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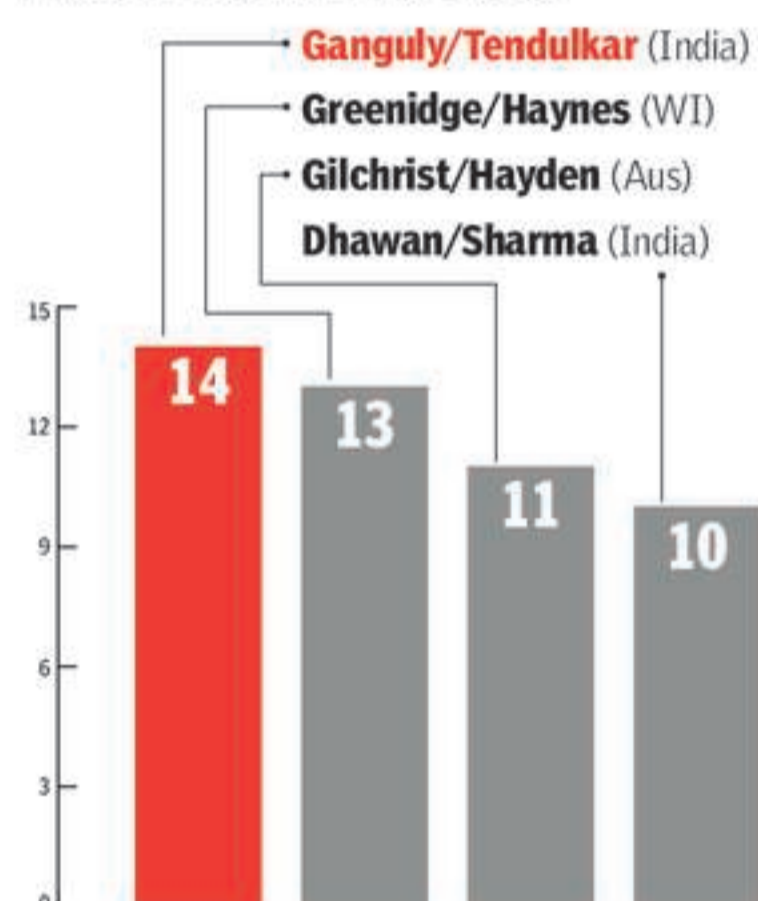
OPENING PAIRS WITH MOST CENTURY STANDS IN ODIs

Ganguly/Tendulkar (India)	136 matches 6609 runs
21 century stands	
Gilchrist/Hayden (Aus)	114 matches 5372 runs
16	
Greenidge/Haynes (WI)	102 matches 5150 runs
15	
Dhawan/Sharma (India)	93 matches 4250 runs
14	
Sehwag/Tendulkar (India)	93 matches 3919 runs
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Amla/Quinton de Kock (SA)	84 matches 3972 runs
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REPUBLIC DAY GIFT

