

# 'World Test Championship will be challenging, but all the more exciting'

Kohli believes the sport's longest format really needs a boost

## INDIA IN WI

AMOL KARHADKAR  
MUMBAI

The World Cup is now history. A disappointing semifinal defeat – India's second successive last-four exit from the quadrennial gala – ended an intense period of focus on 50-over cricket.

With the longest and shortest formats set to dominate the international arena for the next two years, it was natural that captain Virat Kohli was primarily looking forward to India's performance in T20Is and Tests as he boarded a flight to the United States to kick-start India's tour of the West Indies.

The first leg of the tour, which will have the three-match T20Is, will begin India's spree of 20 T20Is scheduled over the next six months with an eye on the World Twenty20 editions to be staged in 2020 (Australia) and 2021 (India). The month-long series will end with a two-Test series, which will be India's foray into the maiden World Test Championship (WTC).

### Excited

It's no wonder then that Kohli was excited about both. While he was looking forward to the WTC since it will bring attention to Test cricket, he was upbeat about gelling with the youngsters who have blooded into the T20 arena.

"Test cricket really needed a boost. The players were always putting in the effort, but from a global point of

view an incentive attached in a way which the Test Championship presents. I think for all the cricketers involved now, every session and every game will be more intense, there will be more on the line. So it will be challenging, but all the more exciting and all the teams I am sure are going to enjoy a lot through this whole journey of the Test Championships," Kohli said.

With India set to feature in six T20I series before the Indian Premier League next year, Kohli was keen on analysing the skill-set of the youngsters who could form the crux for the next two T20 World Cups. Moreover, with West Indies being a formidable T20 side, Kohli expected a tough test.

"I am particularly excited about the first three T20s because, as I said, a new lot of players coming in, some players have done really well in the format and shown great composure in tournaments like the IPL, and domestically as well," he said. "It is a great marker for all those guys and for us, as a team as well, to have them in the squad."

### INDIA'S SCHEDULE

|                                   |                               |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>August-September 2019</b>      | West Indies (away)   2 Tests  |
| <b>October 2019</b>               | South Africa (home)   3 Tests |
| <b>November 2019</b>              | Bangladesh (home)   2 Tests   |
| <b>February 2020</b>              | New Zealand (away)   2 Tests  |
| <b>November 2020-January 2021</b> | Australia (away)   4 Tests    |
| <b>January-March 2021</b>         | England (home)   5 Tests      |



**Caribbean jaunt:** Kohli's men will play three T20Is and three ODIs before beginning their World Test Championship campaign. • TRUPTI AREKAR

## Skipper bats for Shastri

### SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The deadline for applications for the coach is yet to expire, but Virat Kohli has thrown his weight behind Ravi Shastri to continue to be the coach of India's team.

"The CAC hasn't contacted me yet. If they tell me 'we want your opinion', I will definitely go and speak to them. And with Ravi bhai, all of us have great camaraderie,"

Kohli said. "Everyone in the team shares mutual respect and we have done really well together as a group.

"We will definitely be very happy if he is continuing as the coach. But as I said, it's on the CAC to seek my advice or opinion if they want."

Shastri, along with other existing support staff members, have been given extension for the

West Indies series after their contracts expired at the end of the World Cup. While the BCCI has invited applications till July 30, Shastri and the other incumbent members of support staff, are direct entrants for their respective posts. The Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC), headed by former India captain Kapil Dev, will select the new support staff.

## Kohli denies any rift with Rohit

'It's bizarre that people are creating this stuff from outside'

AMOL KARHADKAR  
MUMBAI

India captain Virat Kohli has categorically denied any rift with Rohit Sharma, his deputy in limited-over cricket. Kohli stressed that the team wouldn't have performed consistently for the last two-three years had the team environment not been conducive.

"It's baffling. It's absolutely ridiculous to read such stuff. I have been to a few public events, and people told me that we have played well and there's so much respect and here we are feeding off lies, overlooking facts.

### Creating fantasies

"We are turning a blind eye to all the good things that's happened. We are creating fantasies in our head and we want to accept that it's the truth," Kohli said ahead of the team's departure for a full series against the West Indies.

