TV PICKS

Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD), 7.15 p.m. & 9.40 p.m. SS Select 2 (SD & HD),

9.50 p.m. **Bundesliga:** SS Select 2 (SD & HD), 7.40 p.m. **Serie A:** Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD), 5 p.m. & 7.30 p.m. Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD), 7.30 p.m. &

10.30 p.m. **FIFA U-17 WC:** Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD), 4.30 a.m. **NBA:** Sony Ten 1 & 3 (SD & HD), 7.30 a.m. Rugby WC: Sony Ten 2 (SD &

HD), 2.10 p.m. Australia vs Sri Lanka: 1st T20I, Sony Six (SD & HD), 9

Mexican GP: SS Select 2 (SD & HD), 12.30 a.m. (Monday) French Open badminton: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD), 5.30

p.m. ISL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD), 7.15 p.m. **T20I Qualifiers:** Star Sports

3, 11.20 a.m., 3.30 p.m. & 8.45 p.m.

IN BRIEF



Lakers bounce back with win over Jazz

LOS ANGELES LeBron James and Los Angeles Lakers, which lost its season-opener on Tuesday to cross-town rivals Clippers, bounced back with a 95-86 victory over Utah Jazz. James scored 32 points with 10 assists and seven rebounds and Anthony Davis 21 with seven rebounds.

The results: LA Lakers 95 bt Utah Jazz 86; Brooklyn Nets 113 bt New York Knicks 109; Sacramento Kings 112 lost to Portland Trail Blazers 122; Denver Nuggets 108 bt Phoenix Suns 107; Memphis Grizzlies 102 lost to Chicago Bulls 110; New Orleans Pelicans 116 lost to Dallas Mavericks 123; Oklahoma City Thunder 85 lost to Washington Wizards 97; Boston Celtics 112 bt Toronto Raptors 106; Charlotte Hornets 99 lost to Minnesota Timberwolves 121. AFP

Vishnu loses doubles semifinals

Vishnu Vardhan in partnership with Toshihide Matsui of Japan was beaten 6-4, 3-6, 10-7 by Mikhail Elgin and Denis Istomin in the doubles semifinals of the \$54,160 Challenger tennis tournament Saturday.

Vishnu and partner collected 29 ATP poitns and \$1,080. The results: \$54,160 Challenger, Liuzhou, China

Doubles (semifinals): Mikhail Elain (Rus) & Denis Istomin bt Toshihide Matsui (Inn) & Vishnu Vardhan 6-4, 3-6, [10-7].

England dethrones New Zealand

George Ford leads the way as All Blacks' eight-year reign ends

RUGBY WC

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE YOKOHAMA

Fly-half George Ford led the way as England ended New Zealand's eight-year reign as champion with a superb 19-7 World Cup semifinal win here on Saturday.

Ford, restored at 10 by coach Eddie Jones, had to take over goal-kicking duties from injured England captain Owen Farrell but landed four penalty attempts after Manu Tuilagi stunned the All Blacks with an early try.

First in 12 years

This was just England's eighth win in 42 Tests against New Zealand and meant the All Blacks had lost their first World Cup match since a shock 2007 quarterfinal defeat by France.

England, World champion in 2003 when it beat an Australia side coached by Jones in the final, will now face the winner of Sunday's match between South Africa and

England led 10-0 at the break thanks to Tuilagi's converted try and the first of Ford's penalties after a superb forward effort led by



Pinpoint precision: George Ford was spot on with his penalty kicks as England booked its final berth. • GETTY IMAGES

locks Courtney Lawes and Maro Itoie saw it dominate territory and possession.

Another Ford penalty early in the second half made it 13-0 but the All Blacks eventually broke a defence coached by former New Zealand boss John Mitchell in the 57th minute, when Ardie Savea crashed over for a converted try.

But Sam Underhill's tackle on the recalled Scott Barrett led to a simple penalty in front of the posts that Ford duly kicked.

Before kick-off England, unusually, lined up in an inverted 'V' formation, crossing the half-way line as the All Blacks performed their traditional pre-match haka.

