

# Rinku Singh's flurry of sixes powers KKR to miraculous win

AHMEDABAD, Apr 9:

The gargantuan Narendra Modi Stadium proved to be too small and an asking rate of 29 too less for Kolkata Knight Riders' Rinku Singh, who hammered five consecutive sixes to seal a miraculous three-wicket win over Gujarat Titans in the IPL here on Sunday.

Just when it seemed everything was lost for KKR after wily Afghanistan spinner and stand-in captain Rashid Khan had taken a hat-trick in the 17th over to reduce KKR to 155/7, Rinku (48 not out off 21 balls) did the Houdini Act to eke out one of the most memorable wins in the history of the Indian Premier League.

KKR needed 29 runs in the final over to attain the winning target of 205. Umesh Yadav took a single to give the strike to Rinku, who looked like a genius with the bat.

It seemed like he was waving a magic wand, which could fetch him a maximum at his beck and call. With 28 needed off the last five balls, Rinku took the aerial route on all five deliveries to conjure up magic hardly ever seen before in an IPL game.

Even as a wave of jubilation spread in the KKR camp, the Titans dugout went silent.

Venkatesh Iyer was the other hero for KKR on the day. Before Rinku unleashed his full fury to silence the crowd and leave the Titans fielders looking skyward, the 28-year-old Madhya Pradesh batter made a real 'impact' and brought KKR to the doorstep of victory with a smashing 84 off 40 deliveries, as the two-time IPL champions looked set to chase down the 200-plus target.

The left-handed batter's 100-run partnership with captain Nitish Rana (45 off 29 balls) was the cornerstone of KKR's massive fight-back and came days after both the batters had failed in their match against Royal Challengers Bangalore at the Eden Gardens on April 6.

Putting the disappointment of scoring just three runs in the previous game on the back-burner, Iyer - who came in as an 'Impact Player' for Suyash Sharma - took the stadium by storm, unleashing eight fours and five sixes, leaving the Titans baffled.

Iyer came to the crease at the fall of Afghanistan opener Rahmanullah Gurbaz, who was picked ahead of England opener



(TODAY'S FIXTURE) RCB V/S LSG at Bengaluru (7.30 PM)

### SCORE BOARD

**GUJARAT TITANS:**

Wriddhiman Saha c Jagadeesan b Narine	17
Shubman Gill c Yadav b Narine	39
Sai Sudharsan c sub (AS Roy) b Narine	53
Abhinav Manohar b Suyash Sharma	14
Vijay Shankar not out	63
David Miller not out	2

**Extras:** (B-1, LB-4, NB-1, W-10) 16  
**Total:** (For 4 wickets in 20 overs) 204  
**Fall of wickets:** 1-33, 2-100, 3-118, 4-153  
**Bowling:** Umesh Yadav 3-0-24-0, Shardul Thakur 3-0-40-0, 4-3-3-1, Lockie Ferguson 4-0-40-0, Sunil Narine 4-0-33-3, Varun Chakravathy 2-0-27-0, Suyash Sharma 4-0-35-1.

**KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS:**

Rahmanullah Gurbaz c Yash Dayal b Mohammed Shami	15
Narayan Jagadeesan c Manohar b Little	6
Venkatesh Iyer c Shubman Gill b Joseph	83
Nitish Rana c Mohammed Shami b Joseph	45
Rinku Singh not out	48
Andre Russell c sub (KS Bharat) b Rashid Khan	1
Sunil Narine c sub (J Yadav) b Rashid Khan	0
Shardul Thakur lbw b Rashid Khan	0
Umesh Yadav not out	5

**Extras:** (LB-1, W-3) 4  
**Total:** (For 7 wickets in 20 overs) 207  
**Fall of wickets:** 1-20, 2-28, 3-128, 4-154, 5-155, 6-155, 7-155  
**Bowling:** Mohammed Shami 4-0-28-1, Josh Little 4-0-45-1, Alzarri Joseph 4-0-27-2, Yash Dayal 4-0-69-0, Rashid Khan 4-0-37-3.

Jason Roy, and he regaled the packed stadium with his lusty hitting.

