

Snooker Champion – KKN

Jonah Antony of class 7 K, from a very young age was very much interested in Snooker and Billiards and have been practicing in it diligently over the years. This month he represented India in the World Under-16 Snooker tournament held in St. Petersburg, Russia. He practiced really hard and placed 27th out of 66 players. He is really proud of his achievement, but he have resolved to practice even harder and perform better next year. It was a wonderful experience meeting players from all over the world, and observing their playing style and techniques. He played really well and won many matches. He cannot explain in words how proud he felt representing Our country.

This game had taught him so many things.... commitment, focus, patience and perseverance. It is his dream to become the best in this game, and he will not stop till he achieve it.

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POCKETING SUCCESS
Ashok Nagar boy shines in billiards and snooker



TALK TEAM

Seven-year-old Jonah Antony, residing in Ashok Nagar, came third at the Tamilnadu State Ranking Sub-Junior (Under 18) Billiards Tournament held here recently.

An upcoming player, he also took part in the World Snooker Championship Tournament (Under 16) held at St Petersburg, Russia, in October, where he was ranked 27.

‘Seventy players across the world participated. Of them five were from

India, including two from Tamilnadu. Jonah played well and his aim is to become the number one player in both snooker and billiards at international level,’ said the child’s coach, D Bhuvanewaran.

Asked about how he spotted the talent in Jonah, the coach said, ‘I was roped in to train his sister in snooker at their house. Seeing her playing, Jonah, who was then eight years old, showed keen interest in the game. We had to set up a temporary elevation so that he could reach

the snooker table. His approach to the game was good and I trained him for the last three years.’

Jonah made his entry in 2015 by participating in the State Ranking Sub-Junior (Under 18) Snooker Tournament and in 2016, he reached up to quarter finals. He has also participated in various tournaments held at national and State levels. ‘Jonah had also got a chance to meet snooker champion Pankaj Advani, where he was given the insights of the game,’ said Bhuvanewaran, and added that he would coach

him to become national champion.

Jonah is well supported by his parents - Antony Joseph and Sarah.

‘We had set up the snooker table as part of recreation among our family members. As Jonah showed tremendous interest, he was coached by Bhuvanewaran and he been practising regular,’ said his mother Sarah.

There is the general misconception that snooker game is a rich man’s game. When asked about it, Bhuvanewaran said, ‘It is not so. There are many youngsters showing interest in the game and associations are promoting it in the city.’

‘One cannot shine quickly in the game as great effort of mind is involved. So, regular practice will help,’ said the coach.

Apart from snooker, Jonah, a class 7 student of PSBB, K K Nagar, is also a western classical pianist and has participated in several musical shows.

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