And there were fewer

than two minutes on the clock when England scored a brilliant team try.

Full-back Elliot Daly made a fine break down the right that was carried on by wing Anthony Watson before the ball was worked across field, with hooker Jamie George charging forward.

Ford then found prop Kyle Sinckler and he in turn re-

leased Lawes, who took the ball to the All Blacks' line.

From the ensuing ruck, powerhouse centre Tuilagi – one of England's try-scorers when it last beat the All Blacks seven years ago forced his way between guard props Joe Moody and Nepo Laulala for a fine try.

Farrell converted and England led 7-0.

Smith 'can't wait' to play again in Australia

Star batsman Steve Smith will take the field for the first time at home in an Australian jersey since the end of his one year ban when Australia faces Sri Lanka in the three-match T20I series starting on Sunday.

It will also be the first time in three years that Smith will be playing a T20 international for Australia.

"It should be good, I can't wait to play. It's a great honour to be back playing here in Australia, I'm excited," Smith was quoted as saying by the International Cricket Council (ICC) website.

Smith is widely considered the best batsman in the world in Test cricket and he justified the tag by smashing a whopping 774



Steve Smith. • RELITERS

runs in the Ashes in August-September.

However, he has had frugal returns in his T20 career for Australia, scoring just 431 runs in 30 matches at 21.55. Smith, however, said that there could be more continuity in the team with the T20 World Cup approaching.

Otamendi delivers for Rajnigandha Achievers

NEW DELHI Daiel Otamendi scored four goals in powering Rajnigandha Achievers to a 5-3 victory over Jindal Panther in the final of the Bhopal Pataudi Cup 8-goal polo tournament at the Jaipur Polo ground here on Saturday.

The results (final): Rajnigancha Achievers 5 (Daniel Otamendi 4, Kuldeep Singh) bt Jindal Panther 3 (Simran Shergill 2, Naveen Jindal).

We will go all out and play at our best, says coach Rocky

The Women's team will face Vietnam in two friendlies

FOOTBALL

ANANT KAUR NEW DELHI

The Indian women's football team is gearing up for its two international friendlies against Vietnam on November 3 and 6 in Hanoi, Vietnam. Head coach Maymol Rocky said, "It is a bigger team than us, but I don't want to see my girls giving up. I will prepare them somehow and it will never be a one sided match. We will go all out and play at our best."

The young girls, Maymol insisted, were determined and passionate about the game. After losing the Hero Gold Cup to Nepal, the Indian side worked hard to win the South Asian Football Federation (SAAF) Cup in Nepal this year.

"Winning against Nepal in the final was something they can never forget. I had lot of pressure on me and the team was also under a lot of pressure. But to get the team



Maymol Rocky. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

ready for that tournament was important.

"Everybody said 'SAFF is very easy', it is yours but I know the team, they are a young bunch with hardly any experienced senior players, and lifting the trophy with a bigger margin was a milestone for the national team," Maymol told The Hindu.

The coach added, "After that the federation (AIFF) also started believing in the women's team. Whatever

plan I was giving, they were ready to accept it. Government was helping us." Maymol believed the fu-

ture was bright for the women's team. The expectations are

high after the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) qualifiers. As a coach I only expect a win. "I know there will be

times when the result will not be in my favour, but I will still ensure the team

Popular Rally postponed

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Kerala's Popular Rally, a round of the FMSCI's Indian National Rally Championship which was scheduled to be held from November 1 to 3, has been postponed.

A PIL was filed in the Kerala High Court recently asking for the event to be banned following the death of three people in an accident involving star driver Gaurav Gill during the National championship's third round in Jodhpur in September.

"The High Court quashed the PIL but directed us to get the permission to run the rally from the State Sports Minister. We will be doing that," said an official of Southern Adventures and Motorsports, the organiser of the event, on Saturday evening.

"The promoter, the organisers and the FMSCI (national body) are working together on this."

The rally is now likely to be held in December.