Iyer's dismissal in the 16th over, following an Alzarri Joseph yorker that cramped him for space and he ended up hitting it straight to Gill at long on, sent a wave of jubilation in the Titans camp.

Rashid, who was leading the team in the absence of an unwell Hardik Pandya, then weaved magic in the 17th over, dismissing the dangerous West Indian mid-

# PM Modi extends best wishes to 35th Australian Sikh Games

CANBERRA, Apr 9:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has described India and Australia as "strong partners" in progress and prosperity as he extended his best wishes to everyone associated with the 35th Australian Sikh Games being held in Brisbane.

The games organised by Australian National Sikh Sports and Cultural Council were being held in Brisbane from April 7-9. The games are across the Gold Coast Performance Centre and surrounding ovals.

"India and Australia have several commonalities - a connected history, shared values, love for democracy and respect for a rules-based international order. We are also strong partners in progress and prosperity," Modi said.

India advocates a rules-based Indo-Pacific with freedom of navigation, open connectivity, and respect for the territorial integrity and sovereignty of all states, amidst China's aggressive behaviour in the region.

In his message, which was posted by the High Commission of India in Canberra on its Twitter handle on Sunday, Prime Minister Modi said the games will help the Sikh community demonstrate its sporting skills, competitive spirit and teamwork on a bigger platform.

"The holy Gurus guided India and the world with many eternal and timeless values. If one looks closely at the lives and teachings of the holy Gurus, they emphasised the importance of physical health along with spiritual growth," the prime minister wrote in his message.

Noting that the holy Gurus also gave the message of bringing people of different sections of society together as a team to achieve progress, Prime Minister Modi said these concepts are also relevant in the world of sport, where people come together to participate on an equal platform irrespective of their social background.

"Following in these footsteps, the Sikh community has always been actively involved in sports, teamwork and fitness," he said.

Noting that the 35th Australian Sikh Games acquires a special importance, Prime Minister Modi said the participation of players from different nations is noteworthy.

"My best wishes for the 35th Australian Sikh Games. May the Games serve as an inspiration to

motivate younger generations of Sikhs to excel in every sphere of life," he wrote.

Modi also recalled witnessing the recent India-Australia cricket



match with Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and said, "Sport is adding a new dimension to our vibrant relationship. These Games will also serve to bring the two countries closer."

In his message, Modi said that the Indian diaspora has carved out a niche for itself in the global landscape and these games are yet another example of it. "I am sure that this initiative will enhance the love and affection for our diaspora not just in Australia, but across the world," he added.

The Australian Sikh Games is a national event held during Easter each year. The event attracts over three thousand athletes and over 100,000 spectators over three days, according to the official website of the games.

"We encourage all ages to get involved in a range of sports and cultural activities to showcase our inherent Sikh values of inclusion, fair competition and victory," said Daljit Singh Dhami, President, Organising Committee of the Games. (PTI)

# Tripathi, Markande shine as SRH open account in IPL

HYDERABAD, Apr 9:

Sunrisers Hyderabad produced a clinical performance to register a convincing eight-wicket victory over Punjab Kings and open their account in the ongoing Indian Premier League here on Sunday.

With SRH chasing 144 after spinner Mayank Markande's (4/15) exploits with ball, Rahul Tripathi sizzled with an unbeaten 48-ball 74 to help his side complete the task in 17.1 overs.

Skipper Aiden Markram remained not out on 37 off 21 balls, and their efforts ensured that Shikhar Dhawan's 66-ball 99 not out, which lifted Punjab Kings to 143 for nine, went in vain.

Markande did the star turn with figures of 4 for 15 to leave Punjab Kings reeling at 88 for nine in the 15th over. Dhawan hit 12 fours and five sixes.

When their turn to bat came, SRH were slow to start with and reached 34 for one at the end of the six powerplay overs.

Having been hit for six by Tripathi, leg-spinner Rahul Chahar came back to grab the big wicket of Mayank Agarwal for a 20-ball 21, in the ninth over.

Tripathi then struck two successive fours off Chahar to help SRH cross 50, before hitting left-arm spinner Harpreet Brar for three boundaries on the trot to keep his team in the contest.

