

Delhi starts off with a comprehensive victory

Cameos by the top-order and Rana's four-wicket haul help it beat Maharashtra

MUSHTAQ ALI

S. DIPAK RAGAV
SURAT
Delhi made a strong start in the Super League phase of the Syed Mushtaq Ali tournament with a comprehensive 77-run win over Maharashtra at the CB Patel stadium here on Thursday.

Put in to bat, Delhi made 167/5 thanks to small cameos by the top order batsmen with skipper Dhruv Shorey making an unbeaten 48. He was ably helped by Himmat Singh, who slammed a 16-ball 32 with three sixes.

On a wicket that had turned and bounce, it was Nitish Rana that starred for Delhi — picking up four wickets with his off-spin in addition to his 21 with the bat.

In reply, Maharashtra's chase never got going. Every time a batsman tried to take charge and go over the top for a big one, he found a field-

Friday's schedule
Group A: Rajasthan v Haryana; Baroda v Delhi
Group B: Tamil Nadu v Mumbai; Karnataka v Jharkhand
 der invariably and the team was bowled out for just 90.

Valiant Gaikwad
Only opener Raturaj Gaikwad showed some fight with a valiant 42 (32b, 4x4, 1x6) but he struggled for support from the other end.

Delhi's fielding was top notch with some brilliant relay catches in the deep in addition to two run-outs including the crucial one of Kedar Jadhav.

Earlier, opener Shikhar Dhawan started things off well for Delhi with a six in the first over hitting left-arm spinner Azim Kazi over mid-wicket before finding two

boundaries off pacer Digvijay Deshmukh through point.

Fellow opener Hiten Dalal too looked good as the duo got Delhi off to a good start with a 44-run opening wicket stand.

However, Deshmukh fought back removing opener Dalal before off-spinner Shamshuzama Kazi dismissed Dhawan for 24.

The off-spinner soon had

Anuj Rawat too caught behind to reduce Delhi to 68/3 in the ninth over. Shorey then started aggressively with a six and four before he consolidated while Rana hit a couple of sixes against the spinners in his 18-ball 21.

Himmat Singh then gave the innings some momentum scoring at a strike rate of 200 in a knock that included two fours and three sixes.

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Delhi 167/5 in 20 overs (Dhruv Shorey 48 n.o., Himmat Singh 32, Shamshuzama Kazi 2/20) bt Maharashtra 90 in 20 overs (Raturaj Gaikwad 42, Nitish Rana 4/17).

Punjab 199/4 in 20 overs (Abhishek Sharma 72, Mandeep Singh 81 n.o., Shahbaz Nadeem 2/27) bt Jharkhand 90 in 14.2 overs (Mayank Markande 3/13, Harpreet Singh Brar 2/20).

Baroda 201/5 in 20 overs (Aditya Wagmode 88, Kedar

Devdhar 64, Khaleel Ahmed 2/47, Aniket Choudhary 2/27) bt Rajasthan 186/8 in 20 overs (Ankit Lamba 54, Arjit Gupta 41, Atit Sheth 3/34, Rishi Arothe 3/47).

Tamil Nadu 158/7 in 20 overs (Dinesh Karthik 43, Washington Sundar 39, V Koushik 2/23, Ronit More 2/25) lost to Karnataka 161/1 in 16.2 overs (K.L. Rahul 69 n.o., Manish Pandey 52 n.o., Devdutt Padikkal 36).



Captain's knock: Dhruv Shorey's unbeaten 48 was the cornerstone of Delhi's fighting total against Maharashtra. • FILE PHOTO: V. RAJU

Dhawan injured

SPORTS REPORTER
SURAT

Delhi opener Shikhar Dhawan injured his left knee while batting during the match against Maharashtra on Thursday. The India opener scampers to get back to his crease and put in full-fledged dive.

It later emerged that a piece of wood in his batting pads tore through his knee and the batsman realised he was bleeding once he returned to the dressing room after getting out.

Dhawan had multiple stitches on his knee and did not take the field. He is likely to miss Friday's match against Baroda.

