

TV PICKS

New Zealand vs England: Fifth T20I, Star Sports Select 1 & HD, 6.30 a.m.
NBA: Sony Ten 1 & 3 (SD & HD), 6.30 a.m.
China Open badminton: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & 3, 10.30 a.m.
India vs Bangladesh: Third T20I, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) and SS Select 1 (SD & HD), 6.45 p.m.
ISL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD), 7.30 p.m.
Premier League: Star Sports Select 2 (SD & HD), 7.10 p.m. & 9.45 p.m.
Serie A: Sony Ten 1 & 2 (SD & HD), 7.30 p.m.
ATP Finals: Sony ESPN (SD & HD), 7.30 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Monday)

IN BRIEF



Siakam revels as Raptors tear into Pelicans

Pascal Siakam equalled his career best with 44 points as Toronto Raptors dominated New Orleans Pelicans in a 122-104 win on Friday. **The results:** LA Lakers 95 bt Miami Heat 80; Dallas Mavericks 102 lost to New York Knicks 106; Atlanta Hawks 109 lost to Sacramento Kings 121; Portland Trail Blazers 115 lost to Brooklyn Nets 119; Denver Nuggets 100 bt Philadelphia 76ers 97; Utah Jazz 103 bt Milwaukee Bucks 100; Minnesota Timberwolves 125 bt Golden State Warriors 119; New Orleans Pelicans 104 lost to Toronto Raptors 122; Indiana Pacers 112 bt Detroit Pistons 106; Orlando Magic 118 bt Memphis Grizzlies 86; Washington Wizards 100 lost to Cleveland Cavaliers 113. AFP



Froome takes another step in road to recovery

Four-time Tour de France winner Chris Froome said surgery to remove a metal plaque and six screws from his hip went perfectly as his bid to regain full fitness overcame another hurdle on Friday. Froome's hip and thigh bones had healed but he was suffering discomfort in his 'soft tissue'. AFP

Aradhya and Srishti are champions

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SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GURUGRAM

Delhi's Aradhya Garg capped a dream run with a sixth straight victory and became the National junior chess champion here on Saturday.

The girls' title went to Maharashtra's Srishti Pandey who emerged worthy champion with a one-point margin, with nine players tied for second.

Garg was seeded a distant 20th and Srishti sixth.

In the final round, Garg defeated overnight leader and top seed Koustav Chatterjee with black.

As it turned out, this first-



Reason to smile: Srishti Pandey and Aradhya Garg after winning the National junior chess titles on Saturday. ■ RAKESH RAO

Tejaswini books Tokyo ticket

Indian shooters' Olympic quota climbs to 12

ASIAN SHOOTING

SPORTS BUREAU
DOHA

Tejaswini Sawant won the Olympic quota in the women's rifle 3-position event by qualifying for the final with an impressive score of 1171 in the Asian shooting championship on Saturday.

It was the 12th Olympic quota for Indian shooters for Tokyo 2020, and the third in the ongoing championship after Deepak Kumar (men's rifle 3-position) and Chinki Yadav (women's 25-metre sports pistol).

The 39-year-old Tejaswini finished fourth, narrowly missing a medal following a score of 8.8.

In men's skeet, Asian champion Angad Vir Singh Bajwa was well placed with a total of 74 out of 75 after three rounds. He was a point behind Abdullah Alrashidi of Kuwait. Olympian Mairaj Ahmad Khan (73) and Smit Singh (72) were also among the top shooters, keeping themselves in the race for the final, with two rounds to go on Sunday.

Olympian Gurpreet Singh bagged the men's standard pistol silver with 586, two points behind Han Daeyoon of Korea.

The juniors continued to excel, as Jasmeen Kaur and Aadhya Tayal claimed the youth women's rifle and pistol gold medals.



On target: Tejaswini Sawant clinched the Olympic quota in the women's rifle 3-position event by qualifying for the final.

■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

India clinched nine medals on the fifth day of competition, taking its tally to 44.

The results: Men: 25m centre fire pistol: 1. Han Daeyoon (Kor) 588; 2. Gurpreet Singh 586; 3. Kim Junhong (Kor) 586; 8. Yogesh Singh 574; 9. Adarsh Singh 570; **Team:** 1. China 1743; 2. Korea 1743; 3. India 1730.

