

TV PICKS

**Pakistan v Sri Lanka:** 2nd T20I, Sony Six (SD & HD), 7 p.m.  
**PKL:** Star Sports 1 & 2 (SD & HD), 7.30 p.m.

IN BRIEF



Marquez seals MotoGP title with Thailand win

**BURIRAM**  
Marc Marquez sealed his sixth MotoGP World title in Thailand on Sunday after storming to victory in a heart-pounding final corner duel with Fabio Quartararo at the Chang International Circuit. The win in Buriram gives him an insurmountable lead over closest rival Andrea Dovizioso with four races left. Spain's Marquez finished 0.171 seconds ahead of 20-year-old rookie Frenchman Quartararo with another Spaniard Maverick Vinales third. Marquez was handed an inflatable eight-ball to signify the eight overall championships across all classes he has won. **AFP**



Thiem is champion in Beijing

**BEIJING**  
Top seed Dominic Thiem recovered from a set down to win the China Open final on Sunday and claim the 15th singles title of his career. The Austrian defeated Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 in Beijing. Thiem, 26, beat former World No. 1 Andy Murray on the way to the title and had also booked his spot in the prestigious season-ending ATP Finals. **AFP**



Osaka subdues Barty in China final

**BEIJING**  
Naomi Osaka won a second tournament on the spin as she fought back from a set down to defeat World No. 1 Ashleigh Barty in the China Open final on Sunday. The Japanese two-time Grand Slam champion emerged victorious after 110 minutes in chilly Beijing, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2. **AFP**

Deccan Derby to be now run on October 16

**HYDERABAD**  
The Stewards of the Hyderabad Race Club have rescheduled the Deccan Derby, which was postponed on October 2 (Wednesday), to October 16 (Wednesday). The list of runners remains the same but fresh declarations will be announced on Monday (Oct. 14). Nine races will be held on the Derby day.

Deepinder downs Parav

**CHANDIGARH**  
Deepinder Singh Bains subdued Parav Dev Garg 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 in the men's final qualifying round of the Tribune ₹250,000 AITA ranking tennis tournament at the CLTA Complex on Sunday. **The results (final qualifying round): Men:** Rishi Reddy bt Mohit Bhardwaj 6-2, 6-2; Neeraj Yashpaul bt Amit Bzad 6-4, 6-4; Udayvir Singh bt Yashdeep Gahlot 6-3, 6-2; Deepinder Singh Bains bt Parav Dev Garg 6-3 5-7, 6-2; Rudra Kapoor bt Shashikanth Rajput 6-1, 6-0; Krishan Hooda bt Ritik Rana 7-6(6), 7-6(6); Alex Solanki bt Mayank Yadav 6-1, 6-1. **Women:** Bunty Chongtham bt Pawandeep Kaur 6-2, 6-2; Paavani Paathak bt Tanmayee Patnaik 6-3, 6-0; Ashpreet Kaur Bajwa bt Ankita Hoon 6-2, 6-3; Nehal Sahni bt Lagan Bidhan 5-7, 7-6(3), 7-5; Anushka Sharma bt Konika Singh Dhull 7-6(5), 6-4; Radhika Vasudeva bt Akshita Sharma 6-1, 6-1.

# Manchester City ambushed by Wolves

Arsenal moves to third; Abraham, Mount on target for Chelsea; G'ladbach a surprise leader

EURO LEAGUES

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE MANCHESTER

Manchester City's bid to win a third successive Premier League title suffered a huge setback as the champion crashed to a shock 2-0 defeat against Wolves on Sunday. Pep Guardiola's side now trails leader Liverpool by eight points following Adama Traore's two late goals at the Etihad Stadium.

It was second-placed City's second league defeat this term after its surprise loss at Norwich in September.

Arsenal edged up to third as David Luiz's first goal for the club earned a 1-0 win over Bournemouth while Tammy Abraham and Mason Mount celebrated their England call-ups by firing Chelsea to a 4-1 rout of struggling Southampton.

Abraham has nine goals in all competitions for Chelsea this term, underlining why Southgate is keen to get him action in a competitive match to ensure he commits to England.



**Suckerpunch:** Wolves' Adama Traore finishes off a sweeping counter-attack past City goalkeeper Ederson. **• AFP**

Borussia Monchengladbach moved top of the Bundesliga on Sunday after a double from Patrick Herrmann helped the unfancied outfit take advantage of its Bundesliga rivals faltering with a 5-1 thumping of Augsburg.

