



No show: Showers kept the groundsmen busy even as the first ODI was abandoned on Thursday. ■AP

First ODI called off due to rain

West Indies scores 54 for one in the 13 overs of play possible

INDIA IN WI

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PROVIDENCE (GUYANA)

Rain played spoilsport as the first one-dayer between India and the West Indies was called off after the home side scored 54 for one in 13 overs here on Thursday.

The stop-start match, which was reduced to 34-over-a-side, was abandoned after a second rain interruption. More than an hour and a half later, the umpires decided to call off the match.

Opener Evin Lewis and Shai Hope were batting on 40 and six respectively when the match was called off. India captain Virat Kohli won

the toss and asked the West Indies to bat.

Slow knock
Chris Gayle was out in the 11th over after scoring four off 31 balls. He came into the match 12 short of Brian Lara's 10,405 ODI runs, the most by a West Indian. The game was reduced to 43-over-a-side even before a ball was bowled as wet outfield due to rain forced the toss to be delayed. The contest began two hours late than the original 7 p.m. (IST) start.

Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Mohammed Shami exploited the conditions to tie down Gayle and Lewis before the first rain interruption.

India did not take DRS

when Lewis, who was on one, looked plumb in front in the fourth over off Mohammed Shami. Replays showed the ball would have gone on to hit the leg stump.

West Indies was nine for no loss in 5.4 overs at the first rain break.

Costly over
When the match restarted as a 34-overs-a-side affair, Gayle and Lewis picked up steam. Lewis hit Khaleel Ahmed for 15 runs with a six and two fours in the eighth over.

Kuldeep Yadav gave India the breakthrough, dismissing dangerman Gayle, who dragged the ball onto his stumps. Shai Hope came in two overs later, but rain also

returned and forced the players into the dressing room once again.

The second one-dayer will be played in Port-of-Spain on Sunday.

SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIES
C. Gayle b Kuldeep 4 (31b), E. Lewis (not out) 40 (36b, 2x4, 3x6), S. Hope (not out) 6 (11b); Extras (lb 2, w 2): 4; Total (for one wicket, in 13 overs): 54.

FALL OF WICKET
1-42 (Gayle, 10.1 overs).

INDIA BOWLING
Bhuvneshwar 4-1-11-0, Shami 3-0-5-0, Ahmed 3-0-27-0, Kuldeep 2-0-3-1, Jadeja 1-0-6-0.

Toss: India.
No result.

BCCI timeline on Shaw case



Prithvi Shaw.
■FILE PHOTO: K.V.S. GIRI

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NEW DELHI

The BCCI on Thursday put out a timeline of Prithvi Shaw's doping violation case, which showed a gap of more than two months between his sample collection and the final report from National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL).

In what appeared to be an attempt at damage control after attracting criticism for the manner in which the BCCI handled the 19-year-old's case, the timeline showed there was a reminder from the Board to the NDTL.

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) might also reopen the case handled by a body that is reluctant to come under the purview of the NADA.

Gill, Vihari hammer WI-A attack

Former scores a double hundred, the latter a century

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TAROUBA

Shubman Gill (204 not out, 250b, 19x4, 2x6) and Hanuma Vihari (118 not out, 219b, 10x4, 1x6) were involved in a 315-run partnership for the fifth wicket as India-A declared at 365 for four, setting West Indies-A a target of 373 on the third day of their third and final 'Test' here on Thursday.

The visiting side resumed at 23 for three, and Gill, two overnight, reached his century just at the stroke of lunch. Though nightwatchman Shahbaz Nadeem fell for 13, Gill and Vihari were in scintillating form.

Earlier, off-spinner Krishnappa Gowtham had run through the West Indies-A line-up, his six for 67 off 23.4 overs giving India-A a seven-run lead.

Only opener Jeremy Solozano defied the Indian attack, carrying his bat for 69. Sunil Ambris contributed 43. For India, Umesh Yadav finished with two for 29, Avesh Khan one for 34 and Shivam Dube one for 35.

