

Australia dismiss set openers as India face uphill task in pursuit of 407

SYDNEY, Jan 10:

Cheteshwar Pujara was left to summon his trademark doggedness with skipper Ajinkya Rahane after India lost their openers in pursuit of an improbable 407, setting the stage for an intriguing final day of the third Test against Australia in which the visitors will primarily try to bat out three sessions here.

Having drawn flak for his 50 off 176 balls in the first innings, none would mind such an effort from India's Test specialist after the visitors finished the fourth day on 98 for 2 largely due to a 71-run opening stand between Rohit Sharma (52) and Shubman Gill (31).

Rohit's untimely dismissal at the fag end, trying to pull Pat Cummins, did hurt India but it's two best defensive players Pujara (9 batting off 29 balls) and skipper Ajinkya Rahane (4 off 14 balls) were at the crease when stumps were drawn.

The pitch, with variable bounce and the dark patches acting like snake pits for Nathan Lyon, would pose its own set of challenges for a team with two injured batsmen in their line-up.

Both Rohit (52 off 98 balls) and Gill (31 off 64 balls) showed admirable application under pressure but most importantly didn't let the bad deliveries go unpunished.

The three cover drives off Rohit's blade and a cross-batted straight drive of Gill were out of top drawer.

Rohit, for good measure, pulled Cameron Green over mid-wicket for a six and they both looked comfortable while negotiating the Australian attack.

It was after 53 years that an Indian opening pair had struck

two 50 plus partnerships in the same Test Down Under.

Last time also it was in Sydney where Farokh Engineer and Syed Abid Ali had a decent outing albeit in a lost cause.

It took a peach of a delivery from Josh Hazlewood (1/11 in 8

Pujara, just after coming in, successfully asked for a DRS review after being adjudged leg before.

A delectable chip shot coming down the track off Lyon helped Rohit bring up his half-century but his dismissal in the next over

Racist abuse of Indian players mars Sydney Test

SYDNEY/ NEW DELHI, Jan 10:

Indian cricketers, especially pacer Mohammed Siraj, endured racist slurs from the crowd for a second successive day in the third Test against Australia in Sydney, causing a brief halt in the fourth day's play, expulsion of some spectators from the ground and an all-round condemnation of the incidents.

Siraj, still grieving the death of his father a little over a month ago, was called a "Brown Dog" and "Big Monkey" from the SCG stands, BCCI sources said.

The 26-year-old, on his maiden tour Down Under, followed the protocol and promptly went up to his skipper Ajinkya Rahane and the on-field umpires, who halted play for about 10 minutes and called in the security, which evicted six people.

This was after the bowler and his senior pace partner Jasprit Bumrah were abused by a drunk man on Saturday. The BCCI has already complained about it to ICC match referee David Boon.

"As series hosts, we unreservedly apologise to our friends in the Indian cricket team and assure them we will prosecute the matter to its fullest extent," said Sean Carroll, Cricket Australia's Head of Integrity and Security, in a press release affirming zero tolerance to racism.

"Once those responsible are identified, CA will take the strongest measures possible under our Anti-Harassment Code, including lengthy bans, further sanctions and referral to NSW (New South Wales) Police," he added.

BCCI Secretary Jay Shah offered the first official response from the Indian Board, saying that "racism has no place in our great sport or in any walk of society."

"I've spoken to @CricketAus and they have ensured strict action against the offenders. @BCCI and Cricket Australia stand together. These acts of discrimination will not be tolerated," he tweeted, tagging BCCI President Sourav Ganguly, who is recovering after undergoing an angioplasty a few days back. (PTI)

overs), coming for his second spell, which straightened after pitching and the resultant nick, ended an impressive 71-run stand.

left fans yearning for more.

As far as Australia are concerned, they hardly put a foot wrong during the two sessions that they batted. (PTI)

Jigmet Dolma wins 4th position in Dhaka Marathon

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 10: Special Police Officer in Ladakh Police, Jigmet Dolma represented India in Dhaka Marathon-2021 and secured 4th position, organised today at Dhaka in Bangladesh.

