

TV PICKS

Pakistan vs Sri Lanka, second ODI, Sony Six (SD & HD), 3.30 p.m.
IAAF World Championships: Star Sports 3, 10.30 p.m.
PKL: Star Sports 1 & 2 (SD & HD), 7.30 p.m.

Shanta resigns from CAC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI
The Committee of Administrators (CoA) chief Vinod Rai on Sunday said his panel never found any Conflict of Interest in having a Kapil Dev-led Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC), an ad-hoc body formed to appoint the head coach of the men's team.

BCCI Ethics Officer Justice (Retd) D.K. Jain has issued notices to Kapil and fellow CAC members Shanta Rangasamy and Aunshuman Gaekwad for being directors of the Indian Cricketers Association (ICA).

However, Shantha has resigned after being served a CoI notice by Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association (MPCA) life member Sanjeev Gupta.

Five more associations become BCCI compliant

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI

The Committee of Administrators (CoA) has approved the Constitutions/Bylaws of Arunachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Chhattisgarh. This is in addition to the Constitutions of 18 BCCI member associations it had approved before.

The CoA has told the Supreme Court on September 20 that only three to four associations have to amend their Constitutions in terms of the BCCI's.

The CoA has set October 4 as the deadline for all the BCCI member associations to conduct its election.

Khadka slams first T20I ton for Nepal

IANS SINGAPORE

Captain Paras Khadka became Nepal's first batsman to score a T20I century as it registered a nine-wicket victory over Singapore in a tri-series here on Saturday. Khadka also became the first skipper to slam a century in T20I cricket while chasing.

The 31-year-old remained unbeaten on 106 off 52 deliveries, which included seven 4s and nine 6s, as Nepal chased down a 152 in 16 overs.

Khadka took 49 balls to complete the hundred, also making it the fourth-fastest T20I century by an Asian.

Dhoni tries his hand at billiards

IANS RANCHI

Speculation regarding former India skipper M.S. Dhoni's retirement has been rife ever since he decided to take a break from the game post the 2019 World Cup, but that has not ruffled the former India skipper one bit as he was spotted playing billiards at the Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA) Stadium here.

Dhoni was seen in a relaxed mood as he spent time at the indoor campus.

Recently, India's 2007 T20 and 2011 50-over World Cup-winning skipper also shared a video of gully cricket being played on the streets here.

Balaprasath, Vishnu share honours

Aaroh Ravindra clinches Novice Cup



On top: The Chennai trio of Raghul Rangasamy, Vishnu Prasad and Ashwin Datta on the podium. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

MOTORSPORTS

RAYAN ROZARIO COIMBATORE

MSport stars Vishnu Prasad and Raghul Rangasamy failed to stamp their authority the other day. But they planned it well to be back on track in the Formula LGB4 class in the penultimate round of the JK Tyre FMSCI National racing championship at the Kari Motor Speedway here on Sunday.

It was A.S. Balaprasath who kicked-started a fine morning for MSport winning the opening race of the day. His teammate, the much-experienced Vishnu, and Ashwin Datta (Dark Don Racing) challenged him all the way but he stood strong to finish on top of the podium.

That gave the much-needed

confidence to Vishnu to step up the accelerator in the second race. And, he had his good friend and defending champion Raghul fighting hard for precious championship points. The safety car came in towards the closing stages but Vishnu (68 points) managed to score over his mate and, with it, regained the top position on the table.

It is just five points that separates the two going into the final round at BIC in November and it can be anybody's game from here.

"Saturday was a nightmare for us. We did not have the pace but we worked all night and figured out the problems and went on to dominate. We made the most of it and also proved that we could come back

from any difficulty," said Vishnu.

Earlier, Mumbai's Aaroh Ravindra (Momentum Motorsports) clinched the JK Tyre Novice Cup that drew to a close with this round. He did not have the best of Saturday but managed to collect four points on the final day for the title.