Tour de France dreams driving Froome recovery

CYCLING

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE SAITAMA, JAPAN

Still limping heavily, Chris Froome is fighting back from less than zero, he told AFP on Saturday, in what he describes as an unprecedented bid to win another Tour de France in 2020.

Froome, the winner of four Tour de France titles, fractured a thigh, elbow and vertebrae in a high speed crash in June. On Sunday he plans to make a statement of intent.

On Sunday Froome will race in an exhibition-style team time-trial for Ineos at Saitama, Japan.

That race is a curtain-raiser for the marquee event, a criterium, too demanding and risky for the recuperating Froome. On Friday, he also rode part of July's Tokyo Games road race route.

"The accident has certainly changed me, given me a new start," said a deter-

BOXING

Celebrated British profes-

sional boxer Tyson Fury

wants to see Indian icon Vi-

jender Singh achieve bigger

glory by winning a World tit-

Fury, who is set to fight

Braun Strowman in a WWE

fight in Saudi Arabia on Oc-

tober 31, wished Vijender, a

former World and Olympic

Y.B. SARANGI

le some day.

mined looking Froome. "It's like starting from ze-



Chris Froome. • AFP

ro again, below zero if you like, that's what it feels like," he said, his voice wavering slightly.

"But it's completely changed my motivation, given me a challenge I've never had before. This could be perceived as an incredibly difficult and negative situathat around to try and achieve something unprecedented."

Froome will be 35 years old when the Tour embarks from Nice next June. With three other Grand Tour winners on the Ineos roster, he knows the size of the chal-

lenge ahead, not least building up the strength in his injured leg.

"I've got to get the legs back to 50-50 (instead of 65-35 strength balance)," says the Africa-born Briton, clearly dragging his right leg as he walks

"I've still got more surgery (in December) to remove a big metal plate and about six screws. It's quite tender, the muscle and soft tissue that's being impacted \perp by this metal plate on my hip," he says.

'Get back'

Before the accident, Froome made no secret of his ambition to equal the five Tours de France won by Eddy Merckx, Jacques Anquetil, Bernard Hinault and Migue Indurain, but is now focussed just on starting

the driving force, the big prize for me is to try and get back to the Tour de France, it's still too early to say if it's

Boxer Deepak

That's My Magic runs with a good chance

HYDERABAD: That's My Magic runs with a good chance in the Raja R.J.K. Ranga Rao, Zamindar Of Chikkavaram Memorial Cup (1,600m), the main event of the races to be held here on Sunday

MAHABUBNAGAR PLATE (Div. II), (1,200m), 3-y-o & over, (which have not won a race since July 1st 2019), rated upto 25 (Cat. III), 1.40 p.m.: 1. Country's Gift (5) Suraj Narredu 61.5, 2. Let It Be Me (1) R. Ajinkya 61.5, 3. Snow Castle (7) B.R. Kumar 61.5, 4. Best Friend (3) Jitendra Singh 60.5, 5. Light Music (9) Nakhat Singh 60.5, 6. Shivalik Sand (2) Khurshad Alam 59, 7. Blazing Speed (4) Irvan Singh 56.5, 8. All Star General (6) Akshay Kumar 55.5 and 9. Golden Adara (8) Afroz Khan 53. 1. COUNTRY'S GIFT, 2. LET IT BE

ME, 3. ALL STAR GENERAL) SMT. C. MOHANA KUMARI SATYANARAYANA MEMORIAL CUP (Div. II), (1,200m), 3-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 2.10:

1. City Of Blossom (10) Akshay Kumar 60, 2. Star Envoy (9) Suraj Narredu 59.5, 3. Alliston (7) Gaurav Singh 58.5, 4. Takisha (3) Rafique Sk. 57.5, 5. Guiding Force (12) Santosh Raj 56.5, 6. Angel Tesoro (6) B.R. Kumar 56, 7. Roya Tiger (5) Aiit Singh 55.5, 8. My Dream (8) Gaddam 54, 9. Smarty (2) G. Naresh 53.5, 10. Blazing Jupiter (1) Khurshad Alam 52.5, 11. Run Runner Run (4) Afroz Khan 52.5 and 12. Ashwa Yudh Vijeta (11) N. Rawal 52 1. CITY OF BLOSSOM, 2. STAR EN-

