

TV PICKS

NBA: Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD), 6.30 a.m.
ISL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD), 7.30 p.m.
Europa League: Sony Ten 2 & ESPN (SD & HD), 9.30 p.m.

IN BRIEF



Leonard and George deliver for Clippers

WASHINGTON
Kawhi Leonard (28 points) and Paul George (26), playing together for only the fourth NBA game this season, powered the Los Angeles Clippers over the Dallas Mavericks 114-99 on Tuesday. The Clippers stretched their win streak to six games and so did the Denver Nuggets, which defeated visiting Washington 117-104 in the night's only other league game. **AFP**

Samir slots five

NEW DELHI
Samir Suhag top-scored with five goals as Col. Girdhari Singh Army Service Corps (ASC) team beat Ascension 9-6 in the Col. Girdhari Singh Cup 8-goal polo tournament on Wednesday.

The results (league): Jindal Panther 9 (Phil Sella 4, Simran Shergill 3, Akshai Malik) bt 61st Cavalry 4 (Ravi Rathore 3, Aman Singh); Col. Girdhari Singh ASC 9 (Samir Suhag 5, Naveen Singh 3, Ravinder) bt Ascension 6 (Siddhant Sharma 4, Abhimanyu Pathak 2).

Yuvraj Lamba wins double trap

NEW DELHI
Yuvraj Lamba of OP Jindal Global University, Sonapat, had won the men's double trap gold with a score of 72, in the all India inter-university shooting championship hosted by the Manav Rachna University at the Dr. Karni Singh Range, Tughlakabad. It was wrongly published in these columns that Lakshay Sheoran, of the Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, had won this event. Lakshay had finished second with 68 in double trap, the same score with which Subeer Sharma of Amity University, Noida, had taken the bronze.

Likhitha advances

SPORTS BUREAU
MONASTIR (TUNISIA)

Likhitha Kalava fought her way past fourth seed Anna Hertel of Poland 2-6, 7-5, 7-6 (2) in the first round of the \$15,000 ITF women's tennis tournament on Wednesday.
Other results:
\$15,000 ITF men, Cairo, Egypt: Singles (first round): Carlos Hernandez (Esp) bt Dhruv Sunish 6-7(3), 6-3, 6-1; Sahil Gaware bt Christos Avraam (Cyp) 6-4, 6-1.
\$15,000 ITF men, Monastir, Tunisia: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Francesco Vilardo (Ita) & Kai Wehnelt (Ger) bt Yash Chaurasia & Tushar Madan 6-4, 6-1.

Spurs make it to the last 16

Bayern's Lewandowski hits four in 16 minutes; late strikes help PSG hold Real

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PARIS

Tottenham Hotspur battled back from two goals down to beat Olympiakos 4-2 and qualify for the Champions League last 16 as manager Jose Mourinho enjoyed a dramatic home debut on Tuesday.

Dele Alli gave last season's runners-up hope of a comeback on the stroke of half-time after the Greek visitors netted twice early on, before a Harry Kane double and Serge Aurier's 73rd-minute goal completed the comeback for Spurs.

Tottenham will finish second in Group B behind its final-day opponent Bayern Munich, which made it five wins from five in Europe this season as Robert Lewandowski's quadruple helped it to a 6-0 win at Red Star Belgrade.

Prolific

The Pole scored four goals in the space of 16 second-half minutes, the first of them a penalty, in between goals by Leon Goretzka and Corentin Tolisso.

Lewandowski has scored



Hit-man: Harry Kane nods in his second and Tottenham Hotspur's fourth goal in the remarkable comeback win against Olympiakos on Tuesday. **GETTY IMAGES**

four times in a Champions League game once before, for Borussia Dortmund against Real Madrid in 2013. He now has 27 goals for Bayern this season.

Pep Guardiola's Manchester City got the point it needed to progress from Group C, drawing 1-1 with Shakhtar Donetsk. On a subdued occasion, Ilkay Gundogan got a 56th-minute opener, but a 66th-minute penalty for the Ukrainians.

Benzema slots two

Karim Benzema scored

twice for the host in an impressive performance, while there was controversy in between as the Portuguese referee showed Real goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois a red card and gave PSG a penalty for a foul on Mauro Icardi, only to overturn his decision following a VAR review.

