

# Mishra stars as India creates history

BULAWAYO, Aug 3:

India today created history by recording their first-ever five-match ODI series whitewash on foreign soil as they thrashed Zimbabwe by seven wickets in the fifth and final cricket one-day, riding on leg-spinner Amit Mishra's career-best six wicket haul.

Mishra's fine effort of 6 for 48 saw India bowl out Zimbabwe for a paltry 163 in 39.5 overs after opting to bowl and the visitors then chased down the small target comfortably with 16 overs to spare at Queens Sports Club here.

The leg-spinner also equalled the world record for most wickets in a bilateral ODI series. He took his series tally to 18, equalling the record held by compatriot Javagal Srinath.

India have recorded three 5-0 series wins at home in the past five years -- whitewashing England twice and New Zealand once. But, this was their maiden whitewash win in a five-match series away from home.

Ajinkya Rahane, who was playing in his first match of the series, top-scored with a 66-ball 50, his third ODI fifty in his 17th match, with the help of four boundaries and a six. He shared a crucial 71-run partnership for the third wicket with Ravindra Jadeja (not out 48 from 77 balls) to lay the foundation for the win.

Jadeja ended the contest in style by hitting a six as India reached 167 for three in 34 overs.

The victory target was too small for the rampaging Indians, who have recorded convincing wins over the home side in all the five matches.

The young Indian side under Virat Kohli, who had come here without a few top players, maintained their domination over the home side and ended the series in emphatic style.



Amit Mishra being congratulated by teammates after scalping an important wicket during last ODI against Zimbabwe on Saturday.

SCOREBOARD	
<b>Zimbabwe Innings</b>	
Visu Sibanda c Karthik b Unadkat	5
Hamilton Masakadza b Jadeja	32
Brendan Taylor c Raina b Sharma	0
Timycen Maruma c Karthik b Shami	4
Sean Williams c Kohli b Mishra	51
Malcolm Waller c Sharma b Mishra	8
Elton Chigumbura lbw b Mishra	17
Tinotenda Mutombodzi c Raina b Mishra	4
Natsai Mushangwe b Mishra	16
Kyle Jarvis not out	12
Brian Vitori c Kohli b Mishra	4
<b>Extras:</b> (lb 4,W 3,NB 3)	10
<b>Total</b> (All out in 39.5 overs)	163
<b>Bowling:</b> Mohit Sharma 6-0-25-1, Jaydev Unadkat 6-1-8-1, Ravindra Jadeja 10-0-42-1, Mohammed Shami 7-1-27-1, Suresh Raina 2-0-9-0, Amit Mishra 8.5-0-48-6	
<b>India Innings</b>	
Cheteshwar Pujara b Jarvis	0
Shikhar Dhawan c Taylor b Jarvis	41
Ajinkya Rahane b Waller	50
Ravindra Jadeja not out	48
Dinesh Karthik not out	10
<b>Extras:</b> (B-4, LB-2, W-12)	18
<b>Total</b> (for three wickets in 34 overs)	167
<b>Bowling:</b> Kyle Jarvis 8-3-18-2; Brian Vitori 5-0-41-0; Elton Chigumbura 4-0-11-0; Natsai Mushangwe 6-0-26-0; Tinotenda Mutombodzi 5-0-29-0; Sean Williams 2-0-18-0; Malcolm Waller 4-0-18-1. (PTI)	

This series victory also rectified their disappointing performance in this country in 2010 when they lost all their two matches in a tri-series.

Captain Virat Kohli, one of the Indian centurions in the series, dropped himself down and sent Rahane at number three as the target was small. His team-mates ensured that there was no need for their captain to come out and bat.

India's run chase though did not begin well with opener Cheteshwar Pujara dismissed in the fourth ball for a duck.

Playing in his second ODI of his career, Pujara was cleanbowed by Kyle Jarvis with a good length delivery just outside off which cut back to sneak through the gap between bat and pad before hitting the top of middle stump.