TV PICKS

New Zealand vs England: First Test, Star Sports Select 1 (SD & HD), 3.30 a.m.

Australia vs Pakistan: First Test, Sony Six (SD & HD), 5.30 a.m.

NBA: Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD), 6.30 a.m.

India vs Bangladesh: Second Test, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD), 1 p.m.

Syed Mushtaq Ali T20: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD), 2 p.m. & 6.30 p.m.

T10 League: Sony Six & Sony Ten 3 (SD & HD), 5 p.m.

Srikanth and Sameer exit

KOREA MASTERS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
GWANGJU (KOREA)

The Indian challenge in the Korea Masters badminton championship ended with K. Srikanth and Sameer Verma suffering straight-game losses in the second round here on Thursday.

Srikanth, who had shown signs of regaining his form with a semifinal finish at Hong Kong Open last week, exited the BWF World Tour Super 300 tournament with a 21-14, 21-19 loss to Japan's Kanta Tsuneyama. Sameer fought gallantly before going down 21-19, 21-12 to local shuttler Kim Donghun.

Saurav Ghosal enters quarterfinals

SPORTS BUREAU
LONDON

Saurav Ghosal, seeded seventh, defeated Tom Richards of England 11-3, 11-5, 11-5 to move into the quarterfinals of the Channel VAS squash championship, a PSA world tour gold event, being held at the St. George's Hill LTC in Surrey. Ghosal will meet top seed Mohamed El Shorbagy of Egypt next.

Triple-gold haul for India

Mehuli, Elavenil and Divyansh on target

WC SHOOTING

SPORTS BUREAU
PUTIAN (CHINA)

It was a golden day for Indian shooting as Manu Bhaker, Elavenil Valarivan and Divyansh Singh Panwar won gold at the prestigious World Cup Final here on Friday.

The gold haul was triggered by Manu who won with a World junior record score of 244.7. She beat Zorana Arunovic of Serbia by 2.8 points.

Elavenil qualified in second place with 631.1 and beat the topper Ying-Shin Lin of Chinese Taipei by 0.1 point for the women's air rifle gold.

Mehuli Ghosh also made the final, but World No. 1 and 2 Apurvi Chandela and Anjum Moudgil were not at

These are exciting times: Gavaskar

Hopes Ganguly will be immensely successful as BCCI president

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

Legendary cricketer Sunil Gavaskar looked forward to the first pink-ball day-night Test in the country starting at the Eden Gardens here on Friday.

Speaking on the occasion of being conferred life membership of Measurers Club here on Thursday, Gavaskar said, "I have never played pink-ball cricket. These are exciting times. This is some news for Indian cricket. Not too many pink-ball matches have been played even in world cricket."

Have come prepared

On a lighter vein, Gavaskar, who would do television commentary for the India-Bangladesh match, said, "I have come prepared for it.



Gavaskar. • PTI

My shirt, strap of the watch and socks are of pink colour."

He hoped that Sourav Ganguly would be immensely successful as the president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

"He has got 10 months. I hope he will be five times successful than me (as BCCI chief for two and a half months)," said Gavaskar.

Lt. Governor concerned at DDCA developments

Wants president to follow Ombudsman's order

VIJAY LOKAPALLY
NEW DELHI

Lt. Governor Anil Bajjal has expressed his concern at the state of affairs at Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA).

The DDCA president Rajat Sharma, on Thursday, met the Lt. Governor, along with two Government nominees — Rajan Tewari and R.P. Singh, and S.K. Aggarwal (DDCA Director) — to present him a cheque for ₹10 lakh towards the Delhi Police Martyr's Fund.

According to Tewari, "The Lt. Governor was keeping track of the developments at the DDCA.

"He appreciated the efforts made by us to focus on transparency and wanted the DDCA president to follow the order of the Ombudsman (Justice (retd.) Ba-



For a cause: DDCA president Rajat Sharma presents a cheque for Delhi Police to Lt. Governor Anil Bajjal as Rajan Tewari, R.P. Singh and S.K. Aggarwal look on.

dar Durrez Ahmed). He wanted us to preserve the image of cricket in the Capital."

