#### TV PICKS

India (W) v South Africa (W): Fourth T20I, Star Sports 1 (HD) & Star Sports 3, 6.30

IAAF World Champion-ships: SS Select 2 (SD & HD), 7 p.m. & Star Sports 3, 10

**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)



#### Alyssa Healy enters T201 'Club 100'

One of Australian team's key players in recent years, wicketkeeper Alyssa Healy on 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

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 Leonard-Trek team rider. AFP



Court dismisses fraud case against Messi

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

The title helped him jump 26 places on the latest



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: CHALLANGERBA.COM

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

champion Roger Federer at the US Open. The results:

Aires: Final: Sumit Nagal bt Facundo Bagnis (Arg) 6-4, 6-2.

\$1,895,290 ATP 500, Tokyo:

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

## Indian juniors ease past USA

Crasto was the star performer

#### **BADMINTON**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

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 Monday.

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

Playing alongside Chhattisgarh'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 520thranked 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

VEDANTA YOUTH CUP

Young Champs (RFYC) de-

feated JSW Bengaluru FC

2-1 in the final to win the in-

augural Vedanta Youth Cup

here on Monday. Zidan and

Nemil scored for the Young

Champs while the Bengalu-

ru side reduced the margin

through captain Bekey

Tata Football Academy

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

A brainchild of Sesa

Football Academy, Vedanta

Youth Cup is a tournament

which brought together

the best corporate football

president Annanya Agar-

wal said, "Vedanta Youth

Cup Goa 2019 has set a

benchmark in terms of

competition and youth de-

velopment in the country.

All the teams have deli-

vered a stellar perfor-

mance on the pitch."

Sesa Football Academy

academies of India.

finished third by defeating

hosts Sesa Football Acade-

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## Porel proves too hot for J&K

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

#### **CRICKET**

S. DIPAK RAGAV

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 pacei 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

Opener Ahmad Banday 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 overs (Sreevats Goswami 86, Abhimanyu Easwaran 51)

• Bihar 137 in 40.4 overs (Gauray Yaday 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 Merai 125, Rujul Bhatt 40, Manprit Juneja 50, Axar Patel 45, Ajoy 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, Hvderabad v Jharkhand.

Chhattisgarh v Goa Group B (Vadodara): Delhi v Punjab, Baroda v Haryana,

Himachal Pradesh v Uttar Pradesh

Group C (Jaipur): Tamil Nadu v Bengal, Railways v Services, Gujarat v Rajasthan

PLATE (Dehradun): Uttarakhand v Pondicherry, Nagaland v Sikkim. Meghalaya v Manipur

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

his 43 before he gave a simple return catch to Manoj

## Dayal played some big shots, hitting a couple of sixes in his unbeaten knock, be-

fore Porel and Dinda pol-

second spells. In reply, skipper Abhimanyu began with some beautiful shots through the off-side before Goswami took charge with a four and six off Dayal.

From there on Goswami was the aggressor as he targetted Umar Nazir, hitting him for three consecutive boundaries in the 10th over.

The duo added 118 runs for the first wicket in 18.3 overs before Tiwary finished things in style with a six over long-on.

The scores:

J&K 169 in 48.2 overs (Ram Dayal 57 n.o., Fazil Rashid 43, Ishan Porel six for 34) lost to Bengal 175 for two in 28 overs (Abhimanyu Easwaran 51. Shreevats Goswami 86 n.o.).

## Shaw to train with Sindhu

Aimed at helping the batsman to improve his footwork and work ethic

VIJAY LOKAPALLY

Prithvi Shaw will soon be training with badminton ace P.V. Sindhu in Hyderabad to improve his footwork and work ethic.

It is learnt that Shaw's team is working on a schedule to enable the 19-yearold Mumbai cricketer regain his confidence and physical fitness for the current season.

Shaw was handed an eight-month ban for having "inadvertently ingested a which can be commonly found in cough syrups." The ban, ending on November 15, keeps him out of the series against South Africa and Bangladesh.

Presently recuperating in England, Shaw, who hit a century on his Test debut against the West Indies last year, played one more Test, aggregating 237 runs in three innings, before suffering an injury. His comeback was hurt by the doping ban even though he had received support from the Board.