Women: 50m rifle 3-position: 1. Shi Mengyao (Chn) 457.9 (1178); 2. Yesugen Oyunbat (Mgl) 457.0 (1169); 3. Shiori Hirata (Jpn) 445.9 (1169); 4. Tejaswini Sawant 435.8 (1171); 13. Kajal Saini 1167; 16. Gaayathri Nithyanandam 1165. MQS: Sunidhi Chauhan 1164; **Team:** 1. China 3520 AR; 2. Iran 3505; 3. India 3503.

Junior men: 25m sports pistol: 1. Nikita Chiryukin (Kaz) 587; 2. Cao Jiahao (Chn) 582; 3. Youn Jaeyoon (Kor) 581; 4. Dilshaan Kelley 580; 5. Rajkanwar Singh Sandhu 579; 9. Miteshkumar Gohil 571; **Team:** 1. Korea 1736; 2. India 1730; 3. China 1726.

10m air pistol: Aadhya Tayal 238.9 (567); 2. Shikha Narwal 237.8 (567); 3. Gong Xinyuan (Chn) 216.9 (564); 8. Rhythm Sangwan 112.6 (562); **Team:** 1. India 1696; 2. China 1691; 3. Korea 1682.

The Great Gatsby poised for a hat-trick

HYDERABAD: The Great Gatsby, who is in fine nick, is poised to complete a hat-trick in the first division of the I EME Centre Rolling Trophy (1,600m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Sunday (Nov. 10).

1. HIDDEN BLOOM PLATE (1,200m), 3-y-o & over, rated up to 25 (Cat. III), 1.50 p.m.: 1. Negress Princess (3) B.R. Kumar 60, 2. Semira (4) Aneel 60, 3. Snow Castle (1) Akshay Kumar 60, 4. Withrosemaekup (6) Gaurav Singh 60, 5. Cowboys Delight (9) Jitendra Singh 56.5, 6. Seven Hills (2) Ajeeth Kumar 56, 7. Royal Dancer (5) T.S. Jodha 54, 8. New Hope (7) Ajit Singh 50.5 and 9. Golden Adara (8) Afroz Khan 50.

1. NEGRESS PRINCESS, 2. SNOW CASTLE, 3. NEW HOPE.

2. ADOLFITO PLATE (Div. I), (1,200m), 3-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 2:25: 1. Bayd (8) Rafique Sk. 60, 2. Reno Star (3) Ak-

shay Kumar 60, 3. City Of Blossom (1) Nakhat Singh 59, 3. Wah Ms Zara (7) T.S. Jodha 58.5, 5. Batur (5) Aneel 58, 6. Flamingo Fame (2) N. Rawal 57.5, 7. Tough Lady (4) Ajeeth Kumar 55, 8. Acadian Angel (10) Santosh Raj 53, 9. Dazzling King (9) Ajit Singh 51, 10. Friday Fury (6) C.P. Bopanna 50.5.

1. RENO STAR, 2. WAH MS ZARA, 3. FLAMINGO FAME.

3. I EME CENTRE ROLLING TROPHY (Div. II), (1,600m), 3-y-o & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 3:00: 1. Semper Fidelis (4) Kuldeep Singh 60, 2. Rajneeti (3) Kiran Naidu 56, 3. No Compromise (8) Robbie Downey 55.5, 4. Havelock Cruise (9) Akshay Kumar 54.5, 5. Explosive (1) T.S. Jodha 53, 6. N R I Heights (2) Koushik 53, 7. Somerset (5) Kunal Bunde 53, 8. Rulethetworld (7) Ajeeth Kumar 52.5 and 9. Sea Castle (6) Rafique Sk. 50.5.

