

TV PICKS

India (W) v South Africa (W): Fourth T20I, Star Sports 1 (HD) & Star Sports 3, 6.30 p.m.
IAAF World Championships: SS Select 2 (SD & HD), 7 p.m. & Star Sports 3, 10 p.m.
UEFA Champions League: Sony Ten 2 & ESPN (SD & HD), 10.30 p.m.; Sony Ten 1, 2, 3, Six & ESPN (SD & HD), 12.30 a.m. (Tuesday)

IN BRIEF



Alyssa Healy enters T20I 'Club 100'

SYDNEY

One of Australian team's key players in recent years, wicketkeeper Alyssa Healy on Monday became the ninth woman to appear in 100 Twenty20 Internationals. The 29-year-old is only the second Australian to achieve the feat after Ellyse Perry. Healy got there during the second T20I against Sri Lanka at the North Sydney Oval. Healy was named ICC T20I Player-of-the-Year last December. She made her T20I debut as a 19-year-old in February 2010. **PTI**

Joshna falls to El Welily in semifinals

SAN FRANCISCO

Joshna Chinappa, seeded eighth, lost to top seed and World No. 1 Raneem El Welily of Egypt 11-5, 11-7 on Sunday in the semifinals of the Oracle Netsuite San Francisco Open, a PSA Major event. Only once in their 10 meetings has Joshna tasted success against Raneem but that was four years ago in the Qatar Classic.



Aditi eighth in Spain; Ciganda takes title

BARCELONA

Aditi Ashok finished in the top 10 for the second straight year at the Estrella Damm Mediterranean Open golf tournament here on Sunday. The 21-year-old from Bengaluru shot a final round of 72 and totalled even par 284 to finish tied eighth. Tvesa Malik ended T-35, while Diksha Dagar was T-49. Carlota Ciganda of Spain was champion. **PTI**



Pedersen is World cycling road race champion

HARROGATE (UK)

Denmark's Mads Pedersen won cycling's World road race title here on Sunday timing six hours and 27 minutes over 261. Italian Matteo Trentin and Swiss rider Stefan Kung took the silver and bronze. "That's an unbelievable day, I didn't expect this morning," said the 23-year-old Leopard-Trek team rider. **AFP**



Court dismisses fraud case against Messi

MADRID

Spain's National Court on Monday said it had dismissed a complaint against Barcelona's Lionel Messi filed by a former employee of the Argentine footballer's foundation, who had accused him of fraud, embezzlement and money laundering. In dismissing the case, the judge wrote that the complaint "was based on an account put together from stories in the press, without bringing even a single element that was personally and directly known" by the plaintiff. The complaint had been filed in June by Federico Rettori, an Argentine national living in Majorca who formerly worked for Messi's charity. **AFP**

Sumit Nagal has the last laugh

A commendable effort by the 22-year-old on clay in a strong field

INDIANS ABROAD

SPORTS BUREAU
BUENOS AIRES

India's Sumit Nagal defeated eighth seed Facundo Bagnis of Argentina 6-4, 6-2 in the final of the \$546,160 Challenger tennis tournament here.

It was a commendable effort by the 22-year-old India on clay in a strong field for his second career Challenger title.

The title fetched him 80 ATP points and \$7,200. The runner-up won 48 points and \$4,240.

Memorable season Nagal has been having a memorable season as he made the final of a Challenger recently after having reached five semifinals earlier.

The title helped him jump 26 places on the latest ranking list to a career-best



Profitable outing: Sumit Nagal claimed his second career Challenger title with a straight-set win over local star Facundo Bagnis in Buenos Aires on Sunday. **•COURTESY: CHALLENGERBA.COM**

135. Of course, Nagal is remembered for taking a set off 20-time Grand Slam

champion Roger Federer at the US Open. **The results: \$54,160 Challenger, Buenos**

Aires: Final: Sumit Nagal bt Facundo Bagnis (Arg) 6-4, 6-2. **\$1,895,290 ATP 500, Tokyo: Doubles: Qualifying final**

round: Artem Sitak (Nzl) & Divij Sharan bt Santiago Gonzalez & Aisam-UL-Haq Qureshi (Pak) 7-6(4), 7-6(5).