VOY, 3. ALLISTON 3 SMT. C. MOHANA KUMARI SAT-YARANAYANA MEMORIAL CUP (Div. I), (1,200m), 3-v-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 2.45: 1. Batur (3) Aneel 60, 2. Giethorn (10) A.A. Vikrant 59.5, 3. Wah Ms Zara (6) Gaurav Singh 59, 4. Ayur Shakti (8) Suraj Narredu 58.5, 5. Silver Set (1) Akshav Kumar 57.5. 6. Maxwell (11) Deepak Singh 56, 7. Dillon (2) Khurshad Alam 54, 8,

Windsteps (7) Rafique Sk. 54, 9.

Just Like That (9) Ajeeth Kumar

53.5, 10. Sheldon (12) Santosh Raj 52.5, 11. Secret Command (5) N. Rawal 52 and 12. Sun Dancer (4) Aiit Singh 51.5. 1. AYUR SHAKTI, 2. SILVER SET, 3.

NAWAB ARSHAD ALI KHAN ME-4 MORIAL PLATE (2,400m), 3-y-o & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 3.15: 1. Cape Kidnappers (1) Suraj Narredu 60, 2. Roll Call (7) Afroz Khan 56, 3. NR I Heights (8) Aneel 55, 4. Cincia Azzurra (4) Akshav Kumar 54.5, 6. Nazariya (6) Ajit Singh 54.5, 6. Sporting Smile (3) Nakhat Singh 54.5, 7. Call Of The Blue (2) Koushik 53.5 and 8. Satin Symphony (5) Gaddam 50. 1. CAPE KIDNAPPERS, 2. CINCIA AZZURRA, 3. CALL OF THE BLUE

5 ALLURI SEETHARAMARAJO MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,600m),

3-y-o & over, (which have not won

a race since July 1st 2019), rated

20 to 45 (Cat. III), 3.45: 1. Star Of

Tiara (11) Suraj Narredu 60, 2.

3. Monte Rei (2) Rohit Kumar 58.

4. Bedazzled (1) Deepak Singh 56.5, 5. Darshish (5) Gaurav Singh 56.5, 6. Gazebo (6) Nakhat Singh 56.5. 7. Sterling King (3) G. Naresh 56, 8. Green Turf (12) Akshay Kumar 55.5, 9. Unstoppable (9) A.A. Vikrant 55.5, 10. Royal Style (7) Ajit Singh 55, 11. Vijays Maestro (10) Gopal Singh 53.5 and 12. Jo Malone (4) Abhay Singh 53. 1. STAR OF TIARA, 2. JO MALONE, 3. GREEN TURF

6 raja r.j.k. ranga rao, zamindar of chikkavaram memorial cup (1,600m), 4-y-o & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 4.15: 1. King Maker (4) Surya Prakash 60, 2. That's My Magic (10) Suraj Narredu 60, 3. Big Brave (3) Rohit Kumar 59, 4. Lockhart (12) Ajeeth Kumar 59, 5. Nayadeep (8) Irvan Singh 58.5, 6. Treasure Striker (7) Ashhad Asbar 57.5, 7. Staridar (11) Akshay Kumar 57, 8. Somerset (2) Ajit Singh 56, 9. The Special One (13) Koushik 55.5, 10. Vijay's Empire (6) R. Aiinkva 55.5, 11. George Cross (1) Afroz Khan 54.5, 11. Delphina (9) Gaurav Singh 54 and 13.

