

FIH PRO LEAGUE

Men's hockey team goes down 2-3

LONDON: The Indian Men's Hockey Team went down 2-3 against Germany in their third match of the London leg of the FIH Hockey Pro League 2023/24 at the Lee Valley Hockey Stadium in Saturday night. For India, Harmanpreet Singh (19') and Sukhjeet Singh (48') scored the goals, while for Germany, Gonzalo Peillat (2', 33') and Christopher Ruhr (10') were on target. Germany were quick to get off the blocks on an attacking mode and put India on the backfoot. The reigning world Champions earned a PC early in the first quarter. Gonzalo Peillat (2') converted the penalty corner successfully to put Germany in the lead. India then started pressing deep

inside Germany's circle with Hardik Singh and Gurjant Singh, combining to put pressure on the opposition's defense. However, it was Germany that doubled their lead as Christopher Ruhr (10') found the back of the net. The first quarter ended with Germany leading India by 2-0. India started the second quarter well, matching toe to toe in the early



exchanges. India earned a penalty corner within the first four minutes of the quarter. Indian Captain Harmanpreet Singh (19') found the back of the net to bring India back in the game. Despite repeated attacks and putting constant pressure on the German defenders, India were unable to cover the deficit going into half-time. High on confidence, India started the game aggressively after halftime, but the German defense continued to hold down the fort. The third quarter saw plenty of action on both ends, but it was Germany, which extended its lead as Gonzalo Peillat was once again on the scoresheet (33') after he successfully converted the penalty corner.

Shaili Singh is next big name, says Anju Bobby George

BENGALURU: Anju Bobby George, the esteemed icon of Indian athletics, has articulated her firm belief that Shaili Singh and her daughter, Andrea, are destined to carve their names in the annals of sporting greatness. Exuding confidence in Shaili's potential, Anju emphatically declared, "I think Shaili Singh will be the next big name in Indian athletics after Neeraj Chopra." Her endorsement resonates with Shaili's exceptional talent and the luminous trajectory that awaits her in the competitive realm of sports. This comment was made in an interaction with Anju at the MOVE (Move Own Vitalise and

Empower) Summit 2024 organised by Happiest Health, a health magazine Saturday. Currently honing her skills through rigorous training in Europe for the upcoming Olympics, Shaili has already showcased her mettle with outstanding performances,

transcending challenges along the way. Anju stated that she had been expecting Shaili to break her record since last year, noting her close performance at the national event with a jump of 6.76 meters. She also highlighted Shaili's achievement as the youngest athlete to

win a silver medal in the under-20 world championship, narrowly missing the gold by just 1cm. "Since last year, I've been expecting Shaili to break my record at any time. She came very close at the national event with a jump of 6.76 meters. She is also the youngest athlete to win a world championship medal under 20, securing a silver medal, and she missed the gold by just 1cm," she said. Shaili, who is currently training in Europe for the upcoming Olympics under the guidance of Bobby George, has set her sights on achieving even greater success this year. "She is aiming for higher success," George added.



Chennaiyin FC secures Laldinpuia

CHENNAI: Chennaiyin Football Club secured their third signing for the 2024-25 season, bringing in defender PC Laldinpuia on a three-year deal. The 27-year-old from Mizoram, capable of playing both in defense and mid-field, joins the Marina Machans after a standout tenure with Jamshedpur FC. Laldinpuia made his Indian Super League (ISL) debut with Jamshedpur under coach Owen Coyle in 2022 and was part of the team that clinched the ISL League Shield that year. "In Laldinpuia, we have an incredible center-back coming off a great season. Having worked with him briefly, I'm confident he will be well-loved among the squad," head coach Coyle remarked. Expressing his enthusiasm, Laldinpuia said, "When they told me they were interested, I was very excited to join. It's a big team with a great coach whose system I understand well."

T20 WORLD CUP

Australia defeat England

BARBADOS: Australia showcased their dominant form in a thrilling T20 World Cup clash, defeating arch-rivals England at the Kensington Oval late Saturday. England, under pressure to secure a win after their opening match against Scotland was washed out, won the toss and chose to bowl first, hoping to leverage the conditions to their advantage. The Australian innings began explosively, with openers Travis Head and David Warner launching a fierce assault on the English bowlers. Warner, known for his aggressive batting style, struck a quick-fire 39 off just 20 balls, setting a brisk pace

before being dismissed in the fifth over.