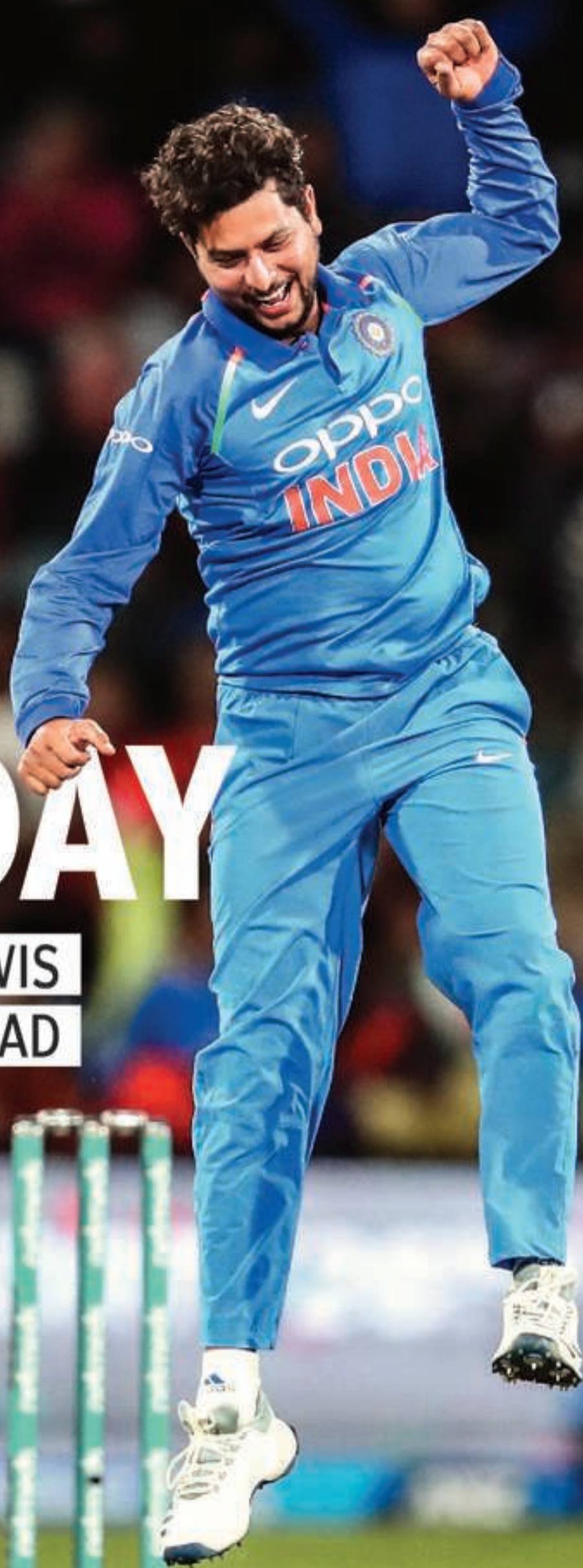
MEN IN BLUE CRUSH KIWIS BY 90 RUNS, TAKE 2-0 LEAD

CENTURY STANDS AWAY FROM HOME IN ODIs



1 With four for 39 at Napier and four for 45 at Mount Maunganui, Kuldeep Yadav has become the first spinner to have two successive four-wicket hauls in ODIs in New Zealand

THE FOUR-MAN: Kuldeep Yadav celebrates one of his Kiwi scalps on Saturday



Mount Maunganui (New Zealand): Wrist spinners Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal continued to torment New Zealand batsmen after a collective batting effort, guiding India to an emphatic 90-run win in the second ODI here on Saturday. India now lead the five-match series 2-0.

Opting to bat, India piled up a challenging 324 for 4, riding on Rohit Sharma (87) and Shikhar Dhawan (66)'s fluent half-centuries. There were significant contributions from captain Virat Kohli (43), Ambati Rayudu (47) and Mahendra Singh Dhoni (48 not out).

Kedar Jadhav contributed a quickfire 22 not out in just 10 balls as he and Dhoni added 53 runs in final 4.2 overs for the unconquered fifth wicket. The visiting bowlers then shot New Zealand out for 234 in 40.2 overs as India scored a comprehensive win to celebrate the country's Republic Day in style.

Kuldeep and Chahal shared bulk of the spoils. Like in the first ODI, Kuldeep took four wickets while Chahal accounted for two.

The home side batsmen offered very little resistance save Doug Bracewell, who top-scored with 57. Kuldeep claimed consecutive wickets of Henry Nicholls and Ish Sodhi in the 31st over, as he polished off the New Zealand innings in a burst of three overs.

Chasing a stiff target of 325, New Zealand lost their top four batsmen, including skipper Kane Williamson (20) and senior pro Ross Taylor (22), by the 18th over when they touched 100-run mark.

The Kiwis were denied a strong start with Bhuvaneshwar Kumar (2/42) and Mohammed Shami (1/43) bowling with a lot of discipline.

