

TV PICKS

**New Zealand vs England:** 2nd Test, SS Select 1 (SD & HD), 3.30 a.m.  
**NBA:** Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD), 6.30 a.m.  
**ITTF World Cup:** SS Select 2 (SD & HD), 8 a.m. & 2 p.m.  
**Australia vs Pakistan:** 2nd Test, Sony Six (SD & HD), 9 a.m.  
**Syed Modi badminton:** Star Sports 2 (SD & HD), 2 p.m.  
**I-League:** D Sport, 5 p.m.  
**Series A:** Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD), 5 p.m., 7.30 p.m. & 10.30 p.m. & Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD), 1.30 a.m. (Monday)  
**F1:** Abu Dhabi GP: SS Select 2 (SD & HD), 6.30 p.m.  
**Syed Mushtaq Ali T20:** (final): Star Sports 1 (SD & HD), 7 p.m.  
**Premier League:** SS Select 1 & 2 (SD & HD), 7.30 p.m. & 10 p.m.  
**ISL:** Star Sports 2 (SD & HD), 7.30 p.m.

IN BRIEF



**Milwaukee Bucks win 10 in a row**  
LOS ANGELES  
Giannis Antetokounmpo drained four clutch baskets down the stretch as the Milwaukee Bucks won their 10th consecutive game with a 119-110 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Friday.  
**The results:** Brooklyn Nets 112 bt Boston Celtics 107; Charlotte Hornets 110 bt Detroit Pistons 107; Toronto Raptors 90 bt Orlando Magic 83; Milwaukee Bucks 119 bt Cleveland Cavaliers 110; Philadelphia 76ers 101 bt New York Knicks 95; Indiana Pacers 105 bt Atlanta Hawks 104 (OT); Miami Heat 122 bt Golden State Warriors 105; Utah Jazz 103 bt Memphis Grizzlies 94; Oklahoma City Thunder 109 bt New Orleans Pelicans 104; San Antonio Spurs 107 bt Los Angeles Clippers 97; Dallas Mavericks 120 bt Phoenix Suns 113; Portland Trail Blazers 107 bt Chicago Bulls 103; Los Angeles Lakers 125 bt Washington Wizards 103.  
AGENCIES

**Toor to be India's flag-bearer at SAG**  
NEW DELHI  
Star shot putter Tajinder Pal Singh Toor will be India's flag-bearer at the South Asian Games opening ceremony, to be held on Sunday in Kathmandu, according to IOA secretary-general Rajeev Mehta. Toor is the reigning Asian Games champion. PTI

**Rajinigandha Achievers enters final**  
NEW DELHI  
Rajinigandha Achievers beat Jindal Panther 8-7 to reach the final of the Col. Girdhari Singh Cup 8-goal polo tournament on Saturday. In the final to be played at the Jaipur Polo ground on Sunday, Rajinigandha will play Adie Broswon.  
**The results (semifinals):** Rajinigandha Achievers 8 (Padmanabh Singh 4, Daniel Otamendi 3, Kuldeep Singh Rathore) bt Jindal Panther 7 (Simran Shergill 5, Phil Seller, Venkatesh Jindal). Adie Broswon 4 (Salim Azmi 2, Dhananjay Singh, Basheer Ali) bt Col. Girdhari Singh ASC 3 (Naveen Singh 3).

# Mairaj-Areeba shoot mixed skeet gold

Sekhon & Sukhbir pair clinches silver

NATL. SHOTGUN

**KAMESH SRINIVASAN**  
NEW DELHI  
Mairaj Ahmad Khan and Areeba Khan won the mixed skeet gold for Uttar Pradesh as they beat Ganemat Sekhon and Karam Sukhbir Singh 37-36 in the 63rd National shotgun championship which concluded at the Dr. Karni Singh Range, Tughlakabad, on Saturday.

Rajasthan won the bronze through Anant Jeet Singh Naruka and Darshna Rahtore, who beat Zahra Deeswala and Chetan Reddy of Telangana 39-33, after having scored 141 in qualification and missed the gold contest by one point.

Ganemat Sekhon went on to win the junior gold, with Abhay Sekhon as the duo beat Ajay Thakur and Khushi Dhakad 36-34, after having topped qualification 141 to 139.

