

TV PICKS

NBA: Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD), 9 a.m.
Ranji Trophy: Tamil Nadu vs Mumbai, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD), 9.30 a.m.
Khelo India Youth Games: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD), 9.30 a.m.; Star Sports 1 (SD & HD), 4.30 p.m.
Big Bash League: Sony Six (SD & HD), 1 p.m.; Sony Ten 3 (SD & HD), 3.30 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1 & SS Select 2 (SD & HD), 6 p.m., 8.30 p.m. & 11 p.m.
ISL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD), 7.30 p.m.
Serie A: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD), 7.30 p.m., 10.30 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Sunday)

RANJI SCHEDULE

Group A: Andhra v Hyderabad (Ongole); Kerala v Punjab (Thiruvananthapuram); Rajasthan v Gujarat (Jaipur); Vidarbha v Bengal (Nagpur).
Group B: Railways v Madhya Pradesh (New Delhi); Tamil Nadu v Mumbai (Chennai); Uttar Pradesh v Baroda (Kanpur); Saurashtra v Karnataka (Rajkot).
Group C: Assam v Chhattisgarh (Guwahati); Haryana v Odisha (Lahli); Jammu & Kashmir v Services (New Delhi); Tripura v Uttarakhand (Agartala); Maharashtra v Jharkhand (Nagothane).
Plate: Jan. 11: Arunachal Pradesh v Nagaland (Sovima); Chandigarh v Sikkim (Chandigarh); Pondicherry v Goa (Puducherry); Manipur v Bihar (Balurghat); **Jan. 12:** Mizoram v Meghalaya (Kolkata).

IN BRIEF



Thunder spoils Westbrook's return
LOS ANGELES
Danilo Gallinari scored a team high 23 points and Chris Paul delivered 18 as Oklahoma City Thunder spoiled the return of Russell Westbrook with a 113-92 rout of Houston Rockets on Thursday.
The results: Cleveland Cavaliers 115 bt Detroit Pistons 112 (OT); Philadelphia 76ers 109 bt Boston Celtics 98; Minnesota Timberwolves 116 bt Portland Trail Blazers 102; Oklahoma City Thunder 113 bt Houston Rockets 92. AGENCIES



Harry Kane out for three months
LONDON
Tottenham Hotspur has been given a severe blow as the side's star forward Harry Kane has been ruled out for three months with a hamstring injury. In the game, Kane limped off the field after suffering an injury to his hamstring. Now the player would be undergoing surgery to repair his ruptured tendon in his left hamstring. "The decision to undergo surgery is not expected to impact the time frame that the England captain will be sidelined, with the expectation that he will return to training in April," Tottenham said. ANI

CBI seeks info from NSFs

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI
The Central Bureau of Investigation has written to the all the National Sports Federations seeking the information required for its Sports Integrity Unit, which was set up in April 2014.
The agency has sought the registration numbers, addresses, particulars of office bearers and members of these sports bodies by January 17.
"The emergence of sports as an industry involving investment of huge sums of money on players, teams has brought with it the ever increasing spectrum of corruption, illegal betting and use of various forms of unfair means in order to influence the result of a game," said the letter.

Karthik stuns Abhijeet

Al Muthaiah gets the better of Pantsulaia

CHESS

RAKESH RAO NEW DELHI
Two-time winner Abhijeet Gupta and defending champion Georgia's Levon Pantsulaia, seeded five and six, crashed to unexpected defeats as several Grandmasters fell short of maintaining a clean slate after three rounds of Delhi International Open Grandmasters chess tournament here on Friday.
On the first of the two double-round days, Karthik Venkataraman accounted for Abhijeet in the third round after Al Muthaiah stunned Pantsulaia in the second.
Karthik, the 2018 National junior champion, gained a queenside pawn and went on to capture Abhijeet's knight before weaving a checkmating net in 40 moves.
Muthaiah, after catching Pantsulaia on the wrong foot, surprised another Grandmaster N. R. Visakh in 61 to be among 11 leaders.
The day also saw top seed from Tajikistan, Farrukh Amonatov drop half-a-point to Uzbekistan's Abdimalik Abdalimov, third seed M. Kar-



