



**Smith, Warner to Play in the IPL**

Steve Smith and David Warner were Friday left out of Australia's squad for the one-day series against Pakistan despite being eligible for the final two games after their ball-tampering bans expire. However, Cricket Australia confirmed that Smith and Warner will play in the Indian Premier League on their return from a one-year suspension. Australia, with Aaron Finch as captain, will feature an unchanged ODI side for the Pakistan series to the one that is currently playing in India. The first match against Pakistan begins March 22 in Sharjah, U.A.E.

**F1 Set to Introduce Point for Fastest Lap**

Formula One is set to tweak the scoring system this season by awarding an extra point to the driver setting the fastest race lap. An informed source told Reuters the outcome of an e-vote of the Formula One commission was expected on Monday and the change written into the regulations in time for next week's opening race in Melbourne. The move has been approved already by the governing FIA's World Motor Sport Council, although not mentioned in a statement of decisions taken on Thursday. Final approval is expected to be a formality. The extra point would be available only if the driver setting the fastest lap also finished in the top 10 scoring positions. Formula One awarded a point for the fastest lap over the first decade of its existence as a world championship from 1950-59.

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**Lone Warrior**

Virat's 41st ODI century in vain as Australia pull one back to stay alive in the series

Virat Kohli looked like a 'Man on a Mission' wearing the camouflage army cap for the better part of his 41st ODI hundred but that wasn't enough to prevent India from losing the third ODI against Australia by 32 runs in Ranchi on Friday.

Usman Khawaja's hundred and Aaron Finch's 93 saw Australia put up more than decent 313 for five and India could manage only 281 in 48.2 overs, that too solely due to Kohli's 123 off 95 balls.

It was yet another superlative effort from the Indian skipper, who lacked adequate support from the other end as Australia kept the five-match series consequential going into the fourth game in Chandigarh on Sunday.

Kohli scored his first 50 off 52 balls and the next 50 off just 33 balls which was sheer class as always. The acceleration was so sudden that it even took the Australian attack by surprise.

The skipper launched a brutal assault on the Australian bowlers. From gorgeous looking cover drives to delectable on-drives and those deft touches everything was present in a bouquet.

The true nature of the pitch helped him hit through the lines as he smashed 16 fours and a six.

However Adam Zampa (3/70), by far the most impactful Aussie bowler, yanked the Indian skipper after having accounted for former skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni (26). He did get hit but he would any day take wickets of Kohli, Dhoni and Kedar Jadhav (26) in return.

Kohli had three significant partnerships — 59 with Dhoni for the fourth wicket, 88 with Jadhav for the fifth wicket and 45 with Vijay Shankar for the sixth — but none good enough to take India across the line.

Shikhar Dhawan (1), Rohit Sharma (14) and Ambati Rayudu (2) were dismissed cheaply as India was left tottering at 27 for 3 and it was al-



**SCORECARD**  
AUSTRALIA 313/5 (Khawaja 104, Finch 93; Kuldeep 3/64) beat INDIA 281 (Kohli 123; Richardson 3/37, Cummins 3/37, Zampa 3/70) by 32 runs

**MOST ODI HUNDREDS**

49 Sachin Tendulkar (India)
41 Virat Kohli* (India)
30 Ricky Ponting (Australia)
28 Sanath Jayasuriya (Sri Lanka)
27 Hashim Amla* (South Africa)

\*Active

We don't want to see anymore collapses. We want partnerships that can get us going. Yeah we will have a few changes in the next couple of games. A little hiccup in the middle, but we will regroup and come back strongly

**VIRAT KOHLI**

ways a difficult task from there on. After winning the toss, Indian pacers covered up commendably for a rare off-day endured by the spinners as visitors were restricted to 313 for five despite a 193-run opening stand between skipper Finch and Khawaja.

Khawaja (104) scored his maiden ODI ton while Finch (93) chose this particular match to get back to form. Maxwell (47 off 31 balls) also contributed with lusty blows.

The Indian spinners — Ravindra Jadeja (0/64 in 10 overs) and Kedar Jadhav (0/32 in 2 overs) — were carted all around the park.

Kuldeep Yadav (3/64 in 10 overs), however, redeemed himself at the back-end of the innings. The trio gave away 160 runs in 22 overs and it was left to Jasprit Bumrah (0/53) and Mohammed Shami (1/52) to maintain the discipline during the final overs as the total could have gone close to the 350-run mark.

In the final 10 overs, Australia could score only 69 runs, despite being 244 for two after 40 overs, courtesy Bumrah and Shami who bowled 64 dot balls between them.

The fielding on the day was also way below par as Dhawan, at square leg, dropped Khawaja, who tried a reverse sweep, while batting on 17 off Jadeja's bowling.

Kohli, Kedar and Bumrah were all guilty of slip-ups on the field which also released the pressure on the visitors.

**DHONI NOT TO PLAY LAST 2 ODIS**

MS Dhoni will be "rested" for the final two ODIs of the ongoing series against Australia and Friday's match could well be his last international outing on home soil.

"We will have some changes in the last two games. Mahi will not be playing in the last two games. He will be taking rest," India's assistant coach Sanjay Bangar told mediapersons after the match.

Rishabh Pant will keep wickets during the last two ODIs in Mohali and New Delhi.

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**REAL OR NOT**

History shows Klopp would be wrong to swap Liverpool for the unrelenting heat of Real Madrid

**Simon Hughes**

John Toshack finally released his autobiography last year, where he tells the story of his two spells as Real Madrid's manager. The first was 29 years ago but he believes little has changed in the way the club thinks and operates.

