

## Perth test

## India demolish Aus with 295-run win

**PERTH:** India has achieved a historic 295-run victory over Australia in the First Test at Optus Stadium, Perth, a win that will go down as one of the most remarkable in the nation's cricketing history.

This victory, alongside previous iconic wins at the Gabba in 2021, Perth in 2008, and Adelaide in 2003, is a testament to India's resilience, tactical brilliance, and unwavering spirit. Australia, having resumed Day 4 of the Test at 12/3, needed a staggering 487 to win. With a relatively inexperienced batting lineup facing one of the quickest and most testing pitches in world cricket, the task ahead was daunting.

However, despite a valiant fight-

back from Mitchell Marsh (47) and Travis Head (89), India's bowlers dismantled the Australian resistance,



and the hosts were eventually bowled out for 238, handing India an em-

phatic victory.

The final breakthrough came in the 58th over when Harshit Rana, who had been impressive throughout, bowled a magical slower ball to dismiss Alex Carey for 36. The delivery completely fooled Carey, who was looking to defend the ball, but instead saw his stumps shattered. This wicket sealed the 295-run victory for India, leaving Australia's hopes of a miraculous recovery in tatters. Earlier in the day, Australia's innings appeared to be gaining momentum, largely due to the defiant efforts of Marsh and Head. After the early loss of wickets, the two key Australian batsmen took charge. Head, in particular,

played an aggressive knock, unfurling some lovely pull shots against the Indian pace attack, especially off Jasprit Bumrah. Marsh, too, played a gritty innings, with a mix of solid drives and an occasional lofted shot to keep the scoreboard ticking. However, Bumrah, who had been relentless with his pace and precision, put an end to Head's counterattack. With a clever strategy of targeting Head with straight deliveries, Bumrah managed to force the left-hander into a false stroke, eventually having him caught behind for 89.

**Brief Score: India 150** (Hazlewood 4-29) and 487 for 6 dec (Jaiswal 161, Kohli 100\*, Rahul 77) beat Australia 104 (Bumrah 5-30) and 238 (Head 89, Bumrah 3-42, Siraj 3-51) by 295

## Bumrah dismisses concerns

**PERTH:** India Captain and Player of the Match in the Perth Test Jasprit Bumrah on Monday dismissed concerns about Virat Kohli's form, asserting that the star batsman was in great shape despite some external criticism.

"I didn't see him out of form at all," Bumrah said at post-match presentation. "On challenging wickets, it's hard to judge a batsman's form, but he was looking good in the nets." His words come as India continue to assert their dominance in the ongoing Test series, with Kohli's steady performance providing reassurance at the top of the order.

Bumrah also lauded the impressive performance of young

opener Yashasvi Jaiswal, who cemented his place with what Bumrah described as "probably his best Test innings" so far. "He left the ball well and played long, even though he has an attacking nature," he said.

Jaiswal's maturity at the crease, playing with patience and control, impressed both his captain and the team, particularly as he frustrated the opposition and anchored the innings.

Reflecting on India's performance, Bumrah expressed pride in the team's response after early pressure in the first innings. "We were put under pressure initially, but the way we responded after that - I am very proud," he stated.

## Indian Super League

## Mumbai City FC to face Punjab FC

**MUMBAI:** Mumbai City FC will face Punjab FC at the Mumbai Football Arena today (Tuesday) as the Islanders aim to go above the visitors in this crucial fixture of the Indian Super League (ISL) match.

Punjab FC have cruised to four victories from seven games to accumulate 12 points and be at the fifth spot in the standings, whereas Mumbai City FC are ninth in the table with 10 points to their name.

The gap amongst teams is so narrow at this point that a victory can propel the Petr Kratky-coached team above Punjab FC and bring them straight back into the reckoning for the top-six.

Whilst it's also too early into the campaign to discuss point table scenarios, it also serves as a reminder to put the focus on the process. At this moment, both Punjab FC and Mumbai City FC have taken

ample learning from their outings thus far and would want to fix that to get their units functioning both cohesively and consistently moving forward.

The overall playing strategy of Mumbai City FC has been arguably consistent off late and that involves building pressure onto the opponents through their passing sequences. They average 329.9 successful passes this season, which is the highest amongst all teams, and their completion rate of 81.2% is also the highest in the league.

The Islanders won both their matches against Punjab FC last season, which was also the first campaign in the competition for the latter.

Amongst all teams, Punjab FC have allowed the fewest touches (102) inside their box.

## Vaibhav Suryavanshi becomes youngest IPL crorepati

**JEDDAH (SAUDI ARABIA):** In a historic moment at the IPL Auction, the 13-year-old cricket prodigy Vaibhav Suryavanshi became the youngest crorepati in the league's history. The Rajasthan Royals secured the budding star for a staggering ₹1.10 crore after a heated bidding war with the Delhi Capitals.

With a base price set at ₹30 lakh, Suryavanshi quickly caught the attention of franchises. The Royals were the first to raise their paddle, signalling their interest in the young talent.