Marco Rose's side is in first place for the first time since the 2011-12 season, two points ahead of five teams, including Bayern Munich and RB Leipzig.

Gladbach dominated its lowly opponent and was three goals up after just 13

minutes and 4-0 ahead by half-time.

The results:

**Premier League:** Arsenal 1 (Luiz 9) bt Bournemouth 0; Manchester City 0 lost to Wolves 2 (Traore 80, 90+4); Southampton 1 (Ings 30) lost to Chelsea 4 (Abraham 17, Mount 24, Kante

## Nucleus of T20 World Cup team ready: Harmanpreet

Women's skipper is first Indian to play 100 T20Is

P.K. AJITH KUMAR SURAT

In front of a crowd of close to 18,000 at the Lalbhai Contractor Stadium on Friday night, Harmanpreet Kaur accomplished a feat no Indian cricketer (male or female) has – a 100th Twenty20 International.

A truly remarkable hundred for the 30-year-old from Punjab, who made her T20I debut against England 10 years ago at Taunton. She is not just one of the most destructive batters the women's game has seen, but quite literally the game-changer for the Women in Blue: her astonishing 171 not out off 115 balls against Australia in the 2017 World Cup semifinal at Derby made people sit up and take note.

Her 100th T20I may have ended in disappointment for

the India captain, though. The team lost for the first time in the series – India's heaviest defeat in the format – and she could make just one run.

India, nevertheless, won the series 3-1 and she impressed with her captaincy. She led from the front and used her bowlers, the spinners especially – including herself – rather well. She also played a couple of significant knocks.

Her unbeaten 34 in the penultimate match showed how she could take responsibility. She curbed her attacking instincts while chasing a low score.

“Yes, I am pretty pleased with that innings,” Harmanpreet told *The Hindu*. “Small totals can often be tricky; so I was determined to stay till the end.”



**On the right path:** Harmanpreet Kaur, receiving the trophy for winning the T20 series against South Africa, is confident of the team doing well in the World Cup as well. **• VIJAY SONEJI**

She is also happy with the way the team has fared. She has high hopes about the 15-year-old Shafali Verma, who

made her international debut in the series.

“She is already one of my favourite players to watch,”

## Mark My Word primed for a three-peat

**HYDERABAD:** Mark My Word, who in good nick, may complete a hat-trick in the Asaf Jah VII Memorial Cup (2,000m), the main event of the races to be held here on Monday (Oct. 7).

**1. CLASSIC STORY PLATE (DIV. II),** (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), (No whips), 1:45 p.m.: 1. Southern Lady (6) Ashhad Asbar 60, 2. Promiseofhappiness (4) Kiran Naidu 59, 3. Ashwa Yudh Vijeta (5) N. Rawal 58.5, 4. Ayur Shakti (1) Suraj Narredu 58.5, 5. Star Racer (2) Deepak Singh 58, 6. California Beauty (3) A.A. Vikrant 57, 7. Big League (7) Jitendra Singh 56.5 and 8. Fabulous Gift (8) C.P. Bopanna 55.5.

**1. SOUTHERN LADY, 2. AYUR SHAKTI, 3. PROMISEOFHAPPINESS**

**2. RED SURPRISE PLATE** (1,800m), 5-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 1:45: 1. Elysian (1) Suraj Narredu 60, 2. Euro Zone (5) Nakhat Singh 60, 3. Valee Tiger (3) Deepak Singh 59.5, 4. Actually (7) Surya Prakash 59, 5. Charlie Brown (9) Koushik 59, 6. Lancashire (6) Akshay Kumar 57, 7. Limousine (4) Ajeeth Kumar 55.5, 8. Symbol Of Star's (8) Afroz Khan 55.5 and 9. Halo's Princess (2) G. Naresh 53.5.

**1. EURO ZONE, 2. CHARLIE BROWN, 3. LANCASHIRE**

**3. ASAF JAH VII MEMORIAL CUP** (2,000m), 3-y-o & over, rated 60 to 85 (Cat. II), 2:15: 1. Chase Your Dreams (2) Gopal Singh 60, 2. Mark My Word (3) Suraj Narredu 60, 3. Magical Skill (1) Jitendra Singh 59, 4. Doroteo (6) Koushik 58.5, 5. Meritocracy (4)

B.R. Kumar 57.5 and 6. Durango (5) Ajeeth Kumar 54.