Pujara was out in a similar fashion in the previous game, his debut match, when he made 13.

In the fourth over, Dhawan took 15 runs off Brian Vitori with three fours and hit the same bowler for a six and a four two overs later. But Dhawan was dropped in the same over when he was on 32 in the penultimate ball before the break which was taken after the Indians had faced six overs in their small chase.

The Indian opener tried to pull a Vitori delivery towards short fine leg only to top-edge it. But to the Indian's luck, he survived following a misunderstanding between the fine-leg fielder and his captain and wicket-keeper Brendan Taylor. The fine-leg fielder, who should have gone for the catch, left it for Taylor, who dived full length but did not get to it.

Dhawan, the other Indian centurion in the series, was out in the 11th off Jarvis, the best bowler for the home side today. The Indian offered an edge to wicketkeeper Taylor as he attempted to push a good length delivery close to off stump. Dhawan, who had scored 116 in the second match, hit six fours and a six in his 38-ball innings. (PTI)

# Rasool warms benches, fails to get game in Zimbabwe

BULAWAYO, Aug 3:

He was expected to script a new chapter of hope in the sporting history of Jammu and Kashmir but it ended up being a case of so near yet so far for all-rounder Parveez Rasool, who was not included in the Indian cricket team for any of the five ODIs against Zimbabwe.

Once the series was clinched by taking an unassailable 3-0 lead, Indian skipper Virat Kohli was expected to give all the bench players a chance.

Quite a few of them like Mohit Sharma, Ajinkya Rahane and Cheteshwar Pujara got the captain's nod except for Rasool, who now has to wait for some more time to make his international debut.

It was quite surprising that the team management did not give Rasool an opportunity even in the very last match despite having a 4-0 lead in the series.

The 24-year-old Rasool, who hails from Bijbehara, has been in contention for national selection for a while now after a string of impressive performances at the first-class level.

Rasool was the standout performer for Jammu and Kashmir

# Sahyog Committee organizing Volleyball Tourney on Aug 15

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 3: Sahyog Committee, Bari Brahmana is organizing Volleyball Tournament on August 15.

This was stated by secretary of the committee Rakesh Singh during a press conference here today.

He said that in this tournament a total 16 teams are going to participate. The winner team will be awarded with Rs 11,000 and runner will be awarded with Rs 8,100 cash prize with individual prizes.

This year the committee has also decided to organize the

in the 2012-13 Ranji Trophy, ending the season as its top scorer and highest wicket-taker.

In his seven Ranji matches, Rasool scored 594 runs at 54 with two centuries, and took 33 wickets at 18.09 to finish as the third-highest wicket-taker among spinners in the tournament.

Rasool, who made his first-class debut for J&K in the 2008-09 season, has played 17 first-class matches, scoring 1003 runs and taking 46 wickets.

Rasool made headlines after being named in the India A and Board Presidents XI squads for the warm-up matches against England and Australia in late 2012 and early this year.

Although he did not make much of an impact against England, Rasool returned impressive figures of 7/45 against the Aussies in February. In that particular match he was also the second highest scorer for his team with 36.

The all-rounder cashed in on the opportunity to become the first cricketer from the Valley to bag an IPL contract when he was signed by Pune Warriors India ahead of the sixth edition of the cash-rich T20 league. (PTI)



Minister for Housing, Horticulture and Culture, Raman Bhalla interacting with players at KV No. 2 Jammu Cantt on Saturday.

# KV 2 Jammu Cantt organises Basketball Tournament

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 3: As part of Golden Jubilee celebrations of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), KV No 2 Jammu Cantt organized the 44th Sub-Regional Basketball Tournament, here today.

6 teams drawn from KVs of Jammu are participating in the Tournament.

Raman Bhalla, Minister for Housing, Horticulture and Culture was the chief guest on the occasion.