On a pitch where almost all the batters struggled, with the exception of Shikhar Dhawan, Tripathi managed to shine and brought up his half-century in 35 balls with a six off Mohit Rathee. That was followed by the duo

of Tripathi and skipper Aiden Markram bringing up the fifty partnership at the start of the 14th over, with SRH requiring 49 runs in 42 balls.

Tripathi and Markram then almost sealed the issue in their team's favour by striking Rathee for 21 runs, bringing the equa-

lised Punjab Kings endured a disastrous start as they lost Prabhsimran Singh in the very first ball of the match, trapped in front of the wicket by veteran India seamer Bhuvneshwar Kumar.

The ball hit him above the knee roll but Prabhsimran

### SCORE BOARD

**PUNJAB KINGS INNINGS:**

Prabhsimran Singh lbw b Bhuvneshwar	0
Shikhar Dhawan not out	99
Matthew Short lbw b Marco Jansen	1
Jitesh Sharma c Markram b Marco Jansen	4
Sam Curran c Bhuvneshwar b Markande	22
Sikandar Razac Mayank Agarwal b Umran Malik	5
Shahrukh Khan lbw b Markande	4
Harpreet Brar b Umran Malik	1
Rahul Chahar lbw b Markande	0
Nathan Ellis b Markande	0
Mohit Rathee not out	1

**Extras:** (LB-1, W-5) 6  
**Total:** (9 wks, 20 Overs) 143  
**Fall of Wickets:** 0-1, 10-2, 22-3, 63-4, 69-5, 74-6, 77-7, 78-8, 88-9.  
**Bowler:** Bhuvneshwar Kumar 4-0-33-1, Marco Jansen 3-1-16-2, Natarajan 4-0-40-0, Washington Sundar 1-0-6-0, Mayank Markande 4-0-15-4, Umran Malik 4-0-32-2.

**SUNRISERS HYDERABAD**

Harry Brook b Arshdeep Singh	13
Mayank Agarwal c Sam Curran b Rahul Chahar	21
Rahul Tripathi not out	74
Aiden Markram not out	37

**Extras:** 0  
**Total:** (2 wks, 17.1 Ov) 145  
**Fall of Wickets:** 27-1, 45-2  
**Bowling:** Sam Curran 3-0-14-0, Arshdeep Singh 3-0-20-1, Harpreet Brar 3-1-0-26-0, Nathan Ellis 3-0-28-0, Rahul Chahar 3-0-28-1, Mohit Rathee 2-0-29-0.

tion down to 26 runs in the last five overs.

Earlier, even as Punjab Kings lost wickets at regular intervals, Dhawan showed his teammates how to do it with his incredible knock.

decided to walk back without asking for a review, leaving Punjab at none for one.

Skipper Shikhar Dhawan played Bhuvneshwar towards the third man region for the innings first boundary. (PTI)

## Government of Jammu and Kashmir Department of Horticulture Planning & Marketing Office of the Deputy Directorate New Kissan Ghar BR-2 Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088

### SHORT Notice Tender e-NIT No. 41 of 2022-23 Dated 01-04-2023

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, J&K Union Territory and Department of Horticulture (P&M) Area Marketing Officer Horticulture (P&M) Delhi in pursuance to approval conveyed by Directorate of Horticulture P&M J&K vide No: DHPM/201/MAC/2022-23/7218-19 Dated: 25.03.2023 invites e-tenders from Service providers, contractors companies and Agencies for providing of various services at New Kissan Ghar JK Govt. BR 2 Shalimar Bagh Delhi -110088 for a period of (11 ½) eleven & half months (w.e.f. 15.04.2023 to 31.03.2024).The details of accommodation for which services are required is given here under:

ACCOMODATION (GROUND FLOOR +Two FLOORS)		
01	Guest Room (Double Bed with attached bathrooms)	=24 Nos
02	Two rooms suite (with attached bath)	=07 Nos
03	Kitchen and Dining Hall	01 No
04	Reception and Corridors of all the floors	Whole Building
05	Office Block (Hall, Officers rooms and Wash rooms)	Whole Building
06	Terrace of functional Kissan Ghar/internal drains	Whole Building

- The details of the services to be provided on contractual basis are:-
- Sweeping/Cleaning of Building, including Rooms, Kitchen, Office Block, Conference Hall, Reception, Corridors, Toilet/Bath Rooms and all Compounds of the Building including Lawns with all material. It will include collection of garbage on daily basis and its disposal at common MCD garbage centre.
  - Providing of services of Farash and washing of linen with material.
  - Maintenance and Development of Lawn with material, garden tolls and Lawn mover.