Telangana pair of Zahra Deeswala and Muneek Battula



**Golden pair:** Mairaj Ahmad Khan and Areeba Khan who were on target in the mixed skeet event on Saturday.  
\*SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

won the tie-shoot against Rajasthan's Karttiki Shaktawat

and Indraved Hada for the junior mixed skeet bronze.

## Javia strides to title

Sanjana yields to Lanlana

ITF TENNIS

**KAMESH SRINIVASAN**  
NEW DELHI  
Top seed Dev Javia's all-round game brought him a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Rostislav Galfinger of Kazakhstan in the boys' final of the ITF grade-4 junior tennis tournament at the DLTA Complex on Saturday.

Serving well, moving smoothly into his strokes and hitting top-spin drives with varying degrees of loop, the 17-year-old Javia controlled the contest, and his tall opponent like a puppet on a string.

It was the third singles title this season for Javia, who aspires to improve his ranking from the current 134, so as to play the Australian Open junior event in January in Melbourne.  
The Gujarat left-hander may be wiry, but has the energy, and very sound coaching support to be able to live his dream at a time when Indian juniors are not able to make much headway on the world stage.



**Reason to smile:** ITF junior tennis champions Dev Javia and Lanlana Tatarudee. \*KAMESH SRINIVASAN

In the girls' final, the 759th-ranked Sanjana Sirimalla tried hard but her tired legs would not cooperate against the explosive strokeplay of Thailand's Lanlana Tatarudee, who hit her forehand with classic elegance and timing. Lanlana won 6-4, 6-2.

Lanlana was in a spot of bother early in the second set as she trailed 0-2, but kept her cool to stroke her way through in the next six games.

It was a commendable that Sanjana had fought her way to the final in a good field, with sheer grit and the ability to hit clean.

It will be another good opportunity for the Indians when they move to Pune for the grade-3 tournament next week.

Former National coach and chairman of the National selection committee Balram Singh presented the trophies.

**The results (finals):** Boys: Dev Javia bt Rostislav Galfinger (Kaz) 6-4, 6-4.  
Girls: Lanlana Tatarudee (Tha) bt Sanjana Sirimalla 6-4, 6-2.

## Aizawl holds Mohun Bagan

I-LEAGUE

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
AIZAWL  
Host Aizawl Football Club held Mohun Bagan to a goalless draw in the opening match of the 13th I-League here on Saturday.

The season's inaugural game had several moments of excitement but a goal eluded both. The referee flashed the yellow card a few times, but overall, the game was played in a competitive spirit.

**The results:** At Aizawl: Aizawl 0 drew with Mohun Bagan 0.

**At Kozhikode:** Gokulam FC 2 (Henry Kisekka 43, Marcus Joseph 49) bt Neroca 1 (Taryk Sampson 88).

## CFC, Gregory part ways

A successor is yet to be announced

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
CHENNAI

Chennaiyin FC (CFC), on Saturday, announced that it has parted ways with head coach John Gregory by mutual consent.

The club is yet to announce a successor for the Englishman.

In a joint statement, the CFC co-owners said: "The club would like to sincerely thank John for his services. He led us admirably well and delivered our second Indian Super League (Hero ISL) title. He, thus, also made us the first ISL club to qualify for the AFC Cup and oversaw our debut appearance in Asia while also reaching the 2019 Super

Cup final. All of us at the club would like to wish John the very best in his future endeavours.

"This decision has been taken after a detailed discussion with John, and all parties involved believe this will be the right step for everyone associated with the club."

Gregory's final match turned out to be the one at home against Odisha FC which ended in a 2-2 draw on Nov. 28.

*The Hindu* has learnt that Gregory has left for London on Saturday, and the fact that the news was put up by the club online at around 5 a.m. showed the level of secrecy involved.

## Rajiv finishes 14th, gets two points

**SPORTS BUREAU**  
BURIRAM (THAILAND)

It was a day of mixed fortunes for IDEMITSU Honda Racing India team in the Asia Production 250cc class in the final round of the FIM Asia Road Racing Championship here on Saturday.

