

TV PICKS

NBA: Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD), 6.30 a.m.
Khelo India Games: Star Sports 1 (SD), 9.30 a.m.; Star Sports 1 (HD), 4.30 p.m.; Star Sports 2 (SD & HD), 9.30 a.m.
Ranji Trophy: Star Sports 1 (HD) & Star Sports 3 (SD), 9.30 a.m.
Big Bash League: Sony Six (SD & HD), 1.40 p.m.

Anand begins with a draw

CHESS

SPORTS BUREAU
WIJK AAN ZEE
Viswanathan Anand started his campaign in the 82nd Tata Steel Masters chess tournament with a 31-move draw against Russia's Vladislav Artemiev.
World champion Magnus Carlsen and Anish Giri signed truce in 25 moves in the day's shortest game.
In the 14-player field, debutant Iranian Alireza Firouzja, playing under the FIDE flag, defeated Belarus' Vladislav Kovalev in 36 moves.
The results (first round): Viswanathan Anand drew with Vladislav Artemiev (Rus); Magnus Carlsen (Nor) drew with Anish Giri (Ned); Fabiano Caruana (USA) drew with Wesley So (USA); Alireza Firouzja (FIDE) bt Vladislav Kovalev (Blr); Jorden van Foreest (Ned) bt Yu Yangyi (Chn); Nikita Vitiugov (Rus) drew with Duda Jan-Krzysztof (Pol); Jeffery Xiong (USA) drew with Daniil Dubov (Rus).

TRAU beats Arrows

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Manipur's Tiddim Road Athletic Union (TRAU) posted a 2-0 win over bottom-placed Indian Arrows in their I-League match here on Sunday. Naocha Singh (44th minute) and Princewill Emeka (79th) were the scorers.

Djokovic steers Serbia to glory

After mastering Nadal again on hardcourts, plays pivotal role in doubles

ATP CUP

REUTERS
SYDNEY
Novak Djokovic helped seal victory for Serbia in the inaugural ATP Cup team event after defeating his long-term rival Rafael Nadal in singles on Sunday before going on to play a pivotal role in the deciding doubles match against Spain.
With the final locked at 1-1 after the singles were shared, Djokovic partnered veteran Victor Troicki to beat Pablo Carreno Busta and Feliciano Lopez 6-3, 6-4 and win the title.
The 16-time Grand Slam champion proved to be a calming influence throughout, especially after the Serbian pair fell behind early in the match.
He used his powerful serve and fleet-footed re-



Mission accomplished: The Serbian team is all smiles after becoming the inaugural winner of the ATP Cup on Sunday. •REUTERS

turns to haul his country back into the first set and create a momentum shift which Serbia rode all the way to a victory completed in the early hours of Monday morning here.
Djokovic earlier beat Nadal 6-2, 7-6(4), extending his dominance over the Spaniard on hardcourts, a surface Nadal has not beaten him on since 2013.
Djokovic has created the blueprint to beat the Spa-

niard on hardcourts, although he is one of the very few players good enough to follow the instructions.

Holding his line
The Serbian held his line, and was rarely pushed back deep into the court by the Spaniard's heavy spin, a position from which Nadal usually dictates terms.
"There were some incredible exchanges today," said Djokovic. "I started off the match perfectly really, everything worked for me."
Earlier, Roberto Bautista Agut completed a flawless tournament by defeating Dusan Lajovic 7-5, 6-1.
The result: Serbia bt Spain 2-1 [Dusan Lajovic lost to Roberto Bautista Agut 7-5, 6-1; Novak Djokovic bt Rafael Nadal 6-2, 7-6(4); Viktor Troicki & Djokovic bt Feliciano Lopez & Pablo Carreno Busta 6-3, 6-4].

Ancy and Nuzrat claim the under-21 100m gold medals

Maharashtra, with 34 medals, continues to top the table

KHELO GAMES

SPORTS BUREAU
GUWAHATI
Kerala's Ancy Sojan gave her best to win the girls' under-21 100m and long jump titles in the Khelo India Youth Games here on Sunday. Ancy timed 12.21 to take the 100m crown and leaped to 6.36m to claim the long jump gold with a new meet record.
Tamil Nadu's A. Sherin, who set the mark at 6.15m last year, claimed the silver with 6.30m. T.K. Sandra Babu of Kerala was third with 5.99m.
Nuzrat Ali clocked 10.77 to beat Delhi's Abhinav Panwar (10.82) for the boys' under-21 100m title. Kunal Kaushik's boys' under-17 shot put gold with a throw of 17.68m



Golden run: Ancy Sojan of Kerala won the girls' under-21 100m crown. •RITU RAJ KONWAR

helped Haryana snatch another gold.
Sadanand Kumar of Jharkhand (10.95) and Jeevanji Deepthi (12.26), who created

a new meet record lowering Avantika Narale's 12.36, were the 100m gold medallists in under-17 boys' and girls' sections.

