

TV PICKS

**NBA:** Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD), 6.30 a.m.  
**IPL:** Star Sports 1, 2 & Select 1 (SD & HD), 8 p.m.  
**Europa League:** Sony ESPN, Sony Ten 1, 2 (SD & HD), 12.30 a.m. (Friday)  
**Augusta Masters:** D Sport, 12.30 a.m. (Friday).

IN BRIEF



**Heat's exit spoils Wade farewell**  
LOS ANGELES  
Dwyane Wade was given an emotional send-off in his final home game with the Miami Heat on Tuesday but results elsewhere eliminated the Florida team from playoff contention. The 37-year-old three-time NBA champion delivered a 30-point display as Heat defeated the Philadelphia 76ers by 122-99 at the American Airlines Arena. But Detroit Pistons' 100-93 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies ended Miami's slender hopes of progressing to playoffs. AFP

Anand finishes in fifth place

**SPORTS BUREAU SHAMKIR (AZERBAIJAN)**  
Viswanathan Anand drew with Veselin Topalov in the ninth round to finish fourth with 4.5 points, the same as Alexander Grischuk and Teimour Radjabov in the Shamkir Chess 2019 tournament here.

However, the Indian was placed fifth in the rankings behind Magnus Carlsen, Ding Liren, Sergey Karjakin and Grischuk.  
**The results (ninth round):**  
Anand (4.5) drew with Veselin Topalov (4); David Navara (4) drew with Teimour Radjabov (4.5).  
Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (3.5) drew with Sergey Karjakin (5); Ding Liren (5) drew with Anish Giri (3); Magnus Carlsen (7) bt Alexander Grischuk (4.5).

Services and Meghalaya post wins

**SPORTS BUREAU LUDHIANA**  
Suresh Meitei's 68th-minute goal took Services to a 2-1 win over Delhi in the final round of the 73rd National football championship, for the Santosh Trophy, here on Tuesday.  
**The results:**  
Meghalaya 3 (Shisha Buam 40, 73, Enestar Malngiang 45) bt Odisha 2 (Chandra Muduli 7, Prasanta Srihari 54).  
Services 2 (Bikash Thapa 8, Suresh Meitei 68) bt Delhi 1 (Ayush Adhikari 28).

Son stuns City, gives Spurs the edge

Lloris stops Aguero penalty, enjoys redemption in a troubled campaign; Liverpool eases past Porto

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE LONDON

Tottenham overcame Harry Kane's latest injury woes as Son Heung-Min sealed a priceless 1-0 win over Manchester City after Hugo Lloris saved Sergio Aguero's penalty in a dramatic Champions League quarter-final first-leg on Tuesday.  
Mauricio Pochettino's side earned a slender advantage thanks to Son's clinical strike late in the second half at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.  
While Son soaked up the plaudits, much-maligned keeper Lloris also enjoyed a sweet moment of redemption in a troubled campaign when he kept out Aguero's first-half spot-kick.



**Priceless:** Son Heung-Min's clinical strike late in the second half gave Tottenham a much-needed edge over City. ■AFP

**Kane injured**  
Tottenham's victory was an unexpected twist to an enthralling encounter, especially after Kane injured his left ankle in a tackle on Fabian Delph early in the second half.  
But City had only itself to blame for failing to earn an advantage for the second-leg in Manchester on April 17.  
Having won the League Cup, reached the FA Cup final and kept the destiny of the Premier League title in its own hands, this was City's next hurdle in the race for an

unprecedented quadruple.  
But City boss Pep Guardiola is adamant it is "almost impossible" to achieve a clean-sweep of all four major trophies.  
He might be right on the evidence of a City display that lacked the cutting edge and intensity required to keep Tottenham at bay.  
City's first defeat since a January 29 setback at Newcastle is not fatal to its European ambitions, but it will have to improve on this tired effort to stop Tottenham reaching its first European

