### TV PICKS

New Zealand vs England: 1st T201, Star Sports Select 1 (SD & HD), 6.30 a.m. **NBA**: Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD), 8

**Deodhar Trophy**: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD), 9 a.m. Australia vs Sri Lanka: 3rd T20I, Sony Six (SD & HD),

1.30 p.m. Rugby World Cup: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD), 2.30 p.m. **T20 World Cup Qualifier**:

Star Sports 3, 3.40 p.m. & 9 p.m. ISL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD), 7.30 p.m. **Bundesliga**: Star Sports Se-

lect 1 (SD & HD), 1 a.m. (Saturday) FIFA U-17 World Cup: Sony Ten 1 & Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD), 1.30 a.m. (Saturday)

### IN BRIEF



#### Suns rout Warriors; Curry breaks hand

SAN FRANCISCO Phoenix Suns ran away from Golden State 121-110 in San Francisco on a night when the Warriors lost Stephen Curry to a broken left hand. The results: Cleveland Cavaliers 117 bt Chicago Bulls 111; Magic 95 bt New York Knicks 83; Philadelphia 76ers117 bt Minnesota Timberwolves 95; Boston Celtics 116 bt Milwaukee Bucks 105; Indiana Pacers 118 bt Brooklyn Nets 108; Toronto Raptors 125 bt Detroit Pistons 113; Houston Rockets 159 bt Washington Wizards 158; Portland Trail Blazers 102 bt Oklahoma City Thunder 99: Utah Jazz 110 bt Los Angeles Clippers 96; Charlotte Hornets 118 bt Sacremento Kings 111; Phoenix Suns 121 bt Golden State Warriors 110. REUTERS

#### Delhi State 6 Red snooker championship

The Delhi State 6 Red snooker championship will be held from November 7. Top players are expected to participate in the championship to be hosted by the Megapool Academy in Dwarka. The championship has been named after former State champion Tarun Chandra, who passed away recently. The winner and runner-up will qualify to represent Delhi at the National championships early next

# Gaikwad and Aparajith set up India-B's victory

India-A bowlers made to toil, Vihari runs out of support

### **DEODHAR TROPHY**

Y.B. SARANGI

Centuries by Ruturaj Gaikwad and B. Aparajith provided the platform for India-B record a 108-run win over India-A in the opening match of the Deodhar Trophy at the JSCA Stadium here on

Put in, India-B post 302 for six and restricted India-A to 194 in 47.2 overs.

Gaikwad (113) and Aparajith (101) notched up their sixth List-A hundreds. Even as opening partner Priyank Panchal fell cheaply to Jaydev Unadkat, Gaikwad batted with composure.

### **Smart batting**

The 22-year-old Maharashtra batsman read the pitch well and adopted the right attitude for the morning conditions favouring seamers.

Gaikwad's 47-run partnership with promising Mumbai teenager Yashasvi Jaiswal, who played an entertaining 34-ball 31, revived India-B from a spell of sluggishness. Gaikwad and Aparajith,



Sensible approach: B. Aparajith, joined up with Ruturaj Gaikwad, to play on merit without letting the scoreboard get stagnant. • FILE РНОТО

another level-headed batsman, played on merit without letting the scoreboard

Gaikwad, who got a life on 86, relied on his excellent footwork to gather eight crispy 4s and four 6s. Aparajith carried forward his Vijay Ha-

He worked the ball around to make an equally signifi-

zare Trophy form.

#### bamboozled by a fast one in Siraj's consecutive overs. Skipper Hanuma Vihari's determined innings (59 off

cant contribution in the 158-

run stand, spanning about 37

Gaikwad's departure, lbw

attempting to reverse-sweep

Ashwin, did not deter Apara-

jith. He drove and glanced

with confidence to collect six

4s and two 6s and reached

the three-figure mark while

He was run out at the non-

Left-arm pacer Rush Kala-

fetched him three wickets,

including that of Devdutt Pa-

dikkal, who tried to cut too

close to his body and played

on. Mohammed Siraj, who

mixed up his pace skilfully

and extracted good move-

ment to claim two wickets in

his first five overs, seized

further momentum for

his off-stump to a ball that

cut in sharply and remained

low, while Vishnu Vinod was

82) went in vain as India-A

lost wickets regularly.