When India batted, Rohit missed out on a chance to hit his first ODI in New Zealand. Rohit and Dhawan gave India a flying start with a 154-run opening stand from 25.2 overs during which the New Zealand bowlers were hit all over the park.

Dhawan was out in the 26th over as he thickened a Trent Boult (2/61) delivery to Latham in the 26th over. He had nine boundaries in his 67-ball innings. Rohit, on the other hand, looked set for a century as he was batting beautifully but in the end fell short of the three-figure mark by 13 runs.

Paceman Lockie Ferguson (2/81), who was generating a lot of pace, removed the dashing Indian batsman who failed to put down a pull shot off a slower ball in the 30th over. Rohit had nine boundaries and three sixes in his 96-ball innings. One-down Kohli and Rayudu did not give any respite to the Kiwi bowlers as the duo stitched 64 runs for the third wicket from 9.4 overs.

Kohli was in his imperious touch before he became Boult's second victim in the 40th over.

Dhoni and Jadhav added 86 runs in the final 10 overs. Dhoni hit five boundaries and one six in his 33-ball unbeaten knock. **71**

THE OTHER VIRAT

ON MEETING FEDERER
Amazing (feeling). I have met him a couple of times before, the fact that he remembered me was like 'wao!'. He (Federer) told me that he met me in Sydney couple of years back during an exhibition match and I was like 'wao he remembers me'. I can't explain that feeling. He is a great man and a great human being. He kept asking me questions and I could talk to him about mindset. It was a beautiful time spent."

ON MOONLIT NIGHTS...
"Look, me and my wife like to do normal things. We just like to go out for walks. If we are in place like Napier, its beautiful. (One of the nights). We were at the Marine parade, enjoying full moon sitting on the bench and just talking. It's actually the simplest thing that gives us joy purely because we are always in the public eye and we are always doing things in-front of people."

ON MILESTONES
"If I get attached to stats, that means my graph is going down and there is something wrong in my head. Personally, I can't play in that sort of mindset. I can't stand on the field thinking that I have to do something for myself."
(Kohli told Sky Sports in an interview, which has also been uploaded by bcci.tv.)

90 Runs victory. India's biggest in terms of runs vs New Zealand in New Zealand in ODIs, obliterating the 84-run victory in Hamilton on March 11, 2009.

87 Rohit Sharma's score on Saturday, his highest ODI score vs New Zealand in New Zealand, bettering the 79 in Hamilton on January 28, 2014. —Rajesh Kumar

'Healthy competition for allrounder's slot'

Mount Maunganui: Kedar Jadhav is happy that there is a "healthy competition" in the Indian team for the all-rounder's slot which is up for grabs going into the 2019 World Cup.

With Hardik Pandya back in the mix after the CoA lifted his suspension, the Baroda all-rounder will be competing with Tamil Nadu's Vijay Shankar. Jadhav, an off spinner-all-rounder, is also very much in contention for a permanent playing XI slot during World Cup.

"It is a good thing for any team that more guys are competing for one spot. So every time any guy gets an opportunity, he will know that he needs to perform," said Jadhav.

"It's not about what I think about my selection. Whether I accept it or not, it's not in my hands," said the 33-year-old. "It is the selectors' call and the best 15 will go. Everybody is trying to put his best foot forward. When you play for India, there is bound to be competition. You have to be at the top of your game."

Jadhav said MS Dhoni shoulders bulk of the responsibility when it comes to scoring runs during the middle and final overs. "It helps when Mahi bhai is there till the last ball. All his experience and the power in his game, it helps players like us to just work around him and he takes most of the strike and scores most of the runs."



Jadhav said that 324 was a par-score on this track after the openers provided a good start. "We wanted to bat first and it started off well. The kind of top-order batting we have, there will be 90 per cent times when we will get a good start."

"So for most of us, batting at Nos 5 or 6, we don't get to bat, because our top batsmen have been doing bulk of scoring in the last 4-5 years. So it's good that we batted first."

