Kho-Kho. Many other similarities are seen but on a deeper level, Kho-Kho fosters many other desirable traits – sportsmanship, teamwork, loyalty, competitiveness, and self-esteem as well as speed, agility, strategy, and quick thinking. This game is a personal development tool for the athlete that takes up the challenge.

Kho-Kho was first exhibited in the 1936 Berlin Olympics as a special feature by a single team. As an international sport, it made its first entry in 1996 via the 1st Asian Kho-Kho Championship in Kolkata and was strengthened in 2000 at the 2nd championships in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The 3rd Asian championship was held at Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India on 2106 and the 4th Asian championship was held at Tamulpur, Assam, India on March 2023 respectively.

Ultimate Kho-Kho, India's first-ever professional Kho-Kho League, is promoted by Mr. Amit Burman in a collaboration with the Kho-Kho Federation of India (KKFI). It has been launched with an objective to market and package India's indigenous sport of Kho-Kho into a professional structure. The initiative aims to bring India's very own home-grown sport to the forefront and make it the most sought-after sports league in India. The Ultimate Kho-Kho League strives to elevate the age-old Indian sport to international standards and allow young talents to showcase their skills in front of a pan-India and global audience.

With the backing of some of the biggest names from the corporate and entertainment world as franchise owners, the inaugural season of Ultimate Kho-Kho will feature six teams- Chennai Quick Guns (KLO Sports), Gujarat Giants (Adani Sports Line), Mumbai Khiladis (Badshah, Punit Balan & Janhavi Dhariwal Balan), Odisha Juggernauts (Odisha Sports Development and Promotion Company), Rajasthan Warriors (Capri Global) and Telugu Yoddhas (GMR Sports)-fighting for the title of first-ever Ultimate Kho-Kho. And as the league's tagline 'India Maar Chalaang' depicts, the game is all set for the transition from mud to mat and pole to the podium through Ultimate Kho-Kho. It will be a lifetime opportunity for the players to impress the fans with their top-notch game and become national stars. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik felicitated the Odisha Juggernauts on Wednesday as champions of the Ultimate Kho-Kho league. He announced that the government would establish a stadium and a high-performance center to develop the game. "Kho-Kho has been a traditional sport restricted to rural belts and interiors with limited audiences," Patnaik said.

First Ultimate Kho-Kho League: Ultimate Kho-Kho is an Indian franchise-based Kho-Kho league started in 2022. The inaugural season, consisting of 6 teams, took place from 14th August to 4th September 2022. An exhibition match was played on 14th July 202. The players draft for the league was completed later that, with 143 players chosen. Special effort had to be made to find a suitable indoor arena for the first session of Ultimate Kho-Kho, given the requirement to have firmly frustrated poles as part of the playing arena.

Materials and Methods

"An analytical study of Indian players performance and efficiency in Ultimate Kho-Kho league held in India during 2022" to see this through research, the researcher has selected 6 teams, how the Indian players performed in this game in Ultimate Kho-Kho league tournament and how was their quality is tried to be seen in the research. The following 6 teams were selected.

1. Odisha juggernauts
2. Telegu Yoddhas
3. Chennai Quick Gun
4. Gujarat Giant
5. Mumbai khiladis
6. Rajasthan warrior

In the above team only the performance of Indian players is considered.

Source and tools of research: Primary source

In research methodology the earlier research is to be tested with the date available and it must be put into the right perspective. While doing this, the primary source has immense importance for those who experience the team game noted the information in writing is included in primary source. It mainly includes publication notes, contracts, newspapers, books etc. writing tools. The researcher has studied the following tools for his research.

1. Kho-Kho Federation of India (books)
2. Ultimate Kho-Kho Rule book (2022)

Secondary source

Without participating in the team event, the information collected falls in this category. The team event is in the form of information. The secondary source includes journals,

scholarly articles from the different website such as ResearchGate, google scholar etc. souvenir of Kho-Kho Federation of India and newspapers.

