

Manju Rani in final

Bronze for Mary Kom, Jamuna and Lovlina

BOXING WORLDS

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ULAN-UDE (RUSSIA)

Debutant Manju Rani (48kg) advanced to the final but six-time champion M.C. Mary Kom (51kg) settled for a bronze in the World women's boxing championships here on Saturday.

Sixth-seeded Manju Rani defeated Thailand's Chuthamat Raksat 4-1 in her semifinal bout.

Later, Jamuna Boro (54kg) and Lovlina Borgohain (69kg) lost their bouts to finish with bronze medals.

Mary Kom, seeded third, lost 4-1 to second seed Buse-naz Cakiroglu of Turkey who is the reigning European Championships and European Games gold-medallist.

Jamuna went down 5-0 to top seed and former Asian Games bronze-medallist Huang Hsiao-Wen of Chinese Taipei. Lovlina squared off against China's Yang Liu and was beaten 3-2.



Gutsy: Manju Rani rattled Chuthamat Raksat with her ferocious combination punches. ■SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Indian contingent sought reviews of the decisions in Mary Kom and Lovlina's bouts but the appeals were turned down by the International Boxing Association's technical committee.

Manju Rani, who hails from Haryana and made the National camp only this year, put up a gutsy show against the more muscular Raksat.

Relying on counter-attacks in the first two rounds, the Strandja Memorial silver-medallist went on the offensive in the final three minutes.

She rattled the Thai with her ferocious combination punches, piercing through her guard with forceful straight blows.

Mary Kom also fought a tactically sound bout but was edged out by the Turk in a split verdict.

This bronze is her first World medal in the 51kg category.

Tough rivals

Jamuna was up against a much taller rival and although she fought her heart out, the height advantage worked for Huang, who struck some stinging body blows.

Lovlina found a wily opponent in Liu. The Chinese boxer had a definitive reach advantage and she made it count with her jabs.

Siddhant puts ITL in semifinal

BASKETBALL

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Siddhant scored 21 points to guide ITL School to a 48-18 victory over host Oxford school in the senior boys' section of the 30th Hansraj Prabhakar inter-school basketball tournament at the school courts in Vikaspuri on Saturday.

In the semifinals, ITL will play Modern School (Barakhamba Road). The other semifinal will be between Bal Bharati School and Montfort School.

The results:

Senior boys: ITL School (Dwarka) 48 (Siddhant 21) bt Oxford School 18 (Devender 11).

Sub-junior boys: SD Public School (Punjabi Bagh) 55 (Anshuman 32) bt Maxfort School 22 (Raghav 14).

Modern School (Barakhamba Road) 30 (Yash Gupta 14, Karan Veer Singh 12) bt The Air Force School 24 (Soumya 14).

Karan rallies to take title

Reshma is under-16 girls' champion

TENNIS

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Karan Singh survived three match-points to pull the rug from under Udit Gogoi for a 5-7, 6-4, 7-6(3) victory in the boys' final of the Fenesta National sub-junior tennis championship on Saturday.

In a gripping contest that spanned more than three hours, the highly competitive bundle of energy Udit was on the doorstep of victory, as Karan faced three match-points at 4-5, 0-40.

The strongly-built Karan unleashed some of the most spell-binding tennis thereafter to turn the match on its head.

Even though he can play a high-quality game, Karan can often lose his way as he struggles to maintain that level. But, pushed to the wall, he can really make his game spring to life.

The defeat apart, it was an amazing performance by the athletic Udit, who trains with coach Aditya Sachdeva.



The champions: Reshma Maruri and Karan Singh with their trophies on Saturday. ■KAMESH SRINIVASAN

He had reached the final of the under-18 event last week, apart from the doubles finals of both age groups.

In the under-16 girls' final, Reshma Maruri was like a dancer on her feet and stroked with punch to quell the challenge from Pari Singh 7-5, 6-1.

Davis Cup team coach Zeeshan Ali, who coaches Reshma in Bengaluru, was

on hand to watch her in action, and at the presentation party to honour the players.

The results (finals):

Boys: Under-16: Karan Singh bt Udit Gogoi 5-7, 6-4, 7-6(3). **Under-14:** Aayush Bhat bt Agriya Yadav 3-6, 6-1, 6-0.

Girls: Under-16: Reshma Maruri bt Pari Singh 7-5, 6-1. **Under-14:** Pavitra Parikh bt Shruti Ahlawat 6-1, 6-4.

Doubles: Pari Singh & Shruti Ahlawat bt Ikaraju Kanumuri & Pushi Laddha 6-0, 6-1.

BCCI election taking place is the only positive thing: Lodha

Feels that many core recommendations have been affected due to misinterpretations and modifications

INTERVIEW

G. VISWANATH
PUNE

Former Chief Justice of India R.M. Lodha, the chief author of the Reforms in Cricket Report, said "it's a moment of happiness" that the BCCI election is going to be held, but added that he hoped it would take place as per the report's recommendations and the Supreme Court's judgement. "Enough tinkering has taken place," he said in an exclusive chat with *The Hindu*. Excerpts:

The Committee of Administrators (CoA) has taken the reforms process to the home stretch. How would you sum it up?

The BCCI election is going to take place, it's a moment of happiness. But things are otherwise in bad shape, the way the Associations have actually chosen their president and office-bearers. I don't want to comment too much on all this. Hopefully, the election is being held as per our recommendations and as per the Supreme Court's judgement. Hope

there is not much tinkering, because enough tinkering has already taken place in the last three years.

Has the principal judgement of the Supreme Court of July 18, 2016 been whittled down?

