Shivram

STAN RAYAN

claims maiden

When he crashed and went

off the road a few minutes

after the start of the 25th

Popular Rally here on Sa-

turday, Chetan Shivram

thought his stunning run in

the Champions Yacht Club

FMSCI Indian National Ral-

ly Championship was over.

Kottayam as the National

championship's overall

leader, surprisingly in an

INRC-3 car – a lower-power

vehicle compared to the

INRC cars – but the crash

gave others behind him,

like Younus Ilyas and Bikku

Babu, a chance to grab the

brother Dilip Sharan, who

is his navigator, and his

team worked hard last

night and brought the Polo

back to run the final day on

Sunday. And the three

points he earned in the se-

cond leg helped the Benga-

luru driver claim his mai-

den overall National title

But Shivram and his

national trophy.

The 41-year-old came to

National title

TV PICKS

NBA: Sonv Ten 1. 5.30 a.m. & Pakistan vs Sri Lanka: 2nd Test, Sony ESPN (SD & HD), 10.30 a.m.

IN BRIEF



Antetokounmpo marks up another triple double

Giannis Antetokounmpo delivered his third tripledouble of the season to power the NBA-leading Milwaukee Bucks over New York Knicks 123-102 on Saturday. Antetokounmpo had 22 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists for the Bucks. The results: Utah Jazz 114 bt Charlotte Honets 107; Brooklyn Nets 122 bt Atlanta Hawks 112; Philadelphia 76ers 125 bt Washington Wizards 108; Chicago Bulls 119 bt Detroit Pistons 107; Milwaukee Bucks 123 bt New York Knicks 102; Memphis Grizzlies 119 bt Sacramento Kings 115; LA Clippers 134 bt San Antonio Spurs 109; Houston Rockets 139 bt Phoenix Suns 125; Portland Trail Blazers 113 bt Minnesota Timberwolves 106. AFP

FC Goa cruises past Odisha, goes top

FC Goa sailed to the top of Indian Super League (ISL) table with a 3-0 win over Odisha FC on Sunday. Ferran Corominas, Goa's talisman. netted a brace and Brandon Fernandes scored his first goal of the season. Goa opened through Corominas strike in the 19th minute. The host struck twice in the second half as Coro completed his brace from a spot-kick in the 89th minute. The result: FC Goa 3 (Ferran Corominas 19 & 89, Brandon Fernandes 85) bt Odisha FC



England World Cup winner Peters dead

Martin Peters, who scored England's second goal in the 1966 World Cup final against West Germany, has died aged 76 following a long battle against Alzheimer's disease Peters. whose death was announced by former club West Ham, was part of the Hammers trio of captain **Bobby Moore and Geoff** Hurst, who scored a hat-trick in a 4-2 victory for England's only World Cup triumph.

Top seed Meiraba triumphs

India's Maisnam Meiraba lived up to his top billing to win the Bangladesh Junior International Series badminton 2019 here on Sunday. Top-seeded Meiraba, who hails from Manipur, beat Ken Yong Ong 21-14, 21-18 in the final lasting 38 minutes.

Liverpool adds another trophy to its cabinet

Firmino's goal in extra-time proves decisive against an evenly matched Flamengo

CLUB WORLD CUP

AYON SENGUPTA

Liverpool kept its date with destiny, winning a dramatic FIFA Club World Cup final against an evenly matched Flamengo at the cheerful Khalifa International Stadium on Saturday.

See-saw battle

After a see-saw battle between two teams sure of their sporting philosophies, it was Brazilian Roberto Firmino who broke the resolve of his countrymen, scoring the game's solitary goal in the 99th minute.

Fellow Brazilian Alisson Becker had done the initial hard work to keep the European champion alive with some timely saves, thwarting every move of Jorge Jesus'

After finally winning the trophy that had eluded the club in 1981, '84 and 2005, Jurgen Klopp, the Liverpool manager, struggled to voice his thoughts.

"It was an incredible per-

HYDERABAD: Exclusive Blue (Ashhad Asbar up) won the Speaker's

Cup, the feature event of the races held here on Sunday (Dec. 22). The winner is owned by Mr. G. Narasa Reddy and trained by Laxman

SOLITAIRE PLATE (1,200m),

maiden 2-y-o colts & geldings only (Cat. II), (Terms): WHISKEY MARTINI (Rohit Kumar) 1, Kapell

Bruke (Akshay Kumar) 2, Team Player (Nakhat Singh) 3 and

Chuckit (Rafique Sk.) 4. 1-1/2, 2 and 1/2. 1m 13.86s. ₹34 (w), 6, 5 and 7

Favourite: Kapell Bruke, Owners:

M/s. Chitturi Krishna Kannaiah,

Rameshbhai Amrutlal Mehta.