Big scalp: Karthik Venkataraman, left, accounted for Abhijeet Gupta in the third round. ■ CHESSBASE INDIA

thikeyan do likewise against Russia's Denis Erashchenkov and Utkal Ranjan Sahoo hold ninth seeded Russian Aleksey Goganov in the second round.
There were several third round casualties, among Grandmasters. Stanislav Bogdanovich (Ukraine), seeded 12, lost to Bangladesh GM Ziaur Rahman, David Alberto (Italy) surrendered to C. R. G. Krishna, M. R. Lalith Babu succumbed against Egypt's Abdelrahman Hesham and Niranjana Navalgund tamed Sergey Yudin (Russia). Other GMs who lost to higher rated players were Vishnu Prasanna and Columbia's Camilo Rios Cristhian.
Second seeded Russian Pavel Ponkratov was held in 46 moves by Belarus' GM Kirill Stupak in 46 moves, Saptarshi Roy drew with 11th seeded Russian Ivan Rozum in 49 moves, Sayantan Das proved equal to Belarus' GM Alexei Fedorov and Himel Gusain surprised Iran's upcoming talent Aryan Gholami in a battle of International Masters.
Leading results: Third round: Pavel Ponkratov (Rus, 2.5) drew with Kirill Stupak (Blr, 2.5); Jose Eduardo Martinez Alcantara (Per, 3) bt Camilo Rios

Cristhian (Col, 2); Karthik Venkataraman (3) bt Abhijeet Gupta (2); Aleksey Aleksandrov (Blr, 3) bt Vishnu Prasanna (2); Saptarshi Roy (2.5) drew with Ivan Rozum (Rus, 2.5); C. R. G. Krishna (3) bt David Alberto (Ita, 2); Alexei Fedorov (Blr, 2.5) drew with Sayantan Das (2.5).

Second round: Farrukh Amonatov (Tjk) drew with Abdimalik Abdalimov (Uzb); Murali Karthikeyan (1.5) drew with Denis Erashchenkov (Rus, 1.5); Aleksey Goganov (Rus, 1.5) drew with Utkal Ranjan Sahoo (1.5); M. Praneesh (1.5) drew with Dip-tayan Ghosh (1.5); Adam Tukhaev (Ukr, 1.5) drew with Aaryan Varshney (1.5).

'Archer's injury due to official negligence'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI
Shivangini Gohain, the 12-year-old Assam archer who was impaled by an arrow shot accidentally at the SAI centre in Dibrugarh, was training unsupervised and the mishap was a result of negligence by the local coach and officials, the State's archery association has said. The child was training at the Dakha Devi Rasiwasia College at Chabua when the incident took place on Wednesday.
Pulin Das, a joint-secretary of Assam Archery Association (AAA) said the injury happened as the trainees were practising without any coach and other officials. "There is a SAI contractual coach Marcy and he has left for the Khelo Games. He didn't instruct the trainees to stop the camp nor did the college principal, who acted as administrator of the extension centre, looked after the practice," Das told PTI over phone on Friday.

Kolkata marathon on February 2

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT KOLKATA
More than 9000 runners have registered for the fourth edition of the IDBI Federal Life Insurance Kolkata Marathon to be held on February 2.
Certified by Association of International Marathons and Distance Races and Athletics Federation of India, the event will have the marathon, half-marathon and timed 10k and 5k races.
Sachin Tendulkar is expected to flag off the run from the Rangers Ground, Red Road. The marathon will begin at 4:30 a.m., followed by the half-marathon at 6:30 a.m., 10k at 7:45 a.m. and 5k at 8:15 a.m.
Interested runners can register on <http://www.kolkatafullmarathon.com>. The registration fees are ₹1350 for the full marathon, ₹1100 for half-marathon, ₹850 for 10K and ₹600 for 5k.