The results (provisional): JK Tyre FLGB4: Race 2: 1. A.S. Balaprasath (MSport) 18:09.374; 2. Vishnu Prasad (MSport) 18:12.358; 3. Ashwin Datta (Dark Don Racing) 18:15.824. **Race 3:** 1. Vishnu Prasad 19:25.872; 2. Raghul Rangasamy (MSport) 19:26.830; 3. Ashwin Datta 19:27.810. **JK Tyre Suzuki Gixxer Cup: Race 2:** 1. Syed Muzammit Ali (Bangalore) 14:12.167; 2. Tanay Gaikwad (Pune) 14:12.445; 3. Sidharth Sajan (Coimbatore) 14:13.942.

Daruvala finishes overall third

SPORTS BUREAU SOCHI

India's Jehan Daruvala created history at the Russian Grand Prix here by finishing overall third in the FIA F3 championship.

However, it was heart-break for the youngster in the last race of the season as his car did not take off on the formation lap. Jehan was fourth on the grid but had to start from the pit-lane.

"I am happy to have finished third in the championship but disappointed at the same time with the technical issues I had in the last two weekends, but that is racing," said Jehan.

Momota wins Korea Open

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE SEOUL

Top-ranked Kento Momota of Japan clinched the men's title at the Korea Open badminton tournament on Sunday with a 21-19, 21-17 win over number two Chou Tien-chen of Taiwan.

In the women's final, China's He Bingjiao defeated Ratchanok Intanon of Thailand 18-21, 24-22, 21-17. **Other results (final): Doubles: Women:** Kim So-yeong and Kong Hee-yong (Kor) bt Lee So-hee and Shin Seungchan (Kor) 13-21, 21-19, 21-17. **Men:** Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Rian Ardianto (Ina) bt Takeshi Kamura and Keigo Sonoda (Jpn) 21-16, 21-17.

Sarath wins Pro-Stock 165cc Natl.

Jagan misses out on a seventh crown

SPORTS REPORTER CHENNAI

Sarath Kumar (Idemitsu Honda Ten10 Racing) won the Pro-Stock 165cc National championship as the fifth and final round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing championship concluded at the MMRT here on Sunday.

Jagan Kumar (TVS Racing) had won six titles in a row in the category and was aiming for his seventh, but that was not to be.

"I'm absolutely delighted to win a National championship after nine years. We had a strategy for today's (Sunday's) race and I'm happy that it worked well," said Sarath Kumar. **The results (provisional): National championship: Pro-Stock 301-400cc (Race-2):** 1. Deepak Ravikumar (TVS Racing) 13:31.612s; 2. Karthik Manjeti (Gusto Racing) 13:32.042; 3. Rahil Shetty (Sparks Racing) 13:35.414. **Championship winners:** Sarath Kumar (Rider), Idemitsu Honda Ten10 Racing (Team), Honda (Manufacturer).

Pro-Stock 201-300cc (Race-2): 1. Ann Jennifer (Sparks Racing) 11:07.846; 2. Alisha Abdullah (Alisha Racing) 11:16.374; 3. Ryhana Bee (Sparks Racing) 11:17.256. **Championship winners:** Ryhana Bee (Rider), Sparks Racing (Team), Yamaha (Manufacturer).

1. Anish Shetty (Idemitsu Honda Ten10 Racing) 13:55.497; 2. Naresh Babu (Eneos Honda Chandra Racing) 13:55.727; 3. Aravind Balakrishnan (Idemitsu Honda Ten10 Racing) 14:04.454. **Championship winners:** Anish (Rider), Idemitsu Honda Ten10 Racing (Team), Honda (Manufacturer).

Novice (Stock 165cc) Race-2: 1. Venkatesan (Motomaniac Racing) 13:09.759; 2. Y. Manoj (Motomaniac Racing) 13:09.871; 3. S. Aravind (Rockers Racing) 13:10.028. **Championship winners:** Venkatesan (Rider), Sparks Racing (Team), Yamaha (Manufacturer).

Girls (Stock 165cc): 1. Ann Jennifer (Sparks Racing) 11:07.846; 2. Alisha Abdullah (Alisha Racing) 11:16.374; 3. Ryhana Bee (Sparks Racing) 11:17.256. **Championship winners:** Ryhana Bee (Rider), Sparks Racing (Team), Yamaha (Manufacturer).

(Manufacturer).