Porel proves too hot for J&K

His six for 34 helps Bengal register an eight-wicket win

CRICKET

S. DIPAK RAGAV
JAIPUR

Ishan Porel on a helpful wicket with the new ball was too hot for Jammu and Kashmir as the pacer set up an easy eight-wicket win for Bengal with his spell of six for 34 in the Elite Group-C Vijay Hazare Trophy match here on Monday.

Electing to bat, J&K was bowled out for a paltry 169 and in reply, Bengal chased down the target with ease in 28 overs thanks to half-centuries from openers Abhimanyu Easwaran (51, 55b, 8x4) and Shreevats Goswami (86 n.o., 80b, 10x4, 1x6).

Porel struck in his first over of the day when he had Qamran Iqbal playing on before accounting for Shubham Khajuria, caught at slips in his next over. Ashoke Dinda then had Shubham Singh Pundir caught behind.

Porel was impeccable with his line just outside the off-stump and with bounce in the wicket, the tall pacer was tough to handle.

The J&K batsmen did not help their cause by hanging their bats out without conviction and edging it.

The 21-year-old Porel, who was part of the under-19 World Cup-winning squad last year, then struck twice in his fifth over when he sent back Parvez Rasool and Abdul Samad, both the batsmen edging to second slip as J&K was reduced to 26 for five.

Opener Ahmad Bandy was the only batsman who looked in control for a while before he edged off-spinner Arnab Nandi to the keeper.

Wicketkeeper Fazil Rashid and Ram Dayal (57 n.o.) then added 57 runs for the



Deadly spell: Ishan Porel, second from right, skittled out J&K for 169. **•PTI**

Vijay Hazare Trophy scores

Group C (Jaipur): J & K 169 in 48.2 overs (Ram Dayal 57, Fazil Rashid, Ishan Porel six for 34) lost to Bengal 175 for two in 28 overs (Sreevats Goswami 86, Abhimanyu Easwaran 51)	
• Bihar 137 in 40.4 overs (Gaurav Yadav three for 41) lost to Madhya Pradesh 138 for three in 27.4 overs (Rajat Patidar 48, Mukul Raghav 46)	• Gujarat 305 in 50 overs (Bhargav Merali 125, Rujul Bhatt 40, Manpriti Juneja 50, Axar Patel 45, Ajay Sarkar three for 68) bt Tripura 204 for eight in 50 overs (Milind Kumar 103 not out, Tanmay Mishra 62)

Tuesday's matches (9 a.m. start)

ELITE: Group A (Bengaluru): Mumbai v Kerala, Hyderabad v Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh v Goa	Group C (Jaipur): Tamil Nadu v Bengal, Railways v Services, Gujarat v Rajasthan
Group B (Vadodara): Delhi v Punjab, Baroda v Haryana, Himachal Pradesh v Uttar Pradesh	PLATE (Dehradun): Uttarakhand v Pondicherry, Nagaland v Sikkim, Meghalaya v Manipur

seventh wicket that helped the team go past the 100-mark. Rashid played well for

his 43 before he gave a simple return catch to Manoj Tiwary.

Sevilla edges Sociedad in thriller

AC Milan sputters to worst ever league start in 81 years

EURO LEAGUES

AGENCIES
MADRID

Sevilla avoided a third consecutive defeat in *La Liga* and stopped high-flying Real Sociedad from going top after coming from behind to beat it 3-2 on Sunday.

After Real Madrid's stalemate against Atletico on Saturday, the Basque outfit

could have leapfrogged both to claim first place in Spain but came up short in a pulsating contest.

It looked good for the visitor when Mikel Oyarzabal gave it a fourth-minute lead but Nolito equalised for Sevilla with a sumptuous half-volley before Lucas Ocampos and Franco Vazquez completed the comeback in the second half.

Portu still set up a nervy

finish when he added a second for Real Sociedad in the 87th minute but Sevilla held on for a much-needed win.

As AC Milan lost its match against Fiorentina in the Serie A, the team scripted its worst start in the competition in the past 81 years.

AC Milan lost 3-1 against Fiorentina on Sunday and with this, the team has now lost four matches in six Serie A games this season.