Siddhesh for Divyansh

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI
Siddhesh Veer of Maharashtra will replace Divyansh Joshi in the World Cup squad.
India U-19 squad: Priyam Garg (Capt.), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Tilak

Katz to meet Collignon for title

SPORTS BUREAU CHANDIGARH
It will be an all-Belgian affair as Martin Katz set up a title clash with Raphael Collignon in the boys' section of the ITF grade-3 junior tennis tournament on Friday.
The girls' final will be between Mika Dagan Fruchtman (Isr) bt Juliette Boyv (Bel) 6-3, 7-6(9); Sabrina Kalandarov (Isr) bt Jiagi Huang (Chn) 6-3, 6-3. **Doubles:** Jasmine Conway (GBR) & Alessandra Simone (Ita) bt Yaroslava Bartashevich (Rus) & Amelia Waligora (Bel) 6-4, 6-4; Jiagi Huang (Chn) & Yu-Yun Li (Tpe) bt Hu Xinyue (Chn) & Kim Yujin (Kor) 6-3, 3-6, [10-7].

Bopanna & Koolhof duo wins title



Cool customers: Wesley Koolhof and Rohan Bopanna emerged champions in the ATP Qatar Open doubles category. ■ AFP

INDIANS ABROAD

SPORTS BUREAU DOHA
Rohan Bopanna and Wesley Koolhof of the Netherlands defeated Luke Bambridge and Santiago Gonzalez 3-6, 6-2, [10-6] to win the first doubles title of the season in the \$1,465,260 ATP tennis tournament here on Friday.
The third-seeded Indo-Dutch pair, which had earlier in the day knocked out the second seeds Henri Kontinen and Franco Skugor 7-5, 6-2, picked up 250 ATP points and \$76,870.
Meanwhile, Ankita Raina entered the semifinals of the \$25,000 ITF women's event in Bendigo, Australia, with a walkover from third seed Sachia Vickery of the US.
In the \$15,000 women's event in Monastir, Tunisia, Zeel Desai made the singles semifinals with a straight-set victory over Martyna Kubka of Poland, and the doubles semifinals in with Anastasia Tikhonova.
The results: **\$1,465,260 ATP, Doha: Doubles (final):** Wesley Koolhof (Ned) & Rohan Bopanna bt Luke Bambridge (GBR) & Santiago Gonzalez (Mex) 3-6, 6-2, [10-6]. **Semifinals:** Koolhof & Bopanna bt Henri Kontinen (Fin) & Franko Skugor (Cro) 7-5, 6-2. **\$25,000 ITF women, Bendigo, Australia: Quarterfinals:** Ankita Raina w/o Sachia Vickery (US). **\$15,000 ITF women, Monastir, Tunisia: Quarterfinals:** Zeel Desai bt Martyna Kubka (Pol) 7-5, 6-4. **Doubles:** Anastasia Tikhonova (Rus) & Zeel bt Victoria Muntean (Fra) & Sabina Sharipova (Uzb) 5-7, 6-3, [12-10].

Sindhu and Saina bow out

MALAYSIA MASTERS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA KUALA LUMPUR
Olympic medal-winning Indian shuttlers P.V. Sindhu and Saina Nehwal crashed out of the Malaysia Masters outplayed by familiar foes in the quarterfinals, ending the country's campaign here on Friday.
Reigning World champion Sindhu, who took the court first on Friday, was knocked out of the Super 500 badminton tournament by top seed Tai Tzu Ying of Chinese Taipei, while Saina was shown the door by Olympic champion Spaniard Carolina Marin.
Saina was no match for Marin, who took exactly half-an-hour to dispose of the Indian's challenge 21-8, 21-7.
Tzu Ying, ranked second in the world, defeated Rio Olympics silver-medallist Sindhu 21-16 21-16 in the quarterfinal, extending her head-to-head record to 12-5.
This was Sindhu's second consecutive loss to Tzu Ying. She had lost to her in the French Open quarterfinals in October last year.



Oh no! Saina Nehwal was no match for Spaniard Carolina Marin, losing in just half-an-hour. ■ AFP

Sindhu was erratic in the start, failing to capitalise on her leads and eventually lost the first game 16-21 to hand a 1-0 advantage to Tzu Ying.
In the second game, Sindhu could do little as Tzu Ying completely dominated the proceedings from start to finish.
Trailing 11-20, Sindhu saved six match points but it came too late as Tzu Ying sealed the game 21-16.
Later in the day, Saina was outplayed by Marin. Saina and Marin were 6-6 in

head-to-head before Friday's match.

London Olympics bronze-medallist, Saina was on the backfoot from the word go as Marin took the lead early in the first game at 10-6 and simply outsmarted the Indian to pocket it.