The Delhi Capitals, determined to acquire him, joined the race and pushed the bidding past the ₹1 crore mark. However, their hesitation at ₹1.10 crore allowed the Royals to seal the deal.

Suryavanshi, a precocious allrounder with exceptional skills, has been touted as a future star, drawing comparisons to some of cricket's greatest names despite his young age. His meteoric rise has captivated the cricketing world, and his inclusion in the IPL promises to bring fresh excitement to the tournament.

## 2024 WTT Finals

## China sweeps singles titles

**KITAKYUSHU (JAPAN):** The 2024 World Table Tennis (WTT) Finals saw China's Wang Chuqin and Wang Manyu claim men's and women's singles titles respectively. In the men's singles final, world No. 1 Wang Chuqin faced Japan's Tomokazu Harimoto in a highly anticipated match on Sunday. The two had previously met in the men's singles final of the 2022 WTT Cup Finals, where Wang emerged victorious with a 4-2 win.

Wang started the match with a flawless opening game, scored 10 consecutive points to take the game 11-2. Although Harimoto regained his rhythm in the second game, he struggled to find his footing against Wang's relentless offense and lost 11-8. Wang maintained his momentum, taking the next two games 11-7 and 11-5 for a 4-0 victory. This marks Wang's third consecutive WTT Finals men's singles title, following wins in the 2022 and 2023 WTT Cup Finals. After the match, Wang expressed surprise at his performance.

"I didn't have high expectations coming into this tournament, and I think Harimoto didn't expect me to play at this level either," he said.

Wang noted that the tournament had strengthened his resolve and boosted his confidence. The women's singles final featured an intense all-Chinese battle between Wang Manyu and Chen Xingtong.

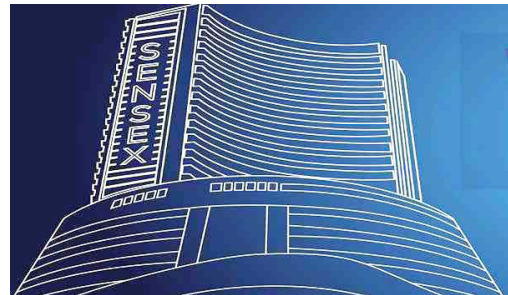
The pair had faced each other four times this season, with Wang winning all their previous encounters.

In a tightly contested match, the two traded games through the first six games, showcasing their abilities in long rallies and quick exchanges. In the decisive seventh game, the score was tied at 5-5 before Wang seized the momentum with aggressive serves, gaining a crucial lead.

She then scored consecutive points to close the game 11-5, clinching the title with a 4-3 victory. This marks Wang Manyu's first WTT Finals women's singles championship.

## Sensex spurts

**MUMBAI:** The BSE Sensex ended strong for the second straight session on Monday, advancing 992.74 points to close at 80,109.85 as buying was seen



across the board amid strong global cues.

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) gained 314.65 points at 24,221.90

Surging over 1900 points in the previous session, the day opened on a strong note at 80,193.47, up 1076 points. During the day it rallied 1356 points at 80,473.08, a day high, before closing at 80,109.85, up 992.74 points from

its previous close.

The Nifty registered days high and low at 24,351.55 points and by 24,135.45 points respectively.

The stocks that kept the market firm were Industries by 3.29 pc, Utilities by 3.26 pc, Energy by 2.56 pc, and Realty by 2.22 pc.

The Mid-cap rose by 1.61 pc and Small-cap by 1.86 pc.

In 30 scrips, 24 advanced while 6 declined.

The gainers were L & T by 4.14 pc to Rs 3753.90, SBI by 3.55 pc to Rs 845.05, Adani Ports by 2.33 pc to Rs 1164, Reliance Industries by 1.99 pc to Rs 1291.10 and Powergrid by 1.93 pc to Rs 343.50.

The losers were JSW Steel by 2.31 pc to Rs 954.25, Tech Mahindra by 0.84 pc to Rs 1733, Infosys by 0.40 pc to Rs 1895.25 and Maruti Suzuki by 0.32 pc to Rs 11,046.15.

## AVG announces results

**MUMBAI:** AVG Logistics Limited, (AVG), a leading multimodal logistics solutions provider, has announced its unaudited financial results for the H1 & Q2 FY25.

Commenting on financial performance, Sanjay Gupta Managing Director & CEO, AVG Logistics Limited said, We are pleased to share our strong financials performance for H1 FY25 and Q2 FY25, marked by substantial year-on-year growth in Revenue, EBITDA, Net profit and EPS. This growth underscores our commitment to excellence and our strategic approach to long-term value creation to our stakeholders.

New customers additions into new industry and

business segment viz. Steel, Cement, appointment as an Authorized Partner for Express Parcel Services with UPSRTC reflect our strengthened position within the logistics sector.

The recent launch of our 20-foot electric trucks further highlights our commitment to sustainable logistics, and our adoption of EVs and LNG fleets aligns with our mission to support eco-friendly practices and meet the sustainability goals of our clients.

Our focus is on customer satisfaction, build strategic partnership with customers to provide unique solutions through multimodal infrastructure sets a new benchmark as responsible logistics partner in the industry.