SCOREBOARD

India: R Sharma c de Grandhomme b Ferguson 87, S Dhawan c Latham b Boult 66, V Kohli c Sodhi b Boult 43, A Rayudu c&b Ferguson 47, M Dhoni not out 48, K Jadhav not out 22. **Extras:** (lb 1, wd 10) **11**; **Total: (for 4 wickets; 50 overs) 324**; **Fall of wickets:** 1-154 (Dhawan), 2-172 (Sharma), 3-236 (Kohli), 4-271 (Rayudu); **Bowling:** Boult 10-1-61-2 (4w), Bracewell 10-0-59-0 (1w), Ferguson 10-0-81-2 (1w), Sodhi 10-0-43-0 (1w), de Grandhomme 8-0-62-0 (2w), Munro 2-0-17-0 (1w)

New Zealand: M Guptill c Chahal b Kumar 15, C Munro lbw Chahal 31, K Williamson b Shami 20, R Taylor st Dhoni b Jadhav 22, T Latham lbw Yadav 34, H Nicholls c Shami b Yadav 28, C de Grandhomme c Rayudu b Yadav 3, D Bracewell c Dhawan b Kumar 57, I Sodhi b Yadav 0, L Ferguson c Shankar b Chahal 12, T Boult not out 10. **Extras:** (wd 2) **2**; **Total: (for 10 wickets; 40.2 overs) 234**; **Fall of wickets:** 1-23 (Guptill), 2-51 (Williamson), 3-84 (Munro), 4-100 (Taylor), 5-136 (Latham), 6-146 (de Grandhomme), 7-166 (Nicholls), 8-166 (Sodhi), 9-224 (Bracewell), 10-234 (Ferguson); **Bowling:** Kumar 7-1-42-2 (1w), Shami 6-0-43-1, Shankar 2-0-17-0 (1w), Chahal 9-2-0-52-2, Jadhav 6-0-35-1, Yadav 10-0-45-4

98.16 Average of MS Dhoni in 11 innings in ODIs in New Zealand. This is the second highest among the batsmen with 500 runs or more in ODIs in New Zealand – behind the 119.00 of AB de Villiers while aggregating 833 in 15 innings at a strike rate of 110.03. Dhoni's tally being 589 at a strike rate of 99.66, including six fifties.

324/4 India's total is their second highest vs New Zealand in New Zealand in ODIs – behind the 392/four at Christchurch on March 8, 2009.

Need to score extra runs in middle overs: Kohli

Mount Maunganui: Scoring some quick runs in the middle overs is one area India need to work on ahead of the World Cup, said skipper Virat Kohli even as he lauded his side's "clinical" performance.

"Clinical performance again. We were really balanced with the bat. 325 was par. Not something you feel comfortable considering New Zealand's batting. But it was good to put up a balanced performance," Kohli said at the post-match presentation ceremony.

"I made a conscious effort after the drinks break to go hard between 34-40 overs, so we could get 340-350. Once I got out, the new batsman had to take time. These are the things we need to look into with the World Cup nearby," he said. "We would like to score those 15-20 runs extra but at the same time, good to see us chip our way to a balanced total."

Spinners Kuldeep Yadav (4/45) and Yuzvendra Chahal (2/52) once again shared six wickets between them and Kohli said their mindset has been a key factor for India.

"They are always ready to bowl for you and pick wickets, which is key. They are not content to go wicket-less for 40 runs in their quota, they'd rather have more wickets for 60," he said. "That mind-set is crucial for us, and as is Rohit and Shikhar at the top."

Rohit was adjudged Man of the Match. "Good feeling (on his performance) but most

A little bit frustrating. It's not so much the losing, it's the way we've been losing. We showed glimpses in the chase, we just didn't do it long enough. We pulled it back with the ball. Still a large total, but Ish (Sodhi) was outstanding.

—Kane Williamson, NZ SKIPPER

1 This is the first time that the top five batsmen in India's innings have posted 40-plus in an ODI. Overall, this is tenth instance in the history of ODIs.

importantly, we won the game. We did not know how the pitch was going to play to start with. But as the game went on, we understood what the par score would be," he said.

