

India's Mayank Agarwal raises his bat after scoring two hundred runs

encounter with defending cham-

stretched to 15 minutes before

Tiafoe held serve, but Shapovalov

"The start of the

match was really important \( \)

and I was trying to step up

from the first game,

Shapovalov said.
"I think the first

The 36th-

game helped me

find a rhythm on his serve."

r a n k e d Shapovalov played the top-

ranked Djokovic

on two previous

occasions, with both

China Open where he lost to

eventual winner Dominic

old 214 places from 503 in the

world to 289. He can climb into

the top 250 if he beats Juan

Ignacio Londero in the first round of the Shanghai Masters

where Murray is a three-time

The run lifted the 32-year-

Thiem.

eventually took control with

a break in the first set and

two more in the second.

The first game of the match

pion Novak Djokovic.

Djokovic to debut

against Shapovalov

Denis Shapovalov defeated in the third round of the Frances Tiafoe 6-4, 6-2 at the Australian Open, but only won

Shanghai Masters on Monday, four games in the second round

matches taking place this year.

He took Djokovic to four sets

"He's beaten me twice so

match.

2 victory.

faced little

resistance from

American Sam Querrey in a 6-4,

there's not much for me to lose,

so I'll just go out there and enjoy

myself," Shapovalov said. "I'll go

# Mayank plays fearlessly like Sehwag: Laxman

Pormer India great VVS
Laxman feels Mayank
Agarwal's "fearless" approach
in batting resembles a lot with the
maverick Virender Sehwag, who has been the Karnataka opener's

Agarwal had come into the limelight with twin half-centuries in his maiden Test tour of Australia but maiden double hundred (215) against South Africa has consolidated his position in the national team, feels former India spinner Harbhajan Singh.

"He is a solid batsman and has approached this game like a domestic cricket match. Players usually change the way they play in domestic and international cricket, but he managed to maintain his style in both forms of cricket. Mental toughness and stability are his strengths and he plays fearlessly just like his favourite, Virender Sehwag," Star Sports expert Laxman commented on Agarwal's performance on 'Cricket Live'.

Harbhajan on his part felt that years of grind in domestic circuit has paid dividends as Mayank is aware of what is expected of him.

"Mavank uses his feet well when he comes forward and hits and also executes the reverse sweep shots. He has a lot in store and plays them when and where needed. He is a hardworking player; the players who come from domestic cricket background have learned a lot," opined Harbhajan.

'They come in late but have so much knowledge and experience of the game that they value and understand every opportunity that the game brings to them," said Harbhajan.

Harbhajan also feels that Mayank did well because he was sure about his role in the team.

"Once a player is confident about his role and place in the game, he only needs to focus on his performance. Rohit was trying (to play) a different game but Mayank Agarwal stuck to his

## Rohit reaches career-best rankings

India batsman Rohit Sharma, who  $oldsymbol{1}$  became the first player to score a century in each innings of his maiden Test as opener, on Monday jumped to a career-best 17th position in the ICC Test Player

Rohit, who now has five centuries from 28 Tests, gained a whopping 36 slots after his knocks of 176 and 127 in the first Test against South Africa in Visakhapatnam.

The other opener Mayank Agarwal has also attained a career-best 25th position after his first innings double-century lifted him 38 places.

Captain Virat Kohli, who retained his second spot, has dropped below the 900point mark for the first time since January 2018. He is now on 899 points, 38 behind top-ranked Steve Smith. Among the bowlers, off-spinner

Ravichandran Ashwin has made a comeback to the top 10 after his match haul of eight wickets, which included figures of seven for 145 in the first innings. The formerly top-ranked bowler has

moved up four places from 14th position and also into the top five among all-Fast bowler Mohammad Shami has

reached a career-best 710 points that took him from 18th to 16th, two below his career-best 14th rank, while Ravindra Jadeja has leap-frogged Bangladesh's



Rohit Sharma raises his bat after scoring a century AP

Shakib Al Hasan to take second position among all-rounders.

For South Africa, centurions Quinton de Kock and Dean Elgar have progressed. De Kock is back into the top 10 after gaining four places and moving to seventh while Elgar has moved five places and is in 14th position

## Eves increase lead over Eng

PTI DUBAI

India not only maintained Itheir second position but also increased the points lead over third-placed England in the latest ICC women's ODI rankings

The Indian women's team (125), led by Mithali Raj, has widened the gap over England (122) from one to three points.

In the T20 International ranking, India are placed at the fifth position. Australia's consistent per-

formances have ensured their tight grasp on the top spots in both the women's ODI and T20I rankings tables, introduced in October last year.