Teams that have qualified for last-16: Bayern Munich, Juventus, Manchester City, Paris Saint-Germain, Real Madrid and Tottenham Hotspur.

The results: Group A: Galatasaray (Buyuk 11) drew with Club Brugge 1 (Diatia 90+2); Real Madrid 2 (Benzema 17, 79) drew

with Paris Saint-Germain 2 (Mbappe 81, Sarabia 83).

Group B: Red Star Belgrade 0 lost to Bayern Munich 6 (Goretzka 14, Lewandowski 53-pen, 60, 64, 68, Tolisso 89); Tottenham 4 (Alli 45+1, Kane 50, 77, Aurier 73) bt Olympiakos 2 (El Arabi 6, Semedo 19).

Group C: Atalanta 2 (Muriel 27-pen, Gomez 47) bt Dinamo Zagreb 0; Manchester City 1 (Gundogan 56) drew with Shakhtar Donetsk 1 (Solomon 69).

Group D: Juventus 1 (Dybala 45+2) bt Atletico Madrid 0; Lokomotiv Moscow 0 lost to Bayer Leverkusen 2 (Zhemaltdinov 11-og, Bender 54).

Bhubaneswar, Rourkela to host 2023 men's hockey World Cup

UTHRA GANESAN
BHUBANESWAR

It was no surprise but the official announcement here on Wednesday confirmed the obvious - Odisha would continue to be the hotbed of hockey tournaments in the country with the FIH naming the city as the host for the 2023 men's World Cup.

It would be the first time a country would be hosting successive editions of the premier tournament in the sport but the same city hosting it twice makes it even special.

This time, however, Bhubaneswar (which hosted the 2018 WC) would share hosting rights with the Biju Patnaik Hockey Stadium in Rourkela.

"World Cup is the pinnacle of tournaments in hockey for the FIH. It needs to

have a certain standard and, at present, only Bhubaneswar and Delhi have facilities up to that.

Now Rourkela also has it, it only needs to be upgraded. Delhi is not possible because the stadium is completely occupied by the Union Home Ministry and severely restricting government rules," IOA president Narinder Batra, who is also the FIH president, said.

Upgrading turfs

Although Rourkela already has two turfs, they would need to be upgraded to FIH standards and Odisha sports secretary Vishal Dev expressed confidence of completing all necessary work before time.

"We have three years and we already have a stadium with 20,000 capacity that

belongs to the Rourkela Steel Plant.

"We also have the Pamposh Sports Academy which will also be upgraded," Dev said.

However, Rourkela is 330 kilometres away and although it has a domestic airport, the only way to reach there from Bhubaneswar is via road or train and the government would need a massive overhaul of the entire city infrastructure, not just the stadium.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik also laid the foundation stone for 17 new turfs in each block of Sundergarh district, the hockey nursery of the State through a tie-up with Hockey India.

The turfs, though, would use sand-dressed turfs, which do not need water and cost less.



Big-ticket event: Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik at the unveiling of the hockey World Cup Trophy. **BISWARANJAN ROUT**

Motorsport is slowly getting its due recognition: Gill

The Arjuna awardee hopes the XI Racing League becomes successful

ABHISHEK MUKHERJEE
NEW DELHI

With some of the world's best racers from across formats, the XI Racing League aims to hand Indian fans a spectacular experience of racing.

Gaurav Gill, who will race for the AD Racing Delhi team, points out the league's "unique" format distinguishes it from other franchise-based sports leagues in India.

"One of the unique factors here is that we've got an Indian international driver like me who's Indian and who's been in the international arena.

"Now we've got international drivers who's been either in F1 or ex-F1, or Le Mans - so they're all different kinds of racers. And then we've got lady drivers. Then we have junior drivers and they're Indian. So we've got a

big mix of different people who are going to be racing within the team to pick up points," Gill told *The Hindu* at an interaction here.

More sponsorship

Gill hopes the league, which begins on November 30, becomes successful enough to attract more sponsorship in the future. "[The idea is] just to put a package together with the right names and the right guys with the right cars," he said.

Motorsport may be a niche sport in India but it is slowly getting its due recognition, observed Gill.

"It's slowly getting recognition. I've been awarded the Arjuna award recently, so it's big thanks to the Sports Ministry and the Hon'ble Minister (Kiren Rijiju) for looking at



Gaurav Gill.

sport it will take a little bit of time [to come into the mainstream]," he said.

