

PRO KABADDI LEAGUE

Tamil Thalaivas overcome Bengaluru Bulls

PUNE: The Tamil Thalaivas registered their eighth win of the season with a convincing performance against Bengaluru Bulls, winning by a scoreline of 42-32 at the Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex in Pro Kabaddi League Season 11.

Himanshu completed a Super 10 and was well supported by Moein Shafaghi as they overcame the bottom-placed side, despite Sushil's 15-point game on Sunday night.

It wasn't the most action-packed start to the game with raiders of both teams not quite flying off the blocks. Moein Shafaghi opened the scoring, while Parateek got the first

tackle of the evening. The defences were on top in the opening exchanges as Amir Hossein Bastami got himself into the action with a tackle of his own.

Sushil registered the first successful raid for Bengaluru Bulls, and Parateek started well on the defensive end too. Amir Hossein responded with a successful tackle on a Do-or-Die Raid, followed by a raid from Moein Shafaghi to levelled the scores at 4-4.

It was a Super Raid from Sushil that gave Bengaluru Bulls a three-point lead before Tamil Thalaivas fought back to take an 8-7 lead after the first timeout.

Moein Shafaghi carried on his good run on the attacking end for Tamil Thalaivas, while Sushil was doing the same for Bengaluru Bulls. A tackle by Nitin Rawal gave them the lead again, as the defensive units continued to stay on top.

A Super Tackle from Abhishek Manokaran helped Tamil Thalaivas level things up at 12-12, before they closed out the first half with a slender one-point lead as the scoreline read 14-13. Himanshu got the first raid of the second half, but Pardeep Narwal quickly levelled things up with a two-point raid of his own.

Sai Prasad put Tamil Thalaivas back in front with a couple of raids

and got support from Abhishek Manokaran, who got the first successful tackle of the first half. Another successful tackle, this time by Aashish helped Tamil Thalaivas take a four-point lead.

Sushil kept the scoreboard ticking for Bengaluru Bulls with a successful Do-or-Die Raid and got support from Naveen, as he inflicted a Super Tackle to help their side cut the deficit to two points.

However, the duo of Himanshu and Moein Shafaghi ensured that the Tamil Thalaivas regained their four-point lead, with the score at 23-19 going into the final phase of the game.

NATIONAL RANKING TT

Sakshya Santosh and Ariv sign off season

BENGALURU: Karnataka's Sakshya Santhosh secured the Youth Girls U-11 crown by defeating Assam's Divija Paul 3-1 in the UTT National Ranking Table Tennis Championships concluded at the Sree Kanterava Indoor Stadium with thrilling finals.

Despite facing resistance in two close games, Sakshya's skill and determination earned her the title amidst strong local support. In the Boys' final, Ariv Dutta from the National Centre of Excellence dominated West Bengal's Gem Mahalanabish with a commanding 3-0 win for the title. Ariv faced

little challenge, showcasing his control and composure throughout the match play in the final on Sunday evening.

The semi finals were a mixed bag of challenges. While Ariv and Gem won their matches comfortably, Divija had to work hard against Maharashtra's Jinaya Vadhan. Divija capitalized on Jinaya's errors to win a closely contested match, while Sakshya had to dig deep to overcome Assam's Ishani Gogoi in a tense decider. Earlier in the quarterfinals, Biproject Paul of Assam edged past Bengal's Rajdeep Biswas in a dramatic 3-2 match.

INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE

Kerala Blasters FC beat Mohammedan SC

KOCHI: Kerala Blasters FC returned to winning ways with a dominant 3-0 triumph over Mohammedan SC at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in the Indian Super League (ISL) match. With this win on Sunday night, the home team completed a league double over Mohammedan SC this season. A stellar second half performance from Kerala Blasters FC saw the likes of Noah Sadaoui and Alexandre Coeff get on the scoresheet along with an own goal from Bhaskar Roy. The first half hour of the game saw both defences holding their shape and thwarting the opposition's attack.