Yes, many core recommendations have been affected. Some have been affected due to misinterpretations and some have been affected by the modifications of the court. The only positive thing in this gloomy picture is that the election is taking place. It may not be in the spirit of the reforms, may not be strictly in the legal structure we suggested and which was initially accepted by the Supreme Court. Three years have been lost.

But the 'one State, one member, one vote' rule has been changed by the court order, and so has the cooling-off period...

Well, all these have been diluted. The cooling-off period is gone because of misinterpretation or absence of appropriate interpretation. Then the three bodies – Railways, Services and All India

Universities – have been made regular members. The two, three positive things are the Players Association coming into existence; the players will be stakeholders and part of the policies and governance. The Apex Council structure with nine members is the same.

The nine-member Apex Council is in place though?

The Apex Council is the main governing body. Its structure remains the same, a substantial portion of the governing structure has been retained.

Initially everybody thought these were radical reforms, but it's not so now?

Things have changed, but as I said, the old guard are not there. Some people who hold positions in public office, like the ministers, bureaucrats who held positions in districts and the BCCI, they are all gone. Then the age cap of 70; these can be said to be radical. Certain reforms which were radical, continue to remain so and certain reforms which were radical have been diluted, and some may not remain radical as we wanted.

I am gathering experience and gaining in confidence: Manju

Y.B. SARANGI
KOLKATA

In 10 months, Manju Rani has travelled a long way – from winning the National title in January and claiming a bronze medal in the India Open international event in May, to reaching the World championships final in Ulan-Ude, Russia.

Manju excels because of her level-headed approach and introspection.

"I am very happy with my performance. It was such a big competition and I have given my best so far. My aim is to win the gold medal. Since I did not have much experience, I was under a bit of stress. Slowly, I am gathering experience and gaining in confidence," Manju told *The Hindu* from Ulan-Ude after beating Thailand's Chuthamat Raksat in the semifinals on Saturday.

Manju, who will celebrate her 20th birthday later this month, said she faced the biggest hurdle in the quarterfinals. "The quarterfinal bout against the North Korean boxer (Asian silver medallist Hyang Mi Kim) was the toughest so far. She was tall and a technical boxer. Her game was like mine. She tried to control the oppo-



Raring to go: Manju Rani along with the coaches after her historic win. ■SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

ponent's game. So I found a bit difficulty in tackling her, but the coaches' advice helped me."

Target 2024

Hailing from Rithal village of Rohtak district in Haryana, Manju is not in a hurry to think about the Olympics. "I have not thought about changing my weight (to 51kg to fit into the Olympic weight). I will try to get set in 48kg first, before thinking about the switch. I will aim to compete in the 2024 Olympics."

Manju acknowledges that she has learnt a lot from her idol Mary Kom. "She is a strong and technical boxer. It feels great to watch her box. Her movement and

game is fabulous. I learn a lot from watching her game. She guides and motivates us," she said.

Sahab Singh Narwal, who supported Manju from the beginning and more so after her father's demise in 2014, said he could spot her talent instantly.

"Manju used to play kabaddi at our village and I knew she would do well in sports. Proud that she has reached this level," said Narwal.

Suzuka on typhoon lockdown

JAPANESE GP

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
SUZUKA

The Japanese Grand Prix organisers were hoping that Sunday's Formula One race would go ahead as Typhoon Hagibis began to lash a deserted Suzuka Circuit with wind and heavy rain here on Saturday.

A huge ground operation to protect the track and infrastructure was launched as soon as Friday's practice ended and lasted late into the night after Saturday's entire programme was cancelled on safety grounds.

Thousands of sandbags were deployed to protect pit lane garages from flooding, electronic timing gear was moved inside and even the victory podium signage dismantled and packed away.

Formula One sporting director Steve Nielson said the aim of the massive lockdown was to ensure that "when we come in on Sunday morn-

ing, the timing, the start lights, the GPS, the light panels around the circuit are in an environment where they have a chance of surviving the storm."

He told Formula1.com on Friday that the sport's technical staff faced an unprecedented logistical task to keep at bay one of the biggest typhoons to hit Japan in decades and would work throughout Saturday night "connecting everything back up again and systems-checking" once the worst of the storm had passed.

Should Sunday's rescheduled qualifying session not be possible then Valtteri Bottas will be on pole position by virtue of being was quickest in Friday practice, a whisker ahead of teammate and World championship leader Lewis Hamilton.

The typhoon is already wreaking havoc across Japan and forced the cancellation of two matches at the Rugby World Cup on Saturday.

Medvedev meets Zverev in final

Tsitsipas and Barrettini the semifinal casualties



Great run: Daniil Medvedev made it 5-0 in head-to-head against Stefanos Tsitsipas in Shanghai on Saturday. ■AFP

SHANGHAI MASTERS

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
SHANGHAI

Daniil Medvedev reached a staggering ninth final this year as he defeated fellow rising star Stefanos Tsitsipas at the Shanghai Masters here on Saturday.

The 23-year-old Medvedev, who has lifted three titles in a breakthrough 2019, beat Greece's Tsitsipas 7-6 (5), 7-5. In the other semifinal, Germany's Zverev eased past Matteo Berrettini of Italy 6-3, 6-4. Medvedev has now seen off the 21-year-old – who defeated World No. 1 Novak Djokovic on Friday – in all five of their matches. Sixth-ranked Zverev, long

touted as the man most likely to join the 'Big Three' of Federer, Djokovic and Rafael Nadal, has had a disappointing year, winning only one title.

Booster

But the German defeated 20-time Grand Slam champion Federer on Friday and took that momentum into his last-four clash with the 23-year-old Berrettini.

Zverev said the victory over Federer had given him a major confidence boost. But he said past meetings with Medvedev stood for nothing because the Russian has improved markedly since their last match, in 2018.

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