Motorsport is not a sport just for the wealthy, felt Gill. He said he hadn't spent any money while taking his first steps and making his reputation as a driver. So, who handed him his first car?

"Luckily, I had a friend who gave me my first car and then from thereon I had sponsors like JK Tyres, then I progressed further on, then I had MRF - I was with MRF for many years, and I'm back now [with] JK Tyres, so they're funding me and funding my talent at the world level now," he said.

The tournament will be held at the Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida and the MMRC in Tamil Nadu.

Smit and Gurjoat have a good day



Smit Singh.

KAMESH SRINIVASAN
NEW DELHI

Smit Singh of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Gurjoat Singh of Punjab gave company to Olympian Mairaj Ahmad Khan at the top with two perfect rounds in men's skeet in the 63rd National shotgun championship here on Wednesday.

On a bright day, which later gave way to a spell of rain in the evening, the best of shooters got off to a good start, who included Ganemat Sekhon leading in the women's and junior events with 49.

A finalist in the Commonwealth Games last year in Gold Coast, Smit Singh got off to a good start.

Defending champion Angad Vir Singh Bajwa missed a bird in the second round to be on 49, along with Haris Ul Islam, Gurnihal Singh Garcha and Mohd. Sheeraz Sheikh.

FIFA team happy with Salt Lake stadium

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KOLKATA

An eight-member FIFA inspection team on Wednesday expressed happiness at the infrastructure at the Salt Lake Stadium, one of the venues for the 2020 under-17 women's World Cup.

"The stadium has already hosted a FIFA World Cup (under-17) so the core infrastructure is in place. It is great to see that the legacy from 2017 - the infrastructure is in good shape, and that the same operational plan is being used," the Local Organising Committee of the under-17 women's World Cup said in a statement.

The FIFA and LOC delegation, led by project head Oliver Vogt, will next inspect the venue at Guwahati on Thursday.

The FIFA under-17 women's World Cup India 2020 will be held in India from November 2 to 21.

Lonah - a star attraction in TSK 25K

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

Reigning women's 10,000m European champion Lonah Salpeter of Israel will be one of the top athletes to be seen in action in the Tata Steel Kolkata 25K, a World Athletics Silver Label road race, here on December 15.

Lonah, who will celebrate her 31st birthday three days prior to the Kolkata race, is currently sixth on the marathon world list and third on the European all-time list.

Lonah, who dropped out of the marathon in the

World athletics championships in Doha earlier this year, recovered in quick time to win the Frankfurt marathon last month with a timing of 2:23:11.

The Israeli can pose serious challenge to Ethiopian Degitu Azimeraw's TSK course record of 1:26:01, set on 2017.

Kenenisa Bekele's course record of 1:13:48, set two years ago, will be a target for everyone in the men's section.

Two-time World cross country silver medallist Leonard Barsoton of Kenya and

10,000m London Olympics bronze medallist Tariku Bekele, Kenenisa's brother, will be among the elite men runners.

Expected leading runners:

Men: Leonard Barsoton (Ken), Solomon Deksis (Eth), Tariku Bekele (Eth), Bayelign Yegsa (Eth), Daniel Chebib (Ken), Betesfa Getahun (Eth), Tesgay Tuemay (Eri), Ben Somikwo (Uga), Desmond Mkgobu (RSA), Faraja Damasi (Tan).

Women: Lonah Salpeter (Isr), Birke Debele (Eth), Failuna Matanga (Tan), Tejitu Daba (Brn), Guteni Shone (Eth), Nazret Weldu (Eri), Chaltu Kekabo (Eth), Magdalena Shauri (Tan).

Sanjana rallies to down Eva Gartseva

ITF JUNIORS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Sanjana Sirmilla emerged the lone Indian girl to make the quarterfinals as she shrugged off a slow start to beat fourth seed Eva Gartseva of Russia 3-6, 7-5, 6-3 in the ITF grade-4 junior tennis tournament at the DLTA Complex on Wednesday.

In the boys' event, Chirag Duhan fought well to beat the third seed Kabir Hans 7-6 (6), 4-6, 6-0. The tall and wiry Chirag will play seventh seed Daisuke Inagawa of Japan in the quarterfinals.

Top seed Dev Javia was the only other Indian boy to make the quarterfinals.