The results: La Liga: Alaves 2 (Lucas 76-pen, Joselu 86) bt Real Mallorca 0; Levante 1 (Hernani 5) drew with Osasuna 1 (Ruben Garcia 57); Sevilla 3 (Nolito 18, Ocampos 47, Vazquez 80) bt Real Sociedad 2 (Oyarzabal 4, Portu 87).

Serie A: Cagliari 1 (Castro 29) drew with Verona 1 (Faraoni 66); AC Milan 1 (Leao 80) lost to Fiorentina 3 (Pulgar 14-pen, Castrovilli 66, Ribery 78).

Bundesliga: Cologne 0 lost to Hertha Berlin 4 (Dilrosan 23, Ibisevic 59, 63, Boyata 83).



Celebration time: Sevilla's players are a happy bunch after shading Real Sociedad in a close match. **•AFP**

Versallies claims feature event

HYDERABAD: Versallies (Suraj Narredu up) won with a record time the P.R. Khade Memorial Cup, the main event of the races held here on Monday (Sept. 30), to complete a hat-trick of triumphs. The winner is owned by M/s. K. Balamukunda Das, K. Shashabindu Das & Krishnan Kamesh and trained by D. Netto. The winners in the Almanac Plate (Nazariya) and Jagitayal Plate (Egyptian Prince) also had record-breaking runs.

1 SMT. TEEGALA SULOCHANA REDDY MEMORIAL CUP (DIV. I), (1,100m), maiden 3-y-o only (Cat. II), (Terms): BORN GREEK (Aneel) 1, Aristocrats Charm (Ajeeth Kumar) 2, Green Turf (A.A. Vikrant) 3 and Star Racer (Deepak Singh) 4. 4, 3-1/4 and nk. 1m, 6.13s. ₹36 (w), 11, 9 and 16 (p), SHP: 24, FP: 295, Q: 146, Tla: 2,577. Favourite: Unstoppable. Owners: Kunwar Digvijay Singh Shekhawat & Mr. Sarasam Madhusudan Reddy. Trainer: Ravinder Singh.

2 GRAND ENTRY PLATE (DIV. I), (1,200m), 3-y-o & over, rated upto 25 (Cat. III): LOCHA STELLA (C.P. Bopanna) 1, Air Salute (Afroz Khan) 2, Hurricane (Kuldeep Singh) 3 and All Star General (Rohit Kumar) 4. Not run: Escalating Striker. 1, hd and 6-3/4. 1m, 13.17s. ₹14 (w), 7, 7 and 5 (p), SHP: 24, FP: 84, Q: 48, Tla: 117. Favourite: Hurricane. Owner: Mr. A.C. Muthiah. Trainer: Satheesh.

3 SMT. TEEGALA SULOCHANA REDDY MEMORIAL CUP (DIV. I), (1,100m), maiden 3-y-o only (Cat. II), (Terms): CITY OF BLOSSOM (Deepak Singh) 1, Mehrzad

(Akshay Kumar) 2, Safra (Suraj Narredu) 3 and Excelsior (Ajeeth Kumar) 4. Not run: Whiskery. Nk, 1-1/4 and 4-1/2. 1m, 6.55s. ₹12 (w), 6, 7 and 5 (p), SHP: 16, FP: 43, Q: 29, Tla: 89. Favourite: City of Blossom. Owners: M/s. K. Thrishuvan Reddy & K. Vivek Reddy. Trainer: Satyanarayana.

4 P.R. KHADÉ MEMORIAL PLATE (1,100m), 3-y-o & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): VERSALLIES (Suraj Narredu) 1, Aon Aon Aon (Abhay Singh) 2, Honest Hunter (B.R. Kumar) 3 and Mon General (Akshay Kumar) 4. 1-1/2, 3/4 and 1/2. 1m, 5.61s (record time). ₹19 (w), 7, 6 and 15 (p), SHP: 18, FP: 55, Q: 27, Tla: 379. Favourite: Versallies. Owners: M/s. K. Balamukunda Das, K. Shashabindu Das & Krishnan Kamesh. Trainer: D. Netto.