"Congratulations Jigmet Dolma for representing India & finishing 4th amongst the South Asian countries at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Dhaka Marathon. It is a proud moment for Ladakh. You have set an example for Ladakh's youth. All the best for your future endeavors" LG RK Mathur tweet.

The marathon was organized every year to commemorate the return of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman from Pakistan jail to Bangladesh in 1972. Besides, two more women runners from India and a total of eight athletes participated in the Dhaka Marathon-2021.

In the full marathon, among the SAARC and local runners, Bahadur Singh of India bagged the trophy of champion in the mens category, whereas Pushpa Bhandari of Nepal became the champion in the women category and in the marathon, Hicham Lakohi from Morocco came first in the elite competition men's category while Angela Jim Asunde from Kenya won the race in women's category.

Participants in action during SnowShoe event at Srinagar on Sunday.

SnowShoe event organised at Srinagar

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Jan10: J&K SnowShoe Association under the auspices of SnowShoe Federation of India organised SnowShoe run cum interaction programme at SP College Ground, here today.

It was time for winter sports lovers, the organisation held this event in the heart of city today as the Srinagar received plenty of snowfall this season.

"As Srinagar city received lot of snowfall this time, all the fields and grounds are under the blanket of snow. It was opportune time to host an event in city centre," said handout of the Association.

In the event around 50 athletes from different parts of Kashmir including an athlete from Kargil participated.

"The event was held on timing based. With association having limited number of equipment, the athletes had to run in groups and overall winner was decided through timing," statement said.

In senior category, Muzamil Hussain with best timing was



Zonal Level Ice Hockey Tourney concludes at Chiktan

*UK-Zgang Chiktan, United Pargue emerge winners

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

KARGIL, Jan 10: The Zonal Level Ice Hockey Tournament under Khelo India Ladakh Winter Games, 2021 in respect of Chiktan Zone concluded at Ice Hockey Rink Zgang-Chiktan here today.

Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Shakar Chiktan Kacho Asgar Ali Khan, District Youth Services and sports Officer (DYSSO) Muhammad Hussain Rehnuma and Zonal Physical Education Officer Chiktan (ZPEO) Ghulam Rasool were present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the SDM Chiktan expressed happiness over participation of good number of youths of Chiktan in the tournament and especially applauded the two girl teams for their participation and commitment towards the game.

The SDM added that the players from Chiktan have brought laurels to the area in the past in Ice Hockey and hoped the trend will continue in the future as well.

Kacho Asgar Khan assured that all sort of logistic support will be provided in future to the Ice Hockey players of Chiktan.

Meanwhile, DYSSO Kargil Muhammad Hussain Rehnuma said that the department is committed to improve the winter sports infrastructure in Shakar-Chiktan subdivision and in this regard work on the construction

Rakshna, Panwar win air rifle events

NEW DELHI, Jan 10:

Tamil Nadu's C Kavi Rakshna and Rajasthan's Divyansh Singh Panwar won the women's and men's 10m Air Rifle events respectively at the National Shooting T2 trials here today.

Kavi Rakshna, who has come through the ranks of the junior programme, emerged on top in a quality field which included current world number one Elavenni Valarivan as well as Tokyo Olympics quota holders Apurvi Chandel and Anjum Moudgil, among others.

Rakshna shot 251.4 in the finals to win the event ahead of Rajasthan's Nisha Kanwar (250.7). (PTI)



Dignitaries presenting trophy to players at Kargil on Sunday.

of Ice Hockey Rink Zgang-Chiktan and Stakmachik are in progress.

The DYSSO Kargil further added that to encourage the women athletes in this sports, special budget for logistics and types of equipment will be proposed in Capex Budget next year.

Karnataka beats J&K by 43 runs in Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 10: Wicketkeeper K L Shrijith's unbeaten knock of 48 runs and M Prasad's three important wickets by conceding 34 runs with three maiden overs helped Karnataka to defeat Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) with 43 runs in the first match of Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20 played at Alur Cricket Stadium, Bengaluru today.