In ODI rankings, the West Indies have lost five points and are now just two points ahead of Pakistan in seventh place. Australia, who won the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in the West Indies last year, have increased their

14 points in the T20I Player rankings, a table that has increased from 46 to 55 teams over the past year. Among other teams, Thailand have moved to

lead over England from 10 to

within four points of 10th placed Ireland after a remarkable run saw them win a world record 17 consecutive matches earlier this year, breaking the previous record of 16 successive wins by

SMITH, WARNER BACK IN SHEFFIELD SHIELD SYDNEY: Australia batsmen Steve Smith and David Warner will play their first domestic Sheffield Shield matches in almost two years when they turn out from Thursday for New South Wales against Queensland. Neither player has appeared in a fourday match Shield since November, 2017 when both also appeared for New South Wales against Queensland. They were named on Monday to play for New South Wales in the first round of the 2019-2020 season along with Australia teammate

### VIJENDER'S NEXT FIGHT ON NOV 22

New Delhi: After a winning start in the American professional circuit, Indian boxing star Vijender Singh will next be seen in action in Dubai on November 22 against a yet-to-be-finalised opponent. The unbeaten Vijender (11-0, 8 KOs) will look to extend his unbeaten record on a card promoted by Round 10 Boxing and MTK Global, in association with Top Rank — the Indian's promoters in the USA. The name of his opponent will be announced later. The hard-hitting supermiddleweight is currently training in Manchester under his trainer Lee Beard

#### BARCA BEAT SEVILLA 4-0 IN LA LIGA

BARCELONA: Barcelona are back in form and La Liga's big three are back at the top of the table after the defending champions put on a finishing masterclass to thrash Sevilla 4-0 on Sunday. Lionel Messi scored his first goal of the season by curling in a brilliant free-kick at Camp Nou after three goals in eight minutes from Luis Suarez, Arturo Vidal and Ousmane Dembele had already put Sevilla out of sight.It was crucial for us," said coach Ernesto Valverde whose team ended the game with nine men."It has been a strange start to the season and we have not added all the points we would have

## INDIA WIN BRONZE AT BRIDGE WORLDS

New Delhi: India's senior bridge team led by Dipak Poddar has won a Bronze medal for the first time ever in the 44 years of the World Bridge Championships. This was announced by the Bridge Federation of India. The 44th World Bridge Championships was recently held in China. The senior Indian bridge team comprising captain Dipak Poddar, Jitendra Solani, Subhash Dhakras, Ramamurthy Sridharan, Subrata Saha and Sukamal Das, won the Bronze medal, a media release issued said

## MEIRABA LEADS INDIA'S FINE SHOW KAZAN: Maisnam Meiraba, Satish Karunakaran

and Pranav Rao Gandham recorded victories in their respective matches as Indians began their singles campaign on a high note in the 21st edition of BWF World Junior Championships on Monday. Meiraba hardly broke a sweat as he beat Romania's Teodor Cioroboiu 21-4, 21-3. She took less than 15 minutes to wrap up the game and move to the round of 64 at the championships. Karunakaran also comfortably beat his Ugandan opponent Samuel Wasswa 21-6, 21-5 whie Pranav Rao crushed Armenia's Arman Vardanyan 21-10, 21-6

### SRI LANKA SEAL T201 SERIES LAHORE: Newcomer Bhanuka Rajapaksa hits a

whirlwind half-century while Nuwan Pradeep and Wanindu Hasaranga recorded career-best bowling figures as Sri Lanka beat Pakistan by 35 runs in the second Twenty20 international in Lahore on Monday. Rajapaksa's 77 off 48 balls lifted Sri Lanka to a challenging total of 182-6 the left-hander blasting six sixes and four fours in a maiden fifty that came in only his second



Manju Rani in action during World Championship

Tndia's Manju Rani (48kg) on Monday **⊥**advanced to the quarterfinals of the World Women's Boxing Championships after a comprehensive victory in the last-16 stage here.

The sixth-seeded Indian prevailed 5-0 over Venezuela's Rojas Tayonis Cedeno to stand just one win away from securing a medal in her debut at the big event.

Rani is a Silver-medallist from the prestigious Strandja Memorial boxing tournament

In the second and last Indian bout of the day, Manju Bamboriya (64kg) was up against fourth-seeded Italian Angela Carini. She put up a spirited fight but the European Championships silver-medallist was just too

The Indian went down 1-4 in a split

# **Argentine flair at Derby d'Italia**

## Higuain's winner sends Juve top after Lautaro cancels Dybala's opener

**AFP** ■ SAN SIRO (MILAN)

onzalo Higuain scored inflicted a first Serie A defeat of the season on Inter Milan with a 2-1 victory which sent the defending champions top on Sunday.

out there and give it all I have. Substitute Higuain slotted "It's going to be a tough one, but I have a great game and I home on 80 minutes after fellow think I have a chance to beat Argentine Paulo Dybala had opened the scoring in the fourth Fellow Canadian Vasek minute at the San Siro.

Another Argentine forward Pospisil upset 14th-seeded Diego Schwartzman of Lautaro Martinez pulled Inter Milan level from the spot on 18 Argentina 7-6 (2), 6-2 in another minutes, but coach Antonio Conte lost in his first meeting first-round against his former club since The 10thleaving Juve to take over the Italy seeded Fabio national team in 2014. Fognini of Italy

Juventus moved one point ahead of Inter after seven games as they target a ninth consecutive title, and first under Maurizo

"Overtaking at the top is insignificant right now," said

former Chelsea boss Sarri. 'The important things is that we showed a performance of character and personality against a strong team in a high-tension environment. deserved to win."