Waykar, Pooja win in cycling
Madhura Waykar and Pooja Danole fetched yellow metals for Maharashtra in cycling. Waykar timed 27.20.81 in girls' under-21 individual

time trial (20km) while Pooja clocked 24:17.778 for the girls' under-17 time trial (15km).
In under-21 girls' recurve competition, Maharashtra's Tisha Sacheti beat Pramila-ben Barla (Gujarat) 6-4 in the semifinals to set up a title clash with Haryana's Himani, who defeated Sakshi Tote of Maharashtra 5(8)-5(7).
Maharashtra's Sachin Vedwan recorded a comfortable 6-2 win over statemate Mayur Rokade, while Jagdish Choudhary of Rajasthan beat Sunny Kumar of Haryana 7-3 to reach the boys' under-21 recurve final.
Maharashtra continued to top the table with 34 medals, including 11 gold, followed by Delhi (18) and Uttar Pradesh (16).

It's Ashwa Bahula vs Shaquille in feature

HYDERABAD: Ashwa Bahula and Shaquille may fight out the finish in the Hovercraft Plate (1,600m), the main event of the races to be held here on Monday (Jan. 13).
1. TWIN STAR PLATE (DIV. II), (1,100m), 4-y-o & over (not won since July 1 2019), rated 00 to 25, (Cat. III), 1-10 p.m.: 1. Crackershow (9) Deepak Singh 61.5, 2. Khan Sahib (1) A.A. Vikrant 61.5, 3. Let It Be Me (6) Jitendra Singh 61.5, 4. Secret Command (7) Santosh Raj 61.5, 5. Speed Warrior (2) Nakhat Singh 61.5, 6. Blazing Jupiter (4) Rohit Kumar 60.5, 7. Mr. Bruss (3) Kuldeep Singh 59.5, 8. London Bridge (8) Gopal Singh 59 and 9. Victoria (5) Afroz Khan 53.
1. LET IT BE ME,
2. SECRET COMMAND,
3. CRACKERSHOW
2. SECUNDERABAD CLUB PLATE (DIV. III), (1,100m), 4-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 1-40: 1. Top Saga (8) R. Ajinkya 60, 2. Wah Ms Zara (1) Akshay Kumar 58, 3. California Beauty (4) B.R. Kumar 56, 4. Air Salute (10) Afroz Khan 54.5, 5. Composure (7) Jitendra Singh 53.5, 6. Flying Queen (2) Irvan Singh 53, 7. Bedazzled (5) Kuldeep Singh 52.5, 8. Secretary (3) Ajeeth Kumar 51, 9. Ursula (6) Rafique Sk. 50.5 and 10. Acadian Angel (9) Santosh Raj 50.
1. CALIFORNIA BEAUTY,
2. TOP SAGA,
3. WAH MS ZARA
3. TWIN STAR PLATE (DIV. I), (1,100m), 4-y-o & over (not won a race since July 1 2019), rated 00 to 25, (Cat. III), 2-10: 1. Ashwa Yudh Vijeta (3) N. Rawal 61.5, 2. Dazzling King (8) Jitendra Singh 61.5, 3. Kintsugi (2) Rohit Kumar 61.5, 4. Latest News (4) Kiran Naidu 61.5, 5. My Dream (1) R. Ajinkya 61.5, 6. Whiskery (7) Abhay Singh 61.5, 7. Brave Syera (6) Mukesh Kumar 59.5, 8. Light Music (9) Nakhat Singh 59.5 and 9. Ekam (5) Rafique Sk. 50.
1. ASHWA YUDH VIJETA,
2. BRAVE SYERA,
3. WHISKERY
4. SECUNDERABAD CLUB PLATE (DIV. II), (1,100m), 4-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45, (Cat. III), 2-45: 1. Takisha (7) Afroz Khan 60, 2. Stepper (2) G. Nareesh 58.5, 3. Carmella (1) Kuldeep Singh 57.5, 4. Tapatio (4) A.A. Vikrant 55, 5. Time Is Good (9) R. Ajinkya 55, 6. Arcade Fire (10) Koushik 53.5, 7. Windsteps (5) B.R. Kumar 53.5, 8. Sea Wolf (ex: Royal Tiger) (3) Akshay Kumar 53, 9. Blazing Speed (8) Ajeeth Kumar 51 and 10. Dance All Night (6) Gaddam 51.
