Himanshu Sangwan four for 44,

Ananta Sinha three for 51) tied with Railways 206 for eight in 50 overs

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

Group B (Vadodara): Baroda v Uttar

Group C (Jaipur): Bengal v Madhya

Pradesh, Bihar v Jammu & Kashmir,

Group A (Bengaluru): Andhra v

Karnataka, Chhattisgarh v

Saurashtra, Goa v Hyderabad

Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh v

Plate (Dehradun): Arunachal

Pradesh v Uttarakhand, Assam v

Manipur, Chandigarh v Puducherry

Tuesday's matches (9 a.m start)

Group A (Bengaluru): Chhattisgarh

v Kerala, Goa v Mumbai, Jharkhand

Group B (Vadodara): Delhi v Uttar

Pradesh, Haryana v Vidarbha, Pun-

Plate (Dehradun): Meghalaya v

Mizoram, Nagaland v Uttarakhand,

jab v Himachal Pradesh

Puducherry v Sikkim

Vidarbha, Maharashtra v Odisha

(Dinesh Mor 92 n.o., Abhimanyu

Lamba four for 15)

Gujarat v Railways

## 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.



## 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 eightball to signify the eight overall championships across all classes he has won. AFP



Thiem is champion in 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 seasonending ATP Finals. AFP



Osaka subdues Barty in China final

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.

## 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

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 Bhardwai 6-2, 6-2: Neerai Yashpaul bt Amit Bzad 6-4, 6-4; Uddayvir Singh bt Yashdeep Gahlot 6-3, 6-2; Deepinder Singh Bains bt Parav Dev Garg 6-3 5-7, 6-2; Rudra Kapoor bt Shashikant 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 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.

P.K. AJITH KUMAR

International.

A truly

In front of a crowd of close to

18,000 at the Lalbhai Con-

tractor Stadium on Friday

night, Harmanpreet Kaur ac-

complished a feat no Indian

cricketer (male or female)

has - a 100th Twenty20

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 wo-

men's game has seen, but

quite literally the game-

changer for the Women in

Blue: her astonishing 171 not

out off 115 balls against Aus-

tralia in the 2017 World Cup

semifinal at Derby made pe-

Her 100th T20I may have

ended in disappointment for

ople sit up and take note.

remarkable



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.

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

India, nevertheless, won

the series 3-1 and she im-

pressed with her captaincy.

She led from the front and

used her bowlers, the spin-

ners especially - including

herself - rather well. She also

played a couple of significant

Her unbeaten 34 in the pe-

nultimate match showed

how she could take responsi-

bility. She curbed her attack-

ing instincts while chasing a

with that innings," Harman-

preet told The Hindu. "Small

totals can often be tricky; so I

was determined to stay till

"Yes, I am pretty pleased

Women's skipper is first Indian to play 100 T20Is

one run.

knocks.

low score.

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

Nucleus of T20 World Cup team ready: Harmanpreet

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half-time.

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

Payt

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

minutes and 4-0 ahead by

Bilbao O; Valladolid O drew with Atletico Madrid O. Bundesliga: Borussia Monchengladbach 5 (Zakaria 2, Hermann

La Liga: Mallorca 2 (Budimir 37,

Sevilla 73) bt Espanyol O; Celta

Vigo 1 (Aspas 74) bt Athletic

8, 13, Plea 39, Embolo 83) bt Augsburg 1 (Niederlechner 80); Wolfsburg 1 (Weghorst 69) bt Union Berlin O.

Serie A: Fiorentina 1 (Milenkovic 72) bt Udinese O; 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 O; Genoa 1 (Schone 41) lost to AC Milan 2 (Hernandez 51, Kessie

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

Harmanpreet said. "She has

given us great starts in the se-

ries. With players like Jemi-

mah Rodrigues and Shafali,

the future of Indian women's

She is also satisfied with

the team's preparation for

the T20 World Cup, to be

held Australia next Febru-

ary-March. "We have the nu-

cleus of that team," she said.