**1. MARK MY WORD, 2. DOROTEO**

**4. AUXILIARY PLATE (1,800m),** 3-y-o & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 2:45: 1. King Maker (3) Ajeeth Kumar 60, 2. Midnight Dream (1) Rohit Kumar 59.5, 3. Lockhart (5) Afroz Khan 59, 4. Gusti Look (2) Koushik 57, 5. Artistry (7) Kuldeep Singh 53.5, 6. Sporting Smile (6) Nakhat Singh 53.5 and 7. No Compromise (4) Akshay Kumar 52.5.

**1. NO COMPROMISE, 2. KING MAKER, 3. GUSTY LOOK**

**5. K. SRINIVAS REDDY MEMORIAL CUP (DIV. II),** (1,200m), 4-y-o & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 3:15: 1. Southern Legacy (3) Suraj Narredu 60, 2. Amazing Elegance (4) Aneel 59, 3. La Romance (9) Rohit Kumar 58, 4. Honest Hunter (6) B.R. Kumar 57.5, 5. Dunkirk (5) Afroz Khan 56.5, 6. La Mer (2) Ashhad Asbar 55.5, 7. Royal Dynamite (7) Gaurav Singh 55.5, 8. Amazing Script (8) Ajeeth Kumar 54, 9. Gorgeous Lady (–) (–) 53, 10. Delphina (1) Akshay Kumar 51.5 and 11. One One One (10) Abhay Singh 51.5.

**1. SOUTHERN LEGACY, 2. HONEST HUNTER, 3. ONE ONE ONE**

**6. CLASSIC STORY PLATE (DIV. I),** (1,200m), 3-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), (No whips), 3:45: 1. Safra (8) Suraj Narredu 60, 2. Spuntic (3) Kitan Naidu 60, 3. Green Turf (1) A.A. Vikrant 58.5, 4. Original Temptress (5) Akshay Kumar 58.5, 5. Secret Command (9) N. Rawal 58, 6. Friday Fury (7) Jitendra Singh 57.5, 7. Augestern (6) Kuldeep Singh 57, 8. Speed Warrior (2) B.R. Kumar 56.5 and 9.

Light Music (4) Nakhat Singh 55.5.

**1. SAFRA, 2. ORIGINAL TEMPTRESS, 3. GREEN TURF**

**7. K. SRINIVAS REDDY MEMORIAL CUP (DIV. I),** (1,200m), 4-y-o & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 4:15: 1. Trump Girl (6) Koushik 60, 2. Pentagon (8) Afroz Khan 59, 3. Warrior Supreme (7) Kiran Naidu 58, 4. Shaquille (11) Suraj Narredu 57.5, 5. Miss Lily (2) Surya Prakash 56.5, 6. Ashka Ashka Ashka (1) Aneel 55.5, 7. Indian Dreams (12) Rohit Kumar 55, 8. Dancing Doll (9) Kuldeep Singh 53, 9. Star Gazer (4) C.P. Bopanna 53, 10. Shandara (5) B.R. Kumar 52.5, 11. Sivajiyoga (10) Akshay Kumar 52.5, and 12. Heaven Can Wait (3) Ajeeth Kumar 52.

**1. TRUMP GIRL, 2. DANCING DOLL, 3. MISS LILY**

**8. SHAMSHABAD PLATE** (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o & over (placed 2nd or 3rd not eligible), rated upto 25 (Cat. III), 4:45: 1. A Hundreds Echoes (4) Nakhat Singh 60, 2. Brave Syera (7) Afroz Khan 60, 3. Sun Dancer (2) Rohit Kumar 60, 4. Sursine (5) Suraj Narredu 60, 5. Ace Smile (3) Aneel 59.5, 6. Kesariya Balam (ex: Hanol) (9) Abhay Kumar 59.5, 8. Hopscotch (8) N. Rawal 55 and 9. Dumbledore (6) G. Naresh 51.

**1. SURSEINE, 2. BRAVE SYERA, 3. STARBOY**

Day's best: **MARK MY WORD** Double: **SOUTHERN LEGACY – TRUMP GIRL**

Jkt: 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8; Mini Jkt: 5, 6, 7 & 8; Tr (I): 1, 2 & 3; (ii): 4, 4 & 5; (iii): 6, 7 & 8; Tla: all races.

