



A STUDY ON THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF KARNATAKA HOCKEY PLAYER ARJUN HALAPPA TO INDIAN HOCKEY

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ABSTRACT:

Hockey is one of the many sports derived from pre historic man's delight in stick and ball games. It is a game played between two teams on a field with curved sticks and a small hard ball. In India among various sports, hockey occupies a significant place. It is the national game of India. It is a game of skill, deception, anticipation, concentration and character. Like all other games, hockey too has its fundamental skills. To be on the top in any game, it is necessary to have mastery over its fundamental skills. The fundamental skills of a game are based on the motor moments of human being.

KEYWORDS: sports, hockey occupies, kind of contribution and achievements.

INTRODUCTION

The contribution of any hockey player in terms of high performance and achievements at National and International level plays a vital role in the promotion of hockey game. The contribution of Karnataka State Hockey player in terms of high performance and achievements at National/International level plays a very important role in the promotion of hockey game in Karnataka and India in general.

To find out what kind of contribution and achievements by Mr. Arjun Halappa, Karnataka State Hockey players to Indian hockey, the present study is taken into consideration.

Statement of the Problem:

The problem formulated for the present study is "A study on the Contributions and Achievements of Karnataka Hockey player Mr. Arjun Halappa to Indian Hockey".

Purpose of the study:

The purpose of the study is to assess the contributions and achievements of Karnataka State Hockey player Mr. Arjun Halappa who represented India at International level by making his complete profile.

Objectives of the study:

- To find out the contribution of Karnataka State Hockey players to Indian Hockey in the form of performance and achievements at International level.
- To make a profile of Mr. Arjun Halappa who represented India at International level.

Hypotheses of the study:

- Mr. Arjun Halappa, Karnataka State Hockey player would have contributed to Indian Hockey in the form of performance and achievements at National and International level.

Significance of the study:

- This study assumes great significance given to its comprehensive study to delineate the contribution of Mr. Arjun Halappa, Karnataka State Hockey player to Indian Hockey.
- It reveals his contributions to Indian Hockey at International Hockey matches in the form of performance.
- The study further contributes and explores the role of Karnataka state hockey player to Indian hockey and also making the profile of hockey player is the record of information for further research studies as well as very helpful to coaches, trainers and state hockey federations of India.
- The profile of hockey player contributes as motivational factor for the upcoming young hockey players of Karnataka and India in general.

METHODOLOGY

A present study was designed to investigate the contributions and achievements of Karnataka State hockey player towards the promotion of Hockey game in the Karnataka State and India in general and also to study their philosophy with regard to sports as a profession in India, their quality as a player and their contribution to the game of hockey at national and international level. Data/Information for this investigation was derived from the Primary sources i.e. Direct observation, Questionnaires, Personal records, Archival records, Documents, Pictorial records and Secondary sources. Based on the objectives laid down in the present the following methods were used to obtain the data.

Design of the Study**Sources of Data and Information:**

The different sources and methods used by the researcher to gather data and information about the contribution of Karnataka State hockey player to Indian Hockey. There are four major sources and methods that have been identified by researcher to obtain the information and data are Direct observation, Documents, Archival records and Participation. It is further divided as the collection of data and information for this investigation as both primary and secondary resources.

Primary Resources:

The original data, material and information is collected from the following primary resources,

(a) Direct Observation:

The researcher himself is a university level hockey player and he knows some of the history and profile of hockey players. His direct involvement in the hockey enables him to observe the official records of player in hockey federation being a direct observer and that will lead the researcher to get first hand information.

(b) Documents:

Researcher visited various sports institutions such as Indian Hockey Federation (IHF), New Delhi and Karnataka Hockey Association, Bangalore to get the related data information of the study in the form of Photo's, News Papers, Articles, Books and Administrative records etc. Pictorial records from a large repertoire of photographs available with different sources such as personal albums, official photographs that were found relevant to different occasions have been chosen as documents for the study. The published materials in the News Papers, Sports Magazines and Books etc. These are studied and information retained as documents for the investigation.

(c) Archival Records:

The official records in the sports websites of Sports federation's survey records, Life time achievements and name lists, etc. were searched and studied and information and data are retained for the study.

Secondary Resources:

To get deeper insight into the study the survey method in used for the further study.

(a) Survey:

The survey of state and national hockey federations or associations is done to get the data and information about the contributions of Mr. Arjun Halappa, Karnataka State hockey player who represented India at international level.