She is particularly glad that

fielding has come a long

away. "There was a time

when we used to lose match-

es because of fielding," she

"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."

"And we are improving."

Improved fielding

cricket is in safe hands."

## Nagal loses semifinals

**Vijay Hazare Trophy scores** 

ELITE: Group B

(Vadodara): 49 in 16 overs (Sandeep

Sharma seven for 19)

lost to Punjab 50 for

Chahal four for 32)

Nadu 315 for eight

in 50 overs (Abhinav

Mukund 84, B. Apara

jith 87, Dinesh Karthik

Sundar 36, Ajoy Sarkai

three for 51) bt Tripura

128 in 34.3 overs (T.

Jammu & Kashmir

Rashid 39, Diwesh

Natarajan three for 22)

189 in 48.3 overs (Paras Sharma 49, Fazil

Gurudev Pathania four

for 39) lost to Services

Gahlaut 124 n.o., Rajat

47.4 overs (Arjit Gupta

90, Rajesh Bishnoi 37,

Chetan Bist 30.

190 for three in 34.2

overs (Rahul Singh

Rajasthan 206 in

Paliwal 49)

40, Washington

seven in 15.1 overs (Ajit

Group C (Jaipur): Tamil

## **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: Juan Pablo Ficovich (Arg) bt 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 Ramanath-

# 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 outpunched 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.

Diokovic wins

## Mark My Word primed for a three-peat NRI Heights runs with a good chance

HYDERABAD: Mark My Word, who in good nick, may complete a hattrick in the Asaf Jah VII Memorial Cup (2,000m), the main event of the races to be held here on

1 CLASSIC STORY PLATE (DIV. II), (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), (No whips), 1-15 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

SOUTHERN LADY, 2. AYUR SHAKTI, 3. PROMISEOFHAPPINESS

RED SURPRISE PLATE 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,

ASAF JAH VII MEMORIAL CUP 3 (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

AUXILIARY PLATE (1,800m), 3-4 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. Gusty Look (2) Koushik 57, 5. Artistryy (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

 $5~\rm K.~srinivas~reddy~memorial~cup~(div.~ii),~(1,200m),~4-y-o~\&~over,~rated~40~to~65~(Cat.~II),~3-15:$ 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

CLASSIC STORY PLATE (DIV. I), 6 (1,200m), 3-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), (No whips), 3-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), (No whips), 3-y-o-div 60, 3-y-o-div 45: 1. Safra (8) Suraj Narredu 60, 2. Sputnic (3) Kitan Naidu 60, 3. Green Turf (1) A.A. Vikrant 58.5, 4. Original Temptress (5) Akshay Ku-Original Felliptess (5) Aksilay Ku-mar 58.5, 5. Secret Command (9) N. Rawal 58, 6. Friday Fury (7) Jitendra Singh 57.5, 7. Augenstern (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.

She is also happy with the

way the team has fared. She

has high hopes about the 15-

year-old Shafali Verma, who

. SRINIVAS REDDY MEMORIAL CUP (DIV. I), (1,200m), 4-y-o & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 4-15: 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) An-eel 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. Shandaar (5) B.R. Kumar 52.5, 11. Siyabonga (10) Akshay Kumar 52.5 and 12. Heaven Can Wait (3) Ajeeth Kumar

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

SHAMSHABAD 8 (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o & over placed 2nd or 3rd not eligible), rated upto 25 (Cat. III), 4-45: 1. A Hundres Echoes (4) Nakhat Singh 60, 2. Brave Syera (7) Afroz Khan 60, 3. Sun Dancer (2) Rohit Kumar 60, 4. Surseine (5) Suraj Narredu 60, 5. Ace Smile (3) Aneel 59.5, 6. Kesariya Balam (ex: Hanoi) (9) Abhay Singh 59.5, 7. Starboy (1) Akshay 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): 3, 4 & 5; (iii): 6, 7 & 8; Tla: all races.

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

made her international de-

favourite players to watch,"

"She is already one of my

but in the series.