Data collection

After collecting all the information, the researcher edited the information. The information required for the research was gathered the information was based on quantitatively and qualitative principle, the selected 6 teams the information from the ultimate Kho-Kho league tournament since 2022 to 2023 was collected. The Indian performance their position in the competition, prize and their team performance were checked, and evaluation of Indian players was done.

Results and Discussion

The ultimate kho-kho league tournament is at 7:00 pm on 14th August 2022. The opening ceremony was based Ultimate Kho-Kho League Tournament. After the Indian national anthem. Then announced the opening of the game officially. Trumpets and band were played at the same time and the clap of thunder was done by spectators. The flag of Indian Flag and Ultimate Kho-Kho League Tournament was hoisted.

At the same time the Ultimate Kho-Kho League Tournament starts. Programme of the game continued 14th august to 4th September 2023 with fanfare. First all teams with league, then eliminator and then qualifier-1 and qualifier-2, and then the final rounds were played. The results were as follows.

Odisha Juggernauts: This included groups competition as well as team game. 23 players (Attackers-10 player, Defenders-5 player, and All-rounders-8) this team. League stage positions second place and team performance first position winner and score 46 points.

Telegu Yoddhas: This included groups competition as well as team game. 22 players (Attackers-10 player, Defenders-6 player, and All-rounders-6) this team. League stage positions third place and team performance second position runner and score 45 points. Defender of the Tournament Deepak Madhav.

Chennai Quick Gun: This included groups competition as well as team game. 26 players (Attackers-7 player, Defenders-11 player, and All-rounders-8) this team. The league stage positions fourth place and team performance third position. Player of the Tournament Ramji Kashyap and Young Player of the Tournament Madan.

Gujarat Giant: This included groups competition as well as team game. 23 players (Attackers-9 player, Defenders-9 player, and All-rounders-5) this team. The league stage positions first place and team performance fourth position. Attacker of the tournament Abhinandan Patil.

Mumbai Khiladis: This included groups competition as well as team game. 23 players (Attackers-10 player, Defenders-12 player, and All-rounders-1) this team. The league stage positions fifth place and team performance fifth position.

Rajasthan Warrior: This included groups competition as well as team game. 25 players (Attackers-10 player, Defenders-7 player, and All-rounders-8) this team. The league stage positions sixth place and team performance sixth position.