5 ALMANAC PLATE (2,200m), 4-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): NAZARIYA (Akshay Kumar) 1, Ashwa Arjun (G. Naresht) 2, Alexanderthegreat (Ajeeth Kumar) 3 and Brave Warrior (Rohit Kumar) 4. Nk, 1 and 3/4. 2m, 21.27s (record time). ₹11 (w), 7, 7 and 8 (p), SHP: 33, FP: 74, Q: 55, Tla: 425. Favourite: Nazariya. Owners: Mr. Marthand Singh Mahindra & Mrs. Rina Mahindra. Trainer: Laxman Singh.

6 SMT. TEEGALA SULOCHANA REDDY MEMORIAL CUP (DIV. I), (1,100m), maiden 3-y-o only (Cat. II), (Terms): CITY OF BLOSSOM (Deepak Singh) 1, Mehrzad

Indian juniors ease past USA

Crasto was the star performer

BADMINTON

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KAZAN

Shuttlers Meiraba Luwang and Tanisha Crasto guided India to a comfortable 4-1 win over USA in their opening Group E encounter at the BWF World junior mixed team championships here on Monday.

Crasto was the star performer for India, winning her girls' doubles as well as mixed doubles matches.

Playing alongside Chhat-tisgarh's Ishaan Bhatnagar, the two delivered the first point to India by beating Jacob Zhang and Jessica Wang of the USA 22-20, 21-9.

Stamping authority Meiraba stamped his authority over the 520th-

ranked Alexander Zheng with a comfortable 21-9, 21-11 win in a match that lasted 26 minutes.

Tasnim Mir then registered a 21-19, 25-23 victory over Natalie Chi to give India a 3-0 lead.

India, however, lost the fourth rubber when the boys' doubles combination of Manjit Singh Khwairakpam and Iman Sonowal went down 23-25, 19-21 to William Yu and Joshua Yuan.

The in-form pair of Aditi Bhatt and Crasto pulled off a 21-16, 15-21, 21-7 win over Katelin Ngo and Esther Shi in the final contest.

Besides India and USA, the other teams in Group E are Australia, Armenia and Japan.

India had lost to South Korea in the quarterfinals in the previous edition in 2018.

RFYC lifts trophy

VEDANTA YOUTH CUP

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
SIRSAIM (GOA)

Reliance Foundation Young Champs (RFYC) defeated JSW Bengaluru FC 2-1 in the final to win the inaugural Vedanta Youth Cup here on Monday. Zidan and Nemil scored for the Young Champs while the Bengaluru side reduced the margin through captain Bekey Oram.

Tata Football Academy finished third by defeating hosts Sesa Football Academy 2-0.

Muhammed Valiyattil of the Young Champs was chosen the best player of the tournament while Jagoi Wungshungam of Tata FA got the highest scorer's award.

A brainchild of Sesa Football Academy, Vedanta Youth Cup is a tournament which brought together the best corporate football academies of India.

Sesa Football Academy president Annanya Agarwal said, "Vedanta Youth Cup Goa 2019 has set a benchmark in terms of competition and youth development in the country. All the teams have delivered a stellar performance on the pitch."

'Mercedes one-two down to teamwork'

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
SOCHI (RUSSIA)

Lewis Hamilton paid tribute on Monday to the respect and team-work that enabled Mercedes to secure him victory in an unexpected one-two for the Silver Arrows in the Russian Grand Prix.

In stark contrast to the radio feuds, claims of a broken drivers' agreement and reliability problems that undid rival Ferrari's bid for a fourth consecutive victory in Sunday's race, the champion rediscovered its unity and sense of purpose to take full advantage.

Referring to his relationship with teammate Valtteri Bottas, the defending five-time champion said: "We work together. So it's all about respect, having respect and, I think that respect has been there since day one. We talk about scenarios very openly. Valtteri has always been respectful in those scenarios and I think it's vital that we are both acting accordingly, which we do, I think."

Hamilton was responding to reporters' questions after Sunday's race where a radio feud, over a perceived broken agreement, between Ferrari's Charles Leclerc and Sebastian Vettel upset the team's bid for a victory to end Mercedes' six-year dominance of the Russian race.