The team's top rider Rajiv

Sethu was out of the top 15 front bunch in the morning qualifier but staged a strong comeback in Race 1 to finish 14th, thus adding two more points to the Indian team's kitty.

After qualifying 16th with a best lap time of 1:54.737s, Rajiv quickly gained two po-

sitions in the first lap, but he finally ended in the same position recording a total time of 19:16.421s.

Senthil Kumar, the team's other rider, however, crashed out of the race in the opening lap with an aggressive cornering in the last turn.

## Krishna is ATK's saviour with last-minute strike

His goal salvages a point for the host against Mumbai City in an exciting contest



**Joy unlimited!** Roy Krishna is over the moon after slotting home the equaliser. \*RAJEEV BHATT

ISL

**AMITABHA DAS SHARMA**  
KOLKATA

ATK and Mumbai City's resolve came to the fore in an exciting 2-2 draw in their ISL contest at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Saturday.

Watched by a partisan crowd of 33,515, the teams shared four goals, the last two coming in injury time. ATK took the lead through Michael Soosairaj late in the first half before Mumbai equalised through Pratik Chowdhary early after the break.

The visitors seemed to have wrapped it up when substitute Kevin Angoue put it ahead in the 93rd minute, but Roy Krishna struck in the

final minute of added time to salvage a point for the host.

ATK managed to keep the shape of its attack despite the visitor enjoying a greater possession in the opening half. Mumbai was quite active in the creative zone, the Portuguese-Tunisian combination Paulo Machado and Mohamed Larbi doing a lot. Both Amine Chermiti and Modou Sougou were busy upfront with regular assists coming their way, but the scoreline remained unaltered due to poor finishing.

Soosairaj strikes

ATK broke the deadlock in the 38th minute when Soosairaj latched on to a through-ball from Edu Garcia who split the Mumbai de-

## Hamilton back on pole

**AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE**  
ABU DHABI

Lewis Hamilton claimed his first pole position in four months with a scorching record lap at the Yas Marina circuit on Saturday as Mercedes dominated qualifying ahead of Sunday's Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.

The recently-crowned champion delivered a late lap in one minute and 34.779 seconds to outpace teammate Valtteri Bottas.

**Starting grid: 1st row:** Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes), Max Verstappen (Red Bull); **2nd row:** Charles Leclerc (Ferrari), Sebastian Vettel (Ferrari); **3rd row:** Alexander Albon (Red Bull), Lando Norris (McLaren); **4th row:** Daniel Ricciardo (Renault), Carlos Sainz Jr. (McLaren); **5th row:** Nico Hulkenberg (Renault), Sergio Perez (Racing Point); **6th row:** Pierre Gasly (Toro Rosso), Lance Stroll (Racing Point); **7th row:** Daniil Kvyat (Toro Rosso), Kevin Magnussen (Haas); **8th row:** Romain Grosjean (Haas), Antonio Giovinazzi (Alfa Romeo); **9th row:** Kimi Raikkonen (Alfa Romeo), George Russell (Williams); **10th row:** Robert Kubica (Williams), Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes).

## Khelo India Games to be held from January 10

Various locations in Guwahati will host the event, which will see 451 medal events

**SPORTS BUREAU**  
GUWAHATI

The third edition of the Khelo India Youth Games will be held at various locations in Guwahati from January 10 to 23. The announcement was made at the launch ceremony event here on Saturday by Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Union Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju.

The event marked the unveiling of the composite logo of the third edition of the Games, the players jersey, the Games Mascots and the theme song at the Karmabir Nabin Chandra Bordoloi Indoor Stadium, Sarusajai.

Athletes Hima Das, Swapna Burman and Lovlina Borgohain joined the ceremony, which was attended by a host of dignitaries from the world of sport.



**Let the Games begin:** Swapna Burman, Lovlina Borgohain, Union Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju, Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Hima Das at a ceremony announcing the third edition of the Games. \*SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

This year, over 10,000 participants from across the country, will compete in 451 medal events in 20 sport disciplines, two more than last year. This year, cycling and lawn bowls have been added to the list of competing sport events.

"I am delighted to welcome the Khelo India Youth Games to Assam. The Games will surely inspire all the children in the State as well as the entire North-East region to take up sports and bring glory for themselves, our state and indeed our country," Sonowal said.