By this time, Australia had already amassed 70 runs, laying a strong foundation for a high total. Travis Head followed soon after, falling in the next over for 31, but the momentum was maintained by captain Mitchell

Marsh and the versatile Glenn Maxwell. Marsh

contributed a steady 35 runs, while Maxwell added a dynamic 28, both ensuring the run rate remained high. Their efforts were complemented by Marcus Stoinis, who played a crucial late cameo, scoring 30 off

15 balls. This aggressive batting display propelled Australia to a formidable total of 201/7 at the end of their 20 overs. In response, England openers Phil Salt and Jos Buttler provided a promising start, matching the required run rate and keeping their team in the hunt. Salt, in particular, was aggressive, but his innings was cut short by Adam Zampa in the seventh over, a pivotal moment that shifted the game's momentum in Australia's favour. Zampa, Australia's ace leg-spinner, struck again in his next over, dismissing the dangerous Buttler. England's middle order struggled to recover from these setbacks.

Miller, Baartman heroics seal victory for SA

NEW YORK: In the pulsating atmosphere of the T20 World Cup 2024, David Miller emerged as the epitome of determination, guiding South Africa to a four-wicket conquest over the Netherlands. The showdown, held here on Saturday, unfolded as South Africa overcame adversity to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. The match commenced with South Africa facing an early setback as openers Quinton de Kock and skipper Aiden Markram were dismissed without troubling the scorers. At a precarious 12 for four, the Proteas seemed to be staring down the barrel of defeat. However, in a display of sheer tenacity, a resolute partnership between Tristan Stubbs and the indomitable David Miller reignited South Africa's hopes. Their alliance,

worth 61 runs for the fifth wicket, served as a beacon of hope amidst the storm, propelling South Africa back into contention. Though Stubbs and Miller fell in quick succession, it was Miller's composed innings, adorned with elegance and grit, that proved to be the decisive factor in South Africa's triumph. His unbeaten knock of 59 runs off 51 deliveries not only anchored the innings but also steered his team across the finish line in the face of daunting odds. The narrative of the match, however, was not solely defined by Miller's heroics with the bat. South Africa's bowlers, spearheaded by the relentless Othniel Baartman, orchestrated a masterful display of skill and precision, restricting the Netherlands to a modest total of 103 runs for nine wickets.

Economy to grow at 7.2 pc New EV taxis fleet launched

MUMBAI: Exuding confidence that the Indian economy is likely to grow at 7.2 per cent in 2024-25, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said all sectors - agriculture, buoyancy in services sector, health, banks and business optimism, augur well for overall economic activity. "Looking ahead, the forecast of above normal south-west monsoon by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) is expected to boost kharif production and replenish the reservoir levels. Strengthening agricultural sector activity is expected to boost rural consumption. On the other hand, sustained buoyancy in services activity should continue to support urban consumption," RBI Governor

Shaktikanta Das said said while announcing the second bi-monthly monetary policy of the current fiscal 2024-25. He also stated that the healthy balance sheets of banks and corporates, government's continued thrust on capex, high capacity utilization, and business optimism augur well for investment activity. External demand should get a fillip from improving prospects of global trade. "Taking all these factors into consideration, real GDP growth for 2024-25 is projected at 7.2 per cent with Q1 at 7.3 per cent; Q2 at 7.2 per cent; Q3 at 7.3 per cent; and Q4 at 7.2 per cent. The risks are evenly balanced," Das said. Equally important is good health of the global economic and in this re-

gard, he said global growth is sustaining its momentum in 2024 and is likely to remain resilient, supported by rebound in global trade. Inflation is easing, but the final leg of this disinflation journey may be tough. Central banks remain steadfast and data-dependent in their fight against inflation. Market expectations regarding the timing and pace of interest rate cuts are also changing with incoming data and central bank communication. US dollar and sovereign bond yields remain range bound. While gold prices have surged on safe haven demand, equity markets have gained in both advanced and emerging market economies since the last MPC meeting.

BENGALURU: To mark the World Environment Day, Kempegowda International Airport introduced a new fleet of 175 electric vehicle (EV) taxis by Refex eVeelz, a branch of Refex Group's Green Mobility vertical. These compact SUVs, available in teal and pink, aim to enhance sustainability at the airport. Hari Marar, Managing Director and CEO of Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL), highlighted the airport's commitment to environmental sustainability, emphasising the dual initiatives of launching the EV taxi fleet and planting 100 trees on the airport campus.

Marar stated, "These efforts showcase our dedication to reducing carbon footprints and enhancing green spaces, thereby improving the ecosystem and passenger experience." Passengers can book these EV taxis at airport taxi stands or via the BLR Pulse mobile app. The teal SUVs symbolize BLR Airport's commitment to sustainability, while the pink SUVs cater to female passengers, driven by female drivers. Each female passenger is given a 'Pink Card' with essential contact numbers for enhanced safety. Anil Jain, Managing Director of Refex

Group, expressed pride in the initiative, stating, "Refex's Green Mobility vertical is committed to providing reliable, safe, and eco-friendly commuting options through Refex eVeelz. Our EV fleet and driver partners ensure a sustainable travel experience." With over 50% of the airport's taxi fleet now electric, the introduction of Refex eVeelz is expected to significantly reduce carbon emissions. BIAL is steadily progressing towards its goal of transitioning all airport vehicles to sustainable alternatives, furthering its environmental objectives and promoting a greener future.