One-make championship: Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup, NSF 250R: Race-2: 1. Md. Mikail (Chennai) 11:04.901; 2. Kavin Samaar (Chennai) 11:09.254; 3. Charan Thangavel (Chennai) 11:24.314.

Race-3: 1. Mikail 14:26.574; 2. Kritik Vasant Habib (Gadag) 14:51.658; 3. Kavin 15:04.385. **Rider champion:** Mikail.

CBR 150: Race-2: 1. Lal Nunsanga (Aizawl) 13:11.665; 2. S. Rajdaswanth (Tiruchi) 13:12.646; 3. Samuel Martin (Bengaluru) 13:19.680. **Rider champion:** Nunsanga.

TVS Open (RR 310): Race-2: 1. R. Anand (Chennai) 15:56.785; 2. Aravind Ganesh (Chennai) 15:58.363; 3. P.M. Soorya (Chennai) 15:58.607. **Rider champion:** Aravind.

Novice (RTR 200): Race-2: 1. Venkatesan (Chennai) 13:17.268; 2. Y. Manoj (Chennai) 13:17.325; 3. Anish Samson (Bengaluru) 13:21.648. **Rider champion:** Venkatesan (Chennai, boys) and Nivetha Jessica (Chennai, girls).

Media championship: Jehan Darukhanawala (champion rider).



In the limelight: National champions Ryhana Bee (girls), Sarath Kumar (Pro-Stock 165cc) and I. Venkatesan (Novice). •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Four former champs in fray in men's event

Sowjanya and Bhuvana seeded at the top in women's section

NATIONAL TENNIS

KAMESH SRINIVASAN NEW DELHI

Will there be new winners in the Fenesta National tennis championships that begin at the DLTA Complex here on Monday?

That will be an interesting point, especially in the men's event in which there are four former winners in the fray, including Vishnu Vardhan who came through the qualifying event. Dalwinder Singh, Mohit Mayur and V.M. Ranjeet are the other National champions who will hope to try and bag the trophy one more time.

With the qualifying event running late into Sunday evening, the organisers had not yet placed the qualifiers in the men's main draw.

There will still be some tough first-round matches as Mohit takes on third seed Ishaque Eqbal, while the sixth-seeded Dalwinder meets Ranjeet.

With the men's and women's winners and runners-up getting equal prize money of ₹300,000 and ₹200,000 respectively, there will be a lot at stake in the best tournament of the domestic circuit

Second seed Aryan Goivas has drawn the talented left-hander Neeraj Yashpaul in the first round and Niki Poonacha has been seeded No. 1 and will play a qualifier.

In the women's event, Sowjanya Bavisetti and Bhuvana Kalva have been seeded at the top, ahead of Vaidehi Chaudhari and four-time National champion Prerna Bhambri.

'Well prepared'

"I am well prepared and feel so happy to be able to compete after missing the last few years. There is always so much energy in the Nationals and I am looking forward to the matches," said

Sowjanya.

"I am hoping to get back to decent form with some good matches," said second seed Bhuvana, who will start against the tenacious Sara Yadav.

Sixth seed Sai Samhitha, a finalist in the past, will start against the player to watch, Rashmika Shivalli Bhamidipaty. Another past finalist, Rishika Sunkara, will open against eighth seed Sravya Shivani Chilakalapudi.

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The under-18 boys and girls events, held concurrently, may be overshadowed but it is a great opportunity for the juniors to have a close look at the professionals while some of them manage to compete in both events. By hosting the tour-

namment for more than 25 years, the DCM Shriram Group has shown remarkable commitment towards the game in the country.

Over the years, this tournament has served as the launch pad for many champions, and it may not be any different this time.

The results (qualifying final round): Men: Lakshit Sood bt Sahil Gaware 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; Vishnu Vardhan bt Karan Singh 6-1, 6-3; Yash Yadav bt Hardeep Singh Sandhu 7-5, 5-7, 6-3; Chandril Sood bt Deepinder Bains 6-2, 6-1; Sai Kartek Ganita bt Anvit Bendre 6-3, 4-6, 6-2; Vijayant Malik bt Lohith Bathrinath 6-0, 6-1. **Women:** Akanksha Nitture bt Sai Dedeepya 6-4, 6-2; Sudipta Senthilkumar bt Priyam Kumari 6-2, 6-0; Salsa Aher bt Avishka Gupta 6-2, 6-0; Jagmeet Kaur bt Anaam Almas 7-6(0), 6-1; Anusha Kondaveeti bt Deepshika Saw 6-1, 6-2; Sharannya Gaware bt Bunty Chongtham 6-1, 6-0; Rashmika Shivalli Bhamidipaty bt Kiran Kalkal 6-0, 6-2; Shreya Tatavarty bt Dakshata Patel 6-1, 6-1.

