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Hemanth sends Dhruv packing

BANGALORE, DHNS: Karnataka's Hemanth sent top-seeded Dhruv Sunish of Maharashtra packing to enter the final of the boys' under-12 category of the JIRS AITA Talent Series tournament here on Thursday.

Hemanth, seeded sixth, fought valiantly to outlast Dhruv 6-4, 6-7, 7-6 and set up title clash with Apuroop Reddy, who prevailed over Tamil Nadu's Pranash 7-6, 6-2.

In the under-14 semifinals, Kishen S defeated Prateik R 6-0, 6-1. In the final, Kishen will take on Andrew K Jose, a 6-3, 7-5 winner over Kevin George.

Results (semifinals, Karnataka unless mentioned):

Boys: Under-14: 1-Kishen S bt Prateik R 6-0, 6-1; Andrew K Jose bt Kevin George 6-3, 7-5. **Under-12:** 6-Hemanth bt 1-Dhruv Sunish (Mah) 6-4, 6-7, 7-6; 2-Apuroop Reddy (AP) bt Pranash (TN) 7-6, 6-2. **Girls: Under 14:** 1-Nupur Umashankar bt P Srivani Rao (AP) 6-2, 6-1; 4-Swetha Samuel bt 2-Kavya N Kumar 7-6, 7-6. **Under-12:** 1-Prerana Kalwar bt Dhawani Kumar 6-2, 6-3; 4-P Srivani Rao (AP) bt 2-Tanmayee Pattnaik (Ori) 6-3, 6-4.