TCS launches WisdomNext

KOLKATA: Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has launched TCS AI WisdomNext, a platform that aggregates multiple Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) services into a single interface and enables organisations to rapidly adopt next-gen technologies at scale, lower costs and within regulatory frameworks. The industry-leading platform is designed to remove barriers for customers to develop and launch business solutions, allowing for real-time experimentation across vendor, internal, and open-source LLM models, according to a media statement on Friday. AI and GenAI have far-reaching applications across the value chain for businesses. However, solution designers around the world find it difficult to select, experiment and decide on the right foundational models to use. Foundational models are constantly evolving, and each model offers different capabilities in terms of mode of usage, cost, and effectiveness. TCS' AI for Business Study, a comprehensive survey on the impact of AI on businesses, found that while business executives are generally positive about the impact of AI, they are less certain about the path to transformation. TCS AI WisdomNext helps businesses choose the right models and simplify the design of new business solutions using GenAI tools. It also enables businesses to reuse pre-existing components to accelerate the design. Siva Ganesan, Head, AI/Cloud Unit, TCS, said, "TCS AI WisdomNext helps our customers take advantage of GenAI to unlock the full potential of their data, drive greater business innovation and efficiency, and gain a competitive edge."

Refex Industries announces results

MUMBAI: Refex Industries Limited., which is committed to promote sustainability in India with a diverse portfolio encompassing Ash & Coal Handling, Refrigerant Gases, Power Trading, and Green Mobility, has announced its Audited Financial Results for Q4 & FY24. Commenting on the performance, Anil Jain, Chairman & Managing Director of Refex Industries Limited said, "We are pleased with the resilient performance delivered by Refex Industries in FY24. Our unwavering commitment to sustainability is reflected in these results, underscoring our dedication to advancing eco-friendly practices across our operations. The primary reason for the decline in revenue is the approximately 45% decrease in coal prices compared to the previous year. Despite this, we have increased

the volumes for coal handling and successfully maintained our EBITDA margins. Looking ahead, we are strategically poised to double our ash handling capacity. The current ash handling market is valued at ₹ 60,000-70,000 crore in India, and we aim to capture a 4-5% market share in the coming years. In the ongoing year, we are committed to expand our geographical presence, increase our ash handling capacity, and also increase our fleet size in the Green Mobility sector. Our step-down subsidiary in the Green Mobility vertical has commenced operations at Bengaluru airport, which is currently operating a 100+ EV 4 wheelers in "The Airport Taxi" category, as an authorised partner of the Bengaluru International Airport Ltd. (BIAL), and shall scale up to 600+ in the next 4 months' time.

Focus Lighting & Fixtures announces results

MUMBAI: Focus Lighting & Fixtures Limited, engaged in manufacturing & innovative lighting solutions of LED lights and fixtures, announced its Audited Financial Results for Q4 & FY24. Commenting on the performance, Amit Sheth, Managing Director of Focus Lighting & Fixtures said, "We are delighted to announce our robust financial performance in FY24. We've seen a substantial increase in our net profit and a significant rise in EBITDA, coupled with improved margins, which underscore the effectiveness of our strategic initiatives. The growing market demand for our innovative LED lighting solutions has been a key driver behind these achievements. Moreover, our Operating Cash flow turning positive demonstrates a significant improvement in our operational efficiencies. As we look ahead, I am excited about the opportunities that lie on the horizon. With plans for global expansion and a continued focus on innovation, I am confident that Focus Lighting & Fixtures will continue to thrive and create value. We are excited to continue leading Focus on its path to even greater success."

Techknowgreen Solutions reports results

MUMBAI: Techknowgreen Solutions Ltd., a premier environmental consulting firm in India, experienced in executing projects within the environmental sector reported an Audited Financial Results for FY24. Speaking on the performance, Prasad Pawar, CEO and Director, Techknowgreen Solutions Limited said, "We are pleased to announce our strong financial performance. Our commitment to excellence in environmental services, compliance, and sustainability is reflected in these results. The trust and confidence our esteemed clients place in our capabilities drive us to continue innovating and delivering satisfactory services. Our diverse portfolio of projects not only strengthens our market position but also reinforces our dedication to delivering high-quality solutions tailored to meet the evolving needs of our clients and communities. For greater transparency and comparative analysis, we have disclosed our FY23 financials for 89 days to accurately reflect our business performance as a public limited company."

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