## KDL announces results

**MUMBAI:** Kore Digital Limited, (KDL) one of the leading telecommunication infrastructure developments and related allied services provider, has announced its Unaudited Financial Result for H1 FY25.

Commenting on the Financial performance Mr. Ravindra Doshi, Managing Director of Kore Digital Limited said, We are pleased to present our strong performance in the first half of FY25, highlighted by an exceptional 511.35% increase in total income, a testament to the surging demand for our telecommunication infrastructure services. Our net profit also saw a significant increase of 142.44% year-over-year. While our quarterly performance was impacted by the seasonal monsoon, we remain optimistic and expect a strong rebound in the upcoming quarters.

Looking forward, our growth trajectory is solid, supported by a Rs 400 Cr project pipeline for FY25.

## SWL announces results

**MUMBAI:** Sumit Woods Limited. (SWL), is dedicated to delivering high-quality residential and community spaces, announced its Unaudited Financial Results for Q2 FY25. Comment on Financial Performance Mitaram Jangid, Managing Director of Sumit Woods Limited, said I am delighted to share that we have delivered financial

results for the quarter, which reflects our focused strategy and continued success in our key projects. Our growth in revenue and profitability is a direct result of the successful completion of strategic projects like 'Sumit Atulyam' and the positive developments around our new projects in Prabhadevi and Dattani Trade Center.

## Shree OSFM announces results

**MUMBAI:** Shree OSFM E-Mobility Limited (SHREEOSFM), company is engaged in providing employee & others passenger transportation services across major cities in India, announced its Unaudited Financial Results for H1 FY25. Commenting on the performance, Nitin Bhagirath Shanbhag, Chairman and Whole Time Director, Shree OSFM E-Mobility Limited said, Our performance in the first half of FY25 reflects the growing demand for dependable, efficient corporate transportation services in India's major business hubs. We are pleased to report a 23% increase in total revenue to Rs 69 crore, alongside a significant growth in net profit to Rs 4.78 crore.

This growth is a testament to our asset-light model and adaptable service offerings tailored to meet the evolving needs of our clients. With an expanding client base and a

strong reputation for reliability and service excellence, we are well-positioned to continue our growth trajectory in the coming quarters.

We remain committed to enhancing operational efficiency, expanding our fleet partnerships, and delivering safe, premium transportation solutions for India's top employers. As we look to the future, we are focused on leveraging digital advancements to enhance route optimization, fleet utilization, and client engagement.

By investing in technology and expanding our vendor partnerships, we aim to further strengthen our position as a trusted transportation partner for India's top employers, driving operational excellence and sustainable growth. We are confident that our continued emphasis on quality and client satisfaction will pave the way for even greater achievements in the coming quarters.

## CPL announces results

**RAJKOT:** Captain Polyplast Limited (CPL), is one of the leading manufacturer and exporter of micro irrigation solutions, and has diversified its operations into the burgeoning solar EPC and polymer markets. The Company reported its Unaudited financials for Q2 FY25 and H1 FY25.

Commenting on the performance Ritesh Khichadia, Whole Time Director of Captain Polyplast Limited said, "We are pleased to report that Q2 was a decent quarter for us. Although there was a slight dip in revenue due to the extended monsoon season, which impacted some orders, we achieved a one-time exceptional income of Rs. 13 crore from the sale of shares in our parent company.

As part of our expansion efforts, we issued 48 lakh convertible warrants on a preferential basis to support our growth plan. The funds raised will be allocated towards capital expenditure for our new plant & working capital.

Looking ahead, we anticipate steady revenue growth driven by our strong order bookings and expansion initiatives, which provide long-term growth visibility for our stakeholders."

## Maharashtra Votes for Development: Datar

**MUMBAI:** Maharashtra electorates have conferred a thumping absolute majority of 229 seats to the BJP led alliance in the recently held State Legislative Assembly elections 2024. As an entrepreneur, I feel that this result will be encouraging and beneficial to the development of the state of Maharashtra.

According to Masala King Dhananjay Datar, CMD, Adil group of Superstores, Dubai, UAE, the economic and industrial development of any state depends upon the stability of the government policies- and to ensure the consistency of such policies, the government should have a strong mandate. Since both the governments at the Centre and State level are from the same alliance, being stable, like-minded and pro-development, they will surely not face challenges like instability, compromise or fear of President's rule over the next 5 years. Also, the state will receive abundant funding from the

Centre to carry out various crucial development projects, which is promising.

As per Dr. Datar, the last regime of BJP led alliance in Maharashtra demonstrated comprehensive and fast development with its people-centric decisions. The same will be witnessed in the near future.

Many vital infrastructure projects are in the final stage of completion and some of them- for example, Samruddhi Expressway, Metro Trains, Bullet Train, Western Dedicated Freight Corridor, Navi Mumbai International Airport, proposed Wadhwan Port etc. are also crucial for national progress.

Dr. Datar expressed, "I am sure that there will be a great boost to investment, communication, import-export and industrial development in Maharashtra, which would result in the economic prosperity of the state. My best wishes to the new government and its visionary leader.