1. NO COMPROMISE, 2. HAVELOCK CRUISE, 3. RULETHEWORLD.

4. I EME CENTRE ROLLING TROPHY (Div. I), (1,600m), 3-y-o & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 3:35: 1. Ashwa Yashobali (5) Ashhad Asbar 60, 2. Gusti Look (2) Akshay Kumar 56, 3. Paso Robles (3) Suraj Narredu 54.5, 4. The Great Gatsby (6) Robbie Downey 54.5, 5. Sporting Smile (4) Nakhat Singh 53.5, 6. Librate (9) Surya Prakash 53, 7. The Special One (1) Abhay Singh 53, 8. Artistry (7) T.S. Jodha 52 and 9. City Of Wisdom (8) Ajeeth Kumar 52.

1. THE GREAT GATSBY, 2. PASO ROBLES, 3. GUSTY LOOK.

5. ADOLFITO PLATE (Div. II), (1,200m), 3-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 4:10: 1. Giethorn (3) Kiran Naidu 60, 2. Top Saga (5) Akshay Kumar 59.5, 3. Safra (8) N. Rawal 59, 4. Soviet Pride (7) Koushik 58, 5. Monte Rei (4) Gadman 57.5, 6. Spice Up (2) Nakhat Singh 57, 7. Wind Power (6) Santosh Raj 54.5, 8. Royal Tiger (1) Ajit

MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY SCORES

Group A: Baroda 196/4 in 20 overs (Kedar Devdhar 52, Aditya Waghmode 32, Swapnil Singh 36, Vishnu Solanki 35 n.o.) bt Karnataka 182/9 in 20 overs (Rohan Kadam 57, Luvnith Sisodia 38, Karun Nair 47, Lukman Meriwala 5/21).

Goa 202/4 in 20 overs (Aditya Kaushik 53, Rajasekhar Harikant 26, Snehal Kauthankar 55, Amit Verma 42) bt Bihar 173/8 in 20 overs (MD Rahmatullah 38, Rajesh Singh 64, Asfan Khan 29 n.o., Heramb Parab 3/21).

Uttarakhand 134/8 in 20 overs (Harshit Bisht 28, Tanmay Srivastava 67) lost to Services 137/4 in 18.5 overs (Ravi Chauhan 67, Rajat Paliwal 31 n.o.).

Group B: Manipur 93/8 in 20 overs lost to Tripura 97/5 in 15.1 overs (Udiyan Bose 29, Rex

Singh 3/26). Tamil Nadu 155/5 in 20 overs (M. Vijay 35, N. Jagadeesan 34, Dinesh Karthik 48) bt Rajasthan 116/8 in 20 overs (Mahipal Lomror 32, R. Sai Kishore 3/19).

Uttar Pradesh 60 in 14.4 overs (Darshan Nalkande 5/18) lost to Vidarbha 62/1 in 7.5 overs (Faiz Fazal 25, Akshay Kolhar 29 n.o.).

Group C: Arunachal Pradesh 44/7 in 8 overs (Baltej Singh 3/11) lost to Punjab 50/0 in 4 overs.

Himachal 123/8 in 20 overs (Nitin Sharma 35 n.o., Puneet Datey 3/23, Ajay Mandal 3/18) lost to Chhattisgarh 124/2 in 18.1 overs (Ashutosh Singh 61 n.o., Amandeep Khare 26 n.o.).

Maharashtra 162/8 in 20 overs (Ruturaj Gaikwad 34, Nikhil Naik 50 n.o.) lost to Chandigarh 163/3 in 17.5 overs

(Manan Vohra 75 n.o., Bipul Sharma 36 n.o.).

Hyderabad 183/3 in 20 overs (Ambati Rayudu 77, B. Sandeep 74 n.o.) lost to Railways 184/6 in 20 overs (Pratham Singh 35, Mohammed Ahmed 40 n.o., Karn Sharma 26, T. Pradeep 35 n.o., Mehdi Hasan 3/29).

Group D: Assam 101/8 in 20 overs (Pallavkumar Das 33, Wasiqur Rahman 26 n.o., Saransh Jain 3/13) lost to Madhya Pradesh 102/5 in 16.3 overs (Parth Sahani 27, Venkatesh Iyer 26, Abhilash Gogoi 3/24).

Pondicherry 126/6 in 20 overs (K.B. Arun Karthik 73, Kilco Marak 3/25, Amiangshu Sen 3/20) bt Meghalaya 107/6 in 20 overs (Dwaraka Ravi Teja 51, Sanjay Yadav 31).