Rajat Sharma had resigned from his post to "expose" the working of the Apex Council where he claimed some members

were indulging in corrupt practices.

The Ombudsman had stayed the resignation of Rajat Sharma in the "interest of the game" and would be giving the two factions at the DDCA a hearing on November 27.

Knotty Ash for Rajyotsava Trophy

BENGALURU: Knotty Ash, who is in fine fettle, is expected to score in the Rajyotsava Trophy (1,400m), the feature event of the race to be held here on Friday (Nov 22). False rails (width about 3.5m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position. Jockey for Merlot (8th race) will be declared later.

1 BELUR PLATE (1,200m), rated 00 to 20, 5-y-o & over, 12-45 p.m.: 1. Master Of War (3) P.S. Chouhan 60, 2. Savisa (10) Vaibhav 59.5, 3. Barog (7) I. Chisty 59, 4. Indian Brahmos (12) T.S. Jodha 58.5, 5. All By Myself (6) S. Shiva Kumar 58, 6. Aqua Blessing (8) Chetan K 57.5, 7. Good Word (5) S. Shareef 57.5, 8. El Matador (4) A. Vishwanath 56, 9. Dont-breaktherules (2) R. Marshall 55, 10. Miming (9) Kiran Rai 53.5, 11. Kanthaka (11) Rajesh K 52 and 12. High Hawk (1) Rayan 51.5.

1. MASTER OF WAR, 2. BAROG, 3. AQUA BLESSING
2. AIHOLE PLATE (1,400m), rated 15 to 35, 4-y-o & over, 1-15: 1. Asgardia (11) Akshay Kumar 57, 2. Cavaliere (7) R. Smith 57, 3. Mighty Red (12) Donoghue 57, 4. My Vision (2) T.S. Jodha 57, 5. Sir Supremo (6) Arshad 57, 6. Skyfire (4) Vaibhav 57, 7. Super Gladiator

(8) P.S. Chouhan 57, 8. Tazamour (3) R. Anand 57, 9. Torosanto (1) Rajesh K 57, 10. Heavenly Angel (10) Darshan 55.5, 11. Star And Garter (5) David Egan 55.5, 12. Temple Dancer (9) Sandesh 55.5.

1. ASGARDIA, 2. STAR AND GARTER, 3. CAVALIERE
3. MASTER KEY PLATE (1,200m), rated 15 to 35, 5-y-o & over, 1-45: 1. San Bernardino (5) I. Chisty 60, 2. Agnar (7) Darshan 59.5, 3. Dagobert (9) Kiran Rai 58.5, 4. Hidden Soldier (10) R. Anand 58.5, 5. Ispeldangeroall (8) J.H. Arul 58.5, 6. Industrialist (11) Akshay Kumar 56, 7. James Bond (2) A. Vishwanath 55, 8. Santorini Secret (1) Toussif Khan 55, 9. Limato (4) B. Dharshan 54, 10. Princess Pride (3) Jagadeesh 54, 11. Grecian Light (2) S. Shareef 53.5 and 12. Smile Of Peace (6) P. Surya 53.5.

1. SAN BERNARDINO, 2. AGNAR, 3. INDUSTRIALIST
4. ALTENBURG PLATE (1,400m), rated 15 to 35, 4-y-o & over, 2-15: 1. Candlelightqueen (9) Sandesh 60, 2. Hafnium (2) S. Shiva Kumar 60, 3. Brown Bess (11) S. John 58.5, 4. Desert Angel (4) P.S. Chouhan 58, 5. Soviet Union (7) K. Ravighu 58, 6. Sharp Response (5) David Egan 57, 7.

Honey Trap (12) Antony 56.5, 8. Andra King (8) Tauseef 55, 9. Nawabzadi (10) T.S. Jodha 55, 10. Aleef (3) Rayan 54, 11. Fierce Fighter (6) Darshan 54 and 12. Bella Mamma (1) J.H. Arul 53.5.