KITTY BANK PLATE (DIV. III), 1 (1,200m), 4-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 1-40 p.m.: 1. Batur (2) Aneel 60, 2, Tokyo Iam (5) Ak shay 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. Barna bas (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.

1. TOKYO JAM, 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 (10) G. Naresh 52.5 and 11. Negress Princess (9) B.R. Kumar 52.5 1. WITHROSEMAKEUP, 2. ALL STAR GENERAL, 3. INVASION

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

Akshav Kumar 60, 2. Magnetosphere (4) Nakhat Singh 60, 3. Mr. Shanghai (1) Kuldeep Singh 60, 4. Satin Symphony (2) Ashhad Asbar 60, 5. Star Of Tiara (5) Suraj Narredu 59.5, 6. Yogastha (6) Afroz Khan 55.5, 7. Stormy (8) Gaurav Singh 55 and 8. Sweet Pistol (3) Khurshad Alam 50. 1. BRITISH EMPRESS,

2. STAR OF TIARA, 3. MR. SHANGHAI

SURYAPET PLATE (1.400m), 3 y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 3-15: 1. Tapatio (4) Afroz Khan 60, 2. Miss Marvellous (5) Suraj Narredu 59, 3. Sheldon (3) N. Rawal 58.5, 4. Unstoppable (8) Kiran Naidu 58.5, 5. Mind Reader (-) (-) 57, 6. Jo Malone (7) Akshay Kumar 56.5, 7. Tiger Of The Sea (6) Aneel 56.5, 8. Let It Be Me (9) Kunal Bunde 56, 9. Golden Faraska (1) Koushik 55.5 and 10. Red River (2) Jitendra Singh 55.5. 1. JO MALONE

2. MISS MARVELLOUS,

KITTY BANK PLATE (DIV. I), 5 (1,200m), 4-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 3-45: 1. Mahira (2) Abhay Singh 60.5, 2. Southern State (7) R.S. Jodha 60, 3. Baywatch Babe (5) N. Rawal 58.5, 4. Golden Hope (9) A.A. Vikrant 58.5, 5. Sublime (II) Ashhad Asbar 58.5, 6. Gladstone (4) Irvan Singh 7.7, Juster Mayer (2) Kiran Noidu 57, 7. Latest News (3) Kiran Naidu 56, 8. City Of Ayaansh (10) Rohit Kumar 55, 9. Moka (6) Akshay Ku mar 53.5, 10. Farmville (12) Kuldeep Singh 53, 11. Run Runner Run (8) Afroz Khan 52 and 12. Mr. Bruss (1) Gaddam 51.

1. MOKA, 2. LATEST NEWS,

G. SUDHAKAR REDDY ME-G. SUDHAKAR REDDI ME-MORIAL CUP (1,400m), 3-y-0 & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), (No whip), 4-15: 1. News O' Star (6) Abhay Singh 60.5, 2. Pontius Pilate (9) Gaurav Singh 60, 3. Blazer (2) Jitendra Singh 57, 4. Prince Caspian (10) C.P. Bopanna 57, 5. Royal Green (12) Afroz Khan 55.5, 6. N R I Heights (3) Koushik 54.5, 7. Marinetti (4) Gopal Singh 54, 8. Explosive (5) Kuldeep Singh 52.5, 7. Liberate (8) Surya Prakash 52.5, 10. Lightning Fin (1) R.S. Jodha 52.5, 11. Sea Castle (11) G. Naresh 52 and 12. Ice Warrior (7) Nakhat

1. N R I HEIGHTS, 2. NEWS O' STAR, 3. LIBERATE

7 KITTY BANK PLATE (DIV. II), (1,200m), 4-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 4-45: 1. Running Fire (-) (-) 60.5, 2. N R I Vision (3) Kuldeep Singh 59.5, 3. Crimson Fire (4) Deepak Singh 58.5, 4. Human Touch (9) A. Vikrant 58.5 man Touch (9) A.A. Vikrant 58.5, 5. Marvel Princess (5) Suraj Narredu 57.5, 6. His Excellency (7) Aneel 57, 7. Rutilant (6) C.P. Bopanna 56, 8. Handsome Duo (10) Ajeeth Kumar 54.5, 9. Agilis (8) Harinder Singh 53.5, 10. Smarty (1) G. Naresh 53 and 11.