Vijay Hazare Trophy scores

GROUP A (BENGALURU): Kerala 227 for nine in 50 overs (Robin Uthappa 33, Sanju Samson 36, Sachin Baby 32, P. Rahul 35, Ajay Dev Goud three for 52) bt Hyderabad 165 in 44.4 overs (Tanmay Agarwal 69, K.M. Asif four for 34)

Goa 266 for eight in 50 overs (Aditya Kaushik 117, C.M. Gautam 40, Rahul Shukla six for 33) bt Jharkhand 224 in 48.1 overs (Ishan Kishan 43, Virat Singh 32, Anukul Roy 40, Darshan Misal four for 35)

Chhattisgarh 268 for nine in 50 overs (Shashank Chandrakar 54, Ashutosh Singh 75, Shashank Singh 45,

Prithvi Raj Varra three for 63) bt Andhra 212 in 46.5 overs (D.B. Prashanth Kumar 44, K.V. Sasikanth 35, Shashank Singh three for 37)

GROUP B (VADODARA): Uttar Pradesh vs Haryana, Baroda vs Punjab, Maharashtra vs Himachal. *Matches washed out*

Plate (Dehradun): Manipur vs Chandigarh, Nagaland vs Mizoram. *Matches washed out*

Monday's matches (9 a.m. start)
Elite: Group C (Jaipur): Bengal vs J&K, Gujarat vs Tripura, Madhya Pradesh vs Bihar

Bronze for Kirti and Bhowneesh

SPORTS BUREAU ALMATY (KAZAKHSTAN)

Kirti Gupta and Bhowneesh Mendiratta combined to win the bronze medal, behind the Chinese teams, in the junior mixed trap competition in the Asian Shotgun championship which concluded here on Sunday. Kirti and Bhowneesh had earlier won the individual gold and helped the teams to the silver and gold medals respectively.

Junior women probables named

HOCKEY

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA BENGALURU

Hockey India on Sunday named a 33-member probable list for the junior women's national coaching camp, beginning on Monday at the Sports Authority of India here. India is scheduled

to play a tri-nation tournament from December 3 in Australia, with New Zealand the other team.

Probables list: Goalkeepers: Roshanpreet Kaur, Khushboo and F. Ramengmawii. **Defenders:** Priyanka, Simran Singh, Marina Lalramnghaki, Gagandeep Kaur, Ishika Chaudhary, Jotika Kalsi, Sumita, Akshata

Dhekal, Usha and Parneet Kaur. **Midfielders:** Baljeet Kaur, Mariana Kujur, Kiran, Prabhleen Kaur, Preeti, Ajmina Kujur, Vaishnavi Phalke, Kavita Bagdi, Baljinder Kaur, Sushma Kumari. **Forwards:** Mumtaz Khan, Beauty Dungdung, Gurmail Kaur, Deepika, Lalrindinki, Jiwan Kishori Toppo, Rutuja Pisal, Sangita Kumari, Yogita Bora and Annu.

'No reason to believe I am not in scheme of things'

I just want to go out and enjoy my game, says Parthiv Patel

S. DIPAK RAGAV JAIPUR

"No one is out of Indian cricket at any point in time. History always says there have been a lot of come-backs."

That's Parthiv Patel's firm conviction as he enters his 18th year of First Class cricket. Three years ago, he made a comeback to the national side for the Tests against England after a long period in wilderness. Since then the wicketkeeper has managed to stay in the reckoning, playing in South Africa and travelling to Australia late last year.

But with Wriddhiman Saha back and Rishabh Pant staking a powerful claim, the 34-year-old is back to leading his State in domestic cricket in the Vijay Hazare trophy.