The Tournament began with the lighting of the traditional lamp by the chief guest in the

backdrop of the recitation of Deep Vandana Shlokas and Shanknaad. Apart from other audience, VMC members of the Vidyalaya were also present on the occasion.

Earlier, School Principal, M Laxmi Narayan presented welcome address.

The chief guest declared the event open by releasing balloons carrying the banner of KVS Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Bhalla congratulated the entire KV fraternity for smooth and successful completion of 50 years, besides advising the players to play with a sporting spirit.



Young cagers posing for a group photograph alongwith dignitaries during inaugural ceremony of Sub-Regional Basketball Tournament.

# Sub-Regional Basketball Tournament inaugurated

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, Aug 3: Principal KV No-2 Udhampur inaugurated the 2-day Sub-Regional Basketball Tournament at KV No 1, here today.

Earlier, Dr R Prasad, Principal KV No 1 Udhampur presented welcome address before accompanying the chief guest in declaring open the

Tournament in a well attended function. The proceedings of the Tournament began with an oath

taking ceremony, which was followed by the matches.

The first match was played between KV Jindrah and KV No 1 Udhampur, wherein the latter was the winner as its players displayed superb skill and showed splendid performance.

The chief guest and the other dignitaries distributed prizes among the winners on the occasion.

Basanti Khampa, Vice Principal KV No 1 Udhampur presented vote of thanks.

# Tendulkar rues not getting chance to play against Viv Richards

DUBAI, Aug 3:

Sachin Tendulkar has some fond memories of playing alongside the legends of the 1980s in the 1992 World Cup but is still disappointed at missing out playing against his hero Vivian Richards.

Tendulkar recalled his progress from a ball boy in the 1987 World Cup to playing against the best players of that era in the next World Cup.

"I remember in 1987, I was a ball boy so it was a big transformation for me from being a ball boy to participating in the next World Cup. I still remember the group picture of teams in Sydney. It was followed by a dinner at the Darling Harbour. It was an unbelievable experience with all the top players from the world in the room," the modern-day batting icon said.

Tendulkar, who entered the 1992 World Cup as a teenager, scored 283 runs at an average of just over 47 and was man of the match in India's only two victories - over Pakistan by 43 runs

and Zimbabwe by 55 runs.

Tendulkar said it was "special" to play against some big names such as Ian Botham, Graham Gooch, Kepler Wessels, Imran Khan, Javed Miandad, Wasim Akram, Desmond Haynes, Richie Richardson, Malcolm Marshall and Curtly Ambrose.

However, he regrets not getting a game against the West Indies legend Vivian Richards. "I was quite disappointed that Vivian Richards was not part of the West Indies squad. He was (and still is) my hero, so it was disappointing that I could not play against him," he said.

also said that the 1992 World Cup introduced a number of newcomers to the world who went on to become household names and great ambassadors for the game. "I have to say Allan Donald was a big name then. Everyone spoke about how good he was. Then there was Jonty Rhodes. His run out of Inzamam-ul-Haq was one of the highlights of the World Cup. Not many guys have seen a run out like that!," Tendulkar was quoted as saying in an ICC release. (PTI)

# IBL: Olympic silver-medallist Boe to play for Awadhe Warriors

NEW DELHI, Aug 3:

London Olympics men's silver-medallist, Denmark's Mathias Boe, has been roped in by Awadhe Warriors as a replacement for banned Thai shuttler Manepong Jongjit in the upcoming Indian Badminton League.

The IBL governing council ratified the decision here today, following a request from Awadhe Warrior to pick up the former World No.1 in men's doubles out of a reserve list.

Commenting on the decision to select Boe, Awadhe Warriors' Abhijit Sarkar, said, "We are extremely delighted to bag one of the best doubles players in the world. I'm confident Mathias Boe will be a great asset for Awadhe Warriors in the forth-

coming IBL."

Boe said he was delighted at being picked in the IBL.