There were 10 minutes to go when news filtered through to the Santiago Bernabeu in February 1990 that title rivals Barcelona were slipping to an unlikely defeat in Castellon. Real were drawing against Mallorca, a result that would send Toshack's team five points clear at the top and from there it would be difficult for Barcelona to catch them.

And yet, the Bernabeu wanted more — for Mallorca to be swatted and for Real to assert their authority in the most ruthless way. Toshack thought otherwise and decided to withdraw Emilio Butragueno for a defender.

In the dressing room afterwards, he was confronted by Real's president — what the hell was he doing? In the subsequent press conference, most of the questions were about his conservative tactical decision. Nobody seemed to understand Toshack's reasoning, despite his team being further ahead at the summit of the table than they were at kick off. Though Real ended up winning the league by nine points, impressions had been formed about Toshack that day and when form slipped at the start of the next season, he was quickly removed.

You can only imagine what Jurgen Klopp might think of that story: this job where even when you win, you don't really, a place where Gareth Bale can score decisive goals in two Champions League finals without feeling the enduring love of the crowd.

It had been Klopp, of course, who was questioned fairly after Sunday's 1-1 draw in the Merseyside derby about his own like-for-like substitutions when there were options to be bolder. Only time will tell whether he — like Toshack — was right to show restraint while others believed adventure was the quicker way to step forward.

You cannot imagine, however, Klopp ever believing Real Madrid is a career move that would suit him. The Independent revealed on Thursday that he's top of a shortlist to replace Santiago Solari but Real would be wasting their time trying to recruit a manager who last May, before the club's met in Kiev, contrasted his own position with Zinedine Zidane's, who he acknowledged was do-

ing a fine job but in totally different circumstances to his own. "Zidane," he said. "Great player, great manager — an icon who is right for them in the way others might not be."

Since Toshack's first spell, though some of the same characters have appeared twice, Real have made 29 managerial appointments — one for each season. The longest serving and most successful of those managers both had club links, with Zidane lasting two and a half seasons and Vicente del Bosque, four.

This record suggests Klopp is right: it does take a special calibre of person to survive there, someone whose name carries the sort of respect that is needed for players to listen, someone whose experience enables him to navigate the corridors of power which can resemble a medieval court.

Klopp has none of this to worry about at Liverpool, a club which needed the single-mindedness of a big personality to guide it away from where it was when he took over. His record in finals since is significant because while he can lose three times at Liverpool and the season still be marked as progression (while too, Manchester City might win the Premier League title this season at Liverpool's expense and Liverpool will still have progressed beyond anyone's expectations), that wouldn't be the case in Madrid where even if the team has played with some style, there is no such thing as faltering when it matters and there being another chance.

Klopp is less than three-and-a-half-years into the job at Anfield and if his own track record of staying at clubs for seven years is to be judged as an absolute sign of the way he approaches things, this represents the half-way point of his reign.

He had been unimpressed when Manchester United approached him with a "Disneyland" presentation that is likely to be offered by Real: he has also said several times that he would not work in a country where he does not speak the language because he recognises his own limitations as well as the power of the words he uses.

Klopp "loves" living on Merseyside, in Formby, where he can live free, taking his dog for a walk every morning in the pinewoods without anyone troubling him. That, of course, would all change in the gated communities and heat of Madrid.

**Madrid have identified the Liverpool manager as the man they want to replace Santiago Solari**

**The Independent**

**Saina's Run Ends With Loss to Tai Tzu**

Saina Nehwal's dismal run against nemesis Tai Tzu-Ying continued as she suffered yet another defeat against the Taiwanese to crash out of the All England Championship, on Friday.

A former finalist, Saina couldn't find answers to the deceptive strokeplay of the World No 1 Taiwanese, going down 15-21, 19-21 in the 37-minute quarter-final clash.

"I had my chances but I got tied up in the last two points," said the 28-year-old from Hyderabad. "My coach was saying 'make it slower', but when you are on the edge of winning a game you tend to get a little more hurried up and I made that mistake again, it cost me the second set.

"I'm happy that I'm getting closer to the top players. I've not been sleeping because of the pain I've been having in my stomach (due to diarrhoea), but I'm really happy that I could play two matches here."

Saina is now 5-15 in head-to-head career record with Tzu-Ying and it was her 13th straight defeat



against the Taiwanese, who has not lost to the Indian since 2015. "It's good that I'm playing her again and again. I have to learn how to beat her," she said.

Tzu-Ying, who had retired at the Hong Kong Open last year due to a waist injury, seemed to have recovered well as she went about her job with consummate ease at the Arena Birmingham.

Tzu-Ying's arsenal of strokes was in full display as she rushed to a 11-3 lead. Saina produced

two superb drops and won nine of the next 12 points to narrow the equation to 12-14.

Tzu-Ying then came out with a flurry of her magical strokes to move to 20-13 and sealed it comfortably.

In the second game, Saina enjoyed a five-point cushion at 8-3 in the second game after husband Parupalli Kashyap pleaded her to play disciplined badminton. Some exceptional strokes helped the Taiwanese to gather a few points but Saina ensured a 11-8 advantage at the interval.

The Indian tried to keep Tzu-Ying at the back-line with her deep tosses but fatigue, perhaps due to the bout of diarrhoea ahead of the event, affected her. Tzu-Ying's deceptive strokes often left Saina wrong-footed as she moved ahead of the Indian to 17-15.

Saina made it 19-19 with a successful line call. But two precise returns on the Indian's back-handed the match in the Taiwanese favour.

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