Captain's knock
On Saturday, the skipper led from the front with a 90 against Madhya Pradesh to help his side post its second win in as many matches in the competition.

"There is no reason to believe I am not in the scheme



Not out, yet: Parthiv Patel is convinced that if he keeps scoring runs, it is still possible to make a comeback. •FILE PHOTO

of things. I am just 34," Parthiv told *The Hindu* a few days back during a training session when asked about his chances of yet another return to the national side.

"But these are external pressures I don't want to take. I just want to go out and enjoy my game. If I keep scoring runs and the selectors and team management believe I can make a comeback, I know I am fit enough to be there."

For the likes of Parthiv, who made his debut for India in 2002, Saha and Dinesh Karthik the prime of their careers coincided with the ar-

rival of M.S. Dhoni. Parthiv conceded one can't worry too much about it because it was never going to be easy to replace an Indian captain.

"That's how it is. When you are trying to represent India, you are fighting with 27 keepers and it is never easy."

"Obviously what MS has done for India is phenomenal and his achievements are there for everyone to see. As someone who is trying to take the place of the captain, it is always difficult. So you just don't worry about these things.

"You just have to go hit those runs and take the catches and I stayed positive during those times and that's why I was able to make a comeback."

New dimension

Recently, the left-hander turned analyst for Star during the World Cup and said it offered him a new dimension to understanding the game. He added he wasn't worried about the perception it might send out about whether he wants to retire soon.

"I know I understand the game well because I have the experience of leading Gujarat for a while now."

"It does help you because you have access to so much information and you see the game differently. You see a lot of player-to-player analysis. The broadcaster prepares as much as a team does."

On the targets for the upcoming season, Parthiv said, "I am at the stage of my career where I have played for 18-19 years so I am just going to go out and have fun."

Qamar looking for podium finishes

Feels women's squad is mix of youth and experience

BOXING

Y.B. SARANGI KOLKATA

A fine blend of youth and experience may enable the Indian side give a better performance in the World women's boxing championships to be held in Ulan-Ude, Russia, from October 3 to 13. India, as a host, had an impressive outing last year when it had secured one gold, one silver and two bronze medals in Delhi.

Head coach Mohammed Ali Qamar said apart from securing podium finishes, the boxers in Olympic weights would try to gather crucial inputs.

"We have got experienced boxers in Olympic weights (51kg, 57kg, 60kg, 69kg and 75kg). The event will be a good preparation for the Olympic qualifier in Wuhan in February," Qamar told *The Hindu* before the team's departure for Ulan-Ude on Sunday.

Two of the four who landed medals in Delhi have missed out in the new scenario. Sonia Chahal, a silver medalist, lost to Neeraj Chahal in the competitive trials for 57 kg. The latter had shocked Sonia and Asian bronze medalist Manisha Maun to win the India Open gold earlier this year. Simranjit Kaur, a bronze medalist in 64kg, came down to 60kg but lost to the seasoned and determined Sarita Devi. Six-time World champion M.C. Mary Kom, the gold medalist in 48kg, has jumped to 51kg and has gotten into the groove to chase her Olympic dream. Lovlina Borgohain, a 69kg bronze medalist, is the lone boxer who returns to the



Lovlina Borgohain. •FILE PHOTO

Worlds in the same weight.

The strong Saweety Boora, a former Worlds silver medalist who defeated Pooja Rani – the 81kg Asian title holder who reduced weight to prepare for the Olympics – in the 75kg trials, will also attract some attention.

Qamar expressed confidence about the build-up.

"The sparring session in Italy earlier this month has motivated us. There were boxers from strong countries like France, South Korea and China. Sparring with the Chinese, who are among the best and don't go out for such camps, was the biggest positive."

"Our foreign coach (Rafaelle Bergamasco) has focused on areas like strength, combination (of punches), body attack and upper cuts. Overall, we are well-prepared," said Qamar.

The squad: Manju Rani (48kg), Mary Kom (51kg), Jamuna Boro (54kg), Neeraj (57kg), Sarita Devi (60kg), Manju Bomboriya (64kg), Lovlina Borgohain (69kg), Saweety Boora (75kg), Nandini (81kg), and Kavita Chahal (+81kg).