

2nd Test: India on top as Bangladesh end day 4 at 26/2

KANPUR: Bangladesh found themselves in deep trouble at 26/2 by stumps on the fourth day of the second Test against India, losing opener Zakir Hasan and nightwatchman Hasan Mahmud to Ravichandran Ashwin in a tricky final session.

Zakir fell to a textbook off-spinner's delivery, while Mahmud's dismissal came off a reckless shot that compounded the visitors' woes as they ended the day under pressure.

India's aggressive intent earlier in the day had put them firmly on top. KL Rahul's blistering 68 off 43 balls led a batting assault that saw the hosts declare at 285/9 after just under 35 overs. Rahul, alongside Vi-

rat Kohli (47 off 35), shared a crucial 87-run stand that left the Bangladesh attack shell-shocked.

The foundation for India's rapid scoring had been laid post-lunch by Yashasvi Jaiswal, whose 51-ball 72, coupled with Rohit Sharma's cameo of 23 off 11 balls, set the tone. Shubman Gill chipped in with a quick 39 off 36, while a promotion for Rishabh Pant didn't work out as expected.

India's declaration at a scoring rate of 8.22 runs per over was a statement of intent, leaving Bangladesh to face a challenging few overs before stumps. Spinners Mehidy Hasan Miraz (4-41) and Shakib Al Hasan (4-78) picked up wickets but couldn't stop the Indian

onslaught.

Earlier in the day, Bangladesh had collapsed from 224-6 to 233 all out despite Mominul Haque's gritty, unbeaten 107. Jasprit Bumrah (3-50) and Ravindra Jadeja, who completed 300 Test wickets, were instrumental in India wrapping up the innings quickly. With Bangladesh still trailing by 26 runs and down two early wickets, India heads into the final day with the momentum, poised to push for a dramatic victory.

Brief scores: Bangladesh 233 and 26/2 (Ravichandran Ashwin 2-14) trail India 285/9 decl. (Yashasvi Jaiswal 72, KL Rahul 68; Mehidy Hasan 4-41, Shakib Al Hasan 4-78) by 26 runs.

PT Usha rues lack of felicitation

NEW DELHI: President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) PT Usha on Monday expressed her profound disappointment at the extreme insensitivity shown by members of the IOA Executive Committee (EC) in failing to organise a felicitation ceremony for the Indian athletes who brought home glory from the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

"India won six medals, with young shooter Manu Bhaker winning two medals, a first of sorts. No Indian athlete before this won two medals in a single edition of the Olympics, and I take pride I was able to help Manu in this journey. It is a matter of pride for me we had medals from Neeraj Chopra, Sarabjot Singh, Swapnil Kushale and the men's hockey team as well but the EC does not want to celebrate their success, which makes me very sad," Usha said.

Usha highlighted that despite her repeated efforts and proposals, there has been no genuine commitment or initiative from the EC members to honour the Olympic medallists, an Indian Olympic Association statement said.

"These athletes have made the nation proud, and it is the responsibility of the IOA to celebrate their achievements with the respect they deserve. It is deeply concerning that, even after returning home in mid-August, the EC has failed to discuss or take any steps towards organizing a formal felicitation ceremony," Usha said.

India beat Laos in AFC U20 qualifiers

VIENTIANE (LAOS): India defeated hosts Laos by two second half goals in their concluding Group G match of the AFC U20 Asian Cup Qualifiers 2025 at the Lao National Stadium KM16 on Sunday night.

In a match that could have won by a tennis-like score, the Blue Colts squandered a series of scoring chances before finding the net through Gwngwsar Goyary (69') and Thanglalsoun Gangte (84') to notch up full points. While India finished with six points from three matches and were second in the four-team group behind IR Iran, it remains to be seen whether this performance can secure them a spot in the final rounds of the competition. The top teams of the 10 groups along with the five best second-place finishers will qualify for the AFC U20 Asian Cup China 2025. India finished second in group G with a 6-2 goal difference.