ANALYSIS OF DATA AND INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

A present study was designed to investigate the contributions and achievements of Mr. Arjun Halappa Karnataka State Hockey players to Indian Hockey towards the promotion and development of hockey game in Karnataka and country in general and also to study sports motivation with regard to sports as a profession in India, their quality as a players, their professional leadership qualities, and their contribution to the game of hockey at National and International level. The present study is conducted on Mr. Arjun Halappa, Karnataka State hockey player who represented Indian hockey team at International level. Based on the findings the analysis of data and interpretation of results are presented in the following way.

Mr. ARJUN HALAPPA**Early Life:**

Arjun Halappa was born on 17th December 1980 in Somwarpet, Coorg, Karnataka. He is the son of former East Bengal Hockey Club Player B K Halappa and Arjun found the joy of playing hockey game at the early age of five.

Education:

He studied in OLV Convent School in Somwarpet later continuing his high school at St. Joseph's Indian High School, Bangalore.

Employment:

He was working as a Deputy Manager, Air India.

Hockey Career and Achievements:

He joined the Centre of Excellence in 1998 and a year later played his first Senior Nationals at Hyderabad, and was picked among the 72 probable's for a conditioning camp. He played his first Senior Nationals held at Hyderabad in the year 1999 and in the same year he made his junior debut in the European tour under the coaches C R Kumar and Harendera.

He scored eight goals in the Junior Asia Cup 2000 and he also scored vital goals at the Junior World Cup before earning senior spurs under the coach Fedric D Souza regime as a part of title winning team in the Prime Minister Gold Cup 2001 held at Dhaka, Bangladesh that was his international debut for the Indian men's national hockey team since then he cemented his place in the senior side.

Halappa represented India at the 2004 Summer Olympics, where India finished in seventh place. He represented India at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in New Delhi, where India finished in second place.

Arjun Halappa was an accomplished all-rounder and matured later to become a pivot which he excels nowadays and a good stopper in penalty corner drills. His inspiration as a young player was Jude Felix and he admires him as a person, player and coach. He was also grateful to his parents and wife for their constant support.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Represented Karnataka State Junior hockey team in the Junior Nationals 1999 held at Bangalore and did captaincy to the team.
- Represented Karnataka State hockey team in the National Championship 1999 held at Hyderabad.
- Represented Indian hockey junior team in the 8th Nation Junior Challenge 1999 held at Ponzan (2nd Place) and scored 7 goals.
- Represented Karnataka State hockey team in the National Games 2000 held at Imphal.
- Represented Karnataka State hockey team in the National Championship 2000 held at Jammu (1st Place) and he was recognized as 'Most Promising Player' in that championship.
- Represented Karnataka State Junior hockey team in the Junior Asia Cup 2000 held at Kuala Lumpur (2nd Place) and scored 7 goals.
- Represented Indian hockey team in the Akbar-El-Yom Tournament 2000 held at Cario, Egypt (3rd place).
- Represented Karnataka State Junior hockey team in the Murugappa Gold Cup 2001 held at Chennai (1st Place) and adjudged as 'IHF Juniors Player of the final'.
- Represented Indian hockey junior team in the Junior World Cup 2001 held at Hobart (1st place) and scored 1 goal.
- Represented Indian hockey team in the Prime Minister's Gold Cup 2001 held at Dhaka (International debut-winner) and scored 3 goals.
- Represented Indian hockey team in the Champions Challenge 2001 held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (Gold).
- Represented Indian hockey team in the Test Series 2001 with Malaysia held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (Winner) and scored 1 goal.
- Represented Indian hockey team in the World Cup Qualifier 2001 (5th place) held at Edinburgh and scored 2 goals.
- Represented Indian hockey team in the Test Series 2001 held at New Zealand (lost 1-2).
- Represented Indian hockey team in the 4th Nation Castrol Festival 2001 held at Milton Keynes (1st Place).
- Represented Karnataka State hockey team in the Jawaharlal Nehru Tournament 2002 held at New Delhi (2nd Place).
- Represented Karnataka State hockey team in the Murugappa Gold Cup 2002 held at Chennai, Tamilnadu (2nd Place) and recognized as midfielder of the tournament.
- Represented Karnataka State hockey team in the Lal Bahadur Shastri Tournament 2002 held at New Delhi (2nd Place).
- Represented Indian hockey team in the World Cup 2002 held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (10th Place).
- Represented Indian hockey team in the Champions Trophy 2002 held at Cologne (4th Place).
- Represented Indian hockey team in the Akbar El-Yom Tournament 2002 held at Cario, Egypt (1st Place) and did captaincy to the team.
- Represented Indian hockey team in the Robobank 4th Nation Tournament 2002 held at Amstelveen (lost).
- Represented Karnataka State hockey team in the Bombay Gold Cup 2003 held at Mumbai (1st Place) and in the final he scored goal in the in tie breaker.