1. SHARP RESPONSE, 2. DESERT ANGEL, 3. CANDLELIGHTQUEEN

5. BIDAR PLATE (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 30 to 50, 4-y-o & over, 2-45: 1. Call Me Maybe (5) Md. Akram 60, 2. Land Of Liberty (3) Rajesh K 59, 3. Varcasva (10) Akshay Kumar 58.5, 4. Emidio (7) Naveen Kumar 58, 5. Mahanati (2) Vinod Shinde 57.5, 6. Panama (12) I. Chisty 57.5, 7. Armin (4) Antony 56, 8. Benedict (9) Ivan 56, 9. Scarlet Princess (11) Arshad 56, 10. Look Out (1) Kiran Rai 54.5, 11. Princeazeem (6) S. Shareef 54.5 and 12. Florencia (8) Rayan 53.

1. PANAMA, 2. ARMIN, 3. LOOK OUT
6. DHARMASTHALA TROPHY (1,600m), rated 30 to 50, 3-15: 1. King Of The Wind (6) Selvaraj 60, 2. Electra (12) Sandesh 59.5, 3. Brooklyn Supreme (2) Chetan K 58.5, 4. Kirkwood (7) S. John 58.5, 5. Spirit Bruce (4) Kiran Rai 58.5, 6. Three Wishes (11) Donoghue 57, 7. Fotogenic (8) A. Ramu 56.5, 8. Duxton (9) Darshan 56, 9. Lawrence Of Arabia (10) T.S. Jodha 55.5, 10. Marco Polo (11)

Srinath 55.5, 11. Dreams United (3) Sai Kiran 54.5 and 12. Incitatus (5) Vaibhav 53.

1. ELECTRA, 2. KIRKWOOD, 3. MARCO POLO

7. KARNATAKA POLICE TROPHY (1,400m), rated 60 & above, 3-45: 1. Haedi's Folly (1) S. John 60, 2. War Hammer (5) Srinath 59, 3. Buscadero (4) Vinod Shinde 57.5, 4. Regal Music (12) Vaibhav 56.5, 5. Turf Magic (11) Donoghue 56, 6. Ambrosio (2) Sandesh 56, 7. Blue Blazer (9) Kiran Rai 56, 8. Side Winder (7) Arvind Kumar 56, 9. Fire Glow (10) I. Chisty 55.5, 10. Striking Grey (3) Darshan 55.5, 11. Dr Logan (-) (-) 54.5 and 12. Corybantic (8) B. Harish 53.5.

1. WAR HAMMER, 2. AMBROSIO, 3. HAEDI'S FOLLY
8. RAJYOTSAVA TROPHY (1,400m), 3-y-o & over, (Terms), 4-15: 1. Knotty Ash (4) S. John 61, 2. Mauritania (2) Sandesh 60.5, 3. Aeolus (3) Zervan 56, 4. Arca Legend (1) I. Chisty 56, 5. Ashwa Raftar (7) A. Vishwanath 56, 6. Merlot (5) (-) 54.5 and 7. Sakura (6) Akshay Kumar 54.5.

1. KNOTTY ASH, 2. AEOLUS, 3. ARCA LEGEND
9. ROYAL CALCUTTA TURF CLUB CUP (1,400m), 3-y-o, (Terms), 4-45: 1. Commodus (6) Srinath

58.5, 2. Here And Now (2) T.S. Jodha 55.5, 3. Malwa (5) Akshay Kumar 55.5, 4. On The Trot (8) I. Chisty 55.5, 5. Ice Flow (3) Sandesh 54, 6. Magic Stream (1) Zervan 54, 7. Palm Reader (4) P.S. Chouhan 54, 8. Bostonia (7) N.S. Parmar 50 and 9. Queen Regnant (-) (-) 50.

