

WOMEN T20WC

India beat Pak in thriller

DUBAI: In a pulsating contest that kept fans on the edge of their seats, India Women snatched a thrilling 6-wicket victory over Pakistan Women in a crucial T20 match, chasing down a tricky target of 106 with seven balls to spare.

Despite moments of tension in the final overs, India held their nerve to emerge victorious in style, cementing their dominance over their arch-rivals. Chasing Pakistan's 105/8, India got off to a rocky start when star opener Smriti Mandhana fell early for just seven runs.

However, Shafali Verma provided some much-needed fireworks at the top of the order, smashing a quickfire 32 off 35 balls, including three boundaries. Her aggressive intent gave India the momentum they needed, but her dismissal brought the game back into balance.

However, captain Harmanpreet Kaur stepped up with a determined

knock of 29 from 28 balls. Her calm leadership helped stabilize India's chase before she was forced to retire hurt due to neck pain, leaving her side in a precarious position.

The drama intensified as S Sajana took the crease under immense pressure, but she rose to the occasion. With the game hanging in the balance, Sajana's fearless boundary in the penultimate over guided India to a much-needed win, showcasing her cool-headed composure in crunch moments. Pakistan's bowlers, led by the fiery Fatima Sana (2/23) and the ever-reliable Nida Dar, made India work for every run. Their relentless pressure almost turned the tide, but the Indian batters showed resilience to keep their campaign on track.

Brief scores: India Women 108/4 (Shafali 32, Harmanpreet 29*, Sana 2-23) beat **Pakistan Women 105/8** (Dar 28, Reddy 3-19, Patil 2-12) by six wickets

PR Sreejesh appoints as head coach

BENGALURU: In a major shift for Indian hockey, legendary goalkeeper PR Sreejesh has been appointed as the Head Coach of the Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team, leading the 18-member squad to Malaysia for the prestigious Sultan of Johor Cup.

This marks the beginning of a new chapter in the development of India's young hockey talent as they prepare to compete in the tournament's 12th edition, starting on October 19.

Under Sreejesh's guidance, the team will be captained by defender Amir Ali, with forward Rohit serving as vice-captain. Ali, a rising star in In-

dian hockey, expressed his enthusiasm for the



tournament, emphasising its importance as a preparatory event ahead of the Men's Junior Asia Cup in Muscat later this year.

"The Sultan of Johor Cup will serve as a litmus test for the team," he said. "We're excited to play some intense matches in Malaysia."

Rohit, echoing the ex-

citement, highlighted the significance of Sreejesh's presence. "Having an Indian hockey legend like PR Sreejesh in charge is a huge boost for the team. We're all raring to go and make him proud."

India will kick off their campaign with a match against Japan on October 19, followed by clashes with Great Britain, Malaysia, Australia, and New Zealand in the group stage. The young squad includes key players such as Amir Ali and Gurjot Singh, both of whom showcased their potential during India's successful run at the Asian Champions Trophy earlier this year.

Mohun Bagan showed us true level: Chernyshov

KOLKATA: Mohammedan SC head coach Andrey Chernyshov admitted that his side were second best against defending ISL champions Mohun Bagan SG who gave them the taste of the top flight.

The Black and Whites lost 0-3 to the Mariners in the season's first Kolkata derby with all three goals being scored in the first half.

Chernyshov's team were expected to pose a much tougher challenge for Jose Molina's team after their win against Chennaiyin FC in the last game, but the Russian admitted that his team was not at the level of their opponents.

"Mohun Bagan SG showed us the true level of ISL. They played very well and have many quality players. I can't say that my team was very bad. We tried something, we fought but there was a big difference in quality between them and us," he said during the post-match

press conference.

"This can happen in football especially when you play against a strong team like Mohun Bagan SG, we have to be very good in our physical condition. We weren't. Maybe we were tired after these three games. We have to accept that the opponent was very good. We can't do anything about it," Chernyshov said.

Mohammedan SC were without midfielder Alexis Gomez for this match but Chernyshov believes the defeat wasn't down to his absence.

"Alexis played well in the first three matches but his absence is not the reason for our defeat. Maybe in the first few games our opponents didn't give their best as they maybe didn't take us seriously as we came from the I-League. But now teams have understood that Mohammedan SC is also strong and they are taking us more seriously," he said.

SFA CHAMPIONSHIPS

U-11 squash player reaches semi-final

NEW DELHI: The SFA Championship Delhi kicked off with an exciting first day, highlighted by the impressive performance of U-11 India No. 2 squash player Vihaan Chandhok.

The U-11 Asia no.5 player impressed everyone by reaching the semi-finals, setting the stage for a thrilling competition. Alongside squash, badminton and skating were also in full swing at different venues.

At the Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, Aakshat Pratap Singh Rawat, a state-level player in the U-13 category, showcased impressive skills in badminton during his second SFA Championship. Aakshat won bronze

medal in 100m Athletics in the previous edition and in this edition, he has reached the quarterfinals of Badminton and is a strong medal contender. Another U-13 badminton player who reached the quarter-final are Vihaan Aggarwal of DPS Noida and Arsh Yadav of DAV Centenary Public School, both of these dominated their opponents and won with big margins.

Skating events took place at GR International School, featuring medal events in various categories, including U-9 500m Inline for both girls and boys, 1000m Inline U-9, U-11 500m Inline, U-14 500m Inline, and U-17 500m Inline for both

girls and boys.

As Day 1 ended, the medals tally showed some early leaders.