The move to train with

Sindhu was initiated by Shaw's team. "The idea is to improve his overall fitness and agility as a fielder," said a source close to Shaw. The Mumbai cricketer is not among the best of fielders and his sideways movement on the field have often caused embarrassment to

#### **Popular**

Sindhu's workouts, some of which can be seen on social media, have become popular with young sportsmen. "We expect Shaw to improve his flexibility as a fielder and also enhance his endurance power to play long innings," said the source. Shaw is expected to start training with Sindhu this week.

Gavaskar was Sunil known to play badminton regularly to improve his footwork, while Kapil Dev and Sachin Tendulkar would indulge in table tennis to improve their ability to spot the ball early.

For Shaw, a stint with Sindhu is being considered as an ideal preparation for



Learn from a world-beater: Shaw will strive to hone his footwork by working alongside Sindhu. ■ FILE PHOTO: K.R. DEEPAK

## **'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 onetwo 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 fivetime 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

#### Sevilla edges Sociedad in thriller Versallies claims feature event (Akshay Kumar) 2, Safra (Suraj

AC Milan sputters to worst ever league start in 81 years

### **EURO LEAGUES**

AGENCIES

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 halfvolley before Lucas Ocampos and Franco Vazquez completed the comeback in the second half.

Portu still set up a nervy



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

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

As AC Milan lost its match

against Fiorentina in the Se-

rie 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 O; 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 O lost to Hertha Berlin 4 (Dilrosun 23, 3 SMT. TEEGALA SULOCHANA REDDY MEMORIAL CUP (DIV. Ibisevic 59, 63, Boyata 83).

#### HYDERABAD: Versallies (Suraj III), (1,100m), maiden 3-y-o only 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 Jagityal Plate (Egyptian Prince) also had recordbreaking runs.

SMT. TEEGALA SULOCHANA REDDY MEMORIAL CUP (DIV. II), (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

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.

(Cat. II), (Terms): HER LEGACY (Suraj Narredu) 1, Buzz Light Year (Akshay Kumar) 2, Sterling King (G. Naresh) 3 and Dimension (Ro-(G. Naresh) 3 and Dilnelsson (Co. Naresh) 4. 4-1/2, 5 and 1-3/4. Im, 6.55s. ₹9 (w), 6, 9 and 19 (p), SHP: 17, FP: 25, Q: 12, Tla: 552. Favourite: Her Legacy. Owners: M/s. Sanjay R. Goyani & S. Prasad Raju. Trainer: Prasad Raju.

4 P.R. KHADE 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 (Assardy Number 17: 17/2, 3/4 and 1/2. Im, 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:

ALMANAC PLATE (2,200m), 4-5 y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): NAZARIYA (Akshay Kumar) 1, Ashwa Arjun (G. Naresh) 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

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

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. Thribhuvan Reddy & K. Vivek Reddy. Trainer: Satyanarayana.

NOTE: Originally Mehrzad won he race but an objection was upheld, the order was revised as

JAGITYAL PLATE (1,800m), 4-y-o & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): EGYPTIAN PRINCE (Nakhat Singh) 1, Durango (Ajeeth Kumar) 2, That's My Magic (Akshay Kumar) 3 and Lockhart (Deepak Singh) 4. Not run: Somerset. 3, 1-3/4 and 1/2. 1m, 50.87s (record 5/4 and 1/2. III, 50.878 (tecord time). ₹30 (w), 9, 12 and 16 (p), SHP: 64, FP: 356, Q: 169, Tla: 1,461. Favourite: Big Brave. Owner: Mr. Ahmed Alam Khan. Trainer: Deshmukh.

GRAND ENTRY PLATE RAND ENTRY PLATE (1,200m), 3-y-o & over, rated upto 25 (Cat. III): HANDSOME DUO (Ajeeth Kumar) 1, Country's Gift (Suraj Narredu) 2, Vallee Ikon (B.R. Kumar) 3 and Cowboys Delight (Akshay Kumar) 4. 1/2, 1 and 2-1/4. 1m, 15.21s. ₹15 (w), 7, 6 and 12 (p), SHP: 13, FP: 54, Q: 24, Tla: 301. Favourite: Country's Gift. Owners: M/s. Shaik Asif & M. Rafeeq Iqbal. Trainer: A. Vatsalya. Jackpot: ₹6,434 (91 tkts.), Runnerup: 467 (537 tkts.), Mini Jkt: 2,497 (35 tkts.), Tr (i): 322 (160 tkts.), (ii): 76 (655 tkts.), (iii): 480 (170 tkts.).