- Represented Indian hockey team in the Afro-Asian Games 2003 held at Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India (1st place) and he scored 3 goals which includes one in the final.
- Represented Indian hockey team in the 3 Nation Tournament 2003 held at Sydney, Australia (1st place).
- Represented Indian hockey team in the 3 Nation Tournament 2003 held at Perth, Australia (2nd place).
- Represented Karnataka State hockey team in the Lal Bahadur Shastri Tournament 2003 held at New Delhi (1st Place) and scored in the final.
- Represented Indian hockey team in the Azlan Shah Cup 2004 held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (lost) and scored 2 goals.
- Represented Indian hockey team in the Test Series 2004 held at Netherlands, (lost 0-2).
- Represented Indian hockey team in the Olympic Qualifier 2004 held at Madrid, Spain (5th place) and scored 2 goals.
- Represented Indian hockey team in the 4 Nation Tournament 2004 held at Sydney, Australia and scored 1 goal.
- Represented Indian hockey team in the 4 Nation Tournament 2004 held at Canberra (2nd Place) and scored 1 goal.
- Represented Indian hockey team in the 4 Nation Tournament 2004 held at Gifu, Japan (2nd Place) and scored 2 goals.
- Represented Indian hockey team in the 4 Nation Tournament 2004 held at Amstelveen (lost).
- Represented Indian hockey team in the 4 Nation Tournament 2004 held at Dusseldorf (2nd).
- Represented Indian hockey team in the 4 Nation Tournament 2004 held at Madrid, Spain (2nd).
- Represented Indian hockey team in the Olympics 2004 held at Athens, Greece (7th place) and scored 1 goal.
- Represented Indian hockey team in the India v/s Ireland Test Series 2004 held at Leverkusen (Winner 2-1).
- Represented Indian hockey team in the India v/s Pakistan Test Series 2004 held at Pakistan (Lost 2-4) and scored 5 goals.
- Represented Indian hockey team in the India v/s Spain Test Series 2004 held at Chandigarh, India (Tied 1-1) and scored 1 goal.
- Represented Indian hockey team in the Champions Trophy 2004 held at Lahore, India (4th) and scored 3 goals.
- Represented Indian hockey team in the India v/s France Test Series 2004 held at New Delhi, India (Lost 0-1) and scored 2 goals.
- Represented Indian hockey team in the Commonwealth Games 2006 held at Athens, Greece (7th place) and scored 1 goal.
- Represented Indian hockey team in the Asian Games 2006 held at Athens, Greece (7th place) and scored 1 goal.
- Represented Indian hockey team in the Asia Cup 2009 held at Malaysia (7th place).
- Represented Indian hockey team in the Asian Games 2010 held at Guangzhou, China (3rd place- Bronze).
- Represented Indian hockey team in the World Cup 2010 held at New Delhi, India (2nd place-Silver).
- Represented Indian hockey team in the Super Series 2011 held at Perth, Australia (4th place).

Awards:

- Karnataka Rajyotsava award 2004 by Govt. of Karnataka.
- Ekalavya Puraskar 2001 by Govt. of Karnataka.

Other teams represented:

- Bangalore Hi-Fliers from 2005-08.
- Karnataka Loins 2012 to till date.

CONCLUSION:

Mr. Arjun Halappa was represented Indian hockey in the Olympics games, Junior Asia Cup, Commonwealth games, Asian Games, Champion Challenge, Champion Trophy, Afro- Asian games, Akber E I Yom and test series won many medals for India. It is clearly advocated that Mr. Arjun Halappa, Karnataka State hockey player who is immensely contributed to the cause of upliftment of national game hockey and thus played a

pivotal role in reviving the glorious past of hockey in the country once again. Being the role model, Karnataka State hockey player was being religiously emulated by the younger generation for sports. He was a product of SAI Recognizing the everlasting efforts and valuable contributions and achievements rendered to sports by him Karnataka Rajyotsava award 2004 and Ekalavya Puraskar 2001 by Govt. of Karnataka.

Finally it is concluded that Mr. Arjun Halappa, Karnataka state Hockey player made a very significant and tremendous contribution to India Hockey in the form of achievements in the field of Hockey game at national and international level.

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