"India is a great badminton country with so many fans and I really look forward to be part of the event. I have been involved in the IBL from the beginning and have made myself available for the League this year," he said.

The USD one million IBL is set to launch on August 14 with Krrish Delhi Smashers taking on Pune Pistons.

The IBL will feature six franchises and will run for 18 days. Each franchise will host a two-day leg and the League will showcase a grand total of 90 matches.

The top four franchises in the League will clash in the semi-finals and the winners will meet in the grand final in Mumbai on August 31. (PTI)

# Netherlands oust India, set up title clash with Argentina

MONCHENGLADBACH, Aug 3:

Indian challenge ended today in the ERGO Hockey Junior Women World Cup here as they were defeated by defending champions The Netherlands by 3-0 in the first semi-final match.

In the first semi-final Argentina marched into the final at the expense of England whom they blanked by 3-0.

India, who made their maiden entry in the WC Junior final, were not given any liberty by the rough and tough Netherlands players. The match supervised by Irene Presenqui from Argentina and Amber Church from New Zealand. Scheerlinck Lisa and Van Wijk Lieke were shown green cards in the 38th and 62nd minutes, respectively. The Netherlands scored

through Van Wijk Lieke (17th, penalty corner), de Lange Lisanne (57th, field goal) and Scheerlinck Lisa (68th, FG).

The first half of the match was mostly confined to midfield as both sides struggled to create promising scoring opportunities from open play. However, the first penalty corner resulted in a goal for The Netherlands. Tournament top scorer Lieke van Wijk's drag flick found the net beating India's goalkeeper Chanu Sanarik Ningombam to put her side ahead.

A few minutes later, the Dutch girls forced another penalty corner which went wide. India had a promising scoring opportunity before halftime when they earned their first penalty corner but could not get the shot away. (UNI)

# Del Potro to face Haas in ATP Washington semis

WASHINGTON, Aug 3:

Argentina's top-seeded Juan Martin Del Potro booked a semi-final matchup against Germany's Tommy Haas with a straight-set victory Friday over Kevin Anderson at the ATP and WTA Washington Open.

Seventh-ranked Del Potro, the 2009 US Open winner and the Washington champion in 2008 and 2009, beat the South African seventh seed Haas 6-6 (7/0), 6-3 while third seed Haas ousted Bulgarian 11th seed Grigor Dimitrov 7-6 (7/5), 7-6 (7/3).

"It's a good opportunity to reach another final but I have to beat a very good player," Del Potro said. "He's playing good

this season and he has got a lot of experience. I'll try to play like today or even better."

US eighth seed John Isner, who won his seventh career title last week in Atlanta, will face Russia's Dmitry Tursunov in the other men's semi-final at the \$1.76 million hardcourt event, a tuneup for the US Open.

Del Potro, in his first event since losing an epic Wimbledon semi-final to top-ranked Novak Djokovic, has won all four prior ATP matches against Haas without losing a set, including a 2008 Washington semi-final and most recently in the round of 16 this year at Indian Wells.

"Del Potro is one opponent I despise playing in many ways," Haas said. "He has given me a lot of trouble. And he has been playing terrific tennis."

"It's going to be a challenge. I hope I can mix it up, play aggressive and not give him too many points."

Del Potro, who never faced a break point in the match, rolled through the first-set tie-breaker, winning it at love when Anderson netted a backhand.

That was part of a run of 15 points in a row by the South American, including the first six of the second set on his way to the first break of the match for a 2-0 lead. (Agencies)

# Pune girl Soumya crowned National Women's Challengers champion

THRISSUR (Kerala), Aug 3:

Soumya Swaminathan registered a comfortable win over Monisha GK with black pieces to lift the 40th National Women Challengers Chess championship here today.

The Pune girl, who is supported by Lakshya-FLAME, needed a win in the 11th and final round today to ensure the title and she achieved her goal after 33 moves when her opponent resigned. Soumya finished with 9 points from 11 rounds. (PTI)

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