2 OLYMPIC FLAME PLATE (Div. II), (1,100m), 3-y-o & over, rated upto 25 (Cat. III): BLAZING SPEED

(Rohit Kumar) 1, Coconut Coast

(Surya Prakash) 2, Ashwa Yudh Vijeta (N. Rawal) 3 and Negress

Princess (Gaddam) 4. 2, 1-1/2 and 1-

1/4. 1m 8.18s. ₹10 (w), 5, 9 and 18

(p), SHP: 20, FP: 39, Q: 21, Tla: 496. Favourite: Blazing Speed. Owner: Dr. G. Lakshmi Prasad. Trainer: S.

Former India all-rounder

Manoj Prabhakar has ap-

proached Board of Control

for Cricket in India president

Sourav Ganguly seeking re-

lease of the Benevolent Fund

due to him from 2004 and al-

so inclusion in the ex-cricke-

former India captain Mo-

hammad Azharuddin receiv-

ing his dues recently, Prab-

hakar hoped Ganguly would

consider his case on the

Citing the example of

ters' pension scheme.

Trainer: Satyanarayana.

VIJAY LOKAPALLY

Yelamarthi

Exclusive Blue claims

the Speaker's Cup



On top: Liverpool players are in an upbeat mood after lifting the FIFA Club World Cup trophy. • GETTY IMAGES

formance in an incredible game against a great opponent. I saw many sensational performances and the atmosphere was great. We deserved to win tonight as we were the better side, the dominant team," he said.

With the recovered Virgil van Djik re-commanding his position at the heart of the defence, Liverpool started strongly when the Dutchman essayed a long ball over the high defensive line of the

Firmino, however, fluffed the chance. Mohamed Salah got into the action as he teed it to Naby Keita inside the box, but this chance was also

Flamengo soon found its footing in the game offering the English giant its own version of counter press as Bruno Henrique, easily the best man on the pitch for the night, used his strength and speed to constantly harangue the Liverpool defence from the left.

With skipper Everton Riberio and Gabriel Barbosa also joining in, the Copa Libertadores winner slowly wrested control of the midfield. The goal, though, never came its way.

Agonising miss

Liverpool started the second session in almost similar fashion to the first as Jordan Henderson found Firmino, behind the rival defence, with a chipped shot.

The Brazilian, this time, magnificently controlled the ball – flicking it over Rodrigo Caio – to unleash a volley on his second touch, but the ball hit the post before tantalisingly bouncing across the goal, out of harms way.

Qatari referee Abdulrahman Al Jassim had a moment of nervousness as he consulted long with VAR to disallow a Liverpool penalty in the first minute of stoppage

Flamengo, unfortunately, failed to capitalise on the reprieve as Firmino finally had his goal and Liverpool its tit-

with 78 points. Meanwhile, after all the problems earlier this season, everything fell in place for Gaurav Gill as he retained the Popular Rally title for his first victory in the National championship this season. It was also Gill's fifth triumph in Popular, which is supported by

Bikku Babu and Dean Mascarenhas finished second and third in the Popular Rally.

the Kuttukaran Group.

TRAU holds Real, gets off the mark

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Debutant Tiddim Road Athletic Union (TRAU) earned its maiden I-League point on Sunday after a 2-2 draw with Real Kashmir FC here on Sunday.

Real led 1-0 at half-time, but the home side fought back admirably well in the second to split points with the Srinagar-based side.

The result: TRAU 2 (Emeka 78, Uche 82) drew with Real Kashmir 2 (Mason 27 & 84).

Beyond Limits may make amends

HYDERABAD: Beyond Limits, a failed favourite, may make amends in the G.V. Rao Memorial Cup (2,000m), the main event of the races to be held here on Monday (Dec. 23).

WISHFUL THINKING PLATE (1,100m), maiden 2-y-o fillies only (Cat. II), (Terms), 1.10 p.m.: 1. Aintree (5) Akshay Kumar 53.5, 2. Fleur (3) I. Chisty 53.5, 3. Lombardy (8) Nathan Evans 53.5, 4. Mirana (6) Kuldeep Singh 53.5, 5. New Role (2) C.P. Bopanna 53.5, 6. Royal Romance (4) A.A. Vikrant 53.5, 7. Royal Valentine (1) Nakhat Singh 53.5 and 8. Turf Treasure (7) Ashhad Asbar 53.5. 1. LOMBARDY, 2. AINTREE, 3.