The scores: India-A 201 & 365 for four decl. (Shubman Gill 204 n.o., Hanuma Vihari 118 n.o.) vs West Indies 194 (Jeremy Solozano 69 n.o., Sunil Ambris 43, Krishnappa Gowtham six for 67).



Sizzler: Shubman Gill was simply unstoppable. ■FILE PHOTO



Hanuma Vihari. ■S. SUDARSHAN



K. Gowtham. ■SUDHAKARA JAIN

Amla — a giant in his own right

He is the only South African to have scored a triple century in Test cricket

BIDDING ADIEU

REUTERS
CAPE TOWN

South Africa's Hashim Amla announced his retirement from international cricket on Thursday, bringing the curtain down on one of the country's leading batting careers.

The 36-year-old played international cricket for 15 years, scoring almost 10,000 Test runs and close to another 10,000 in limited-overs internationals.

He is the only South African to have scored a triple century in Test cricket — a record 311 not out against England at The Oval in mid-2012 — and is second behind Jacques Kallis in Test runs for the country (9,282).

"I learnt many lessons during this incredible ride, made many friends and most importantly shared in the love of a brotherhood," Amla said in a statement released by Cricket South Africa (CSA).



A thing of beauty... Hashim Amla's batting epitomised grace and class. ■GETTY IMAGES

His retirement follows swiftly on from that of his fast bowling colleague Dale Steyn and is no surprise after a disappointing World Cup in England in May and June.

Amla struggled initially at Test level, with his batting technique heavily questioned, but after a first Test century against New Zealand at Newlands in 2006 he established himself as a key player in the South African set-up.

He went on to top the ICC rankings for both Test and ODI batsmen.

Amla was appointed Test captain in 2014 but gave up the job during England's visit to South Africa at the beginning of 2016 when it was affecting his form.

An occasion to celebrate
"It is always sad to bid farewell to one of the true legends of the game, but at the same time this is rather an occasion to celebrate the richness that Hashim has brought to the game around the world both on and off the field," said CSA chief executive Thabang Moroe.

Amla will continue to play domestic cricket.

Hashim's numbers

	M	Inns	N.O.	Runs	Avg.	HS	SR	100s/50s	Catches
Tests	124	215	16	9,282	46.64	311*	49.97	28/41	108
ODIs	181	178	14	8,113	49.46	159	88.39	27/39	87
T20Is	44	44	6	1,277	33.6	97	132.05	0/8	19

FASTEST TO:

- 2,000 ODI Runs
- 3,000 ODI Runs
- 4,000 ODI Runs
- 5,000 ODI Runs
- 6,000 ODI Runs
- 7,000 ODI Runs

311
The highest individual Test score by a SA

27
Most ODI centuries for South Africa

One among five players to score 25-plus hundreds in both Tests and ODIs

- Sachin Tendulkar (51 & 49)
- Ricky Ponting (41 & 30)
- Virat Kohli (25 & 41)
- Kumar Sangakkara (38 & 25)
- Hashim Amla (28 & 27)

Congratulations to Hashim Amla on a fantastic international career... what an amazing journey it has been since seeing you for the first time in the Kingsmead nets in the late 90's... well done...respect..

— SHAUN POLLOCK, former South Africa captain

I learnt many lessons during this incredible ride, made many friends and most importantly shared in the love of a brotherhood called #proteafire

Tax war: ICC wants India's revenue cut

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NEW DELHI

The BCCI is set to seek advice from an English law firm after the ICC threatened to deduct a part of it's annual revenue share in a continuing tussle on tax exemptions for events held in India.

The Shashank Manohar-led ICC wants complete tax exemption for all global events happening in India and is still awaiting waiver for the 2016 World T20 held in the country.