semifinal since 1984.  
**Upper hand for Reds**  
Goals from Naby Keita and Roberto Firmino earned Liverpool a 2-0 win over Porto as Jurgen Klopp's side took the upper hand in its quarter-final tie without killing off its Portuguese opponents.  
On a bitterly cold night at Anfield, Liverpool was well below its best and Porto deserves credit for a determined performance after going two goals down in 26 minutes.  
The visitors fired an early

added to his tally, but blasted over after a good cross from Henderson, who was again enjoying a more advanced midfield role.  
Porto, though, showed it was not about to roll over – the dangerous Maresca had a low drive well saved by the legs of Liverpool keeper Alisson Becker.  
The visitors also felt they should have had a penalty when the ball struck Alexander-Arnold's arm as he shepherded it out but after a VAR review the appeal was rejected.  
The Portuguese side fought well to stay in the game in a scrappy second half to give themselves a chance of a comeback at home in next week's second leg.  
It will, however, be angered when it sees television replays of Salah's over the top, raised studs challenge on Porto's Danilo Pereira five minutes from the end for which he could easily have been dismissed.  
Although Spanish referee Antonio Mateu Lahoz gave a foul, Salah did not even receive a yellow card.

**The results**

QUARTERFINAL, FIRST LEG	
<b>Liverpool 2</b> (Keita 5, Firmino 26) bt Porto 0	<b>Tottenham 1</b> (Son 78) bt Manchester City 0

Thapa puts Chennaiyin in final

SUPER CUP

AMITABHA DAS SHARMA BHUBANESWAR

Anirudh Thapa made the star turn for Chennaiyin FC, scoring one and assisting the other, to help his side overcome ATK by two second-half goals (2-0) in the second semifinal of the Super Cup at the Kalinga Stadium here on Wednesday.



**On cloud nine:** CFC players celebrate a goal. ■BISWARANJAN ROUT

C.K. Vineeth opened the scoring soon after the break off a Thapa assist before the latter doubled the lead with a fine effort. The two-time ISL champion will meet FC Goa in the final on Saturday.  
The opening half was listless as both sides adopted a cautious approach. The only notable opportunity came Chennaiyin's way in the seventh minute when Brazilian midfielder Augusto set up an overlapping Jerry Larinzuala. The left-back sent a low cross to find Vineeth, but the Chennaiyin attacker tapped the ball wide.  
**Build-ups**  
ATK tried a few build-ups through the wings but failed to help its striker Balwant Singh with an opening that could threaten the Chennaiyin goal.  
Eugeneson Lyndoh, making a start after a long break

after returning from injury, tried a long-ranger but saw the ball miss the target.  
The game changed dramatically after the break with Chennaiyin deciding to come out of its defensive shell.  
**Free role**  
This approach gave a free role to the talented Thapa and the young midfielder made the most of the opportunity, creating the first goal five minutes into the second half.  
Thapa worked his way up from left, getting the better of the ATK centre-back John Johnson and outsprinting defender Pritam Kotal to send a neat goalmouth cross that was easily headed home by Vineeth.  
Similar to what he had done during his side's 2-1 victory against NorthEast United FC in the quarterfinals, Thapa got into the scoring act in the 58th minute.  
He drove the ball home with a nice left-footer after Gregory Nelson's diagonal pass found him at the top of the ATK box.  
**The result (second semifinal):**  
Chennaiyin FC 2 (C.K. Vineeth 50, Anirudh Thapa 58) bt ATK 0.  
**Final (April 13):** Chennaiyin vs FC Goa, 8.30 p.m.