1. HERE AND NOW, 2. ON THE TROT, 3. MALWA

10. BIDAR PLATE (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 30 to 50, 4-y-o & over, 5-15: 1. Tokyo Rose (1) Akshay Kumar 60, 2. Dream Star (12) I. Chisty 59.5, 3. Depth Charge (7) K. Raghu 59, 4. Pink Smile (9) S. John 59, 5. Siyouni (3) M. Prabhakaran 59, 6. Ultimate Speed (8) Darshan 58.5, 7. Alberta (5) Vaibhav 58, 8. Secretsuperstar (6) Kiran Rai 58, 9. Harmonia (10) Arvind Kumar 57, 10. Astral Force (4) Antony 56, 11. Another Rainbow (11) Vinod Shinde 54 and 12. Propine (2) Rayan 53.5.

1. TOKYO ROSE, 2. SIYOUNI, 3. ULTIMATE SPEED

Day's best: WAR HAMMER

Double: SHARP RESPONSE — KNOTTY ASH

Jkt: 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7; (iii): 8, 9 and 10.

Chennai slips, but remains on top with Jungsher

SHOOTING

KAMESH SRINIVASAN
NEW DELHI

Olympian Kynan Chenai slipped a bit at the end of the second day, but still led the field in the company of Jungsher Virk, as the two led with 98 out of 100 after four rounds of men's trap in the 63rd National shotgun championship at the Dr. Karni Singh Range, Tughlaka-

bad, on Thursday. After three perfect rounds of 25, Kynan had a 23 in the fourth round. In contrast, Jungsher, followed up his two rounds of 24 on the opening day, with two perfect rounds of 25 to jump into the joint lead.

While Anant Shivan Pratap Singh followed with 97, there were eight others on

96, including the former World champion and six-time Asian champion Manavjit Singh Sandhu who shot two rounds of 25.

Yuvraj Kumar Mahajan, Mohd. Saif Sheikh, Aakash Kushwaha, Vibhu Sharma, Manavadiya Singh Rathore, Prithviraj Tondaiman and Zoravar Sandhu were the others on 96. Zoravar had shot two rounds of 25 earlier, and came up with rounds of 23 on Thursday. Prithviraj Tondaiman had rounds of 24 and 23 this day.

The young Vivaan Kapoor was on 95 along with Vishavdev Singh Sidhu.

Among the juniors, Jungsher Virk led with 98, two points ahead of Aakash Kushwaha, Vibhu Sharma and overnight leader Manavadiya Singh Rathore.

Mavericks rout Warriors

LOS ANGELES: Dallas Mavericks trounced Golden State Warriors 142-94 in the NBA on Wednesday.

Important results:

Philadelphia 76ers 109 bt New York Knicks 104; Washington Wizards 138 bt San An-

tonio Spurs 132; Milwaukee Bucks 135 bt Atlanta Hawks 127.

Brooklyn Nets 101 bt Charlotte Hornets 91; Miami Heat 124 bt Cleveland Cavaliers 100; Toronto Raptors 113 bt Orlando Magic 97.

Seven new marks set

NEW DELHI: Suvana Baskar, Yug Chelani, Aryan Panchal, Apaksha Fernandes, Kareena Shankta, Ridhima Kumar and Vedant Bapna set new meet marks on the fifth day of competition in the 65th National School Games swimming on Thursday.

The results: Men: Under-19: 200m backstroke: 1. Shubham Dhaygude 2:15.71s, 2. Kausik Victor 2:16.20, 3. Aditya Bopanna 2:17.18. **200m butterfly:** 1. Vallabha Krishna 2:09.07, 2. Akshit Choudhary 2:09.35, 3. Saif Chandan Ali 2:09.86; **100m breaststroke:** 1. Tanish Nayasar 1:06.95, 2. Sreedip Mondal 1:07.89, 3. Prithviraj Dange 1:08.50; **4x100m medley:** 1. Tamil Nadu 4:04.31, 2. Maharashtra 4:07.33, 3. Delhi 4:07.38.