"When New Zealand-Sri Lanka played here, it was a high-scoring game. 325 was par. But our bowlers delivered."

Rohit and Dhawan shared a 154-run opening partnership, their 14th century stand, to lay the foundation for a big score.

"We know each other since long and have a good understanding. Important for the team to get a good start and I have always enjoyed batting with Shikhar. I am sure it's the same for him too," Rohit said. **71**

DRAVID ON BEHAVIOURAL DRAWBACKS IN INDIAN CRICKET

I don't like to equate entitlement with wealth. Yes, it can come with wealth, but I don't think that is the only factor. It can happen from a young age. Sometimes in a lower-income family they see one of the kids in special cricket so the entire energy of the family is focused towards him or her. There are two things that are very important. The first is what kids are taught by their parents and early coaches. If people have been told they can fudge their age, that is the start of a problem. You are basically telling the kid it is okay to cheat. For me that is not setting the right example to a young kid at an impressionable age.

Seniors in cricket teams can play a huge role in guiding and helping a youngster – not necessarily with words but by setting the right example.

I do believe both (Hardik Pandya and KL Rahul) have not yet achieved their obvious potential... this might be the catalyst that would lead them to reflect and help them reach the level. (Dravid spoke to ESPN Cricinfo)

Imam ton in vain as SA win rain-hit ODI

Centurion: Imam-ul-Haq hit a century but could not prevent South Africa from winning a rain-hit third ODI at SuperSport Park on Friday. Imam's 101 spurred Pakistan to an imposing 317 for six but South Africa won by 13 runs according to the Duckworth/Lewis/Stern method after rain twice stopped play during their reply. When the second interruption brought the match to an end, South Africa were 187/2 after 33 overs, ahead of the DLS par of 174, with Reeza Hendricks and captain Faf du Plessis unbeaten on 83 and 40 respectively. Quinton de Kock and Hashim Amla gave South Africa a brisk start, putting on 53 for the first wicket. Both were dismissed before the first rain delay at 88 for two after 16.5 overs. **AFP**

ACTION TODAY

CRICKET: West Indies v England 1st Test Day 5, 7:30 pm (Sony TEN 1), Ranji Trophy Semifinal Day 3, 9:30 am (Star Sports 2)
TENNIS: Australian Open: Men's Singles final, 2 pm (Sony SIX); **FOOTBALL:** La Liga: Girona vs Barcelona, 8.45 pm (Sony Ten 2), FA Cup: Tottenham vs Crystal Palace, 9.30 pm (Ten 1 HD), ISL: Mumbai City vs Bengaluru FC, 7.30 pm (SS network); I-League: East Bengal vs Mohun Bagan, 5 pm (SS 3)

Shreyas defies S'rashttra as Karnataka build lead

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Bengaluru: During Karnataka's 2014-15 season, the R Vinay Kumar-led side had qualified for the quarterfinals with two matches to go. Although the team was in dominant form, the then coach J Arun Kumar felt the team lacked a leg-spinner who would break partnerships in the middle and lower middle orders.

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He found a solution in Shreyas Gopal, who made his debut against Mumbai in the penultimate league match, which many thought was a gamble. This season, it has been a role reversal of sorts for Shreyas. On more than one occasion, the leggie has bound the lower middle order together to bail Karnataka out of trouble. He did just that in the Ranji Trophy semifinals on Saturday.

On a day when the sun played

hide-and-seek at the M Chinnaswamy stadium and the pitch was tricky to bat on, Shreyas dominated the final session of play against Saurashtra.

The highlight of the day was Shreyas 232-minute stay at the crease which yielded an unconquered 61 runs (134b, 1x4, 2x6) and an unbroken 61-run ninth wicket stand with an equally patient Abhimanyu Mithun (35 n.o, 87b, 4x4). At stumps, Karnataka, who bowled out Saurashtra for 236 in the morning, were 237 for 8 in 78 overs with a healthy 276-run lead.