Return of Smith and Warner adds pressure to WC selection: Turner

P.K. AJITH KUMAR JAIPUR

On the morning of December 19, 2018, Ashton Turner woke up at 3 a.m. to the news that he was picked up by Rajasthan Royals at the IPL auction.  
It would take another three months for the world to wake up to his talent. With an astonishing 84 not out off 43 balls, he led Australia to a four-wicket victory against India in the fourth ODI at Mohali in March.  
Chasing a daunting 360, the visitors had needed 131 from 83 balls when he arrived at the fall of the fourth wicket. Thirteen balls were still left when he hit the winning runs, and he playing in only his second ODI.  
That innings suddenly made the ₹50 lakh Royals spent on him look like a bargain. He is still to make his IPL debut, though.  
**Baffled**  
"To be honest, I was initially baffled when I got to know that I was picked by Rajasthan Royals," Turner told *The Hindu*.  
"It was pretty exciting news to wake up that morning."  
The 26-year-old said he



Ashton Turner. ■COURTESY: RAJASTHAN ROYALS

had been wanting to play in the IPL for quite some time. "It's such an exciting competition," he said.  
"Unfortunately, I wasn't able to go into any of the auctions earlier because of the shoulder surgeries I used to have at the end of the Australian summer."  
The off-spinning all-rounder added it was great to wear pink and join the Royals camp.  
"Everyone in the team has also been very hospitable," he said. "I have a feel-

Sindhu, Saina advance

Kashyap and Srikanth also move up

SINGAPORE OPEN

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA SINGAPORE

P.V. Sindhu, Saina Nehwal and K. Srikanth eased into the second round of the \$355,000 Singapore Open with straight-game wins over their respective rivals here on Wednesday.  
Sindhu, seeded fourth, took just 27 minutes to get the better of Indonesia's Lyanny Alessandra Mainaky 21-9, 21-7. Sixth seed Saina tamed another Indonesian in Yulia Yosephin Susanto 21-16, 21-11.  
K. Srikanth defeated Thailand's Sitthikom Thammasin 21-17, 21-18 in a 41-minute match.  
P. Kashyap scored a 21-19 21-14 win over World No. 28 Rasmus Gemke of Denmark 21-19, 21-14.  
Sameer Verma defeated Thailand's Suppanyu Avihingsanon 21-14, 21-6 while

H.S. Prannoy eked out a 11-21, 21-16, 21-18 win over France's Brice Leverdez.  
**The results: Men:** Sameer Verma bt Suppanyu Avihingsanon (Tha) 21-14, 21-6; H.S Prannoy bt Brice Leverdez (Fra) 11-21, 21-16, 21-18; Kento Momota (Jpn) bt Sai Praneeth 19-21, 21-14, 22-20; P. Kashyap bt Rasmus Gemke (Den) 21-19, 21-14; K. Srikanth bt Sitthikom Thammasin (Tha) 21-17, 21-18.  
**Doubles:** Danny Bawa Chrisnanta & Kean Hean Loh (Sin) bt Manu Attri & B. Sumeeth Reddy 21-13, 21-17.  
**Women:** P.V. Sindhu bt Lyanny Alessandra Mainaky (Ina) 21-9, 21-7; Saina Nehwal bt Yulia Yosephin Susanto 21-16, 21-11; Pornpawee Chochuwong (Tha) bt Mugdha Agrey 21-6, 21-8.  
**Mixed doubles:** Pranaav Jerry Chopra & N. Sikki Reddy bt M.R. Arjun and K. Maneesha 21-18, 21-7; Dechapol Puavaranukroh & Sapsiree Taerattanachai bt Saurabh Sharma & Anoushka Parikh 21-21, 21-12; Lu Ching Yao & Lee Chia Hsin (Tpe) bt Venkat Gaurav Prasad & Juhi Dewangan 21-12, 21-15.