Shiloh (5) Rafique Sk. 52.5. 1. THAT'S MY MAGIC, 2. KING

MAKER, 3. STARIDAR MAHABUBNAGAR PLATE (Div. / I), (1,200m), 3-y-o & over which have not won a race since July 1st 2019), rated upto 25 (Cat. III), 4.45: 1. Aarohi (4) A.A. Vikrant 61.5, 2. Dance All Night (2) Akshay Kumar 61.5, 3. Most Wanted (6) C.P. Bopanna 61.5, 4. Invasion (5) Irvan Singh 61, 5. Top Sprint (3) R. Ajinkya 61, 6. Country's Pet (7) Santosh Raj 58, 7. Hopscotch (1) N. Rawal 55.5, 8. Negress Princess (8) B.R. Kumar 55.5, 9. Sisco (-) (-) 55.5 and 10. Dumbledore (9) Rafique Sk. 50.

1. DANCE ALL NIGHT, 2. NEGRESS PRINCESS, 3. AAROHI

Day's best: THAT'S MY MAGIC Double: AYUR SHAKTI - STAR OF

Ikt: 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7; Mini Ikt: 4, 5, 6 & 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 & 4; (ii): 5, 6 & 7; Tla:

20 to 45 (Cat. III), 5.00: 1. Rose

Eternal (7) Santosh Raj 60, 2. Shandaar (1) Umesh 60, 3. Free-

medallist, well in his professional career. "It (boxing) is very big in India. You have a great boxer in Vijender Singh and I hope he can go on to win the World title," said Fury, addressing an international

media conference call.

Asked whether he would like to fight in India, Fury said, "I would love to come to India and fight. Hopefully, it will happen in the near future."

Fury – who won the unified and lineal heavyweight titles by defeating Wladimir Klitschko in 2015 - said the turmoil in the amateur body, International Boxing Association (AIBA), might impact professional boxing as

"If there is no amateur boxing, there are no professionals. I don't know many



Tyson Fury. • REUTERS

I would love to come to India and fight. Hopefully, it will happen in the near future.

people who just turned professionals without being amateurs.

"It could have a big impact on the professional sport. It could be taking away champions of the future," he said.

Fury, unbeaten in 30 fights over 11 years in professional boxing, said the International Olympic Committee suspending AIBA from the Tokyo Olympics was not great news for amateur boxing.

"It is very important that amateur boxing continues so we can have professional



the silver in the men's light fly weight (46-49kg) category after losing 0-5 to gold medallist Zhussupov Te-

tally by outclassing Uzbekistan's Fomin Sergey 6-2, 6-3 in the men's singles

bronze medal contest. Jinson Johnson finished fifth in the men's 1500m final with a timing of

Ranjeet triumphs

JAIPUR Former National champion V.M. Ranjeet outplayed Ankit Chorpa 6-1, 6-0 in the final of the ₹100,000 AITA men's ranking tennis tournament, on

The results (finals): Singles: V.M. Ranjeet bt Ankit Chopra 6-1, 6-0,

& Amit Bzad 6-4, 6-4.

Ashwa Virrat expected to score HYDERABAD: Ashwa Virrat, who has been well prepared, is expected to score in the Dodla Pratap Chander Reddy Memorial Million (1,100m), the chief event of the concluding day's races to be held here on Monday (Oct. 28).

BELLE DANCER PLATE 1 (1,400m), 3-y-o & over, rated upto 25 (Cat. III), 2.05 p.m.: 1. Et Voici (1) Ajeeth Kumar 60, 2. Fab-ulous Gift (2) C.P. Bopanna 60, 3. Silver Dollar (-) (-) 60, 4. Royal Avenger (6) Neeraj 59, 5. New Comer (5) Nakhat Singh 57.5, 6 Royal Dancer (4) Irvan Singh 55.5 7. True Emperor (-) (-) 55 and 8. Diesis Dream (3) Akshay Kumar

2. ROYAL AVENGER $2\,{}_{\hbox{y-0}\,\&\,\hbox{over},\,\hbox{rated}}$ (1,400m), 3-y-0 & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat.