Rijiju hoped the Games would trigger a sports revolution across the north-east region. "The Khelo India Youth Games is one of the most empowering initiatives of the Indian Government that hopes to not only give a

platform to youngsters from all over the country to make a future in sport, but also to build India into a sporting nation," Rijiju said.

"I invite every sports-loving and talented youngster to grab this opportunity and begin his or her journey towards excellence, he added.

Hima Das, one of the most celebrated athletes from Assam, noted, "This is the biggest boost for us athletes not just in terms of scholarships but also in terms of moral encouragement and motivation," said Hima.

Pugilist Lovlina Borgohain observed, "We are all so excited that the Games are taking place in our home State. I believe that this is going to spark a huge interest for sports among the youngsters."

## Versallies fancied for Zoom Zoom Plate

**HYDERABAD:** Versallies, who is in rising form, may extend her winning streak in the Zoom Zoom Plate (1,400m), the main event of the races to be held here on Sunday (Dec. 1).

**1 ROYAL TERN PLATE** (1,200m), 1 maiden 2-y-o only (Cat. II), (Terms), 2-45 p.m.: 1. Conscious Gift (2) Suraj Narredu 55, 2. Kapell Bruke (1) Kiran Naidu 55, 3. Lightning Pearl (7) Ajeeth Kumar 55, 4. Mark My Day (3) C.P. Bopanna 55, 5. Big Day (6) B.R. Kumar 53.5, 6. Cephalonia (4) Ashhad Asbar 53.5 and 7. Royal Valentine (5) Nakhat Singh 53.5.

**1. LIGHTNING PEARL, 2. CONSCIOUS GIFT, 3. KAPELL BRUKE.**

**2 MING DYNASTY PLATE** (Div. II), (1,200m), 4-y-o & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 2-45: 1. Max (6) Afroz Khan 60, 2. Siyabonga (4) Akshay Kumar 60, 3. King Maker (1) Surya Prakash 59, 4. Classy Guy (3) Jitendra Singh 58, 5. Lightning Fin (7) A. Imran 58, 6. Royal Dynamite (5) Gaurav Singh 56.5, 7. Tokyo Jam (8) Koushik 54 and 8. Desert Moon (2) Khurshad Alam 53.5.

**1. LIGHTNING FIN, 2. SIYABONGA, 3. MAX.**

**3 FLYING TREASURE PLATE** (Div. I), (1,400m), 4-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 3-15: 1. Digger (5) Akshay Kumar 60, 2. Handsome Duo (8) Ajeeth Kumar 57.5, 3. Loch Stella (9) C.P. Bopanna 57, 4. Latest News (1) Suraj Narredu 55, 5. N R I Flame (7) Afroz Khan 53.5, 6. Moka (6) Jitendra Singh 53, 7. Snow Castle (2) B.R. Kumar 51.5, 8. Agilis (3) Surya Prakash 50.5 and 9. Smarty (4) G. Nareesh 50.5.

**1. DIGGER, 2. LOCH STELLA, 3. LATEST NEWS.**

**4 ZOOM ZOOM PLATE** (1,400m), 3-y-o & over, rated 75 & above (Cat. I), 3-45: 1. Be Sure (3) Nakhat Singh 60, 2. Prospero (1) Gaurav Singh 59.5, 3. Highly Acclaimed (2) Surya Prakash 58.5, 4. Wave Rider (5) Abhay Singh 55, 5. That's My Class (4) Suraj Narredu 54 and 6. Versallies (6) Akshay Kumar 52.5.

**1. VERSALLIES, 2. THAT'S MY CLASS.**

**5 BANARSILAL GUPTA MEMORIAL CUP** (1,800m), 3-y-o & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 4-15: 1. Havlock Cruise (2) A. Imran 60, 2. Miss Marvellous (7) Ashhad Asbar

59, 3. Lockhart (6) Afroz Khan 58.5, 4. No Compromise (5) Akshay Kumar 56.5, 5. Star Of Tiara (1) Suraj Narredu 56, 6. Brave Warrior (3) Gaurav Singh 53.5 and 7. Francis Bacon (4) Ajeeth Kumar 53.