Over the last week, sections of the Indian media have reported on the alleged fall-out between Kohli and Rohit, even dragging the cricketers' wives into the alleged feud. Kohli reacted strongly to it.

"I have seen this for too long now. Bringing personal lives is disrespectful. I have played for 11 years, Rohit has played for 10 years. It's bizarre that people are creating this stuff from outside," Kohli said.

"Come, see in the dressing room. See for yourself how (we speak to) Kuldeep Yadav or how we joke with a senior like M.S. Dhoni. Come and see the atmosphere. We can't show you videos here. It baffles you as a leader, as a coach and as a team when lies are floated



**Baffling!** Virat Kohli, seen sharing a light moment with Rohit Sharma, was miffed about rumours being spread about differences between them. • AP

around. They are made to look believable."

### My face will show

When asked if he had discussed these reports with Rohit and whether there has been any awkwardness between the duo, Kohli said: "I will tell you something about myself, if I don't like a person or if I am insecure of a person then you will see that on my face or in my behaviour towards the person, that is how simple it is.

"I have always praised Rohit, whenever I had the opportunity because I believe he is that good. We have had no issues. As I said it is baffling, to be honest. I don't know who is benefiting from all of this.

"We are living, breathing and working towards getting Indian cricket to the top and here people want to get some pleasure in bringing it

down. I don't understand how that works.

"Within the team it is there for everyone to see the kind of camaraderie and friendship, and it is evident on the field. You can't play with that kind of passion if people don't get along with each other.

### Team interest first

Head coach Ravi Shastri had the parting shot. "The way this team plays, no individual is bigger than the game, not me, not him (Kohli), nobody in the team. The way they play, it is in the interest of the team. You cannot have the kind of consistency across all formats, if you have, like you mention rifts or divisions or whatever, it is not possible," said Shastri.

"I have been part of the dressing room for some time now, and none of that nonsense was there," he added.

## Expect Windies to put up a fight: Richards

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
MUMBAI

West Indies legend Vivian Richards expects the current team to pose a tough challenge to Virat Kohli's battle-hardened India in the upcoming assignments in the Caribbean.

India will play three T20s, as many ODIs and two Tests on the tour of the West Indies, starting on August 3 in Florida.

The two Tests will be played as part of the ICC Championship.

"India-West Indies series have always seen explosive action and I don't expect anything less this time around. With the current form of the West Indies team, I look forward to them giving a tough competition to the Indian side," Richards was



Vivian Richards. • FILE PHOTO

quoted as saying in a media release issued by official broadcasters Sony Pictures Sports Network.

Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar said he has "respect" for players from the Caribbean.

"West Indies will always hold a very special place in my heart since I started my career over there and have immense respect for their players," said Gavaskar.

## Ashes to kick-start ICC's latest initiative to reignite five-day game

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
LONDON

The opening day of the Ashes series between England and Australia at Edgbaston on Thursday will mark the beginning of the International Cricket Council's new World Test Championship (WTC).

The aim is to give individual Test series greater context and spark a worldwide revival of interest in the five-day game.

### What is it?

The top nine nations will compete in a total of 72 Tests across a two-year period, with the aim of determining the best Test team in the

world. The teams involved will be Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka and West Indies.

The top two teams will play in the final at Lord's in June 2021, before a new cycle starts.

"Test cricket is the pinnacle of our sport," said James Anderson, England's leading Test wicket-taker, in an ICC statement.

### Purists' delight

"It is the very essence of cricket and the majority of players want to strive to play the purists' form of the game.

### Points System

| Matches in series | Points for a win | Points for a tie | Points for a draw | Points for a loss |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2                 | 60               | 30               | 20                | 0                 |
| 3                 | 40               | 20               | 13.3              | 0                 |
| 4                 | 30               | 15               | 10                | 0                 |
| 5                 | 24               | 12               | 8                 | 0                 |



**The essence:** James Anderson feels that Test cricket is the pinnacle of the sport. • GARETH COPELY/GETTY IMAGES

## Anderson could decide fate of Ashes: McGrath

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
LONDON

Australia great Glenn McGrath believes the form of England spearhead James Anderson could determine the course of the Ashes.