Batting first, Karnataka scored 150 runs by losing only five wickets in 20 overs match. Devdutta Padikkal made 18 runs while skipper Karun Nair scored 27 runs off 21. Anirudha 29 off 26 balls and KL Shrijith unbeaten 48 runs helped Karnataka to raise a tough target for J&K.

All rounder and skipper of J&K, Parvez Rasool along with Aquib Nabi showed some resistance with ball against Karnataka by clinching two wickets each and one wicket was bagged by

Team Nindum Khangral by a margin of 2-0 goals.

Pertinently, 13 teams of Chiktan including 2 girl teams participated in the tournament and the winners of the zones will participate in the district level tournament.

Meanwhile, SDM Chiktan and DYSSO Kargil felicitated the winners and runner up teams in male and female categories.

A good number of spectators including senior citizens and youths of Chiktan Sub Division witnessed the final matches.

Abid Mushtaq

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

In reply, the J&K players failed to chase the set target and bumbled out at 107 runs in 18.4 overs. However, middle order batsmen Abdul Samad and Shubham Singh Pundir showed some guts by scoring 30 runs off 27 and 20 runs off 24 balls but failed to chase the tough target and lost the first match with big margin of 47 runs.

Umar Nazir failed to open his account while Ahmad Omar Bandyar scored 18 runs and Shubham Khajuria, Qamran Iqbal and Parvez Rasool contributed 12, 12 and 5 runs respectively to the total for J&K.

M Prasad was the wrecker-in-chief who took three wickets by conceding 34 runs, whereas Mithun A Suchith J and Gowtham K bagged two wickets each by conceding 24, 17 and 13 runs respectively and Ronit More clinched one wicket, giving 18 runs for Karnataka.

26th Men Free Style, 12th Women Wrestling C'ship from Jan 15

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 10: Jammu and Kashmir Wrestling Association is going to organise two days long 26th Men Free Style, Greco Roman Style and 12th Women UT Wrestling Championship-2020 from January 15 at Gulshan Ground, here.

The championship will be organised under the aegis of Wrestling Federation of India in collaboration with J&K Sports Council and J&K Olympic Association and J&K Police.

All the wrestlers of Jammu and Kashmir (men/women) including players of J&K Police Wrestling team are requested to report at Gulshan Ground Jammu on January 15 at 8 am for weighing weight along with Aadhaar card, DoB certificate issued by competent authority and two photographs.

For any clarification, the wrestlers can contact with coaches including Dheeraj Sharma (9419685822), Om Parkash (9797596802) and Jai Bharat (8717024777).



Dronacharya Awardee, Kuldeep Handoo presenting winning trophy to players at Jammu.

District Jammu Wushu Championship concludes

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 10: The District Jammu Wushu Championship concluded at Wushu Hall MA stadium, here today, wherein about 200 players from different Clubs and Schools participated.

Academy of Wushu Jammu was the overall champion, whereas Fight Club remained runner-up and AOW RS Pura as 2nd runner-up. Goutam Gupta was declared as the best fighter of the Championship.

Kuldeep Handoo (Dronacharya Awardee) and Brand Ambassador Fit India Movement was the chief guest and he distributed medals among the winners.

Earlier, the chief guest interacted with all the players. The players requested him to take up matter regarding setting up a National Academy or Centre of

Excellence for Wushu in the UT J&K.

Kuldeep Handoo assured all the players that the Wushu Association of India and J&K had already taken up matter with Sports Ministry and J&K Sports Council for opening of Centre of Excellence in J&K.

District secretary Kamal Kishore presented vote of thanks and also thanked J&K Sports Council for its support for organising championship.

Atul Pangotra (International player) Sohit Sharma (Associate secretary WAJK), Balkar Singh (Wrestler) Arun Singh Charak (International player), Lalit Singh (International player), Abhishek Jamwal (International player) Ashi Jamwal (NIS Coach, Surya Bhanu Partap Singh (Asian Games Medalist) and Pankaj Raina (International player) were also present during the event.