S.No	Name of the work	Rates to be quoted	Security Deposit in the shape of CDR/FDR/EMD	Cost of Tender document	Period of contract
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Providing of Housekeeping Services for 11 ½ months w.e.f. 15.04.2023 to 31.03.2024 New Kissan Ghar at BR-2, Shalimar Bagh Delhi.	The rates quoted per person should be in figures and words	Rs.20,000/-	Rs.1000/(Non-Refundable)	11 ½ MONTHS

- The bidding documents can be downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 1800 hrs on 01.04.2023 to 11.04.2023 upto 1800 hrs.
- The bid shall be deposited from 1800 hrs on 01.04.2023 to 11.04.2023 upto 1800 hrs.
- Technical bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of Executive Engineer Horticulture (P&M) Jammu on 12.04.2023 at 1200 hrs by the committee constituted for the purpose. If the office happens to be closed on date of opening as specified the same shall be opened on the next working day at same time.

#### SUMMARY:

S.No.	Particulars	Details
1.	Period of Contract	(w.e.f.15.04.2023 TO 31.03.2024)
2.	Tender Application Start Date	01.04.2023 (1800 hrs)
3.	Tender Application Closing Date	11.04.2023 (1800 hrs)
4.	Opening of Tender Date	12.04.2023 (1200 Hours)
5.	Cost of Tender Application	1000/-
6.	Security Deposit in the shape of CDR /FDR	20000/-

- Bids must be accompanied by CDR/FDR and cost of tender document as specified in column No. 6 and 7 of the Table pledged in favour of Deputy Director, Horticulture (P&M) J&K Govt. Delhi. CDR/FDR and shall have to be valid for 12 months or more after last date of receipt of bid. The Earnest Money will be refunded to the unsuccessful tenderers. The cost of uploaded tender documents shall be in form of DD payable in favour of Deputy Director, Horticulture (P&M) J&K Govt. Delhi.
- Cost of tender document in the shape of DD should also be uploaded online.
- A copy of CDR/FDR/EMD pledged to the Deputy Director Horticulture (P&M) J&K Govt. Delhi should be uploaded by the bidder. Original CDR/FDR, DD, PAN No and GST No shall be obtained from the tenderer before the allotment of the work.
- Bidder should get ready with the scanned copies of the cost of the documents and EMD as specified in the tender documents. The hard copies of the bids shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as H-1 after opening of the financial bid.
- The successful tenderer has to pay the wages to labourers not less than the minimum wages fixed by the Delhi Government (competent authority).
- The terms and conditions are also appended herewith.

-Sd/-  
**Deputy Director**  
 Horticulture Planning & Marketing  
 New Delhi,(R)

# Sudhir stood 3rd in Rishikesh Challenge

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 9: Sudhir Anand, an educator and an Indian Flag runner from Jammu participated in Y20 Rishikesh 10K Challenge, organized by All India Institute of Medical Sciences Rishikesh.

He ran all the way by holding the Indian Flag and finished the 10K run under 45 minutes and got 3rd position in the 45 plus age category.

He has already participated in many marathons and half marathons by holding the Indian Flag. Last week, he participated in Shri Mata Vaishno Devi (SMVD) Katra Half Marathon and secured first



position in his age category.

# CAB J&K invites players for registration for 2023-24 session

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 9: Cricket Association for Blind Jammu and Kashmir (CAB J&K), affiliated to Cricket Association for Blind in India and World Blind Cricket Ltd, has invited the players for registration for the session 2023-24.