The results: Under-18 boys (pre-quarterfinals): Dev Javia bt Reiya Komagata (Jpn) 7-6 (2), 6-3; Dragos Petre Popeanga (Rou) bt Jack Loutit (Nzl) 6-4, 6-4; Ekansh Kumar (US) bt Udayvir Singh 6-3, 6-2; Rikuto Yamaguchi (Jpn) bt Krishan Hooda 6-2, 7-6(11); Daisuke Inagawa (Jpn) bt Denim Yadav 6-2, 6-3; Chirag Duhan bt Kabir Hans 7-6(6), 4-6, 6-0; Samir Banerjee (US) bt Arnab Pathange 6-1, 6-4; Rostislav Galfinger (Kaz) bt Siddharth Jadli 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles (quarterfinals): Ros-

tislav Galfinger (Kaz) & Dragos Petre Popeanga (Rou) bt Chirag Duhan & Denim Yadav 7-5, 6-1; Samir Banerjee & Ekansh Kumar (US) bt Sushant Dabas & Krishan Hooda 2-6, 6-2, [10-5]; Nikhil Niranjan (US) & Aryaan Bhatia bt Nithan Eric & Arnab Pathange 7-5, 6-2; Jack Loutit (Nzl) & Jaishvin Sidana bt Kabir Hans & Udayvir Singh 7-5, 2-6 [10-8].

Under-18 girls (pre-quarterfinals): Maria Sholokhova (Rus) bt Vaishnavi Adkar 6-4, 6-2; Mei Hasegawa (Jpn) bt Prerna Vichare 6-1, 6-4; Lanlana Tararudee (Tha) bt Reshma Maruri 6-2, 7-5; Liu Qianyu (Chn) bt Farhat Aleen Qamar 5-0 (re-

tired); Chao-Yi Wang (Tpe) bt Zijun Jiang (Chn) 7-5 (retired); Sanjana Sirmilla bt Eva Gartseva (Rus) 3-6, 7-5, 6-3; Salakthip Ounmuang (Tha) bt Vidhi Jani 6-0, 6-3; Tianmi Mi (Chn) bt Sayaka Ishii (Jpn) 6-2, 7-6(8).

Doubles (quarterfinals): Zijun Jiang & Xiaoyan Xue (Chn) bt Mei Hasegawa (Jpn) & Vipasha Mehra 1-6, 6-2, [10-6]; Sayaka Ishii (Jpn) & Qianyu Liu (Chn) bt Eva Gartseva (Rus) & Bhakti Parwani 6-1, 6-3; Sarah Dev & Prerna Vichare bt Skia Kung & Chao-Yi Wang (Tpe) 6-3, 6-4; Kirara Morioka (Jpn) & Maria Sholokhova (Rus) bt Reshma Maruri & Suhitha Maruri 6-1, 6-2.

Proud competitor



'There's snow better feeling than playing for the country' tweeted veteran Leander Paes ahead of the Davis Cup tie against Pakistan in Nur-Sultan. **COURTESY: TWITTER**

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02 Estimate cost : Rs.156.50 lakhs
03 Period of completion : 2 (Two Months)
04 Class of contractor : B & A Class
05 Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal of 13.12.19
06 Last date / time of receipt of bids in the portal : 5:00 PM of 13.12.19
07 Last date & time of seeking clarification : 5:00 PM of 04.12.19
08 Date & Time of opening of bids : At 12.30 PM of 16.12.19
09 Name and Address of the Officer: General Manager, Inviting Bid : WATCO Division-II, BBSR

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Superintending Engineer-I					
1	83/SE-I/TTD/2019-20	Construction of Additional Floors over existing two hostel blocks with precast concrete technology in SPW College Campus at Tirupati	2770.00 7 months	02.12.2019 5.00 PM	18.12.2019 1.00PM & 3.00 PM
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2	368/SE-II/TTD/2019-20	Expression of Interest for disposal of Dry Waste generated from Tirumala	EOI, Offline Tender 10 years	27.11.2019 5.00 PM	13.12.2019 1.00PM & 3.00 PM
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Superintending Engineer-IV					
3	70/SE-IV/TTD/2019-20	Development of road from Alipiri to Cheltrapalli junction to four lane (Balance Work)	1600.00 12 months	06.12.2019 5.00 PM	21.12.2019 1.00PM & 3.00 PM

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