**1. NO COMPROMISE, 2. STAR OF TIARA, 3. FRANCIS BACON.**

**6 MING DYNASTY PLATE** (Div. I), (1,200m), 4-y-o & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 4-45: 1. Meka's (1) R. Ajinkya 60.5, 2. Miss Lily (3) Surya Prakash 58, 3. Dunkirk (4) Akshay Kumar 57.5, 4. Ashka Ashka Ashka (8) Ajeeth Kumar 56, 5. La Mer (7) Suraj Narredu 56, 6. Gorgeous Lady (5) Rafique Sk. 53.5, 7. Delphina (2) Gaurav Singh 52.5 and 8. Sublime (6) Gaddam 50.

**1. ASHKA ASHKA ASHKA, 2. LA MER, 3. DUNKIRK.**

Day's best: **NO COMPROMISE.**

Double: **LIGHTNING FIN – VERSALLIES.**

**2 HORNADU PLATE** (Div. II), (1,200m), rated 15 to 35, 4-y-o & over: **LUCKY ISABELLA** (A. Imran) 1, Winning Force (M. Naveen) 2, Girl With Pearl (L. Christy) 3 and Air Of Distinction (Darshan) 4. Not run: Dallas, 7. Lnk and 1/2. Im 13.60s. ₹ 37 (w), 16, 36 and 22 (p), 5 & 6; Tla: all races.

## Anjeze wins Bangalore 1000 Guineas

**BENGALURU:** S. Attaollahi-trained Anjeze (Trevor up), won the Bangalore 1000 Guineas, the chief event of the races held here on Saturday (Nov 30). The winner is owned by Sarainaga Racing Pvt Ltd.

Trevor, who rode a well-judged race, kept her handy in the fourth position till the final bend before skillfully manoeuvring the filly from last 300m. Anjeze responded well and overtook the leader Gift Of Grace in the last 100m and won the race in a gutsy manner.

**1 MOUNT JOY PLATE** (Div. II), (1,400m), rated 15 to 35: **ZHU ZHU ZEST** (R. Marshall) 1, Queen Of Sands (Arshad) 2, Aferpii (Antony) 3 and Sainthood (R. Pradeep) 4. Snk, 6-3/4 and 1-1/4. Im 26.57s. ₹ 103 (w), 27, 14 and 14 (p), SHP: 37, THP: 50, FP: 694, Q: 230, Trinella: 1,388 and 545, Exacta: 57,657 and 24,170. Favourite: Queen Of Sands. Owner: Dr. Suresh Chintamaneni. Trainer: Pradeep Annaiah.

**2 HORNADU PLATE** (Div. II), (1,200m), rated 15 to 35, 4-y-o & over: **LUCKY ISABELLA** (A. Imran) 1, Winning Force (M. Naveen) 2, Girl With Pearl (L. Christy) 3 and Air Of Distinction (Darshan) 4. Not run: Dallas, 7. Lnk and 1/2. Im 13.60s. ₹ 37 (w), 16, 36 and 22 (p), 5 & 6; Tla: all races.



**D. Vinod Sivappa**, second left, chairman of the Bangalore Turf Club, with the winner of the Bangalore 1000 Guineas Anjeze owner Tegbir Brar, right, trainer S.S. Attaollahi, and jockey P Trevor, left. \*K MURALI KUMAR

SHP: 98, THP: 59, FP: 585, Q: 484, Trinella: 4,070 and 1,221, Exacta: 52,159 (carried over). Favourite: Unifier. Owners: Mr. Neil Darashah & Mrs. Annika Darashah. Trainer: Neil Darashah.

**3 HEBBE FALLS PLATE** (1,600m), rated 00 to 20: **JE NE SAIS QUOI** (Irvan) 1, Silver Eclipse (T.S. Jodha) 2, Turf Prospector (Rayan) 3 and Proudwhiff (Tauseef) 4. 1/2, Nose and 1-3/4. Im 40.57s. ₹ 141 (w), 39,

15 and 48 (p), SHP: 497, THP: 144, FP: 1,438, Q: 729, Trinella: 44,634 and 19,128, Exacta: 1,80,667 (carried over). Favourite: Silver Eclipse. Owner and trainer: Mr. Darius R. Byramji.