SANGAM PLATE (1,400m), 5 y-o & over, rated upto 25 (Cat. III), 1.40: 1. Silver Dollar (7) A.A. Vikrant 61, 2. Top Sprint (4) Jitendra Singh 60.5, 3. Royal Dancer (2) Akshay Kumar 60, 4. Ultimate Risk (8) Ajit Singh 58, 5. Recumbentibus (3) Kuldeep Singh 56, 6. Sisco (9) G. Naresh 55, 7. Cowboys Delight (6) R. Ajinkya 54.5, 8. All Star General (5) Irvan Singh 53.5 and 9. Ekam (ex: New

5. Augenstern (3) Irvan Singh 57, 6. Minnelli (7) Gopal Singh 56, 7. Royal Girl (5) B.R. Kumar 54.5, 8. Let It Be Me (4) Ajit Singh 53.5 and 9. Blazing Jupiter (8) Kuldeep Singh 53.

EXCLUSIVE ART, 2. MA-HASHAKTI, 3. GAZEBO

STEP ASIDE PLATE (1,800m), 4 3-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 2.45: 1. Lancashire (2) Irvan Singh 60, 2. Ashwa Arjun (5) G. Naresh 58, 3. Kesariya Balam (1) Akshay Kumar 56.5, 4. Royal Treat (6) Nakhat Singh 56, 5. Ajmal Birju (3) Gopal Singh 55, 6. Glendale (7) (5) Gopai Singi 35, 6. Gendale (7) Ashhad Asbar 55 and 7. Symbol Of Star's (4) Rafique Sk. 52. 1. KESARIYA BALAM, 2. AJMAL BIRJU, 3. ASHWA ARJUN

STARRY SCENE PLATE (Div. II), **(3.15)** (1,200m), 5-y-o & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 3.15: 1. Scooby Dooby Doo (7) Akshay Kumar 61, 2. Shandaar (3) Surya Prakash 57, 3. Sarvatra (5) Mukesh Kumar 55.5, 4. Prince Caspian (2) Jitendra Singh 55, 5. Top Contender (6) I. Chisty 54, 6. Heaven Can Wait (8) Afroz Khan 53, 7. Gladstone (4) Irvan Singh 51.5 and 8. Gorgeous Lady (1) Rafique Sk. 51.5. . TOP CONTENDER, 2. GORGEOUS LADY, 3. SCOOBY DOOBY DOO

G.V. RAO MEMORIAL CUP G.V. KAU MEMORIAL (2,000m), 3-y-0 & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 3.45: 1. Pentagon (1) Abhay Singh 61, 2. On My Way (5) Rafique Sk. 55.5, 3. Charlie Brown (3) Koushik 53, 4. Artystryy 6. Mind Reader (2) Nakhat Singh 1. BEYOND LIMITS, 2. PENTAGON

7 STARRY SCENE PLATE (DIV. 1), (1,200m), 5-y-o & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 4.15: 1. Meritocracy (7) B.R. Kumar 61, 2. Aragonda Princess (3) Santosh Raj 59, 3. Marina Del Rey (5) Akshay Kumar 56, 4. Digger (8) Mukesh Kumar 55, 5. Ashka Ashka Ashka (2) Ajeeth Kumar 54.5, 6. Vancouver (4) A.A. Vikrant 54, 7. 53 and 8. New State (1) Afroz Khan

1. MARINA DEL REY, 2. ASHKA ASHKA ASHKA, 3. VANCOUVER

8 HARIDWAR PLATE (1,200m), 4-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 4.45: 1. Sublime (5) Gaddam 60, 2. Mr. Shanghai (6) Rohit Kumar 59.5, 3, Handsome Duo (4) lency (3) Surva Prakash 57.5, 5. Wings Of Eagles (1) Deepak Singh 57.5, 6. Best Friend (9) litendra Singh 57, 7. Darshish (11) Abhay Singh 57, 9. Latest News (10) Singh 53.5, 10. Tammana (2) Uday Kiran 53.5 and 11. Khan Sahib (8) B.R. Kumar 52.5.