## N R I Heights runs with a good chance

**HYDERABAD:** N R I Heights runs with a good chance in the G. Sudhakar Reddy Memorial Cup (1,400m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Tuesday (Oct. 8).

**1. KITTY BANK PLATE (DIV. III),** (1,200m), 4-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 1:40 p.m.: 1. Batur (2) Aneel 60, 2. Tokyo Jam (5) Akshay Kumar 59.5, 3. Darshish (9) G. Naresh 58.5, 4. Palsy Walsy (10) Suraj Narredu 58.5, 5. Once More (1) Jitendra Singh 57.5, 6. Barnabas (6) Rohit Kumar 56.5, 7. Secretary (8) Koushik 55.5, 8. N R I Striker (7) Abhay Singh 54, 9. Vega Cassandra (3) Kuldeep Singh 53.5, 10. Just Like That (11) Ajeeth Kumar 53 and 11. Aarohi (4) B.R. Kumar 51.

**1. TOKYO JAM, 2. ONCE MORE, 3. DARSHISH**

**2. ADILABAD PLATE (1,200m),** 5-y-o & over, rated upto 25 (Cat. III), 2:10: 1. New Comer (8) Nakhat Singh 60, 2. Silver Dollar (2) A.A. Vikrant 60, 3. Withrosemakeup (5) Akshay Kumar 60, 4. Invasion (1) Deepak Singh 59.5, 5. Tammana (7) Suraj Narredu 59, 6. Dippy Dip (6) Ajeeth Kumar 58.5, 7. Royal Dancer (4) Irvan Singh 58, 8. Cowboys Delight (–) (–) 56.5, 9. All Star General (3) Rohit Kumar 54, 10. Golden Adara (1) G. Naresh 52.5 and 11. Negress Princess (9) B.R. Kumar 52.5.

**1. WITHROSEMAKEUP, 2. ALL STAR GENERAL, 3. INVASION**

**3. SIRICILLA PLATE (1,800m),** 3-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 2:45: 1. British Empress (7)

40, Batshuayi 89).  
**La Liga:** Mallorca 2 (Budimir 37, Sevilla 73) bt Espanyol 0; Celta Vigo 1 (Aspas 74) bt Athletic Bilbao 0; Valladolid 0 drew with Atletico Madrid 0.

**Bundesliga:** Borussia Monchengladbach 5 (Zakaria 2, Hermann 8, 13, Plea 39, Embolo 83) bt Augsburg 1 (Niederlechner 80); Wolfsburg 1 (Weghorst 69) bt Union Berlin 0.

**Serie A:** Fiorentina 1 (Milenkovic 72) bt Udinese 0; Roma 1 (Ceppitelli 31-og) drew with Cagliari 1 (Joao Pedro 26-pen).

Atalanta 3 (Zapata 35, Gomez 40, Gosens 56) bt Lecce 1 (Lucioni 86); Bologna 2 (Krejci 21, Palacio 31) drew with Lazio 2 (Immobile 23, 39).

**Saturday: Premier League:** West Ham 1 (Haller 54) lost to Crystal Palace 2 (Van Aanholt 63-pen, Ayew 87).

**La Liga:** Valencia 2 (Gomez 27, Parejo 83-pen) bt Alaves 1 (Lucas 89); Osasuna 2 (Roncaglia 46, Avila 79) bt Villarreal 1 (Torres 5).

**Serie A:** Verona 2 (Kumbulla 9, Murru 81-og) bt Sampdoria 0; Genoa 1 (Schone 41) lost to AC Milan 2 (Hernandez 51, Kessie 57-pen).

**Bundesliga:** Schalke 04 1 (Serdar 79) drew with Cologne 1 (Hector 90+1).

Harmanpreet said. “She has given us great starts in the series. With players like Jemimah Rodrigues and Shafali, the future of Indian women's cricket is in safe hands.”

She is also satisfied with the team's preparation for the T20 World Cup, to be held Australia next February-March. “We have the nucleus of that team,” she said. “And we are improving.”

Improved fielding

She is particularly glad that fielding has come a long way. “There was a time when we used to lose matches because of fielding,” she said.

“That no longer is the case. And I believe it would be nice if we could also add a sports psychologist to the support staff.”