Abhimanyu Easwaran lost

disciplined effort

accelerating the pace.

striker's end.

India-B.

overs, with Gaikwad.

The scores: India-B: Ruturaj Gaikwad lbw b Ashwin 113, Priyank Panchal c Shahbaz b Unadkat 3, Yashasvi Jaiswal c Ashwin b Kaul 31, B. Aparajith run out 101, Kedar Jadhav c sub b Ashwin 5, Vijay Shankar c&b Unadkat 26, K. Gowtham (not out) 19; Extras (b-1, nb-1, w-2): 4. Total (for six wkts. in 50 overs):

Fall of wickets: 1-16, 2-63, 3-221, 4-231, 5-265, 6-302.

India-A bowling: Unadkat 9-1-47-2, Warrier 8-0-49-0, Kaul 10-1-77-1, Ashwin 10-0-40-2, 7-0-52-0, 6-0-36-0.

India-A: Abhimanyu Easwaran b Siraj 20, Devdutt Padikkal b Kalaria 10, Vishnu Vinod c Parthiv b Siraj 11, Hanuma Vihari c Parthiv b Kalaria 59, Amandeep Khare run out 25, Ishan Kishan run out 26, Shahbaz Ahmed b Kalaria 18, R. Ashwin lbw b Gowtham O, Jaydev Unadkat run out 1, Siddarth Kaul (not out) 7, Sandeep Warrier absent hurt 0; Extras (lb-5, w-12): 17. Total (in 47.2 overs): 194.

Fall of wickets: 1-32, 2-42, 3-52, 4-107, 5-168, 6-168, 7-169, 8-176, 9-194.

India-B bowling: Kalaria 8.2-0-20-3, Vijay 3-0-18-0, Siraj 8-0-Nadeem 10-0-39-0, Gowtham 10-0-40-1, Aparajith 5-0-30-0, Jadhav 3-0-12-0.

## Ronaldo nets late winner

### EURO LEAGUES

REUTERS

Cristiano Ronaldo controversially won and then converted a stoppage-time penalty, seconds after having a goal chalked off for offside, as Juventus beat 10man Genoa 2-1 and went back to the top of Serie A on Wednesday. Ronaldo went down under a challenge from Antonio Sanabria and, although their was minimal contact if any at all, the referee pointed to the spot and the VAR officials confirmed the decision.

The results: Serie A: Napoli 2 (Maksimovic 16, Milik 71) drew with Atalanta 2 (Freuler 41, Ilicic 86); Juventus 2 (Bonucci 36, Ronaldo 90+6-pen) bt Genoa 1 (Kouame 40); Lazio 4 (Acerbi 25, Immobile 33, 70pen, Belotti 90+1-og) bt Torino O; Udinese O lost to Roma 4 (Zaniolo 13, Smalling 51, Kluivert 54. Kolarov 65-pen). La Liga: Real Sociedad 1 (Willian Jose 47) lost to Levante 2 (Bardhi 24, Mayoral 40); Valencia 1 (Sobrino 81) drew with Sevilla 1 (Ocampos 45+3); Real Madrid 5 (Rodrygo 7, Kroos 8, Ramos 24-pen, Benzema 69pen, Jovic 90+1) bt Leganes 0.

# Anand may train young Indian talents

### **CHESS**

S. DIPAK RAGAV

Following the first successful camp conducted by Vladimir Kramnik for young chess talents from India, Microsense is all set to rope in Indian chess legend V. Anand to conduct a similar camp for promising young talents in the near future.

Speaking at an event to felicitate India's latest GMs P. Iniyan, Prithu Gupta and Raunak Sadhwani at a function on Thursday, Microsense MD S. Kailasanathan confirmed though the details and dates are yet to be finalised.

