

## Ton-up Joe becomes 'Root' cause of India's problems, England take vital first innings lead

LONDON, Aug 14: England captain Joe Root continued his dream run with an artistic 22nd hundred to ensure a morale boosting first innings lead as the second Test against India is poised for an interesting finish in the next couple of days.

Root (180 not out), who scored his second successive hundred of this series, took England from a position of weakness to strength with the first innings total of 391 after India scored 364 in their first essay.

More than the quantum of lead which stands at 27 currently, it is the psychological advantage that England gained after a poor first day which will put them in good stead as their bowlers would go flat out to dismiss the low on confidence Indian middle order cheaply on the fourth day.

En route his 321-ball knock, Root became the first England captain to hit five hundreds in a season and also complete a personal milestone of 9000 Test runs while clinically annihilating the Indian attack which has till now failed to crack the 'Root Code'.

If these records were not enough, he is also now the first English captain with six 150 plus scores, a testimony to his knack of hitting 'Daddy Hundreds'.

His sequence of scores now reads 64, 109, 180\* in this series. What makes him more special is the fact that he had made an attack, which otherwise gave a decent account of themselves, look pedestrian with his counter-punches that included 18 boundaries.

Mohammed Siraj (30-7-94-4) had the most number of wickets but bowled too many boundary

balls in that first session along with Mohammed Shami (26-3-94-2), who would like to forget this innings in a hurry.

Old workhorse Ishant Sharma (24-4-69-3) once again did his part but at times looked tired in his later spells although the in-cutter that cleaned up Jos Buttler (23) would be any pacer's dream.

But England batting was all

balls) did help him with a 121 run stand for the fourth wicket as the first session was a virtual nightmare for Indian bowlers.

Root's gameplan actually upset India's strategy as the first hour on third morning produced 54 runs with a flurry of boundaries coming off Siraj and Shami.

Kohli's decision to not start with Ishant or Bumrah first-up



Joe Root celebrates after completing century in second Test against India at Lord's Cricket Ground on Saturday.

about Root and how he controlled the narrative with superb technique and the sublime range of strokes on the off-side.

Unlike India's tour of 2018, Root has now a reduced back-foot trigger movement and the front-foot rather than going across the off-stump moves a shade towards middle-stump.

This slight tweak gives more chance of playing the drives through the off-side.

Jonny Bairstow (57 off 107

didn't help the cause as runs leaked easily in the form of cover and square drives and along with the whip through mid-wicket region.

It did help that the pitch was best for batting on the third day and Root wasn't going to let the chance of making merry go abegging on a sunny Saturday.

As many as 97 and 98 runs were scored in first two sessions, signalling the plight of the Indian bowling attack. (PTI)

## Advisor reviews pace of work of KK Hakku Stadium

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 14: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Farooq Ahmed Khan today visited KK Hakku Stadium Jammu to review the ongoing developmental works of the KK Hakku Hockey Stadium allotted under PMDP with an allotted cost of Rs 5.5 crore.

While inspecting the ongoing works, Advisor Khan directed the engineers of the Sports Council to complete the project within the given timeline so that the facility is dedicated to public at an earliest.

The Advisor further asked the officials of the Council to complete the remaining components of the work within the deadline. He also pointed out certain deficiencies and asked them to remove them so that the Stadium is equipped with all the modern facilities. He also emphasised on landscaping of the Stadiums, installation of modern electronic and electrical systems as per FIH

norms so that the stadium is fully geared to host day & night matches there. He also passed directions to install canopy over seating area besides decorative flag posts and modern electronic score boards to facilitate the spectators of the match.

The engineering wing of Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council was also directed to draft and design first of its kind DPR for water harvesting system in all the stadia of J&K to save the water for reuse.

Executive Engineer, Sports Council Jammu, Davinder Singh, Divisional Sports Officer Jammu, Ashok Singh, AEE, Imran Khan and other site engineers were present on the occasion to brief the Advisor about the works done and future prospects of developing the stadium. They assured the Advisor that all his directions would soon be turned into the reality to make this stadium a leading facility in whole J&K.

## Sqay selection trials conducted at ISMAA Pampore

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Aug 14: The Jammu and Kashmir Sqay Association (J&KSA) today conducted trials at ISMAA Pampore to select Jammu and Kashmir team for upcoming All India Sqay Championship (AISC) which is scheduled to be held at Pahalgam from August 24 to 26.

About 80 players from different districts of the Union Territory participated in the selection trials in which 30 players including 15 each men and women were selected for the upcoming championship.

Bashir Ahmad, Manager Sports Stadium Pulwama was



Selected Sqay players posing for a photograph with dignitaries at Pampore.

## Delegation of specially abled persons meets JKCA Sub-committee members

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Aug 14: A delegation of specially abled persons, led by Javed Ahmad Tak, Honorary chairman of Humanity Welfare Organisation today met with Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association Sub-committee members including Sunil Sethi and Mithun Manhas and Majid Dar at JKCA office at Sher-e-Kashmir International Stadium Sonwar, here today.

Shafat Ahmad Sofi, Showkat Ahmad Lone, Feroz Ahmad Bhat and Abdul Hameed Itoo were part of the delegation.