Women: Under-19: 200m backstroke: 1. Shrungi Banderkar 2:27.94, 2. Yashwani Suhag 2:32.71, 3. Jispa Doshi 2:35.11; **200m butterfly:** 1. Vanshika Sharma 2:33.11, 2. Suchetana Chakraborty 2:33.43, 3. Maitrayani Bhosale 2:37.61; **100m breaststroke:** 1. Aaliyah Singh 1:18.94, 2. Yashika Rawat 1:19.85, 3. Silki Nagpure 1:23.28.

Boys: Under-17: 200m backstroke: 1. Vedant Bapna 2:09.00 (NMR), 2. Tanmay Das 2:11.49, 3. Devansh Parmar 2:12.37; **200m butterfly:** 1. Aryan Panchal 2:06.82 (NMR), 2. Harsh Saroha 2:09.69, 3. R. Sambhav 2:11.26; **100m breaststroke:** 1. Benedicton

1:09.35, 2. Bhargav Phukan 1:09.49, 3. Srish Maulik 1:09.84; **4x100m medley:** 1. Tamil Nadu 4:07.53, 2. Delhi 4:07.60, 3. West Bengal 4:14.36.

Under-14: 100m backstroke: 1. Abhinandan Khandelwal 1:11.56, 2. Vidith Shankar 1:11.73; **200m butterfly:** 1. Yug Chelani 2:14.94 (NMR), 2. Parabrata Biswas 2:23.15, 3. Saswata Roy 2:24.04; **200m breaststroke:** 1. Siddhant Singh Jadon 2:23.86, 2. H. Nithik 2:24.39, 3. S. Akash 2:30.17; **4x100m medley:** 1. Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan 4:29.44, 2. Sreedip 4:29.69, 3. Maharashtra 4:33.27.

Girls: Under-17: 200m backstroke: 1. Suvana Baskar 2:27.18 (NMR), 2. Palak Karpesh Dhani 2:33.29, 3. Saanvi Sood 2:33.37; **200m butterfly:** 1. Apaksha Fernandes 2:22.30 (NMR), 2. Astha Choudhury 2:25.46, 3. Kanya Nayyar 2:29.60; **100m breaststroke:** 1. Kareena Shankta 1:14.91 (NMR), 2. Arushi Manjunath 1:18.64, 3. Zaara Jabbar 1:20.22.

Under-14: 200m backstroke: 1. Ridhima Kumar 2:29.75 (NMR), 2. Palak Joshi 2:35.17, 3. Arshpreet Kaur 2:39.76; **200m butterfly:** 1. Kiara Bangera 2:31.21, 2. Dhara Patel 2:35.41, 3. Lavleen Das 2:37.67; **100m breaststroke:** 1. Anushka Bhagat 1:19.71, 2. Shriya Prasad 1:20.86, 3. V. Hitaishi 1:21.33.

DELHI ROUND-UP

PNB and Punjab Police registered wins

NEW DELHI: Sumit Toppo scored the lone goal of the match three minutes from time as Punjab National Bank (PNB) managed a 1-0 win over a fighting Indian Air Force (IAF) in a Pool B match of the 56th Nehru senior hockey tournament.

In another game of Pool B, Punjab Police (PP) rode on goals from Sarvanjit Singh, Hardeep Singh and Inderjit Singh to register a 3-1 win over Northern Railway

The results:
Pool B: PNB 1 (Sumit Toppo) bt IAF 0; PP 3 (Sarvanjit Singh, Hardeep Singh, Inderjit Singh) bt NR 1 (Dharminder Singh).

Gargi College triumphs
 Riti Tomar took four for eight and Tanya scored an unbeaten 69 as Gargi College beat Jesus & Mary College (JMC) by eight wickets to lift the Delhi University inter-collegiate women's tournament.

The scores: JMC 109 in 38.2 overs (Saumya 36, Riti Tomar 4/8, Parkhi Saini 3/13) lost to Gargi 111/2 in 31.3 overs (Tanya 69 n.o.).

Vinod sizzles
 Vinod Kumar's unbeaten 78 helped York Club beat Indian Sports Star Academy by 11

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