Mizoram 79/4 in 20 overs (K.B. Pawan 35 n.o.) lost to Bengal 82/1 in 10 overs (Vivek

Singh 52).

Haryana 153/5 in 20 overs (Shivam Chauhan 28, Harshal Patel 33, Chaitanya Bishnoi 27, Rahul Tewatia 29 n.o.) lost to Mumbai 154/2 in 15.4 overs (Aditya Tare 39, Suryakumar Yadav 81 n.o.).

Group E: Saurashtra 169/3 in 20 overs (Kishan Parmar 54, Samarth Vyas 33, Sheldon Jackson 41 n.o., Arpit Vasavada 25 n.o.) lost to Jharkhand 170/4 in 19.4 overs (Ishan Kishan 29, Virat Singh 67 n.o., Saurabh Tiwary 39).

Sikkim 122/5 in 20 overs (Yashpal Singh 41, Iqbal Abdulla 30) lost to Nagaland 124/3 in 17.3 overs (Stuart Binny 42 n.o., Shrikant Mundhe 33 n.o.).

Delhi v Odisha, Gujarat v Jammu & Kashmir. Matches abandoned.

Sunday is a rest day.

Odisha FC to play three matches at Pune

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

Odisha FC will not have the home advantage for three games as the upgradation work at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar is yet to be completed.

The franchise will now play its matches against ATK, Bengaluru FC and Hyderabad FC, scheduled for November 24, December 4 and 11, at the Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Pune, according to a release from the team.

The other six games will, however, go ahead as planned, added the release quoting Odisha FC owner Rohan Sharma.

Kuruniyan — enjoying the moment

ANANT KAUR
NEW DELHI

Ashique Kuruniyan, the talented Bengaluru FC winger, was once a 100m sprinter. Football happened by chance when his school wanted someone to play as a left winger. From dreaming of playing for his district team to now playing for the national team, Kuruniyan has come a long way.

The 22-year-old is part of the 26-member squad for the upcoming World Cup Qualifiers against Afghanistan and Oman and sounded elated. "I am enjoying this moment. It's the best feeling to play in my country's jersey. I am very happy and confident. Since Afghanistan is a strong team, we have to win to get the points and I will play with confidence to win."

Working and training under the national coach Igor Stimac, Kuruniyan felt as a team, the players have displayed significant improvement, physically and mentally. "Our game has really improved under Stimac and in some more time it will be-



Ashique Kuruniyan.
■ FILE PHOTO: K MURALI KUMAR

come even better. Physically, Luka Radman, the strength and conditioning coach, is working really well on us, we are enjoying it and our fitness levels have definitely improved," said Kuruniyan.

Kuruniyan plays on both the wings and would like to experiment with other positions as well. "I play as a winger. I would like to play on

the other positions also. There is no problem in which ever side the coach wants us to play, we are ready for it. If we play in a new position we will learn something new from it. I am happy to play in any position and learn from the experiences," said the Kerala native.

Strengths

Kuruniyan represented India (under-20) in the 2017-2018 season.

He stressed that speed and toughness was his strength. To avoid injuries, which are unavoidable at the higher level of football or any sport, he credited Luka for his work with them. "Injuries are less now because Luka is working well on this."

Having signed a four-year deal with Bengaluru FC, Kuruniyan acknowledged he was in the process of gaining knowledge about the game.

"The coaches keep on adding new things. Slowly I will learn more and it will take time to improve my finishing."

Brace by Shariq

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

Shariq Mohammed's brace helped Central Secretariat beat Bhubaneswar Sports Hostel 2-1 in Pool D and enter the last-four stage of the 123rd Beighton Cup hockey tournament here on Saturday.

Central Secretariat will meet Indian Oil, while Indian Navy will take on Punjab National Bank in the semifinals on Monday.

The results:

Pool B: Indian Navy 1 (Ajinkya Jadhav) drew with Canara Bank 1 (Nikkin Chandana).