Australia holds the urn but heads into Thursday's opening Test at Edgbaston looking for its first series win in England since 2001.

Anderson, who turns 37 on Tuesday, has been battling to overcome a calf injury, but McGrath believes he could have a huge impact on the five-Test series if he stays fit.

"On home soil with the Dukes ball, he's the best in the world bowling in those conditions," said McGrath.

"He is a big player and if he has a big series for England, Australia will find it

tough. If Australia bats well and can get on top of him, that'll make a massive impact on their chances."

The 49-year-old McGrath, working with online trading broker ThinkMarkets to encourage more young people to get into sport, added: "Jimmy is on his way to 600 Test wickets, which is absolutely incredible."

Anderson is now just 25 wickets shy of becoming the first fast bowler to take 600 in Tests, having surpassed former paceman McGrath's haul of 563 against India last September.

"Jimmy's got the record now and it won't be beaten," said McGrath. "For a fast bowler to beat whatever record he sets, they are going to have to play 150-plus Tests."

## With the I-League and ISL, we struggle between the old and the new: Praful Patel

The AIFF president says a solution must be found so that it is a happy marriage between the two

### EXCLUSIVE

AYON SENGUPTA  
NEW DELHI

All India Football Federation (AIFF) president Praful Patel is in an unenviable position as he tries to douse the flames of discontent that threatens to engulf Indian football. He, however, wants the conversation to move away from the usual debate of club structure to something more meaningful. "The debate is going in the wrong direction; the focus should be on grassroots. My satisfaction comes from that," Patel told the *Sportstar*. Excerpts.

You took over the AIFF reins in 2008 and your innings comes to an end soon. How has been the journey?

It has been exciting but at times turbulent. Football in India went through a bad phase and to recover from that was not easy. One good thing that has happened is we have been able to lay the

foundation for a strong footballing culture and the genesis of a strong footballing nation.

### What are the plans for grassroots development?

We had Robb Bann, a very seasoned technical director who gave us the Vision 2020 document, a master-plan which didn't exist before. We did well to implement most of it, the World Cup U-17 was part of it. We have now established baby leagues and many age-group tournaments which will pay dividends in the future.

World-over the sport is developed by clubs. Don't ISL and I-League clubs need to do more to promote grassroots football?

Clubs are participating and building teams at every level with baby leagues and other tournaments. We are spreading the role of development from the federation to the clubs. We must give the clubs some leeway as we can't ex-



**Pleased as punch:** Praful Patel is happy that the foundation for a strong footballing culture has been laid. • R.V. MOORTHY

pect them to do everything at one go. They are doing a lot of work.

How do you think five seasons of ISL has helped Indian football?

I would say many things are there. People look at the visible; suddenly you see a tour-

nament and there's excitement. But ISL is not the ultimate of Indian football. My biggest satisfaction has been to bring the sport to a young generation.

That will be always important, you have a national team and a good coach who

will mould it. You cannot shape a 25-year-old fully, but if you start with a 12 or 13-year-old, he/she can be moulded more effectively and that will be more sustaining.

The ISL's clubs, despite all the investment, have failed to

create a strong fan-base compared to traditional clubs?

If Bengaluru FC can do it, why can't others. Study what they are doing. The primary difference is among fans – traditional fans support traditional clubs, but that's a myopic view. Why do people suddenly follow Barcelona, Real Madrid or Manchester United. Because they have such large investments and can reach out to more people.

FIFA's motto today is football must be financially viable. There is amateur and professional football and we are somewhere in between. With the ISL and I-League, we struggle between the old and the new.

Will the AFC agree to ISL and I-League coexisting for the next three seasons? They had asked the federation to merge them by 2019-20.

The ISL has a certain financial structure and the I-League a different one. You

are talking about integrating it, but how will you integrate a club which is spending ₹2 crore a year with one which is spending ₹40 crore.

A solution must be found which is a happy marriage between the two. Otherwise, the club with ₹2-crore investment won't do well and will run out of steam.

Is it against the AIFF constitution to have officials from its commercial partner in Standing Committees?

Even in AFC and other boards there are many people who come and attend. They don't dictate Indian football. Everything cannot be made into an issue; if we want to get the best out of IMG-R, we need to get them involved. They have a mandate to support Indian football for a number of years and we have to work with them to get the best.

