

Indian Premier League

SRH outclass CSK

**CHENNAI:** In a clash between two bottom-placed teams, Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) registered a clinical five-wicket victory over Chennai Super Kings (CSK) at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium on Friday night, chasing down a modest target of 155 with eight balls to spare.

Opting to bowl first, SRH’s bowlers delivered a disciplined performance, led by medium pacer Harshal Patel, who claimed an impressive 4 for 28. CSK, plagued by early wickets and lacking meaningful partnerships, struggled throughout their innings and were eventually bowled out for 154 in 19.5 overs.

CSK’s innings got off to a disastrous start as opener Shaik Rasheed fell on the very first ball, edging pacer Mohammad Shami to the slips. Teenage talent Ayush Mhatre briefly revived hopes, hitting six boundaries in a lively 19-ball 30, including crisp shots

off Shami, SRH captain Pat Cummins, and Harshal Patel. But his dismissal while attempting to clear the infield marked the start of CSK’s early collapse.

Promoted to No. 3, Sam Curran managed just 9 runs, while Ravindra Jadeja added a steady 21 off 17 balls, including a four and a six, before falling at the halfway stage. Dewald Brevis, who replaced the injured skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad, looked promising with an explosive 42 off 25 balls. His knock, laced with four sixes and a four, took CSK past the 100-run mark in the 12th over and gave the innings some momentum. However, Brevis’s dismissal—caught at long-off—triggered another slide.

**Brief Scores: SRH: 155/5** (Ishan Kishan 44, Kamindu Mendis 32; Noor Ahmad 2/42) beat **CSK 154** (Dewald Brevis 42, Ayush Mhatre 30; Harshal Patel 4/28) by five wickets

KKR to face PBKS

**KOLKATA:** Defending champions Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) face a stern test of survival when they host Punjab Kings (PBKS) in a crucial IPL 2025 encounter at Eden Gardens today (Saturday) evening.

Having won just three of their eight games, KKR find themselves languishing at seventh on the points table, with their playoff hopes hanging by a thread. In contrast, Punjab are better placed in fifth with five wins, including a morale-boosting 16-run victory over

KKR earlier this month.

KKR’s struggles this season have been underlined by inconsistent batting and underwhelming performances from senior players. Captain Ajinkya Rahane remains one of the few bright spots, scoring a fluent 50 in their recent 39-run defeat to Gujarat Titans.

Young Angkrish Raghuvanshi has also impressed with 197 runs at a healthy strike rate, but constant changes in the batting order have unsettled the side.

Indian Women’s Hockey Team gear up

**PERTH:** After a month-long senior national training camp, the Indian Women’s Hockey Team is set for a challenging five-match tour of Australia from today (April 26) to May 4. The tour begins with two matches against Australia A today (April 26) and April 27, followed by three matches against the World No. 5 Australian Senior Women’s Team on May 1, 3 and 4 at the Perth Hockey Stadium.

The Indian team last competed in the FIH Hockey Pro League (Women) at home, where

they registered two wins and one shootout victory in a mixed campaign. They ended the tournament on a high, clinching a bonus point against World No. 1 Netherlands in a thrilling shootout after a 2-2 draw across regulation time.

Hockey India has named a 26-member squad for the tour, with Salima Tete leading the side as Captain and Navneet Kaur as Vice-Captain. Rising drag-flicker Deepika, who impressed with three goals during the Pro League matches in February, will be keen to continue her

form. The tour also marks a milestone for veteran goalkeeper Savita, who recently completed 300 international caps and continues to anchor the defence.

The squad includes five new faces – Jyoti Singh, Sujata Kujur, Ajmina Kujur, Pooja Yadav, and Mahima Tete – who could be making their senior team debuts in Australia. The exposure tour presents an opportunity for these young players to gain international experience and adapt to the intensity of top-level hockey.