India spent most of the first 45 minutes lurking around the Laos area to find a goal but had to troop back to the dressing room without success. While the home side rode

their luck to keep the scoresheet clean, India missed a host of opportunities.



Going by the trend of the proceedings, the Blue Colts should have been up by a comfortable margin, but they failed to avail chances that came their way. Kelvin Singh Taorem surprised everyone around when he couldn't find the target despite having the Laos goalkeeper at his mercy. Kop Lokpathib, the Laos custodian, by far the busiest person on the pitch, looked more relieved than anyone around when Goyary ballooned over the bar from just outside the six-yard area.

Jammu to witness LLC matches: Official

JAMMU: The matches of the Legend League Cricket (LLC) tournament are finally to be held as per the schedule at Maulana Azad Stadium from October 3.

"We have received the necessary permissions from Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council and work is on in the stadium in full flow," said Raman Rajheja, Co-Founder, Legends League Cricket.

He said, "We are excited for the matches to commence in the city of Jammu as per schedule."

However, on October 3, as per the schedule, Manipal Tigers will take on Toyam Hyderabad (7 PM), on October 4, India Capitals will take on Konark Suryas Odisha (3 PM), on October 5, Manipal Tigers V/s Gujarat Greats (3 PM), Toyam Hyderabad V/s Southern

Superstars (7 PM), on October 6, Konark Suryas Odisha V/s Toyam Hyderabad (7:30 PM) and on October 7, India Capitals V/s Gujarat Greats (7 PM).

"The league followed all and complete protocols and necessary requirements for the commencement of the Jammu leg," said an official.

He said that the tickets have already gone live from September 22 to overwhelming response and Legends League Cricket is looking forward to conducting international standard cricket matches in Jammu and Srinagar as well.

Meanwhile the players have started arriving in Jammu for their respective matches as per the schedule.

BRITISH GT C'SHIP

Sai Sanjay books stunning podium

CHENNAI: Ace Indian driver Sai Sanjay finished a creditable third overall and also booked a stunning podium in the Silver class in the GT4 category of the British GT Championship at Brands Hatch, West Kingsdown, Kent, UK on Sunday.

The 21-year Indian driver from Chennai did a commendable work in the last round of the British GT championship, which is making news in India, due to popular Tamil actor Ajith Kumar making his debut in the GT4 next year.

Meanwhile, driving for British based Motorsports team, RaceLab, Sanjay qualified P4 overall and in the class and finished third

overall, a historic feat by an Indian driver.

Thus, the podium in the GT Championship in his class this weekend is applauded as a rare feat by an Indian.

Sai Sanjay, the 2022 Indian National champion in the MRF Formula 2000, drove a McLaren Artura GT4 car in the GT4 Silver-Silver category with Callum Davies, a British Driver and exhibited his driving skills to bag a podium.

This is the first year of International GT racing for Sanjay and he is also the first one from Tamil Nadu to do a whole season of British GT races ever.

IPL GC unveils new retention

BENGALURU: The Indian Premier League (IPL) Governing Council unveiled new player regulations for the 2025-2027 seasons late Saturday night, following extensive discussions with franchise owners in July.

A key highlight of the announcement is the updated player retention policy. Franchises will be allowed to retain up to six players from their current squads, using either direct retention or the Right to Match (RTM) option.

The retained players can include a maximum of five capped players, either Indian or overseas, and up to two uncapped players. This policy aims to strike a balance between team

stability and the fair distribution of top-tier talent across the league.

The auction purse for the 2025 IPL season has been set at Rs 120 crore (\$14.4 million), with a progressively increasing salary cap that will rise from Rs 146 crore in 2025 to Rs 157 crore by 2027.

This new cap also introduces a match fee of Rs 7.5 lakh (\$9,000) per game for each playing member, including Impact Players, further incentivising individual performances.

In terms of overseas players, a mandatory registration for the Big Auction has been implemented. Any overseas player who fails to register will be ineligible for the following

year's auction.