Indraprastha World School in West Delhi, Paschim Vihar, leads with 25 points, followed by GD International School in Sector-92, Gurugram, and St. Anthony's Senior Secondary School in South Delhi, Hauz Khas, each with 3 points.

The SFA Championships will this year feature 14500 athletes, aged 3 to 18, from a whopping 545 schools, who will compete in 19 sports across seven venues with Day 1 featuring three sports - Badminton, Squash and Skating.

Shivam Dube ruled out

GWALIOR: In a major blow to India's T20I squad, all-rounder Shivam Dube has been ruled out of the three-match T20 series due to an injury.

Dube has been a vital player for India, having featured in 15 of the 19 T20I matches the team has played this year.

As a replacement, middle-order batsman Tilak Varma has been called up to join the squad. Varma, who made his India debut in 2023, is expected to bring added depth to the batting lineup ahead of the crucial first game.

India's skipper for the series, Suryakumar Yadav, will lead the side into action, fresh off an impressive performance in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024. Yadav, known for

his explosive batting, will look to continue his form with a flurry of boundaries.

The updated Indian squad includes several promising names such as Abhishek Sharma, Rinku Singh, and Washington Sundar, alongside experienced players like Hardik Pandya and Sanju Samson, ensuring a well-balanced mix of youth and experience.

Team

Suryakumar Yadav (c), Abhishek Sharma, Sanju Samson (wk), Rinku Singh, Hardik Pandya, Riyan Parag, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Washington Sundar, Ravi Bishnoi, Varun Chakaravathy, Jitesh Sharma (wk), Arshdeep Singh, Harshit Rana, Mayank Yadav, Tilak Varma.

Legends League: Manipal Tigers registers second win

JAMMU: Banking on an all-round performance by both the bowlers and batters, Manipal Tigers on Saturday registered their second win in the ongoing Legends League Cricket by defeating Gujarat Greats by five wickets at the Maulana Azad Stadium.

After winning the toss and electing to bat first, Morne van Wyk and skipper Shikhar Dhawan opened the innings for Gujarat Greats.

While Shikhar Dhawan managed to add just 8 from 8 balls, van Wyk made 1 from 5 balls.

Chris Gayle scored 14 from 5 balls. Mohammad Kaif made 34 from 40 balls. Yashpal Singh scored 14 from 15 balls.

Towards the end, De-
babrata Das remained un-

beaten on 14 from 12 balls and Seekkuge Prasanna

Imran Khan and Thisara Perera took one wicket each in the innings.

Chasing a target of 132 on the board, Phil Mustard and Manoj Tiwary opened the innings for Manipal Tigers.

The duo added 24 runs for the first wicket before Phil Mustard was dismissed for 18 from 8 balls. Manoj Tiwary made 29 from 27 balls. Obus Pienaar scored 21 from 13 balls. Angelo Perera scored 15 from 16 balls.

Asela Gunaratne and Thisara Perera added 51 runs for the 6th wicket and helped their team win the match. While Gunaratne remained unbeaten on 13 from 14 balls, Perera also remained not out on 38 from 22 balls.

For Manipal Tigers, Praveen Gupta took 2/27 in 4 overs. Obus Pienaar, Asela Gunaratne, Rahul Shukla,



Shiv Texchem IPO opens tomorrow

MUMBAI: Mumbai based Shiv Texchem Limited (the "Company") is engaged in the business of importing and distribution of hydrocarbon-based chemicals, which is a critical raw material and inputs of applications in a wide spectrum of industries. For its IPO, the Company has fixed the price band of Rs 158/- to Rs 166/- per Equity Share of face value Rs 10/- each for its Initial

Public Offering ("IPO" or "Offer"). Retail Investors, HNIs and QIBs can bid for the IPO from tomorrow (Tuesday, October 08, 2024) to Thursday, October 10, 2024.

The net proceeds from the fresh issuance worth Rs 75.00 crore will be utilized towards long-term working capital requirements of the Company and the balance for general corporate purposes.

Garuda Construction's IPO opens tomorrow

MUMBAI: Garuda Construction and Engineering Limited, a growing civil construction company provide end-to-end civil construction for residential, commercial, residential cum commercial, infrastructure and industrial projects and additional services for infrastructure and also hospitality projects, has fixed the price band of Rs 92/- to Rs 95/- per Equity Share of face value Rs 5/- each for its maiden initial public offer.

The Initial Public Offering ("IPO" or "Offer") of the Company will open tomorrow (Tuesday, October 08, 2024), for subscription and close on Thursday, October 10, 2024. Investors can bid for a minimum of 157 Equity Shares and in multiples of 157 Equity Shares thereafter.

Utkarsh SFB launches two new products

MUMBAI: Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited (Utkarsh SFB), a leading provider of banking and financial services with a focus on financial inclusion, announced the launch of two new products: superCard (Credit Card) and WhatsApp Banking. Utkarsh SFB announced the launch of these products at a conference held to announce their new brand ambassadors Mary Kom and Sunil Chhetri and the products launched were superCard and WhatsApp Banking service.

Speaking on the occasion, Parveen Kumar Gupta, Chairman Utkarsh Small Finance Bank said, "Harnessing Technology for seamless Banking Experience is one of the significant step towards delightful customer service. The launch of WhatsApp Banking and superCard is a tailor made to enhance customer experience and provide for convenient banking services.

This is sure to steer the Bank towards the right direction in redefining excellence in banking experience for our customers"