What do you think should be the ideal long-term solution? The ideal long-term solution will be one league with pro-

motion and relegation. No FI-FA or AFC will allow us a closed league. So, there's no need to worry for these I-League clubs.

Can we expect some tough decisions from the AIFF then?

It's a tough decision to say that I will speak to AFC and IMG-R. I haven't spoken to them yet. But, since they (six I-League clubs) have summarily dismissed my viewpoints, why should I discuss?

Both the Indian coach and the captain have recently said that players need to play more matches. What can be done to achieve this?

Their opinion is fair enough. Those are issues that can be looked into. We are reviving the Durand Cup and Western India Football Association is reviving Rovers. So players can have more games. I want them to benefit as we need a solid pool for the coach to choose from. Only then will the national team gain.

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IN BRIEF



**Dalilah shatters 400m hurdles World record**

**DES MOINES**  
Olympic champion Dalilah Muhammad shattered one of the longest standing records in women's athletics, in the 400m hurdles at the US Championships on Sunday. The 29-year-old powered home in 52.20s, obliterating the 16-year-old World record of 52.34s by Russia's Yuliya Pechonkina in 2003. "I'm just shocked," Dalilah said. "My coach kept telling me (the record) was there. I just had to trust that and go for it." AFP



**Momota, Yamaguchi raise Olympic hopes**

**TOKYO**  
World No. 1 Kento Momota said he was lifted by the crowd and can't wait to return for the Tokyo Olympics after he sealed a home singles sweep at the Japan Open. Momota and Akane Yamaguchi gave Japan its first-ever sweep of the men's and women's singles titles on Sunday, raising Japanese hopes a year out from the 2020 Games. AFP



**de Minaur is champion at Atlanta**

**WASHINGTON**  
Australia's Alex de Minaur captured his second ATP title in dominant style, dropping just 10 points on serve in a 6-3, 7-6(2) triumph over Taylor Fritz. Third-seeded de Minaur, 20, on Sunday became just the third player to win an ATP title without facing a break-point since the Tour began keeping stats in 1991. German Tommy Haas did it in Memphis in 2007 and American John Isner managed the feat in Newport in 2017. AFP



**Sevastova fights back to win fourth WTA title**

**JURMALA (LATVIA)**  
Latvian top seed Anastasija Sevastova rallied from a set and a break down to win her home Baltic Open and fourth career title on Sunday with a 3-6, 7-5, 6-4 win over Polish qualifier Katarzyna Kawa. The 26-year-old Kawa, playing in her first WTA main draw, led 6-3, 2-0 at one stage and looked set for a shock triumph. However, World No. 11 Sevastova rallied to take victory after two hours and nine minutes, surviving a scare at 15-30 down in the final set. AFP

**Asian men's u-23 volleyball team named**

**CHENNAI**  
The Volleyball Federation of India on Monday announced the squad for the Asian men's u-23 volleyball championship to be held at Nay Pyi Taw in Myanmar. **The squad:** Amit (capt.), Shon Thanghalathil John, Gagan Kumar, Chirag, Himanshu Tyagi, Muthusamy Appavu, Saqlain Tariq Khan, Prince, Sonu Kumar Jakhar, Shikhar Singh, Ashwin Raj Mahesh, Hari Prasad Bevinakuppe Suresha (L) and Pritam Singh Chauhan (coach).

# Sathiyam shows the way for Delhi

Helps the defending champion beat U Mumba and register its maiden win



**Proving his worth:** G. Sathiyam played his part, both in singles as well as mixed doubles, in the company of Bernadette Szocs.

UTT

**RAKESH RAO**  
NEW DELHI

In a clash involving small margins, G. Sathiyam proved his worth by helping Dabang Delhi beyond U Mumba in the Ultimate Table Tennis league here on Monday.

With the tie-score locked at 3-3, Sathiyam lived up to the reputation of being the World No. 24. He played his part in the crucial mixed doubles with Bernadette Szocs and then blanked Manav Thakkar & Doo Hoi Kem to give Delhi the winning lead at 8-4.