## Second camp

Microsense recently roped in Kramnik to train six young Indian GMs in Switzerland



With a legend: Viswanathan Anand with Raunak Sadhwani, P. Iniyan and Prithu Gupta at a felicitation function. • R. RAGU

and the second camp is likely to be held in December in Sitges, Spain and a third camp could be held in Chennai in February. It is also likely that the third camp could see an increase in the number of players.

"There is a chance that we may include a women player but I don't want to go far ahead in saying who she will be," said Kailasanathan.

"I have to applaud Microsense for the support they are giving our players. The systemic coaching and ability to work with people like Kramnik will make a huge difference. This kind of patient and long-term support will go a long way and we have agreed to see where I can chip in. I am happy a lot

of youngsters are getting support as this puts your head at ease," said Anand at the function in which the three new GMs were given a cash award of ₹1 lakh each.

On his upcoming tournaments, Anand said, "I am going to play 27 games in Romania (2019 Superbet Rapid & Blitz) and another 27 games in Kolkata (Grand Chess Tour). That is a lot of blitz chess and I don't think you have a lot of time to look at each game when you play nine games in a day. So I just want to be in the right frame of mind."

Earlier, Kramnik, the former World Champion, sent in a recorded message congratulating the three recently crowned GMs and said that he has been tracking their games and seen the improvement post the camp

# Thapa, Pooja punch their way to gold

Ashish finishes second-best as India picks up seven medals

### **BOXING**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Shiva Thapa (63kg) and Pooja Rani (75kg) clinched gold medals with impressive wins, while Ashish (69kg) settled for a silver as India ended with seven medals at the Olympic Test event here on Thursday.

Nikhat Zareen (51kg), Simranjeet Kaur (60kg) Sumit Sangwan (91kg) and Vahlimpuia (75kg) had won bronze, after semifinal losses, on Wednesday.

Four-time Asian medallist and National champion Thapa out-punched Kazakhstan's national champion and Asian bronze-winner Sanatali Toltayev 5-0 to claim the top honours.

Former Asian Games



Thapa, left, and Pooja. ■ FILE PHOTOS

bronze-medallist Rani edged past Australia's Caitlin Parker in a split 4-1 decision to ensure that the women's contingent also had a gold in its kitty.

Asian bronze-medallist Ashish (69kg), however, lost to Japan's Sewon Okazawa 4-1 in the final.

Thapa has been having a good year even though he is out of contention from next year's first Olympic qualifier in China after Manish Kaushik secured the berth with a

bronze in the Championships.

This year, Thapa has already won an Asian bronze, followed by an India Open gold before being crowned

month. "Shiva has matured quite + a lot in the last one year and this is showing in the way he is performing.

the National champion for a

third time earlier this

"He will continue to grow," National coach C.A.

Kuttappa said.

# FIVB, VFI, PVL team owners and Baseline Ventures meet

## **VOLLEYBALL**

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Volleyball Federation of India has quite a few issues pending with Baseline Ventures, co-owner of PVL, putting a question mark on the conduct of the PVL's second edition scheduled early next

Worried over the developments, the International body of volleyball (FIVB) sent its representatives to New Delhi and held a series of discussions with officials of Ba-

**WTA FINALS** 

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

World No. 1 Ashleigh Barty

and Belinda Bencic both ad-

vanced to the semifinals af-

ter contrasting victories at

the WTA Finals on Thursday.

the round-robin stage with a

crushing 6-4, 6-2 win over

Petra Kvitova in one hour

and 28 minutes at the Shenz-

hen Bay Sports Centre. Ben-

cic prevailed 7-5, 1-0 in 61 mi-

nutes after late replacement

Barty progressed from

SHENZHEN

seline Ventures, VFI and team owners of PVL on Those who attended the

meeting include VFI president S. Vasudevan, VFI secretary Ramavtar Singh Jakhar, FIVB General Director Fabio Azevedo, FIVB Director Asia and Oceania Luis Alexandre Pontes Rodrigues, FIVB Head of Legal Department Stephen Bock, FIVB Technical and Development Department Hitesh Malhotra, and employees of Baseline Ventures Tuhin Mishra

and Joy Bhattacharjya. Plenty of issues were dis-

Bencic also seals semifinal spot after an ailing Bertens retires

Barty storms into the last four

cussed including the evaluation of the 2019 season -PVL, National team programme (senior men's team, u-23 men's team), VFI Roadmap and VFI Governance

Later in the day, PVL team owners met FIVB and the Roadmap for 2020 and beyond were discussed

"All issues were cordially discussed. We are very hopeful of a positive outcome. A media announcement will probably be made in Mumbai in the first week of November, said a VFI official.