The delegation raised various demands before the Sub-committee including registration of Blind Cricketers Association, Wheelchair Cricketers Association and Deaf Cricketers Association of J&K, creation of accessibility in all Stadiums so that spectators and players with disabilities can watch and participate in all sorts of cricket events.

The delegation also demanded to identify a cricket pitch at a centrally located place of Srinagar where cricket events for cricketers with disabilities will be organised and also create a mechanism to introduce sign language commentary through LCD and other electronic gadgets.

Sunil Sethi, member JKCA assured the delegation that positive steps will be taken for the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the cricket sport and promised that they will discuss with BCCI for providing registration to the cricketers with bench mark disabilities along with financial help will be provided to minimise their disabilities.

Meanwhile, the delegation also met with Secretary J&K Sports



JKCA Sub-committee members posing for a group photograph with delegation of specially abled persons at Srinagar.

Council, Nuzhat Gull at her office Bakshi Stadium Srinagar and discussed inaccessibility of sports infrastructure including Indoor halls, Stadium for persons with disabilities.

The Secretary assured that all steps will be taken to accommodate persons with disabilities in all types of sports events and ensured their participation by removing all sorts of barriers.

## BGSBU organises Volleyball match

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

RAJOURI, Aug 14: Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University (BGSBU) organised Volleyball match between teach-

Prof Akbar Masood Vice Chancellor of the University was a chief guest on this occasion. In his address, Prof Akbar emphasised on the importance of games and sports for the holistic growth and development of the youth. "The University is committed to provide all the necessary facilities and equipment to the students for maintaining physical fitness and good health," Prof Akbar said.

Prof GM Malik, Dean of ing faculty and non teaching staff in the University Campus, here today.

The match was organised by Directorate of Physical Education and Sports which was won by team of teaching faculty by 2-0 sets.



Vice Chancellor BGSBU, Prof Akbar Masood interacting with players before match at Rajouri on Saturday.

## SSP Jammu, SP Hqrs give trophies to winners

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 14: Prizes were today distributed among the winners of debate competition held in connection with Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in DPL Jammu. The chief guest of the function was SSP Jammu Chandan Kohli. Other officers present in the function were SP Headquarters Rammish Gupta, Sr. PO DPO Pooja Nijhon, DySP DAR KD Bhagat and a teacher from Police Public school Jammu.

Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav was organised by Jammu Police in different sub divisions of Jammu. In this connection, a debate competition was also organised in Jammu which 80 students from different schools participated actively.

The schools that participated in the competition were Govt. Hr. Sec. School Akhnoor, Govt. Hr. Sec. School Domana, Govt. Girls Hr. Sec. School Nagrota, Dewan Devi Hr. Sec. School Rajpura Mangotria, Govt. Hr. Sec. School

Central Basic Super Bazar Purani Mandi Jammu, Govt. Girls Hr. Sec. School Gandhi Nagar, Govt. Hr. Sec. School Channi Himmat Jammu and Govt. Girls Hr. Sec. School RS Pura. The competition was held under the supervision of the respective officers of sub divisions like Akhnoor, Domana, Nagrota, West, North, South, East and RS Pura.

The top 27 performers finally competed in the final round today on 14th August in DPL Jammu.



Winners of debate competition pose with SSP Jammu Chandan Kohli and SP Headquarters Rammish Gupta on Saturday.

The final winners of the debate competition were: Jasleen Kour St. Joseph Convent HS Arnia, Aqsa Malik Delhi Public School Shaheedi Chowk Jammu and Riya JKPPS Miran Sahib Jammu. Moreover, participants were given the winning trophies and appreciation certificates.

## Martand Sunrisers beats Vitasta CC by 7 wkts

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 14: Martand Sunrisers Cricket Club defeated Vitasta Cricket Club by seven wickets in Veterans Cup 2021, being played at KC Sports Club Ground, here today.

Vitasta CC won the toss and elected to bat first. Batting first the Vitasta CC made 95 runs by losing all wickets. Amit made highest 35 runs for his team. From the bowling side, Bakshi

bagged four wickets, whereas Rajesh took three wickets and Vijay and Rajesh clinched two and one wickets respectively.

In reply, superb batting displayed by skipper Rajesh Salhotra and Manoj who made 35 and 47 runs respectively helped Martand Sunrisers Cricket Club to beat their opponents by seven wickets.

Bakshi was declared as man of the match for his outstanding performance with the ball.



President of Mira Child Welfare Society Dr Sandhya Dhar distributing sports items among orphan inmates of Ved Mandir Amphalla on Saturday.

## MWCWS donates sports items to Ved Mandir

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 14: Mira Women Child Welfare Society (MWCWS) Pamposh Colony Janipur donated sports items to orphan inmates of Ved Mandir, Amphalla, here today.

The sports items including Volleyballs, Cricket kits, Ludo,

Carrom boards, Badminton kits and Skipping ropes etc were donated by president of the Society, Dr Sandhya Dhar to promote sports activities among the inmates.

The Ved Mandir Committee expressed gratitude to president of the Society for her kind donation for the inmates of the Mandir.

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