In the last singles, Sutirtha Mukherjee defeated a tentative Krittwika Sinha Roy 2-1 to reduce the margin of de-

feat for Mumbai. The 9-6 result signalled defending champion Dabang's maiden victory and U Mumba's first loss this season.

**Closely contested**

The fact that seven games were decided on 'golden point' reflects how closely contested the match was.

Sathiyam was in his element in the doubles, especially in the opening game. Once Manav Thakkar and Doo Hoi Kem bounced back to level the score, Sathiyam assumed control in the decider.

Against Thakkar, Sathiyam was tested to the hilt but he kept his cool to win the golden points in the first two

games. With the pressure somewhat off in the third, Sathiyam came out firing and the difference between the two was difficult to miss.

"I think Manav played really well today. I had to keep my cool during those crucial golden points. My 3-0 margin against Manav and my team winning five out of seven 'golden points' clinched it," said Sathiyam, the Delhi skipper.

Before Sathiyam held centre-stage, U Mumba took the lead with World No. 12 Doo Hoi Kem winning 2-1 against 19th ranked Bernadette. Delhi restored parity with the 72nd-ranked Jon Persson with a surprise 2-1 win over Kirill Gerassimen-

ko. Persson – like Kem and Sathiyam – grabbed the 'golden point' twice. He bounced back from 0-4 in the first game and 7-10 in the second.

**Unlucky**

A luckless Gerassimenko, clearly the better player on the day, deservedly won the third game.

**The results: Dabang Delhi bt U Mumba 9-6** (Bernadette Szocs lost to Doo Hoi Kem 10-11, 10-11, 11-8; Jon Persson bt Kirill Gerassimenko 11-10, 11-10, 7-11; G. Sathiyam & Bernadette bt Manav Thakkar & Doo Hoi Kem 11-2, 8-11, 11-8; Sathiyam bt Thakkar 11-10, 11-10, 11-7; Kwrittwika Sinha Roy lost to Sutirtha Mukherjee 4-11, 10-11, 11-8).

# Jaideep does it for Patna Pirates

Thalaivas' raid specialists find themselves overshadowed



**On the prowl:** Rahul Chaudhari plots his next move in the Pirates zone.

PKL

**NANDAKUMAR MARAR**  
MUMBAI

Defender Jaideep grabbed the initiative for Patna Pirates with stunning tackles against Tamil Thalaivas' match-winning raiders in the seventh ProKabaddi League on Monday.

Seven tackle points from him, including two Super Tackles, saw Pirates win the neck-and-neck thriller 24-23. Hadi Ostorak was the next best contributor with two tackle points in a match that showcased top-quality defending.

Thalaivas' raid specialists, Rahul Chaudhari (five), Ajay Thakur (three) were overshadowed by Jaideep.

Manjeet Chillar (four points from six tackles) shone early on to put in-form Pardeep Narwal, one of PKL's crowd-pullers, in the shade.

Jaideep's timely charge forward and tackle on substitute Ajith Kumar, another of the many Super Tackles from Pirates, set the tone for the second half.

Thalaivas' main attackers could not escape, Monu single-handedly bringing down Chaudhari with an ankle hold near the centre line and keeping him off balance

even as two teammates pulled the raider back.

Manjeet's double blow on Pirates raiders set the tone for a contest between sides brimming with experienced players. The Thalaivas tackler got a firm hold on Narwal early on, then shoved Jang Kun Lee off the court with a speedy burst and push.

The former's form in the defence kept the heat on Pirates as the tie picked up pace.

Ostorak's Super Tackle on Chaudhari inspired a fightback from Pirates, though reduced to three or two players at one stage. Monu came up with two raid points at a crucial stage, a back-kick to take Shabber Babu by surprise deep in the rival half standing out.

In the second match, Bengal Warriors rode on Maninder Singh's exploits to outplay Purneri Paltan 43-24.

Tuesday is a rest day.

**The results:** Patna Pirates 24 (Jaideep 7, Hadi Ostorak 2) bt Tamil Thalaivas 23 (Rahul Chaudhari 5, Manjeet Chillar 4).

Bengal Warriors 43 (Maninder Singh 14, Mohammed Nabibaksh 8, Rinku Jaiswal 5) bt Purneri Paltan 23 (Manjeet 3, Sushant Sail 3, Girish Ernak 3).