**Sailing through:** P.V. Sindhu took just 27 minutes to get past Lyanny Alessandra Mainaky. ■FILE PHOTO

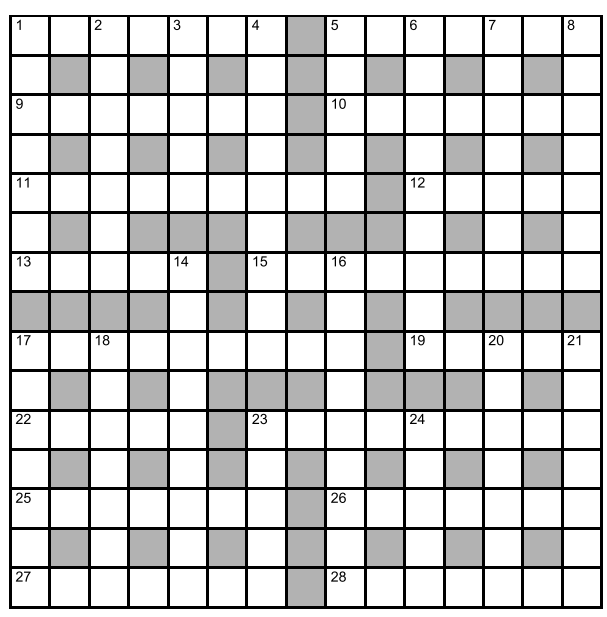
Hardik, Rahul depose before Ombudsman

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI

With an eye on India's selection for the World Cup, Hardik Pandya and K.L. Rahul deposed before the BCCI Ombudsman, D.K. Jain, in connection with their loose comments on the opposite sex during a television chat show earlier this year.  
Days after the show was aired in January, Rahul and Hardik received a backlash for their controversial comments on women. As a result, they were sent back mid-way from India's tour Down Under following a suspension by the Committee of Administrators.  
While the suspension was lifted pending inquiry ahead of the home series against Australia in March, the duo was summoned by Jain soon after his appointment last month. The duo deposed before the Ombudsman over the last two days.  
While Hardik appeared before Jain on Tuesday, Rahul was questioned by the Ombudsman on Wednesday morning.  
With India's squad for the World Cup set to be picked on April 15, the verdict on the duo is expected later this week.

**At this point, all I can do is to prepare to be a part of the squad and train well**  
ing we'll go pretty deep in the tournament."  
Looking back at his most famous innings, he said: "To be a part of a win in my first-ever away series in tough conditions like India was an unbelievable feeling."  
"Back home, I've been playing a fair bit of T20 cricket like in the Big Bash League and it has helped prepare me to re-adapt myself to ODI format as well."  
**Good batting surface**  
He said Mohali had a fantastic batting surface.  
"There was enough dew to give bowlers a disadvantage" he said. "I was able to pull off an almost T20-like innings that day."  
Turner said he wasn't thinking too much about the World Cup at the moment.  
"With players like Steve Smith and David coming back, there's going to be a lot of pressure to seal a spot in the team," he said.  
"At this point, all I can do is to prepare to be a part of the squad and train well."

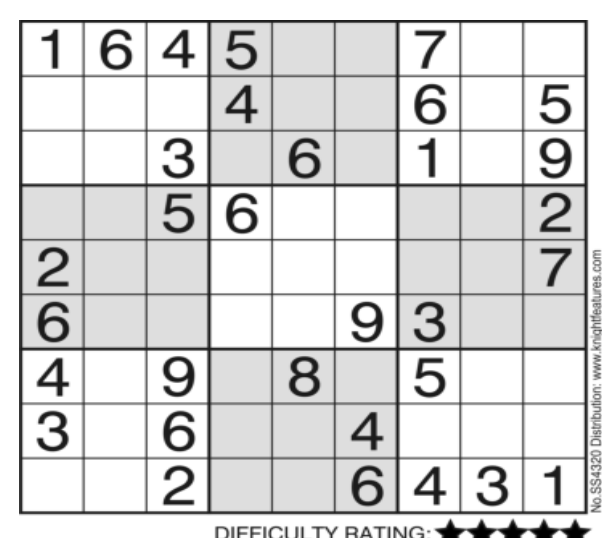
THE HINDU CROSSWORD 12597



**ACROSS**  
1 A drop of lime-infused wild honey (7)  
5 Dr. Spooner pronounced that the conjunction of a star and satellite leads to deluge for days on end (7)  
9 Frank leaves home, chasing popular girl next door, maybe? (7)  
10 Pull of light cart