Snow Castle (2) Gaddam 51.5. 1. MARVEL PRINCESS, 2. HANDSOME DUO, 3. SMARTY Day's best: TOKYO JAM Double: JO MALONE - MARVEL PRINCESS Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7; Mini Jkt: 4, 5, 6 & 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 & 4; (ii): 5, 6 & 7; Tla:

Japan Open



Novak Djokovic. ■ KOJI WATANABE/ GETTY IMAGES

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

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

Pardeep Narwal was at his scintillating best for Patna Pirates, his 36-point performance helping the threetime 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.

YOUTH CHESS

RAKESH RAO

Ranking favourites M. Sreeshwan and Divya Deshmukh continued their act of redemption with a second successive win in their respective under-14 sections of the World Youth chess championship here. Looking to make amends for the fourth round defeat, the two scored contrasting victories on Sunday to keep alive chances of living up to their top billing. Sreeshwan punished Chi-

Praggnanandhaa involved in a draw for a second time

na's Sun Jiajun for a late miscalculation in 34 moves. Much later, Divya ended the resistance of Kazakh Liya Kurmangaliyeva in 53 moves. In under-18, second seed

R. Praggnanandhaa (five points) was involved in a draw for a second time after facing fellow leader and third seed Iran's Aryan Gholami for 39 moves. Top seed Shant Sargsyan moved to 4.5 points after beating Kazakh Ramazan Zhalmakhanov.

Important sixth-round results: Boys: Under-18: Aryan Gholami (Iri, 5) drew with R. Praggnanandhaa (5); Valentin Buckels

Sreeshwan and Divya stay on recovery course with contrasting wins

(Ger, 4.5) drew with P. Iniyan (4.5); Viktor Gazik (Svk, 4) drew with Aditya Mittal (4.5). Ramazan Zhalmakhanov (Kaz, 3.5) lost to Shant Sarg-

syan (Arm, 4.5); Wang Shixu (Chn, 4) drew with Arjun Kalyan (3.5); R. K. Srihari (3.5) lost to Mitrabha Guha (4.5). Under-16: Rudik Makarian (Rus, 5.5) bt Arash Daghli (Iri, 4.5);

Stefan Pogosyan (Rus, 4.5)

drew with Aronyak Ghosh (4.5);

Emirhan Tarlabasi (Tur, 3.5) lost

to Kushagra Mohan (4.5); Moksh Doshi (4.5) bt Gabriele Lumachi (Ita, 3.5);

**Under-14:** Aditya Samant (4.5) lost to Aydin Suleymanli (Aze, 5.5); V. Pranav (4.5) drew with Pranav Anand (4.5); Sun Jiajun (Chn, 4) lost to M. Sreeshwan (5); L. R. Srihari (5) bt Alex Kolay (4); Aaryan Varshney (4) lost to R. Abhinandhan (5). Girls: Under-18: Viktoria Rade-

va (Bul, 4) lost to Polina Shuvalova (Rus, 5); Vantika Agarwal (4.5) bt A. Harshini (3.5); Aashna Makhija (4) drew with Alexandra Obolentaseva (Rus, 4). Under-16: Nazerke Nurgali

na Salonika (4.5). Under-14: Rakshitta Ravi (5) drew with Eline Roebers (Ned, 5); Anna Lhotska (Cze, 4) lost to Ekaterina Nasyrova (Rus, 5). V. Sarayu (4) lost to Dhyana

(Kaz, 5) drew with Anousha

Patel (5); Liya Kurmangaliyeva (Kaz, 3.5) lost to Divya Deshmukh (4.5); Martyna Wikar (Pol, 4) drew with Bhagyashree Patil

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