Vishnu in

**INDIANS ABROAD** 

SPORTS BUREAU

wrist injury of Malek Jaziri of Tunisia that fetched a walkover for the Indo-Japanese pair in the pre-quarterfinals, it was the right elbow injury of Sadio Doumbia that resulted in a walkover for Vishnu and

and partner will play Mikhail Elgin and Ramkumar

Ramanathan. The results: \$135,400 Challenger, Shenzhen, China: (quarterfinals): Toshihide Matsui (Jpn) & Vishnu Vardhan w/o Sadio Doumbia & Fabien Reboul (Fra); Mikhail Elgin (Rus) & Ramkumar Ramanathan bt Adil Shamasdin (Can) & Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan 6-4,

\$60,000 ITF women, Liuz-

Mexico: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Madison Appel & Elle Christensen (US) bt Taylor Ng (US) & Ramya Natara-

Sheikh, Egypt: Singles (prequarterfinals): Kacper Zuk (Pol) bt Aryan Goveas 6-3, \$15,000 ITF men, Meshref,

Kuwait: Doubles (quarterfinals): Krittin Koaykul & irat Navasirissomboon (Tha) bt Kai Wehnelt (Ger) & Adil Kalyanpur 3-6, 6-3, [12-10].

## Under Armour support for women's team **ICE HOCKEY**

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Indian women's ice hockey team, which won bronze Women's Challenge Cup of Asia, Division-1 earlier this year, is being supported by Under Armour.

brate the will of the Indian women's ice hockey team, who shaped their own destiny despite many incredible hurdles. While we continue to support this team, we will also identify and celebrate other unsung stories of will from across the country," said Tushar Goculdas, the managing director of Under Armour India, on Thursday.

on sand as there was no rink available, had a bad start to



look at every limitation as a challenge that we could take head on. When we started out, there was no ice rink, no equipment, no protective

while scoring five. The fol-

lowing year it placed fourth.

"As a team, we chose to

gear, no training facilities. to write our own destiny, But nothing seemed bigger

ourselves to keep going.

slowed us down and decided

"We lost all the matches in our international debut and it was difficult to motivate

making the nation proud," than our will to form a team said the Indian captain Tseand represent our country. wang Chuskit.

"We found a way to overand youth teams, by providcome every hurdle that ing gear that would help

Apart from the women's team, the brand will also support the Indian men's

# LSR in driver's seat

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

was in command as it led by winning the first set of the decisive doubles in the final against Miranda House, in the Delhi University intercollege women's tennis tournament on Thursday.

Neeru Rapria won the first singles for Miranda House with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Garvita Dutta. LSR fought back by winning the second singles as Baani Singh beat

In doubles, LSR had won the first set 6-2 through Baani Singh and Garvita Dutta against Neeru Rapria and Adrija Biswas when the match was abandoned owing to bad light. It will res-

Meanwhile, the match for the third place was also in-

## WEST ZONE TT

AMOL KARHADKAR

In a marathon battle that turned out to be the showstopper of the day, with all the other matches in the 12table hall coming to a halt, Sreeja Akula edged past top seed Sutirtha Mukherjee 5-11, 5-11, 11-7, 11-5, 11-7, 5-11, 18-16 in a breathtaking women's quarterfinal of the UTT West Zone National ranking table tennis tourna-

While Sutirtha's exit meant none of the top four seeds - with Ayhika Mukherjee, Archana Kamath and Madhurika Patkar who couldn't even make the last eight – will feature in the semifinals, the men's draw saw top two seeds - Manav

making it to the semis with little trouble.

them perform better.