1. TAKISHA,
2. STEPPER,
3. SEA WOLF
5. AUXILIARY PLATE (DIV. I), (1,200m), 5-y-o & over, rated 40 to 65, (Cat. II), 3-15: 1. Meritocracy (9) Jitendra Singh 61.5, 2. Shandaar (12) Akshay Kumar 61.5, 3. Trump Girl (4) Koushik 61.5, 4. Meka's (13) G. Nareesh 60.5, 5. Arc Of History (10) Surya Prakash 59.5, 6. Dunkirk (7) Mukesh Kumar 56, 7. Top Contender (11) Afroz Khan 56, 8. Vancouver (6) A.A. Vikrant 55, 9. Mr. Shanghai (5) Rohit Kumar 54, 10. Once More (2) Santosh Raj 53.5, 11. Proud Warrior (8) B.R. Kumar 53.5, 12. Gorgeous Lady (3) Rafique Sk. 53 and 13. Sublime (1) Gaddam 52.
1. TOP CONTENDER,
2. SHANDAAR,
3. MERITOCRACY
6. HOVERCRAFT PLATE (1,600m), 5-y-o & over, rated 60 to 85, (Cat. II), 3-45: 1. That's My Class (4) Akshay Kumar 62, 2. Ashwa Bahula (8) Mukesh Kumar 60, 3. Starlight (1) Rohit Kumar 57.5, 4. Magical Skill (6) C.P. Bopanna 56.5, 5. Doroteo (9) Koushik 56, 6. N R I Symbol (11) Afroz Khan 54, 7. Honest Hunter (7) B.R. Kumar 53.5, 8. Shaquille (10) A.A. Vikrant 53.5, 9. Mr. Baahubali (3) Ajeeth Kumar 53, 10. Guiding Force (2) N. Rawal 52.5, 11. Seven Eleven (5) Ashad Asbar 52.5 and 12. Destined Dynamite (12) Irvan Singh 50.
1. ASHWA BAHULA,
2. SHAQUILLE,
3. SEVEN ELEVEN
7. AUXILIARY PLATE (DIV. II), (1,200m), 5-y-o & over, rated 40 to 65, (Cat. II), 4-15: 1. N R I Power (7) Koushik 61.5, 2. Ashka Ashka Ashka (3) Ajeeth Kumar 59, 3. Crimson Fire (13) Rohit Kumar 58.5, 4. Marian Del Rey (9) T. Ajinkya 58, 5. Lightning Fin (8) Akshay Kumar 57, 6. Locha Stella (12) Nakhat Singh 56, 7. Prince Caspian (4) Jitendra Singh 56, 8. Heaven Can Wait (4) Afroz Khan 53.5, 9. Vallee Bloomer (2) G. Nareesh 53.5, 10. Running Fire (11) B.R. Kumar 52.5, 11. Gladstone (6) Irvan Singh 52, 12. New State (5) Mukesh Kumar 52 and 13. Royal Green (10) Rafique Sk. 52.
1. CRIMSON FIRE,
2. LIGHTNING FIN,
3. N R I POWER
8. SECUNDERABAD CLUB PLATE (DIV. I), (1,100m), 4-y-o & over, rated 20 to 45, (Cat. III), 4-45: 1. Green Turf (5) Akshay Kumar 60, 2. Safra (4) N. Rawal 58.5, 3. Southern State (7) Kiran Naidu 57.5, 4. Shakesphere (3) Mukesh Kumar 55.5, 5. Star Racer (11) Rohit Kumar 55, 6. Vallee Ikon (1) Gaddam 53.5, 7. Tough And Go (6) G. Nareesh 53, 8. Original Temptress (10) Abhay Singh 52.5, 9. Withrosemakeup (9) B.R. Kumar 51.5, 10. Dillon (2) Ajeeth Kumar 50.5 and 11. Yogya (8) Afroz Khan 50.5.
1. TOUGH AND GO,
2. GREEN TURF,
3. STAR RACER
Day's best: **ASHWA YUDH VIJETA**
Double: **TOP CONTENDER – TOUGH AND GO**
Jkt: 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8; Mini Jkt: 5, 6, 7 & 8; Tr (I): 1, 2 & 3; (ii): 3, 4 & 5; (iii): 6, 7 & 8; Tla: all races.