Sarri and Federico Bernardeschi up front alongside Cristiano Ronaldo.

Higuain — who also scored in Juventus's 3-0 Champions League win over Bayer Leverkusen during the week — began on the bench.

The champions got off to a blistering start with Miralem Pjanic setting up Dybala who took Inter goalkeeper Samir Handanovic by surprise.

Ronaldo rattled the crossbar and then had a goal ruled out when Dybala was in an offside posi-

But Inter got back on level terms when Juventus defender Matthijs de Ligt



double substitution after an hour bringing on in-form Higuain and Rodrigo Bentacur. Ronaldo and Bentancur combined to send Higuain through for the winner, with Szczesny doing well to deny Matias Vecino as Inter desper-

ately pushed forward for an equaliser. "Juve showed their heavy artillery," said Conte, who coached the Turin giants to the first three of their current run of eight con-

"Congratulations to them, we'll roll up our sleeves now," added Conte whose side lost their mid-Champions week League game to

Barcelona 2-1. Gian Piero Gasperini's Atalanta

secutive titles.

celebrat-

Carlo Ancelotti. Roma are fifth, a point behind Napoli, with their match against Cagliari at the Stadio Olimpico finishing 1-1 after Nikola Kalinic's last-gasp goal for the hosts was disallowed. They stay a point ahead of city rivals Lazio, who drew 2-2 at

over promoted Lecce that keeps

the Bergamo side third on 16

Napoli are now six points behind

Juventus in fourth following a

Scudetto, but our ranking makes us cry a little," said Napoli coach

goalless draw at Torino.

But Serie A runners-up

"We want to fight for the

Bologna with Serie A top scorer Ciro Immobile getting both goals for the visitors, to bring his tally to seven goals in as many games.

In Tuscany, Nikola Milenkovic nodded in the only goal after 72 minutes to give Fiorentina their third consecutive win as Udinese fell to their

fourth defeat in seven games. Fiorentina are eighth with Udinese a point above the relegation zone.

Silverwood is new Eng coach **AFP** ■ LONDON Root and white-ball captain Eoin The 44-year-old played England cricket chiefs have six Tests and seven

## Murray climbs over 200 places **AFP** ■ LONDON Former world number one Andy Murray climbed over 200 places in the new ATP rankings released on only Roger Federer (310) and Pete Sampras (286). Thiem's victory over Stefanos Tsitsipas in Beijing

Monday while Novak Djoković extended his lead over Rafael Nadal at the top. Scotsman Murray, who is on the comeback trail after sees the Austrian close to just 50 career-saving hip surgery, reached the quarter-finals of the points behind the Russian Daniil

## Medvedev. NAGAL AT 129

NEW DELHI: Indian tennis player Sumit Nagal achieved a career-best ranking of 129 after jumping six places. The 22-year-old Nagal, who has been in good form of late, reaped the benefit of a semi-final finish at the ATP Challenger Campinas in Brazil last week.

Djokovic's win in Tokyo at Nagal had attainted his careerthe weekend means the Serb is best ranking of 135 after jumping at number one for the 271st 26 spots, riding on a title finish at week of his career, one more the Buenos Aires ATP Challenger than Ivan Lendl and trailing clay event in Argentina last month.



one-day internationals for Eng between 1996 and 2002, coached **Essex to the County Championship title in** The 44-year-

old, who has spent the past two years serving as fast bowling coach under Bayliss, will take charge for the tour of New Zealand, which includes a fivematch Twenty20 series, starting on November 1, and

While former India and South

2017 before joining the England set-up. Africa coach Gary Kirsten and Surrey's director of cricket Alec Stewart emerged

as contenders to succeed Australian Bayliss, managing director of England men's cricket Ashley Giles described Silverwood as the "standout candidate". "I believe he is what we need to take

our international teams forward," he said on Monday.
"He is somebody we know well, but

it is his intimate understanding of our structures and systems and his close relationships with Test captain Joe

Morgan that will help us develop our plans for the next few years. "Ultimately, his highest quality is that he is a winner and that will be an

important part of the job as we look to strive to become the most respected team in the world across all formats," he added. The 44-year-old played six Tests and

seven one-day internationals for England between 1996 and 2002, coached Essex to the County Championship title in 2017 before joining the England set-up.

He is just the second Englishman

to take sole charge of the national side since 1999, said there is plenty of talent coming through the ranks. "I am thrilled and honoured to be

appointed England head coach," he said. "I aim to continue the great work that has been done over the past five years and build on our future, especially in the Test arena."

Manju Rani enters World quarters

However, next up for her is a tough one in last edition's Bronze-medallist and top seed Kim Hyang Mi of South Korea. The two will clash on October 10.

Clean punches were few and far in Rani's clash against Cedeno but the Indian was the one fetching most of them. Both the boxers stuck to a defensive approach but Rani was the more accurate of the two.

in Bulgaria earlier this year.