RIL announces results

**CHENNAI:** Refex Industries Limited (RIL), Powering India’s green transformation with a dynamic portfolio spanning Ash & Coal Handling, Refrigerant Gases, and Green Mobility, the Company announces its Audited Financial Results for Q4 & FY25 marking yet another leap forward on its path to a sustainable tomorrow.

Commenting on the performance, Anil Jain, Chairman & Managing Director of Refex Industries Limited said, “FY25 marks another defining chapter in our journey as we continue to steer Refex towards sustainable,

future-focused growth. Our performance reflects the strength of our diversified business model and the strategic realignments we’ve made across key verticals.

During the year, we made decisive moves to strengthen and expand our green mobility vertical—a segment we are actively investing in for long-term growth. The recent realignment of our Bengaluru operations w.r.t the phase out of our airport taxi operations reflects our sharpened focus on B2B and B2B2C opportunities that will be anchored in long-term partnerships

and stable demand.

In the renewable energy space, we advanced our clean energy strategy with the formation of Venwind Refex Power Limited that will focus on manufacturing, supply, and commissioning of wind turbines.

Another step-down subsidiary Venwind Refex Power Services Limited was incorporated which will undertake O&M services for wind.

As we scale sustainably across sectors, Refex remains steadfast in its purpose to enable India’s green transition while creating enduring value for all.”

LICs New Business Premium stands at Rs 2.27 Tn

**WEDNESDAY:** Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), the country’s largest life insurer, garnered Rs 2,26,669.91 crore in New Business Premium for FY25, which includes a record Rs 62,404.58 crore from individual new business.

Individual New Business Premium for FY25 registered a growth of 8.35% Year on Year basis, according to data from the Life Insurance Council.

For FY25, The Group Premium fell 0.40%, to Rs 1,64,265.34 crore from Rs 1,64,925.89 crore last year. For FY25, LIC sold 1.78 crore new policies, despite the introduction of new surrender value norms effective from 1 st October 2024.

Looking at segment-specific performance in March 2025, the Individual Premium segment saw a 10.75% rise, totalling Rs 10,022 crore, up from Rs 9,048.87 crore in March 2024. Conversely, the Group Premium fell by 1.34% to Rs 26,885.33 crore from Rs 27,251.74 crore last year.

FLFL empanelled under S.O.R. review

**MUMBAI:** Focus Lighting & Fixtures Limited. (FLFL), engaged in manufacturing & innovative lighting solutions of LED lights and fixtures, has been empanelled by the Electrical Wing of the Roads & Buildings (R&B) Department, Government of Gujarat, for the financial year 2025–26.

This empanelment comes after a thorough evaluation by the department’s S.O.R. Review Committee, confirming the company’s qualifications to supply lighting solutions for various government projects up to March 31, 2026.

Kalinga Super Cup

Jamshedpur FC into quarter-finals

**BHUBANESWAR:** Jamshedpur FC continued their strong run of form with a commanding 2-0 win over Hyderabad FC in their Round of 16 encounter of the 2025 Kalinga Super Cup, held at the Kalinga Stadium. Goals from Javier Siverio (39’ p) and Stephen Eze (64’) ensured a comfortable passage for the Men of Steel on Thursday night, who will now face NorthEast United in the quarter-finals.

Having finished fifth in the Indi-

an Super League (ISL) table and narrowly missing out on the final after a semi-final loss to Mohun Bagan SG, Jamshedpur entered the tournament with high expectations and looked the more composed and purposeful side throughout the match.

In contrast, Hyderabad FC, who endured a torrid ISL campaign and finishing 12th, came into the game as clear underdogs. The game began on a quiet note, with both sides tentative in the opening exchanges.

Hyderabad were content to sit deep, while Jamshedpur tried to establish control. As the minutes ticked by, the trio of Jordan Murray, Javier Hernandez, and Javier Siverio began to combine effectively, steadily putting pressure on the Hyderabad backline. Despite enjoying the lion’s share of possession, Jamshedpur initially struggled to create clear openings, with Hyderabad defending in numbers and closing down space effectively.