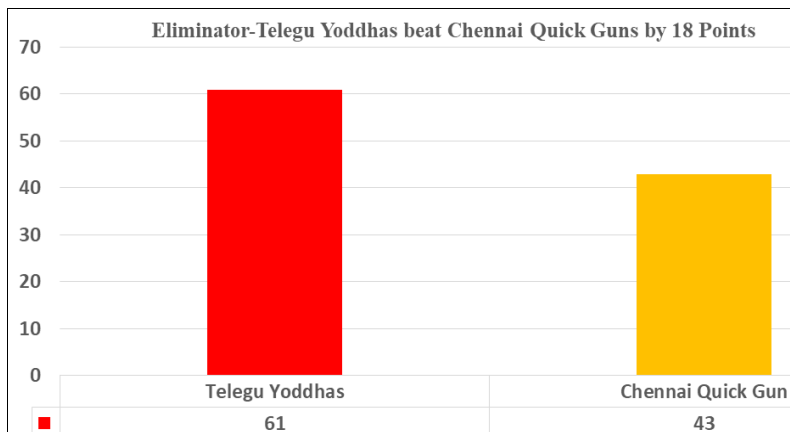


Fig 1: Telugu Yoddhas vs Chennai Quick Guns

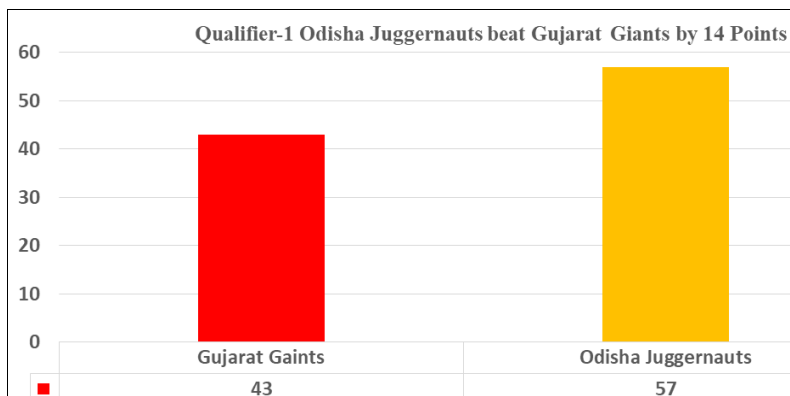


Fig 2: Gujarat Giant vs Odisha Juggernauts

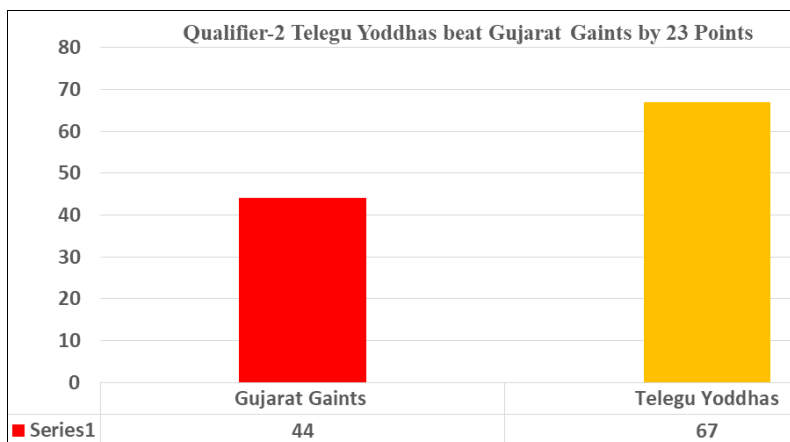


Fig 3: Gujarat Giant vs Telugu Yoddhas

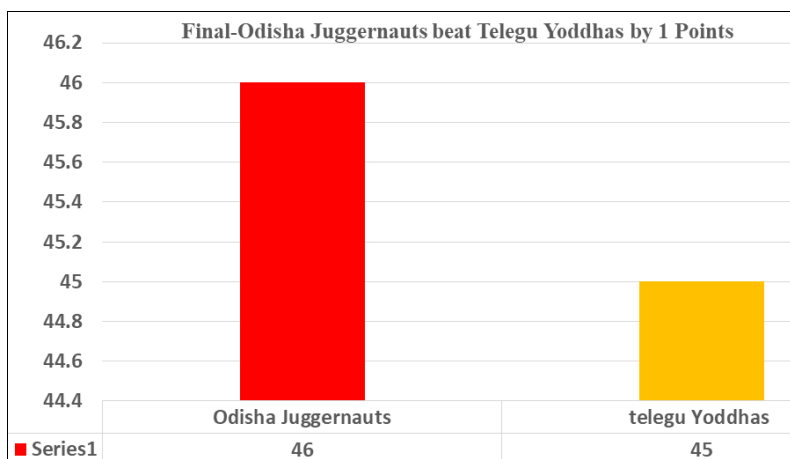


Fig 4: Odisha Juggernauts vs Telugu Yoddhas

Conclusion

The researcher studied the Indian players performance and skills in Ultimate Kho-Kho from 2022 analytically. While doing this he used different tools and collected required information. With the received information he analyzed the performance of Indian players of Ultimate Kho-Kho game. While doing this with the help of paragraphs of related books, explanations and tables, the information tables and graphs were prepared, and following conclusions were drawn.

With the review of harmony, brotherhood, love, friendship, and confidence building based on Ultimate Kho-Kho game, the movement of Ultimate Kho-Kho game was started in India. With inspiration of Mr. Amit Barman started the movement of games. The decision to conduct Ultimate Kho-Kho game was taken. Mr. Sudhanshu Mittal was selected as the President of Kho-Kho Federation of India, with the effort of Mr. Amit Barman the First Ultimate Kho-Kho game was inaugurated at Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Maharashtra India. This day was written in golden letter in Indian history. After this the games were organized every year.

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