**Wednesday's matches:** Haryana Steelers v Jaipur Pink Panthers, U Mumba v UP Yodhas.

# BCCI State units want to end impasse

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The State association representatives of the BCCI, on Monday, resolved to end the confrontation related to adopting the new constitution set by the Supreme Court.

At a meeting attended by 16 State units, it was decided to "move on", with an emphasis on getting rid of the Committee of Administrators (CoA).

The next hearing in the Supreme Court is slated for August 8.

The units that attended the meeting were Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Baroda, Saurashtra, Assam, Bengal, Sikkim, Manipur, Assam, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

The BCCI elections are scheduled to be held in October.

**Bids invited**

Meanwhile, the BCCI has invited bids for the title sponsor rights for international and domestic matches for the period commencing from Sept. 1, 2019 to March 1, 2023.

# Dhruv is India u-19 skipper

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI

Uttar Pradesh's wicket-keeper-batsman Dhruv Chand Jurel will lead India under-19 in the Youth Asia Cup to be held in Sri Lanka from September 3 to 15.

**The squad:** Dhruv Chand Jurel (Capt. & wk), Suved Parkar, Thakur Tilak Varma, Nehal Wadhwa, Arjun Azad, Shashwat Rawat, Varun Lavande, Lalit Arora, Karan Lal, Atharva Ankolekar, Pankaj Yadav, Akash Singh, Sushant Mishra, Purnank Tyagi, and Vidyadhar Patil.

# Testing times for the traditional format

Amir's decision to quit red-ball cricket has come as a shock

S. DINAKAR  
CHENNAI

It is a shock to the system. And a wake-up call. If the ICC and the different Boards do not respond now, Test cricket could be in peril.

And this at a time when the ICC is attempting to revive the five-day game and lend it a context with the World Test championship.

Mohammad Amir's decision to retire from Test cricket at just 27 – when he is at the peak of his prowess – has jolted the cricketing community.

The talented left-arm pacesman had several years of Test cricket before him but succumbed to the lure of the various Twenty20 leagues.

He will be available for Pakistan in ODI and Twenty20 cricket but not in Tests which is the most demanding and the complete format.

**Lure of the lucre**

When the IPL first came into being, in 2008, followed gradually by the other leagues, it was said that there would be deterrents against international cricketers retiring early from Tests to play in the more lucrative shorter formats.

Over time, these idealistic views have been thrown out of the window. And West Indies cricket, the first casualty really, was torn apart.

Across the cricketing world, several players, particularly pacemen, called time on their Test careers to focus essentially on T20 leagues. South African cricket is staring at a full blown crisis with so many players leaving.

For a legend such as AB de Villiers, even a final World Cup appearance for his country is not enough motivation. He makes a feeble, cosmetic attempt towards the end, but the team rightly says no.

Yet, Amir's case is the



**Unexpected:** Mohammad Amir still had a lot of Test cricket left, but fell victim to the lure of T20s.

most disappointing for he is just 27. And then he owes so much to cricket after being found guilty of corruption in the spot-fixing scandal of 2011.

He served time in a British jail, admitted his guilt and was part of ICC's anti-corruption programme. Amir was welcomed back to all forms of the game in 2015.

The Pakistan Cricket Board stood by him, so did the ICC; let's not destroy a young cricketer's career as their thinking.

And how does Amir pay them back? By taking an easy and many might call 'selfish' route out of Test cricket.

His wife is a British Pakistani and there are rumours that Amir plans to settle in England.

**Not much impact**

Mercifully, Indian cricketers

have not been impacted by early Test retirements since the BCCI does not allow its cricketers to figure in leagues outside of the IPL.

And left-arm pacesman Ashish Nehra did so well after his Test career was over.

**Shining examples**

And thankfully, there are several cricketers, the British pace pair of James Anderson and Stuart Broad being the shining examples, whose heart still bleeds for Tests.

But many other countries face a looming danger as they try to keep their Test flock together.

It's time for ICC and the various Boards to act.

If you are serious about the World Test championship, do not allow cricketers to desert the royal five-day game.

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