According to the latest documentation of the July 6 Committee of Administrators (CoA) meeting here, the ICC wants to recover the tax burden for the 2016 event by slashing the BCCI annual share from the ICC revenue.

The CoA has asked the BCCI legal team to contact an "English law firm" since the "agreement between BCCI and the ICC in relation to the hosting of the 2016 World T20 is governed by English law."

Dabang rallies from the brink

Upstages Lions; Sathiyani's win over Sharath proves decisive

UTT

RAKESH RAO
NEW DELHI

Scripting a thrilling finish, Dabang Delhi bounced back from 2-7 to win 8-7 over Chennai Lions in the last league encounter of the Ultimate Table Tennis league here on Thursday.

For the first time, four out of five matches ended with 3-0 verdicts.

The decisive difference in favour of Dabang came with G. Sathiyani beating Sharath Kamal 2-1 in the second singles of the tie.

The defeat, by the narrowest of margins, did not hurt Chennai (42 points) as it finished second behind U Mumba (44). Dabang, tied with Goa Challengers at 41, finished fourth, based on the lesser number of matches won from five ties.

rath changed gears and played far more aggressively and accurately. But Sathiyani was relentless. He stayed close to the table and used the blocks effectively to open up an 8-5 lead. What followed was Sharath's best. He roared back to make it 8-8 and then won the last three points to keep Chennai 4-2 ahead in the tie.

Sharath stayed in the arena for the mixed doubles, with Petrisa. They maintained their unbeaten run, winning against Jon Persson and debutant Naina Persson by a 3-0 margin.

Down 2-7, with two singles to go, Dabang picked up

three points when the 63rd-ranked Persson blanked Anirban Ghosh, ranked a distant 1138th.

Thereafter, World No. 14 Benadette Szocs played to her ranking against the 137-ranked Madhurika Patkar and won 3-0 to carry Dabang past the finish line for a morale-boosting triumph.

The results:
Delhi Dabang bt Chennai Lions 8-7 (Krittika Sinha Roy lost to Petrisa Solja 6-11, 9-11, 6-11; G. Sathiyani bt Sharath Kamal 11-8, 11-8, 9-11; Jon Persson & Naina Jaiswal lost to Sharath & Petrisa 3-11, 5-11, 2-11; Persson bt Anirban Ghosh 11-5, 11-8, 11-8; Benadette Szocs bt Madhurika Patkar 11-5, 11-4, 11-10).



Pulling it off: Sathiyani defeated Sharath in a high-voltage encounter. ■UTT

Final league standings

	Ties	Ties won	Matches won	Games won
U Mumba	5	4	16	44
Chennai Lions	5	3	14	42
Goa Challengers	5	3	15	41
Dabang Delhi	5	3	13	41
RP-SG Mavericks	5	1	10	30
Puneri Paltan	5	1	7	27

Semifinal line-up: Aug. 9: Dabang Delhi vs U Mumba; Aug. 10: Chennai Lions vs Goa Challengers
Final: Aug. 11: Winner of semifinal 1 vs 2



Hey, where you goin'?

In the net: Bengaluru Bulls defenders catch Siddharth Sirish Desai of Telugu Titans in the ProKabaddi League match in Patna on Thursday. Bengaluru Bulls won 47-26. ■RANJEET KUMAR

PKL Standings

Team	P	W	L	Tie	Pts
Dabang Delhi	5	4	1	0	21
Jaipur Pink Panthers	5	4	1	0	20
Bengaluru Bulls	5	4	1	0	20
U Mumba	6	3	3	0	17
Gujarat Fortunegiants	5	3	2	0	16
Tamil Thalaivas	5	2	2	1	15
Bengal Warriors	4	2	2	0	12
Haryana Steelers	5	2	3	0	11
Patna Pirates	6	2	4	0	11
UP Yoddha	5	1	2	2	11
Puneri Paltan	5	2	3	0	10
Telugu Titans	6	0	5	1	5