The players desirous to register themselves can fill up the Google form.

"If you have interest in playing cricket, then this is the great opportunity for you to fill up the form and showcase your talent

# ITF Futures: Digvijay Pratap Singh wins singles title

CHENNAI, Apr 9:

Third-seed Digvijay Pratap Singh of India beat compatriot and No 4 seed Siddharth Rawat 6-4, 7-6 in the final to win the singles title in the BR Adityan Memorial ITF Men's Futures tennis tournament at Gandhinagar Club here today.

The match was replete with long baseline rallies and saw the two players making each other move around the court. Rawat returned well and blunted the advantage his opponent had due to a big serve. However, he dropped serve in the ninth game coming under pressure from Digvijay's big forehand. Digvijay held serve in the

10th game, which was a hard-fought one, to capture the first set 6-4.

The second set saw both players hold serve till 4-all before a series of breaks pushed it to a tie-breaker. Digvijay stormed to a 4-1 advantage and eventually closed out the tiebreak 7-3.

Winning the match, Digvijay secured 15 ATP points and a prize money of USD 2,160.

TNTA vice-president Vijay Sankar distributed the prizes along with Kannan Adityan, Director, Malai Murasu.

Indian duo Vishnu Vardhan and Nitin Kumar Sinha had on Saturday won the doubles title. (PTI)

# Rajawat lifts maiden world tour title at Orleans Masters

ORLEANS, Apr 9:

India's Priyanshu Rajawat capped off an impressive week with a thrilling win in the final against Denmark's Magnus Johannesen to claim the men's singles title at the Orleans Masters here on Sunday.

The Madhya Pradesh shuttler, who was part of the Indian team that registered an epic win at the 2022 Thomas Cup, saw off world number 49 Johannesen 21-15 19-21 21-16 in a 68-minute summit clash to grab the biggest title of his career.

"I am very happy with my performance this week. It is my first big title and I'm extremely happy to win this," world no. 58 Rajawat, who is likely to get into top 40 after this win, said from Orleans.

The two shuttlers, making it to the final after coming through the qualifiers, dished out some superb badminton, but the Indian rode on his ability to produce winners to secure the world tour super 300 crown.

It was the first meeting between the two 21-year-olds, both looking for a breakthrough win but Rajawat, who didn't drop a game in the USD 240,000 tournament, showed his maturity as he dished out a controlled aggressive game to come up trumps.

The image of an airborne Rajawat unleashing a forehand crosscourt jump smash to trouble his opponent will be etched in the mind of the spectators, as he accumulated multiple points with this trademark shot.

A year ago, Rajawat had

returned early from Orleans when it was a super 100 event, but the tournament was upgraded to super 300 from this year, and the Indian made the most of



the opportunity.

Rajawat, who picked up the sport as a six-year-old, dished out his range of strokes to move to 6-5 with two aggressive returns on the left-handed Dane's backhand. A backhand smash and another winner saw him lead 11-8 at the interval.

The Indian showed great anticipation, which allowed him to get into position early and bring down the shuttle with a thwack. Two cross-court smashes helped the Indian create a yawning gap at 18-11, which the Dane couldn't bridge.

After the change of sides, Johannesen strengthened his defence while Rajawat botched up some of his shots to allow the Dane lead 6-3 as he went into the break with a three-point cushion this time. (PTI)

# Madhu nominated Indian team head coach

Excelsior Sport Correspondent

JAMMU, Apr 9: Madhu Sharma from Jammu and



Kashmir has been nominated as head coach of India's men Roll Ball team for 6th Roll Ball World Cup-2023, which is scheduled to be held at Pune from April 21 to 26. Madhu Sharma who is one

of the founders of Roll Ball in Jammu and Kashmir has trained many international players from Jammu and Kashmir.

He has represented India in various international tournaments. His two players namely Khushi Gupta and Ruhil Rajput are also participating in the upcoming 6th Roll Ball World Cup. He has the unique distinction of participating in all the Roll Ball World Cup held so far in various capacities.

He was also head coach of Indian Roll Ball team in Asian Roll Ball Championship, 2019.