In the second game, the script turned out to be the same as Saina committed a lot of unforced errors allowing Marin to easily run away with the match and a place in the semifinals.

Ice Floe expected to score

BENGALURU: Ice Floe, who has been well tuned, is expected to score in the Bangalore City Police Commissioner Trophy (1,200m), the main event of the races to be held here on Saturday (Jan. 11). False falls (width about 6m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.
1. INFANTS PLATE (1,100m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 2.15 pm: 1. Handsome Rocky (1) K. Raghu 55, 2. Shanay (3) Irvan 55, 3. Sizzler (4) Chetan G 55, 4. Born Queen (5) Yash 53.5, 5. Capable (2) Darshan 53.5, 6. Flamingo Road (7) Sinath 53.5, 7. Hitomi Sakuma (6) R. Anand 53.5 and 8. Roc Girl (8) Jagadeesh 53.5.
1. BORN QUEEN, 2. FLAMINGO ROAD, 3. SHANAEY

2. KALHATTI FALLS PLATE (Div. 2), (1,400m), rated 15 to 35, 2.45: 1. Girl With Pearl (7) T.S. Jodha 60, 2. Asgardia (3) Trevor 57.5, 3. Gazebo Talk (8) Vaibhav 57.5, 4. Azeemki Princess (2) Arvind Kumar 57, 5. Altair (6) Irvan 56.5, 6. Indian Star (4) P. Ramesh 56.5, 7. Southern Power

5. BANGALORE CITY POLICE COMMISSIONER TROPHY (1,200m), rated 45 to 65, 4.15: 1. Miniver Rose (11) Dharshan Antony 60, 2. Commodus (5) Trevor 59.5, 3. Alpha (9) R. Shelar 59, 4. Spanish Beauty (3) S. John 59, 5. Animal Queen (7) Mark 58.5, 6. Coloney Harry (2) R. Anand 57, 7. Ice Floe (8) David Allan 57, 8. Psychic Warrior (6) Yash 57, 9. Panama (10) Shreyas Singh 56, 10. Kimera (4) Arvind Kumar 55.5, 11. Aachen (12) C. Umesh 54 and 12. Cuban Pet (1) Akshay Kumar 52.5.
1. ICE FLOE, 2. AACHEN, 3. COMMODUS

6. MAKARA SANKRANTI TROPHY (1,600m), rated 30 to 50, 4.45: 1. Foi Et Amour (5) David Allan 60, 2. Cavaliere (6) S. John 57, 3. After Hours (8) Bhanu Singh 56.5, 4. Alexandre Dumas (9) Akshay Kumar 56.5, 5. Cuban (4) Trevor 56.5, 6. Ideological (3) Antony 56.5, 7. Fotogenic (1) S. Shareef 55.5, 8. Duxton (7) Darshan 54.5 and 9. Smile Of Joy (2) Rayan 53.
1. ALEXANDRE DUMAS, 2. FOI ET AMOUR, 3. CAVALIERE

7. KALHATTI FALLS PLATE (Div. 1), (1,400m), rated 15 to 35, 5.15: 1. High Admiral (7) R. Manjunath 60, 2. Knotty Oak (1) Antony 58.5, 3. Find (8) S. John 57.5, 4. Legendary Princess (3) David Allan 57, 5. Alberto (4) Akshay Kumar 56, 6. King Of The Sand (2) A. Imran 56, 7. Nawabzaadi (6) T.S. Jodha 56, 8. Star Citizen (9) Chetan G 56 and 9. Augustina (5) C. Umesh 54.5.
1. KNOTTY OAK, 2. LEGENDARY PRINCESS, 3. ALBERTO
Day's best: ICE FLOE
Double: BORN QUEEN - GIN DAISY
Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