#### The results: Quarterfinals: Women: Sreeja Akula (RBI) bt Sutirtha Mukherjee (Har) 5-11, 5-11, 11-7, 11-5, 11-7, 5-11, 18-16; Diya Chitale (Mah) bt Nikhat Banu (RBI) 3-11, 11-7, 11-13, 11-9, 7-11, 11-7, 11-7; Takeme Sarkar (RSPB) bt Reeth Rishya (PSPB) 11-5, 11-5, 11-5, 12-10; Kaushani Nath (RSPB) bt Anusha Kutumbala (MP) 11-4,

Soumyajit Ghosh (Har) 11-5, 11-4, 11-9, 9-11, 12-10; Manush Shah (Guj) bt Jubin Kumar (Har) 11-5, 11-6, 11-6, 11-3; Jeet Chandra (Har) bt Raj Mondal (RBI) 11-7, 11-9, 11-9, 11-4; Sanil Shetty (PSPB) bt Sourav Saha (Har) 11-1, 11-7, 11-7, 11-8. Semifinal line-up: Women:

Men: Manav Thakkar (PSPB) bt

11-9, 11-13, 11-6, 11-6.

Sreeja Akula vs Diya Chitale; Takeme Sarkar vs Kaushani Nath. Men: Manay Thakkar vs Manush Shah; Jeet Chandra vs Sanil Shetty



Kiki Bertens retired ill. **Second casualty** Bertens received medical attention after the opening game of the second set, where her blood pressure and pulse were checked, before becoming the second player in the tournament to retire mid-match after Bianca Andreescu withdrew



Kvitova with ease while sealing a semifinal spot. • AFP stood Kvitova's attempts to

against Karolina Pliskova on Wednesday. Kvitova had a scare in the third game of the first set but

saved two break points to hold her serve. But the Australian's consistency wore down an error-strewn Kvitova and she grabbed a decisive break in the fifth game.

Barty had break points against her serve in the sixth and eighth games but with-

get back. Kvitova, the oldest player in the draw, changed tactics early in the second set and attacked the net but the French Open champion had the answers to reach the semifinals on her WTA Finals debut. The results:

Red Group: Belinda Bencic bt Kiki Bertens 7-5, 1-0; Ashleigh

Barty bt Petra Kvitova 6-4, 6-2.

# semifinals

SHENZEN (CHINA)

Vishnu Vardhan and Toshihide Matsui of Japan made the doubles semifinals, following a second walkover in the \$135,400 Challenger tennis tournament here on Thursday.

While it was the left

In the semifinals, Vishnu

hou, China: Doubles (quarterfinals): Rosalie van der Hoek (Ned) & Ankita Raina bt Anastasia Gasanova (Rus) & Chanel Simmonds (RSA) 6-0, 4-6. [10-7] \$15,000 ITF women, Cancun,

\$15,000 ITF men, Sharm El

"We are privileged to cele-

## terestingly poised in doubles when bad light stopped play. Gargi College was lead-

Aakriti Tripathi had lost the first singles for Gargi, as she was beaten 2-6, 6-1, 6-3 by Manisha Hooda of Indraprastha College.

Gargi recovered to win

the second singles through

Anu Moar who beat Aastha

The results (semifinals):Lady 6-2, 7-5).

# The team, which trained

Host Lady Shriram College

Ankita Hoon 6-0, 6-0.

ume on Friday morning.

# ing by winning the first set

The Delhi team for the all India inter-university championship will be selected through a trial after the finals on Friday.

Shriram College bt Indraprastha College 2-1 (Anushka Sharma lost to Manisha Hooda 2-6, 5-7, Baani Singh bt Shivya Sachdeva 6-0, 6-1; Baani Singh & Garvita Dutta bt Shivva Sachdeva & Manisha Hooda

Sreeja stops Sutirtha

ment on Thursday.

Thakkar and Sanil Shetty -