Additionally, players who withdraw after being selected in the auction will face a two-year ban from the IPL and subsequent player auctions. A significant change for Indian players is the reclassification of those who haven't played international cricket in the past five years or do not hold a central BCCI contract.

These players will now be categorised as uncapped, potentially shifting their market value in future auctions. The Impact Player regulation, first introduced in previous seasons, will continue for the next three-year cycle, adding a tactical element to team strategies.

Glottis Ltd files IPO papers with SEBI

CHENNAI: Energy supply chain logistics company Glottis Limited has filed Draft Red Herring Prospectus comprising of Fresh Issue of upto Rs 2,000 million (Rs. 200 crore) and Offer for Sale of up to 14,571,000 Equity Shares of face value of Rs 2 jointly offered by its promoters Ramkumar Senthilvel and Kutappan Manikandan.

Glottis is a leading multi-modal, integrated logistics service provider with a specialized focus

on the energy supply chain solutions.

It delivers end-to-end logistics solutions with multimodal capabilities across verticals to optimize the movement of goods across geographies including ocean freight forwarding; air freight forwarding; road transportation; along with other ancillary services, including warehousing, storage, cargo handling, third-party logistics (3PL) services and custom clearance, among others.

The Company handled 95,000 TEUs during the Fiscal 2024. Glottis proposes to utilize the Net Proceeds from the Fresh Issue towards funding of capital expenditure requirements for purchase of commercial vehicles worth Rs. 530 million; repayment and/or pre-payment, in part or full, of certain borrowings availed by the Company to the tune of Rs. 380 million; funding inorganic growth through unidentified acquisitions and General Corporate Purposes.

MUMBAI: Concerned over escalation in the conflict between Israel and Lebanon and also nervousness among investors over the valuations, the stock market on Monday.

L74 Cider bags Indias first ever gold

UMBAI: Pioneering Indian Craft Cider brand L74 Craft Cider, by Wild Harvest Brewing Pvt Ltd, has achieved a remarkable feat by securing two Gold, one Silver, and one Bronze medal at the prestigious International Cider Challenge 2024 held in London, UK.

With this, L74 Craft Cider becomes the first Indian brand to win a Gold medal in a tasting category thus marking a milestone for Indian Cider Industry.

The International Cider Challenge is a globally renowned competition attracting participation from cideries and wineries worldwide.

A panel of judges confer awards across categories after rigorous assessment and blind tasting. L74 Craft Cider variants were recognized for their exceptional taste and quality across different categories. L74 Craft Apple Cider won a Silver Medal under Speciality Cider Category, while L74 Craft Coffee Cider clinched Gold Medal under Flavoured Cider Category.

L74 Craft Citrus Cider was awarded Bronze Medal under Flavoured Cider Category. In addition to the taste awards, L74 Craft Cider also bagged a Gold medal for its packaging and design, showcasing its commitment to creating a visually appealing and distinctive product.

SEIL Energy wins prestigious awards

NELLORE (AP): SEIL Energy India Limited (SEIL), one of the largest Independent Power Producers (IPP) in India, has announced that it has won two prestigious awards.

The Company has received the first award in the category of 'Best Housekeeping Practices (Industrial Category)' during the International Housekeepers Summit 2024, jointly organised in Lucknow by the Asian Housekeepers Association and Clean India Journal.

It has also received the 'Gold Award' for 'Excellence in Healthiest Workplace' category at the INFHRA Awards 2024 held in Chennai. On behalf of the company, Altaf S. Shaikh, Senior General Manager, Administration, received the first award, and Podugu Nageswara Rao, Senior Manager, Administration, received the second award, respectively. Winning these awards demonstrates SEIL's commitment and dedication to ensuring a healthy and safe workplace environment for all.

Raghav Trivedi, CEO, SEIL, congratulated the teams for their exceptional efforts. and said. "We are honoured to receive back-to-back awards for best housekeeping practices and healthiest workplace, recognising our unwavering commitment to creating a better, safer, and healthier environment for all. As one of the largest independent power producers, we take pride in our team's passion for excellence and their contributions to our company's success."