Allow MAM Ramaswamy Trust horses to participate: Madras HC's directive to MRC

Judge says jockeys of the trust entitled to wear the gold-brown belt jersey

MOHAMED IMRANULLAH S. CHENNAI
The Madras High Court on Friday restrained Madras Race Club (MRC) from directly or indirectly preventing the participation of horses owned by Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar of Chettinad Charitable Trust, represented by A.C. Muthiah, in its races.
The interim orders were passed on a civil suit filed by the Trust to declare as illegal, null and void a decision taken by MRC's Stewards Committee on December 26 to

the Trust to take its horses from the custody of the club for participation in races across the country.
When it was brought to the notice of the judge that the next set of races was to commence from Tuesday, he ordered that the horses of the trust should be allowed forthwith to participate in the handicap and classic races.
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not allow the horses of the trust to participate in its races.
Dispute
Tracing the history of the dispute, the judge recalled that industrialist M.A.M. Ramaswamy owned a large number of horses before his death on December 2, 2015.
Those horses participated in races conducted at MRC and other racing centres in the country. In April 2008, he had executed a power of attorney in favour of trainer Robert Foley with the respect

to the horses.
Thereafter, disputes arose between him and his adopted son M.A.M.R. Muthiah.
In February 2015, the industrialist formed two trusts, one a public trust titled Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar of Chettinad Charitable Trust and a private trust named Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar Trust.
The ownership of the horses were reportedly transferred by Mr. Foley to the private trust on November 16, 2015. However, pursuant to the death of the industrial-

ist, all properties, including the horses, owned by the private trust had supposedly got transferred to the public trust.
Further, the public trust too, on its own, had purchased 62 more horses from various breeders since December 2015 and registered them under the MRC rules of racing.
The trust now complained that MRC was preventing the 62 horses from participating after M.A.M.R. Muthiah had got elected as the chairman of the club in November

2019.
Club's contention
Denying the charge, the club informed the court that the decision to prevent the horses of the club was taken by a six-member Stewards Committee comprising of members with a sterling reputation and unimpeachable integrity. It was also pointed out that Mr. Muthiah was consciously not made part of the committee to avoid conflict of interest.
On the merits of the dispute, the club stated that its

Chennaiyin thrashes Hyderabad

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD
Chennaiyin FC registered a 3-0 win over Hyderabad FC in the Hero ISL match here on Friday.
The visitors took the lead in the 40th minute, thanks to Rafael Crivellaro who showed fine opportunism to slam home a cross from Nerijus Valskis.
Three minutes later, Valskis' scorching left-footer beat a diving Kamaljit Singh. In the 65th minute, he scored again from close range.
Marcelo reduced the margin for Hyderabad in the 88th minute.
The result: Hyderabad FC 1 (Marcelo 88) lost to Chennaiyin FC 3 (Crivellaro 40, Valskis 43 & 65).

Double delight for Armaan

SPORTS BUREAU RAIPUR
Fifth seed Armaan Bhatia defeated top seed Ishaque Eqbal 6-3, 7-6(6) in the final of the Gondwana Cup ₹2.5 lakh AITA men's ranking tennis tournament here on Friday.
The winner was presented ₹31,250 while the runner-up got ₹21,000.
It was a double crown for Armaan, as he and Eqbal won the doubles title, beating the Qamar brothers from Jaipur, Faisal and Fardeen, 10-7 in the super tie-break.
The results (finals): Armaan Bhatia bt Ishaque Eqbal 6-3, 7-6(6). **Doubles:** Armaan & Eqbal bt Faisal Qamar & Fardeen Qamar 5-7, 6-3, [10-7].

PBL: last leg moved to Hyderabad

SPORTS REPORTER BENGALURU
The last leg of Premier Badminton League (PBL) season five, which was scheduled to be held at Bengaluru from February 5-9, has been shifted to Hyderabad, the PBL stated in a media release.

Real Kashmir holds Punjab

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA SRINAGAR
Real Kashmir FC played out a 1-1 draw against former champion Punjab FC in its home I-League match here on Friday.
The 'Snow Leopards' equalised in the 62nd minute through Gnohere Krizo in front of a partisan crowd of 8,500 after Makan Chothe had given Punjab FC the lead in the 21st minute.
After Thursday's draw, Punjab FC is placed third on the table with 10 points from seven games. Real Kashmir FC remains at eighth with six points from five matches.
"We played extremely well. It was a tough game," said Real Kashmir FC co-founder Sandeep Chattoo.
The result: Real Kashmir 1 (Gnohere Krizo 62) drew with Punjab FC (Makan Chothe 21).