1. HANDSOME DUO, 2. SUBLIME, 3. Day's best: KESARIYA BALAM

Double: EXCLUSIVE ART - HAND-SOME DUO Jkt: 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8; Mini Jkt: 5, 6, 7 &

Sapphires will be challenged by Avengers in the other group

Dalwinder Singh rode on his explosive game and a gutsy approach in the face of adversity to drive DMG Delhi Crusaders to a thrilling 29-28 victory over Sankara Aces, and into the semifinals of the Pro Tennis League under the floodlights at the RK Khanna Stadium here on Sunday.

Watched by an appreciative crowd, Dalwinder recovered from a bad start and saved match points to beat Sriram Balaji 6-5(4). This gave a marginal lead to Delhi, which had lost two rubbers after Kabir Hans had given it a flying start against Vansh Kapoor.

won the doubles with Siddhant Banthia against the formidable Sriram Balaji and Kunal Anand in the tie-break.

rubber, Vivek Shokeen displayed glimpses of his high quality, partnering Bikramjeet Chawla for Sankara Acwith his big serves, and win gota and Ajay Malik.

However, Delhi prevailed one more game.

Quite interestingly, despite winning both its ties, Delhi found itself second in the group, as the rules looked at the game difference of the teams in grading them for the knock-out stage.



On fire! Dalwinder Singh recovered from a bad start and saved match points to beat Sriram Balaji and take his team to the last-four stage. • KAMESH SRINIVASAN

by Ramkumar Ramanathan.

Harvana Sapphires, which topped the group with a seven-game difference, despite having won only one tie, will be challenged by ARA Avengers, which came back strongly to finish second ahead of Grip N Rip in the other group.

Sidharth Rawat played a splendid all-court game in winning his singles and doubles matches for Avengers. Riya Bhatia was also in good form, outplaying Prerna

ber, Saurabh Singh and Suvrat Mall were able to outclass Aditya Khanna and Rohan Srivastava 6-3, after having trailed 1-3, to put the icing on the cake for Avengers.

The results (league): ARA Avengers bt Grip N Rip 31-22 [Nishant Dabas lost to Karan Singh 4-6: Riva Bhatia bt Prerna Bhambri 6-1: Riya Bhatia & Niki Poonacha lost to Prerna Bhambri & Vishnu Vardhan 3-6: Sidharth Rawat bt V.M. Ranjeet 6-3; Niki Poonacha & Sidharth Rawat bt V.M. Ranjeet & Vishnu Vardhan 6-3; Saurabh Singh & Suvrat Mall bt Aditya Khanna & Rohan Srivastava 6-3].

DMG Delhi Crusaders bt Sankara Aces 29-28 [Kabir Hans bt Vansh Kapoor 6-0; Mahak Jain lost to Anna Morgina 4-6; Mahak Jain & Siddhant Banthia lost to Anna Morgina & Kunal Anand 2-6; Dalwinder Singh bt Sriram Balaji 6-5(3); Siddhant Banthia & Dalwinder Singh bt Sriram Balaii & Kunal Anand 6-5 (4); Tushar Jagota & Ajay Malik lost to Vivek Shokeen & Bikramjeet Singh Chawla 5-6(3)].

Two wins for TN men

NATL. BASKETBALL

SPORTS BUREAU

Tamil Nadu men won their both matches, against Railways and Kerala, in the 70th National basketball championship at the Guru Nanak Dev Stadium over the weekend. It defeated Railways 87-66 and Kerala 68-39.

In the women's section, Railways recorded its second win, a 100-55 verdict against Telangana, with Shireen Limaye top scoring (22 points). Madhya Pradesh, too, won its games against Tamil Nadu and Punjab.

The results (league): Men: Uttarakhand 77 (Vishesh

Bhriguvanshi 30, Arjun Singh 15, Murali Krishna 11) bt Delhi 62 (Rachit 19, Sunil 14). Punjab 106 (Arshpreet Singh 32, Amjot Singh 19) bt

Karnataka 66 (Jitendra 12, M. Harish 12).