(set by Avtaar)  
say, ... that helps keep sickness at bay (9)  
17 Doctor in love gets direction (9)  
19 For mathematicians, it signifies a total disgrace when Fermat's last is forgotten (5)  
22 Not a vessel to provide a meal (5)  
23 A piece intended to be heard flat (9)  
25 Symmetrical roof is better with sides interchanged (7)  
26 Punches holes in reform of Bible Society by Democrat (7)  
27 Conspicuously new – yet old-fashioned (7)  
28 Extremely fretful jaguar's spring (7)  
**DOWN**  
1 Platform is shrouding the bottom of orange flowers (7)  
2 Race event, for instance, is enveloped by perfume wafting up (7)  
3 Secret want given up by freshman (5)  
4 Aggressive, mostly irregular rebel, ultimately (9)  
5 Suggested adding root of onion in mutton, perhaps? (5)  
6 Scandalous, revolting bilge left neurobiologist unsettled (9)  
7 Cloudiness is beginning to overwhelm the outskirts of Patiala town (7)  
8 Compound interest is charged after including arrears from inception and deducting cess (excluding tips) (7)  
14 Small bear at the fag ends of the wood gets killed (9)  
16 Judge found criminal's clothing? Never happened before! (7-2)  
17 Bird is eating a piece of wood, I say! (7)  
18 Free – yet I'm unambitious...controlling...retiring (7)  
20 Source of problems from global test on the basics of machine learning and integrated networks (7)  
21 Musician playing sitar starts to transfix everyone (7)  
23 Solder toys after unpacking completely on top (5)  
24 Bought a book filled with forbidden stuff (5)

SUDOKU



**Solution to puzzle 12596**

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**Solution to yesterday's Sudoku**

1	8	6	3	9	5	7	4	2
2	7	5	4	1	6	9	3	8
3	4	9	2	7	8	6	5	1
5	2	3	9	6	1	8	7	4
4	6	1	8	2	7	3	9	5
7	9	8	5	4	3	2	1	6
9	1	2	6	3	4	5	8	7
8	3	4	7	5	2	1	6	9
6	5	7	1	8	9	4	2	3

FAITH

Kaliya humbled

The snake Kaliya resided in a part of the Yamuna river. Because of the heat of Kaliya's poison, hot fumes emanated from the water, and because of these fumes, birds that flew over the river dropped down dead. Trees that grew on the banks of the river died due to the fumes. Krishna, who knew of Kaliya's atrocities, climbed a kadamba tree, that was on the river bank. From there, He jumped into the river, and the water rose under the impact of that jump, and splashed all around. Krishna then played in the water, and an angry Kaliya rose from the water with his army of serpents. He coiled himself around Krishna, said Kidambi Narayanan, in a discourse.  
Krishna's friends fainted. Nandagopan and others saw inauspicious omens and were certain that Krishna was dead. They all left Gokula and hurried to see what had happened. Balarama was the only one to remain calm, because he knew Krishna could not be harmed. Seeing Krishna firmly in the snake's grasp, they were agitated. Yasoda tried to jump into the river, and was restrained with difficulty. The Yada was wanted to get in to save Krishna, but Balarama stopped them, for he knew of Krishna's power. As the people of Gokula stood lamenting, Krishna made His body swell, and Kaliya was no longer able to hold Him in his coils. When Krishna freed Himself, Kaliya spread his hood and stared angrily at Krishna. Krishna went round and round Kaliya, like Garuda circling a snake. Kaliya too went round and round, looking for an opportunity to kill Krishna. But the latter climbed on to the snake's hood, and began to dance. Throughout the Kaliya episode, Balarama was the only one to remain unworried, because he knew of Krishna's greatness. And as Balarama had anticipated, Krishna humbled the snake.