Police Martyrs Memorial C'ship LB Shastri Club to lock horns with Haryana XI in finals summit

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

KATHUA, Jan 10: Trouncing their rivals convincingly in their respective matches, LB Shastri Club and Haryana XI Cricket Club emerged winners in the semi-final matches today and will lock horns against each other in final summit of 9th Police Martyr Memorial Inter-Club T20 Cricket Championship on January 12, being played at Sports Stadium, here.

The first semi-final was played between Vicky XI Pathankot and LB Shastri Club Delhi wherein LB Shastri gave target of 126 runs in stipulated 20 overs. Dheeru and Priyash contributed 36 and 34 runs respectively. In reply, Vicky XI Pathankot failed to chase the target and bumbled out at 104 runs by losing nine wickets and lost the match by 22 runs.

Dixit was awarded with the trophy of man of the match along with cash prize of Rs 5000 for his stunning performance with ball as he took three wickets by conceding 25 runs in four over spell.

Meanwhile, the second semi-final match was played between Haryana XI Club and Kolkata Club in which the former set a target of 114 runs in 20 overs. While chasing the target, the Haryana Club won the match by 10 wickets. Openers Kuldeep and Jayant scored 70 and 37 unbeaten knocks respectively.

Kuldeep was awarded with the trophy of man of the match along with cash prize of Rs 5000 for his brilliant performance with bat.

Jadeja out of first two Tests against England

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Senior India all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja, who dislocated his left thumb on day three of the third Test against Australia on Saturday, has been ruled out of the first two games in the upcoming series against England.

Jadeja was not able to bowl in Australia's second innings after a short ball from Mitchell Starc hit him on the gloves, requiring immediate medical attention.

"Ravindra Jadeja is out of first two Tests against England. He will need 4-6 weeks minimum to recuperate and complete rehab which rules him out of first 2 tests," a BCCI source said.

The four-Test series against England starts with a double header in Chennai from February 5.

The left-handed cricketer, who made a valuable 28 and took four wickets in the first innings might take a painkiller injection and come out to bat on the final day of the game at SCG as India seek to save the Test.

"He might bat if needed with injection to save the Test," the source added. (PTI)



Winning team posing for a group photograph at Jammu.

Martland Sunrisers enters KPL finals

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 10: Martland Sunrisers CC entered KPL Veterans Cup finals by beating Surinder Cricket Club with eight wickets, being played here today.

Batting first, Surinder CC scored 160 runs for the loss of five wickets. From bowling sides, Rajinder clinched three wickets, whereas Anil and Sunil took a wicket apiece.



Dignitaries along with winners of Speedball players posing for a group photograph at Patnitop.

Speedball camp concludes at Patnitop

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 10: Two days free Speedball camp cum seminar, organised by J&K Sports Speedball Association, concluded at Neelkanth Hotel Patnitop, today.

About 50 players from various districts of Jammu province participated wherein 16 players succeeded to get place in the merit list, prepared by the Association. This camp was organised under the leadership of Sunny Nanda (general secretary JKSSB).

Muqbool Hussain (Xen PWD Ramban) was the chief guest, whereas Er Satvinder Singh (AEE PWD) was the special guest and Er Arif Waqar (JE

PWD Patnitop) was also present on this occasion.

Presiding guest was Ravi Tikku (president JKSSB) along with Shilpa Mahajan (Councillor Ward No.5) and Renu, Head coach of girl were also present on the occasion.

Amritansh Raina, Gurbansh Choudhary, Danish Kamal Gupta, Smohit Sharma, Parkash Singh, Vuvraj, Raghu Kalotra, Yogant Singh and Nirvaan Gupta were among medal winners in boys category, whereas in girls category, Muskaan Choudhary, Tania Gupta and Oshin Arora were among medal winners of the event. The vote of thanks was presented by Shilpa Mahajan.



Winning team posing for a group photograph at Akhnoor on Sunday.

Tacharwan CC enters semi-finals by defeating SCC

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 10: Tacharwan Cricket Club entered semi-finals round by defeating Singh Cricket Club (SCC) by five wickets in the ongoing Shaheed Lieutenant Thakur Dass Memorial Cricket Tournament, being played at Govt Higher Secondary School Akhnoor, here today.