Pool C: Punjab National Bank 5

(Abhishek Singh, Inderpal Singh, Gagandeep Singh, Sanjay, Sumit Toppo) bt Eastern Railway Sports Association 2 (Abhishek Pratap Singh, Aijub Ekka).

Pool D: Central Secretariat 2 (Shariq Mohammed 2) bt Bhubaneswar Sports Hostel 1 (Nislam Xess).

Saudi Arabia swamps India

AFC U-19 C'SHIPS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
AL KHOBAR (SAUDI ARABIA)

India bowed out of the race for the 2020 AFC U-19 Championships qualification after a 0-4 defeat to Saudi Arabia here at the Prince Saud bin Jalawi Stadium on Friday.

The home side opened the scoring in the second minute as forward Mohammad Khalil Marran latched on to a loose ball and put it past Indian custodian Prabhukhan Singh Gill.

Saudi Arabia made it 2-0 in the 10th minute when midfielder Ahmad Albassas got on the end of a cross from the left flank by Hazzaa

Alghamdi.

As India head coach Floyd Pinto's side pushed forward to reduce the deficit, Albassas scored his second of the game in the 18th minute. He completed his hat-trick in the 28th minute, once again converting a low cross from the left flank as Saudi Arabia broke forward in numbers on the break.

Ninthoingamba Meetei posed problems for the hosts throughout the first half down the wing with his pace and guile, earning multiple free-kicks from attacking positions.

In its final group stage match, which has been rendered inconsequential, India will face Afghanistan at the same venue on Sunday.

It will be Prithvi 2.0: Shaw

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

Talented India opener Prithvi Shaw promised to start afresh as he gears up for his comeback to competitive cricket after serving an eight-month doping suspension handed by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

Shaw was banned from all forms of cricket by BCCI for a (retrospective) period of eight months in July after failing a dope test during the Mushtaq Ali Trophy in March.

According to BCCI, the



Prithvi Shaw. ■ FILE PHOTO

20-year-old had "inadvertently ingested a prohibited substance, which can be commonly found in cough syrups".

Shaw's ban ends on November 15 and he has already

started training for the Mushtaq Ali Trophy where he would play for Mumbai.

On the occasion of his 20th birthday, Shaw took to social media to share a video of himself practising in the nets.

"I turn 20 today. I assure it will be Prithvi Shaw 2.0 going forward. Thank u for all the good wishes & support. Will be back in action soon. #motivation #hardwork #believe," he tweeted.

Shaw, who has represented India in two Test matches, last played in the IPL in May.

REGIONAL ROUND-UP

Hansraj College enters the knockout phase

NEW DELHI: Hansraj College beat Lady Shri Ram College 3-1 in the second round of the Delhi University inter-college women's table tennis championship at the Delhi University Sports Complex on Saturday. Shaheed Rajguru College for Applied Science, Shri Aurobindo College, Ramjas College, Daulat Ram College, Kirori Mal College, Bharti College were the other teams which progressed to the knockout draw.

Ashish rallies past Shameem to enter the final
NOIDA: Ashish Chaudhary fought his way past Shameem of Mauritius 16-14, 14-16, 16-14 in the under-18 boys' semifinals of the Indian Open international series crossminton championship at the Indus Valley Public

School, Sector-62, on Saturday.

Ashish will play Vinit in the final.

The men's final will be contested between Amir and Kashif, while the women's final will pit Paridhi against Yashika.

The results (semifinals): Men: Amir bt Prashant 16-8, 9-16, 16-12. Kashif bt Piyush 16-8, 16-11.

Women: Paridhi bt Chavi Rathi 16-10, 16-14. Yashika bt Seema 17-5, 16-4.

Boys: Under-18: Vinit bt Aditya 16-10, 16-7. Ashish Choudhary bt Shameem 16-14, 14-16, 16-14.

Under-14: Jashandeep bt Prateek 16-10, 15-17, 16-13. Tushar bt Yug 16-4, 16-8.

Girls: Under-18: Yashika bt Akriti 16-12, 16-6. Paridhi bt Ruqaiya 16-11, 16-2.

Under-14: Maryam Masood bt Tannzil Jindal 16-3, 16-12. Akriti bt Prachi 16-10, 16-10.