Vijay Hazare Trophy scores	
<b>ELITE: Group B (Vadodara):</b> 49 in 16 overs (Sandeep Sharma seven for 19) lost to Punjab 50 for seven in 15.1 overs (Ajit Chahal four for 32)	Himanshu Sangwan four for 44, Ananta Sinha three for 51) tied with Railways 206 for eight in 50 overs (Dinesh Mor 92 n.o., Abhimanyu Lamba four for 15)
Monday's matches (9 a.m. start)	
<b>Group C (Jaipur):</b> Tamil Nadu 315 for eight in 50 overs (Abhinav Mukund 84, B. Aparajith 87, Dinesh Karthik 40, Washington Sundar 36, Ajay Sarkar three for 51) bt Tripura 128 in 34.3 overs (T. Natarajan three for 22)	<b>Group A (Bengaluru):</b> Andhra v Karnataka, Chhattisgarh v Saurashtra, Goa v Hyderabad
<b>Group B (Vadodara):</b> Baroda v Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh v Vidarbha, Maharashtra v Odisha	<b>Group C (Jaipur):</b> Bengal v Madhya Pradesh, Bihar v Jammu & Kashmir, Gujarat v Railways
Tuesday's matches (9 a.m. start)	
<b>Group A (Bengaluru):</b> Chhattisgarh v Kerala, Goa v Mumbai, Jharkhand v Saurashtra	<b>Group B (Vadodara):</b> Delhi v Uttar Pradesh, Haryana v Vidarbha, Punjab v Himachal Pradesh
<b>Plate (Dehradun):</b> Arunachal Pradesh v Uttarakhand, Assam v Manipur, Chandigarh v Puducherry	<b>Plate (Dehradun):</b> Meghalaya v Mizoram, Nagaland v Uttarakhand, Puducherry v Sikkim

## Nagal loses semifinals

INDIANS ABROAD

SPORTS BUREAU CAMPINAS (BRAZIL)

Sumit Nagal lost 6-4, 6-1 to Juan Pablo Ficovich of Argentina in the semifinals of the \$54,160 Challenger tennis tournament here.

Sumit collected 29 ATP points and \$2,510.

In the Challenger in Barcelona, Ramkumar Ramanathan and Sergio Martos

Gornes of Spain lost in the final to Simone Bolelli of Italy and David Vega Hernandez of Spain.

**The results:**  
**\$ 54,160 Challenger, Campinas, Brazil: Semifinals:** Sumit Nagal 6-4, 6-1.

**€46,600 Challenger, Barcelona, Spain: Final:** Simone Bolelli (Ita) & David Vega Hernandez (Esp) bt Sergio Martos Gornes (Esp) & Ramkumar Ramanathan 6-4, 7-5.

## Sarita bows out

BOXING

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ULAN-UDE (RUSSIA)

Former champion L. Sarita Devi (60kg) was on Sunday knocked out of the World women's boxing championships by Russia's Natalia Shadrina on a disappointing day for India. The fourth seed, who got a first-round bye, frittered away a strong start to lose 5-0.

In the last bout of the day, debutant Nandini (81kg) proved to be no match for Germany's Irina-Nicoletta Schonberger and was out-punched 5-0.

Sarita was in control in the opening three minutes, logging more punches against a seemingly withdrawn opponent. However, Shadrina fought back in the next two rounds and surprised Sarita to get the judges' nod.

Nandini, on the other hand, was jittery from the word go and struggled to keep pace with a technically superior Schonberger.

The nerves showed all through and Nandini also ended up being warned in the second round for hitting her rival on the back of the head despite repeated cautions.

## Djokovic wins Japan Open



Novak Djokovic. **• KOJI WATANABE/GETTY IMAGES**

**AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE TOKYO**

World No.1 Novak Djokovic won the Japan Open title on Sunday crushing Australian qualifier John Millman 6-3, 6-2, to mark his 10th win in a tournament main draw debut in his celebrated career, which includes 16 Grand Slams.

It was Djokovic's first competition since pulling out of the US Open.

## Pardeep does it for Pirates

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA GREATER NOIDA**

Pardeep Narwal was at his scintillating best for Patna Pirates, his 36-point performance helping the three-time champion thrash the playoff-bound Bengal Warriors 69-41 in their final ProKabaddi League (PKL) match of the season here on Sunday.

His display helped him cross the 300-point mark for the season (302) as Pirates equalled their record of highest points scored in a match. The total of 110was also a PKL record.

**The results:**  
Patna Pirates bt Bengal Warriors 69-41; UP Yoddha bt Puneri Paltan 43-39.



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