Given the wicket's behaviour and two days to go, the match is set for an exciting finish and can go swing either way. Saurashtra started the day at their overnight score of 227/7.

Brief scores: Karnataka 275 & 237/8 (Shreyas 61 batting, Agarwal 46, Unadkat 3-35, Jadeja 3-77) lead Saurashtra 236 by 276 runs

Nepal's young prodigy Paudel breaks Sachin & Afridi's records

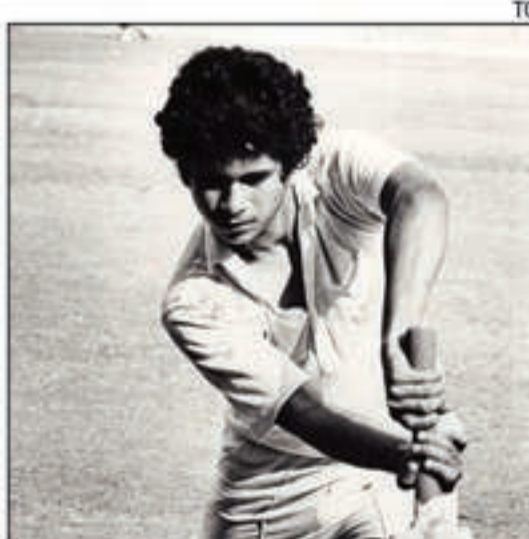
Dubai: Nepal batsman Rohit Paudel became the youngest male cricketer to score an international fifty on Saturday at the age of 16 years and 146 days, breaking Sachin Tendulkar's previous mark scored in a Test against Pakistan.

He also became the youngest man to score an ODI half-century, beating Shahid Afridi, who smashed a 37-ball century in an incredible first innings against Sri Lanka aged 16 and 217 days.

Indian legend Tendulkar scored his maiden Test fifty when 16 years and 213 days old in the Faisalabad Test in 1989.

Paudel stroked a 58-ball 55 as Nepal, a cricket minnow, thrashed the United Arab Emirates by 145 runs in the second ODI in Dubai. Fellow teenager, the 18-year-old Sandeep Lamichhane, claimed 4-24 with his leg-spin as Nepal bowled out their hosts for just 97 chasing 243 to win.

Paudel, however, was a fair way off the record for all internationals, with South African



THEN AND NOW: A file photo of a 16-year-old Sachin Tendulkar in 1989 (left) and Nepal's Rohit Paudel



women's player Johmari Logtenburg having scored fifties in

both Test and ODI cricket as a 14-year-old. **AFP**

YOUNGEST TO A HALF-CENTURY

Rohit Paudel (Nepal)
55 vs UAE in Dubai ODI, January 26, 2019.
Age: 16 years 146 days
Sachin Tendulkar
59 vs Pakistan, in Faisalabad

Test, Nov 1989
Age: 16 years 213 days
Shahid Afridi (Pakistan)
102 vs Sri Lanka in Nairobi ODI on October 4, 1996, ODI
Age: 16 years 217 days

Australia crush SL inside three days

Brisbane: Pat Cummins took a career best 6-23 to help Australia crush Sri Lanka by an innings and 40 runs inside three days in the series opening day-night Test in Brisbane on Saturday.

The paceman completed his maiden 10-wicket match haul as Australia bundled out Sri Lanka for 139 after resuming the day at 17/1 to register only their second test win of the summer at the Gabba. **REUTERS**

Brief scores: Australia 323 beat Sri Lanka 144 & 139 (Thirimanne 32, Cummins 6-23) by an innings and 40 runs

Burns falls shy of century as Windies chip away

Bridgetown: Rory Burns missed out a maiden Test hundred as two bowling changes paid off for the West Indies with England reaching the lunch interval at 134 for two having been set the improbable target of 628 on the fourth day of the first Test at Kensington Oval in Barbados on Saturday. Thoroughly outplayed by the home side over the previous two days, the tourists showed greater appetite for the contest in the morning session. **AFP**