**4 BOLD MAJESTY PLATE** (1,400m), rated 30 to 50, 4-y-o & over: **BERNARDINI** (S. John) 1, Grey Channel (T.S. Jodha) 2, Galvarino (L. Christy) 3 and Venus Bay (Vinod Shinde) 4. 1/2, 7 and 1-1/2.

Im 24.91s. ₹ 15 (w), 12, 22 and 16 (p), SHP: 58, THP: 46, FP: 84, Q: 47, Trinella: 218 and 56, Exacta: 2,507 and 1,582. Favourite: Bernardini. Owner: Mr. Arun Alagappan. Trainer: Irfan Ghatla.

**5 HOYSALA TROPHY** (1,600m), rated 60 & above: **AUSTRALIS** (Trevor) 1, Mystic Flame (Irvan) 2, Cosmos (Zervan) 3 and Snowdon (David Allan) 4. Shd, 3/4 and 1-1/2. Im 38.66s. ₹ 50 (w), 17, 22 and 11 (p), SHP: 49, THP: 62, FP: 383, Q: 164, Trinella: 663 and 219, Exacta: 1,766 and 1,041. Favourite: Cosmos. Owners: Manji Horse Breed Farm Pvt Ltd rep by. Mr & Mrs. S.P. Mistry & Mr. Shantanu Sharma. Trainer: S. Narredu.

**6 BANGALORE 1000 GUINEAS** (1,400m), 3-y-o fillies, (Terms): **ANJEZE** (Win Legend - Angelique) Trevor 1, Gift Of Grace (Speaking Of Which - Appeasing) David Egan 2, Well Connected (Arzan - Guest Connections) David Allan 3 and Queen Regnant (Dean's Kitten - Aim To Achieve) Colm O'Donoghue 4. Nk, 2-3/4 and 12-1/4. Im 36.08s. ₹ 51 (w), 22 and 13 (p), SHP: 21, THP: 50, FP: 223, Q: 104, Trinella: 163 and 57, Exacta: 703 and 974. Favourite: Well Connected. Owner: Sarainaga Racing Pvt Ltd. Trainer: S. Attaollahi.

**7 MOUNT JOY PLATE** (Div. I), (1,400m), rated 15 to 35: **INDIAN DEMOCRAT** (Sandesh) 1, Mariachi (T.S. Jodha) 2, Genuine Star (A. Velu) 3 and Sun Splash (Vaibhav) 4. 3-1/2, 3/4 and 1-1/2. Im 26.42s. ₹ 23 (w), 12, 22 and 87 (p), SHP: 54, THP: 203, FP: 116, Q: 88, Trinella: 5,601 and 1,412, Exacta: 24,786 and 4,249. Favourite: Indian Democrat. Owners: Radiant Blood Stock Pvt Ltd rep by. Mrs. Sharmila Padmanabhan and Mr. S. Padmanabhan & Mr. Vikram Singh. Trainer: S. Padmanabhan.

**8 HORNADU PLATE** (Div. I), (1,200m), rated 15 to 35, 4-y-o & over: **ROYAL RESOLUTION** (N. Rajesh) 1, Whizzo (S. Shaareef) 2, Power Of Shambhala (Ghetan G) 3 and Perfectgoldenera (M. Kumar) 4. Not run: Halfies. 1-1/4, 1-1/2 and 2-1/2. Im 13.82s. ₹ 92 (w), 28, 16 and 16 (p), SHP: 40, THP: 51, FP: 357, Q: 105, Trinella: 1,465 and 954, Exacta: 9,129 and 21,517. Favourite: Whizzo. Owners: Radiant Blood Stock Pvt Ltd rep by. Mrs. Sharmila Padmanabhan and Mr. S. Padmanabhan & Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Pvt Ltd rep by. Mr. Byram N. Jeejeebhoy. Trainer: S. Padmanabhan.

**Jackpot:** ₹ 31,018 (17 tkts); Runner up: 954 (237 tkts); Treble (1): 4,268 (four tkts); (ii): 4,053 (seven tkts).