However, the hosts had a few half chances with Noah orchestrating most of the moves. He combined with Kwame Peprah brilliantly before the drinks break but the Ghanaian's header was too tame to trouble Roy in goal.

Fonseca wins Next Gen ATP Finals title

JEDDAH (SAUDI ARABIA): Teenager Joao Fonseca beat American Learner Tien to be crowned the second-youngest winner of the Next Gen ATP Finals title, media reports said. The 18-year-old Brazilian, who was the youngest player in this year's competition and lowest ranked, overcame Tien 2-4 4-3 (10-8) 4-0 4-2 in Jeddah, BBC reported.

Only Jannik Sinner, in 2019, has lifted the title at

a younger age than Fonseca, who won all five of his matches at the season-ending tournament for the top-ranked male players aged 21 and under.

The pair also met in the group stage on Thursday, with Fonseca, ranked 145th in the world, again coming out on top against his 19-year-old opponent.

The event has a best-of-five format with four games winning a set.

As well as world num-

ber one Sinner, other former champions include four-time Grand Slam winner Carlos Alcaraz and world number 11 Stefanos Tsitsipas.

According to reports, Tien started brightly and took the opening set in Saudi Arabia. But once Fonseca got himself level after a tight second set that went into a long tie-break, he was able to frustrate his opponent and seal the title in the fourth set.

LANXESS significantly increases earnings

MUMBAI: Specialty chemicals company LANXESS saw a significant earnings increase in the third quarter of 2024: EBITDA pre exceptionals came in at EUR 173 million, up 45.4 percent from the prior-year quarter's EUR 119 million. This was mainly due to higher volumes, increased capacity utilization and cost savings from the "FORWARD!" action plan.

"Despite the continuing rough sea and the challenging competitive environment for the chemical industry, we are staying on course. Our timely actions to address the global weakness in demand are paying off. Our plants are operating at higher capacity utilization and our "FORWARD!" action plan has significantly improved our cost situation. We are therefore maintaining our guidance for the full year – even though a broad-based recovery is not yet in sight," said Matthias Zachert, Chairman of the Board of Management of LANXESS AG.

APFL's IPO opens on Dec 26

MUMBAI: Anya Polytech & Fertilizers Limited (APFL) manufacturer of HDPE & PP bags, Zinc Sulphate Fertilizers & Micronutrient Mixtures for agricultural needs, proposes to open its Initial Public Offering on December 26, 2024, aiming to raise Rs 44.80 Crore with shares to be listed on the NSE Emerge platform. The issue size is 3,20,00,000 equity shares with a price band of Rs 13 - Rs 14 Per Share and face value of Rs 2 each.

The net proceeds from the IPO will be utilized to meet Capital Expenditure towards purchase of Plant & Machinery and working capital requirement in Anya Polytech & Fertilizers Limited, Setting-up new project in Yara Green Energy Private Limited, subsidiary Company, along with working capital requirement, meet Working Capital & Capital Expenditure in Arawali Phosphate Limited, subsidiary Company and for general corporate purposes. The anchor bidding will open on December 24, 2024 and the issue will close on December 30, 2024.

Sensex surges

MUMBAI: Snapping a losing streak of the last five sessions, the BSE Sensex on Monday jumped 498.58 points to close at 78,540.17 on positive global cues.

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) gained 165.95 points at 23,753.45.

The Sensex opened in green and it remained positive throughout the session, as it opened on a strong note at 78,488.74, surging 447 points. It further rallied 877 points at 78,918.12, a day high, before closing

at 78,540.17, up 498.58 points from its previous close.

The Nifty registered days high and low at 23,869.55 points and 23,647.20 points respectively.

The stocks that lifted the market were Realty by 1.39 pc, Banks by 1 pc, FMCG by 0.75 pc, and Financial services by 0.70 pc.

The Mid-cap rose by 0.10 while the Small-cap by 0.60 pc.

In 30 scrips, 20 advanced while 10 declined.