Batting first, Singh CC made 195 runs by losing seven wickets in 20 overs match. Sumit Rajput made highest scores 64 runs, JV and Jimmy Mani contributed 31 and 29 runs respectively.

In reply the Tacharwan CC chased the target by losing only five wickets and won the match

with five wickets in 19.1 overs. Rishav made half century, Abhi scored 32 runs and Akshay contributed 25 runs.

In second match, Cantonment Cricket Club trounced Bhanu Cricket Club with 64 runs and entered into quarter-finals round.

Cantonment CC won the toss and decided to bat first. Batting first, Cantonment CC scored 222 runs with the loss of seven wickets in stipulated 20 overs. Abhinav Puri made highest scores 144 off 60 balls whereas Yakar and Faizan contributed 38 and 12 runs respectively. From bowling side, Aaquib bagged three wickets and Kartika took two wickets, whereas Bhanu and

Romit shared one wicket each. While chasing the target, Bhanu CC bumbled out at 158 runs in 19.5 overs. Bhanu made highest 37 runs, whereas Rohan made 23 runs and Romit and Aaquid contributed 37 and 23 runs respectively for their team.

From bowling side, Vijay Dogra clinched three wickets, whereas Rakesh Bawa, Abhinav Puri and Parshotam shared two wickets each and Yakar got one wicket.

Man of the match was awarded to Abhinav Puri for his superb batting with 144 runs off 60 balls.

Dayal Singh & Sonu Malhotra were umpires, whereas Rohit & Sushil Gupta were acted as scorers.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, J&K SPORTS COUNCIL M.A. Stadium, Jammu. NOTIFICATION

Applications on prescribed forms are invited from the permanent residents of J&K for determination of sports merit desirous to appear in the Entrance Test for admission to B.Ed Course in Govt. College of Education, Canal Road, Jammu under sports quota for the academic session 2020-21 in terms of Notification No: 003-BOPEE of 2021 dated: 05.01.2021 issued by the Board of Professional Entrance Examinations.

The forms duly numbered are available on payment of Rs 200/- in the office of Sports Officer J&K Sports Council, M.A. Stadium, Jammu & Sports Officer, J&K Sports Council, Polo Ground Playing Field, Srinagar from 11-01-2021 to 18-01-2021 during office hours.

The candidate who fulfill the following qualification/condition as prescribed in Government order No: 808-GAD of 2008 dated: 17-06-08, 946-GAD of 2008 dated: 15-07-2008, 1090-GAD of 2008 dated: 14-08-2008 & 733-GAD of 2010 dt: 24-06.2010 should only apply:-

i) A person who has represented India at the Olympic Games, Asian Games, SAARC Games, Common Wealth Games or other officially recognised Test Matches/World Cup Competitions in any of the Games/Sports mentioned below.

Or
ii) A person who has participated & secured one of the first three positions in the individual events or was a member of the team which obtained first, second or 3rd position or has participated twice or more in the same discipline in the National Championship in any of the Sports or Games as mentioned below.

The disciplines (Sports/Games) covered under the above rules are Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Cricket, Football, Hockey, Swimming, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Tennis, Weight lifting, Wrestling (International Style), Boxing, Cycling, Gymnastics, Judo, Shooting, Archery, Equestrian, Handball, Rowing, Roller/Ice Skating, Skiing, Squash, Billiards & Snooker, Chess, Golf, Kabaddi, Karate, Kayaking & Canoeing, Polo, Power Lifting, Taekwondo, Yachting, Kho-Kho, Body Building, Ball Badminton, Bridge, Tennis-Koit, Carrom, Softball, Wushu, Sport Climbing, Thang-Ta, Base-Ball, and all other games falling within the purview of Indian Olympic Association and/or recognised by the Government of India.

The other terms & conditions as enclosed with the Application Form will also be applicable for determining the eligibility of the candidates for grant of sports category weightage. The last date of receipt of Applications is 19.01.2021 during office hours in the office of the respective Sports Officers, Sports Council at both the Divisions at Polo Ground Playing Field, Srinagar and M. A. Stadium Jammu.

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Dt: 9-1-2021 Administrative Officer