Tamil Nadu 87 (Muinbek 19, P. Jeevanathan 14, Prasanna Venkitesh 10) bt Railways 66

(Rajan 25, Lovneet Singh 16). Railways 91 (Deepak 18, Gagandeep Singh 11) bt Rajasthan 52 (Sharad Dhadich 27). Tamil Nadu 68 (Jeevanath-

an 16, Muinbek 16, Gieeb Benny 13) bt Kerala 39 (Basil Philip Women: Maharashtra 73 (Anshika 25, Neha Sahay 11) bt

Chhattisgarh 54 (Sangeetha Kaur 18. Nisha Netam 10). Railways 100 (Shireen Limaye 22, Smriti Menon 16) bt

Telangana 55 (Kiran Prajapathi 21, Golabsha Ali 13). Madhva Pradesh 68 (Nima Doma 25, Namaria 18, Anjali

16) bt Tamil Nadu 62 (V. Srividhya 12, Ambarasi 12, Nishanthi 10, Dharshini 10). Punjab 65 (Amolpreet Kaur 21, Harsimran Kaur 17) bt Kar-

nataka 58 (Bhoomika 17, Supri-

ta 13. Lopamudra 12). Delhi 83 (Bharati 32, Sushantika 14, Tavleen 13) bt Telangana 72 (P. Divya 31, Gulbhisha 15, Anjusree 11).

Madhya Pradesh 85 (Anjali 32, Nima Doma 24) bt Punjab 81 (Harsimran Kaur 22, Anmolpreeth Kaur 19).

3 SARDAR MOHAN SINGH BAGGA MEMORIAL CUP (Div. II), (1,400m), 3-y-0 & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II); GALLOPING GANGSTER 65 (Cat. II): GALLOPING GANGSTER (Ashhad Asbar) 1, Flamboyant Lady (Nakhat Singh) 2, Reno Star (Akshay Kumar) 3 and Midnight Dream (Rohit Kumar) 4. Nk, shd and 6-3/4. 1m 24.97s. ₹9 (w), 6, 6 and 5 (p), SHP: 17, FP: 31, Q: 19, Tla: Favourite: Galloping Gangster. Owners: M/s. Veeramachaneni Ar-& Nagendra Prasad , Veeramachaneni. Trainer: Laxman SARDAR MOHAN SINGH BAGGA

4 SARDAR MUHAN SANSAL I), MEMORIAL CUP (Div. I), (1,400m), 3-y-o & over, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): AYUR SHAKTI (Irvan Singh) 1, Sporting Smile (Jitrendra Singh) 2, Marinetti (Akshay Kumar) 3 and Angel Tesoro (B.R. Kumar) 4. 1/2, 1-1/2 and hd. 1m 25.64s. ₹13 (w), 7, 17 and 5 (p), SHP: 35, FP: 203, Q: 190, Tla: 302. Favourite: Marinetti. Owners: M/s. Premanand Sughandi, G. Raghunandan Chary & Subodh Kumar Ananthula, Trainer:

CYNDY PLATE (Div. I). 5 (1,600m), 3-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): RED RIVER (Jitendra Singh)1, Maxwell (Kuldeep Singh) 2, Jo Malone (Afroz Khan) 3 and

Manoj Prabhakar. • FILE РНОТО

same grounds. "Why am I

being denied what I de-

In an effort to end the crisis

in the All India Chess Federa-

tion, its Central Council has

decided to hold elections on

What is seen in chess cir-

cles as another chapter in

the battle of wits between

AICF president P.R. Venke-

trama Raja and secretary

Bharat Singh Chauhan, 20 af-

filiates of the federation at-

tended and endorsed the de-

cisions taken on Sunday. As

per Friday's directive of the

Madras High Court, the deci-

sions "shall not be imple-

mented until further or-

ders." The matter will come

up for hearing on January 3.

AICF vice-president IM Sek-

har Sahu in the absence of

Raja, also declared as "null

and void" decisions taken at

the Urgent General Body

Meeting on December 14 in

The meeting, chaired by

February 9 in Ahmedabad.

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RAKESH RAO

GURUGRAM

Prabhakar's plea to Ganguly

Seeks release of Benevolent Fund due to him

Sterling King (G. Naresh) 4. 2, 3/4 and 2-1/2. 1m 40.53s. ₹33 (w), 11, 7 and 9 (p), SHP: 22, FP: 312, Q: 170, Tla: 1,560. Favourite: Barbosella. Owner: M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chet-tiar of Chettinad Charitable Trust rep. by Mr. A.C. Muthiah. Trainer:

6 SPEAKER'S CUP (1,600m), 3-y-0 & over, rated 60 to 85 (Cat. II): exclusive blue (Ashhad Asbar) 1, Prince Valiant (Ajeeth Kumar) 2, Shaquille (A.A. Vikrant) 3 and Nayadeep (Irvan Singh) 4. 3-1/4, 1 and hd. 1m 37.36s. ₹30 (w), 7, 7 and 9 (p), SHP: 19, FP: 83, Q: 31, Tla: 1,082. Favourite: Prince Valiant. Owner: Mr. G. Narasa Reddy.