1. DIESIS DREAM,

Kumar 60.5, 2. Ashwa Raftar (8) Ashhad Asbar 60, 3. Exclusive Blue (5) Gopal Singh 58.5, 4. Born Greek (4) Gauray Singh 58, 5. Victory Parade (2) Akshay Kumar 56.5, 6. Indian Dreams (3) Khurshad Alam 53, 7. Star Gazer (9) C.P. Bopanna 52.5, 8. Bayrd (10) Rafique Sk. 51, 9. Her Legacy (6) Santosh Raj 51 and 10. Lightning Bolt (7) Zervan 51.

II), 2.40: 1. Meritocracy (1) B.R.

1. VICTORY PARADE, 3. EXCLUSIVE BLUE

ANGLER PLATE (1,400m), 4-3 ANGLER PLATE (1,400m), 4-y-o & over (which have not won a race since July 1st 2019), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 3.15: 1. Golden Hope (4) A.A. Vikrant 60, 2. Wings Of Eagles (8) B.R. Kumar 59.5, 3. Barnabas (3) Akshay Kumar 59, 4. Crimson Fire (6) Rohit

Kumar 59, 5. Once More (5) Jitendra Singh 59, 6. Alta Vita (11) I. Chisty 58.5, 7. Brush The Sky (7) Zervan 57, 8. Escobar (9) Rafique Sk. 55.5, 9. Nathu La (10) Afroz Khan 54, 10. Story Tellar (2) Na-khat Singh 53 and 11. Withrosemakeup (1) Ajit Singh 52.5. 2. WINGS OF EAGLES,

3. STORY TELLER TELANGANA RACE HORSE

4 OWNERS ASSOCIATION CUP (1,400m), 4-v-o & over, rated 60 to 85 (Cat. II), 3.50: 1. That's My Class (7) A.A. Vikrant 60, 2. Ace Ace Ace (6) Akshay Kumar 58.5, 3. Starlight (3) Deepak Singh 58.5, 4. Ashwa Bahula (4) Suraj Narredu 57, 5. Tootsie Roll (5) Neeraj 55.5, 6. Super Dart (9) Santosh Raj 54.5, 7. Mr. Baahubali (2) Ajeeth Kumar 53, 8. Destined Dynamite (1) R.S. Doo (8) Ajit Singh 51.5.

1. ACE ACE ACE, 2. ASHWA BAHULA, 3. TOOTSIE ROLL

Jodha 51.5 and 9. Scooby Dooby

5 morial million (1,100m), maiden 2-v-o only (Terms), 4.25: 56, 2. Greek Soul (8) Irvan Singh 56, 3. Spicy Star (7) Gaurav Singh 56, 4. Vachan (10) Madhu Babu

5. Akashima (5) Zervan 54.5, Coastal Cruise (4) I. Chisty 54.5. 7. Elmira (2) Neeraj 54.5, 8. Melt ing Ice (9) Nakhat Singh 54.5, 9. Smashing Blue (3) Akshay Kumar 54.5 and 10. The Makeup Artist (1) 1. ASHWA VIRRAT, 2. AKASHIMA, 3. SMASHING BLUE VEMULAVADA (1,200m), 5-y-o & over, rated dom Fire (6) Suraj Narredu 58.5, 4. Human Touch (3) Irvan Singh 58, 5. Top Contender (11) Gaddam 57.5, 6. On The Fire (9) Ajeeth Kumar 54.5, 7. Composure (8) Na-khat Singh 53, 8. Limousine (5) Afroz Khan 53, 9. Tammana (4) Ashhad Asbar 53, 10. Vijay's Empress (2) Ajit Singh 51.5 and 11. Patron Saint (10) Jitendra Singh 1. FREEDOM FIRE, 2. COMPOSURE,

Jkt: 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6; Mini Jkt: 3, 4, 5 & 6; Tr (i): 1, 2 & 3; (ii): 4, 5 & 6; Tla:

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Double: ACE ACE - ASHWA

3. PATRON SAINT

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Hope Vijender wins a World title: Fury

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Friday.

Doubles: Himanshu Mor & Eklavya Singh bt Abhishek Gaur