7 OLYMPIC FLAME PLATE (Div. I), (1,100m), 3-y-o & over, rated upto 25 (Cat. III): VALLEE IKON (A.A. Vikrant) 1, Brave Syera (Jitendra Singh) 2, Yogya (Afroz Khan) 3 and Sun Dancer (Akshay Yumar) 4, 2 shd and 2/4 In 7,846 Kumar) 4. 2, shd and 3/4. Im 7.84s. ₹58 (w), 17, 8 and 7 (p), SHP: 20, FP: 536, Q: 252, Tla: 2,260. Favourite: Agilis. Owner: Mr. Tulasi Ram Kaskana. Trainer: Sk. Waseem.

Jkt: ₹36,612 (10 tkts), Runner-up: 1,112 (141 tkts), Mini Jkt: 44,856 (c/ o), Tr (i): 86 (609 tkts), (ii): 6,475

serve," asked Prabhakar.

He said he had served out

the BCCI ban, which was lift-

ed in November 2005. "After

lifting of the ban I held va-

rious coaching assignments

with Delhi, Rajasthan and

Uttar Pradesh. I was also

bowling coach of the Afghan-

istan national team," he

Claiming to have ap-

proached the Board several

times, Prabhakar wrote, "I

had sent a request letter to

the BCCI (in 2006) for re-

lease of my Benevolent Fund

Elaborating on the deci-

sions taken on Sunday, Chau-

han said, "Since the affiliates

are yet to receive the minutes

of the meeting in Chennai

even after eight days, the

house unanimously decided

Asked about the elections

scheduled by Raja in Chen-

nai on February 10, Chauhan

said, "the subject was not

part of the agenda and the

president 'suo moto' an-

nounced the date. Secondly,

the Central Council also dis-

missed the decision taken in

Chennai to form a four-mem-

ber committee that includes

me, to help the president

conduct the elections. "To

avoid further conflict, the

house decided not to consid-

er Chennai or New Delhi and

chose Ahmedabad as a neu-

tral venue to hold election in

the presence of a Supreme

decision of the house to

Chauhan also revealed the

Court judge.'

on matters before it."

pointed out.

Hope) (1) Rafique Sk. 50.

1. ROYAL DANCER, 2. ALL STAR GENERAL, 3. SILVER DOLLAR

3 (1,600m), maiden 3-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 2.10: 1. Al-CYNDY PLATE (Div. II), liston (2) Rohit Kumar 60, 2. Gazebo (6) Nakhat Singh 59, 3. Exclusive Art (1) Akshay Kumar 58, 4. Mahashakti (9) Ashhad Asbar 58,

and also requested to in-

clude me under the Pension

Scheme for the ex-cricketers

against my DDCA Member-

ship No. P-116. I have been

running from pillar to post to

get my dues and writing re-

quest letters to the DDCA

Tests and 130 ODIs, be-

moaned the "treatment" he

was receiving, "Having been

a cricketer, I expect you will

take up my cause on a prior-

ity basis," he has written to

Prabhakar, who played 39

and the BCCI."

(6) Irvan Singh 51.5, 5. Beyond Limits (4) Ashhad Asbar 51.5 and

8; Tr (i): 1, 2 & 3; (ii): 3, 4 & 5; (iii): 6, 7 & 8; Tla: all races.

PTL: Delhi Crusaders in semifinals

KAMESH SRINIVASAN NEW DELHI

Former National champion

In the event, Dalwinder

In the entertaining last es, to survive match points tie-break against Tushar Ja-

on the basis of having won

In the decisive sixth rub-In the semifinals, Delhi will play the topper of the

other group, Proverii Supersmashers, spearheaded

AICF elections on February 9 close the matter of a showcause notice issued to him by the president. In a longawaited move, the meeting decided to re-register all

players whose ratings were

taken away in 2009.

Gurpreet Pal Singh, a Railwayman who fought a long, legal battle against AICF for justice, welcomed the decision. "Finally, the players can return with their pride intact. We had not committed a crime in playing in tournaments considered "unrecognised" by the present dispensation. I'll wait for the court to allow the decision to be implemented." Sunday's meeting also filled up three vacant posts by nominating Karnataka's D.P. Anantha as vice-president, Mizoram's P.C. Lallianthanga and Nagaland's Mughaho Awomi as jt. secretaries.

In Bhopal, the General Body Meeting is due on Dec. 28, in the presence of an observer from the Sports Ministry.