

Conway, Mitchell and spinners guide NZ to 21-run win over India in first T20I

RANCHI, Jan 27:

Devon Conway and Daryl Mitchell conjured up fluent and fiery half-centuries before the spinners choked the hosts as New Zealand outplayed India by 21 runs in the opening T20I to take a 1-0 lead in the three-match series here on Friday.

Asked to take first strike, opener Conway continued his purple patch with a 35-ball 52, while Mitchell smashed a 30-ball unbeaten 59, which included a last-over thrashing of Arshdeep Singh for 27 runs, to power the Black Caps to a challenging 176 for six.

The Kiwi bowlers, led by Mitchell Santner (2/11) and Michael Bracewell (2/31), then spun a web around the home batters, restrict India to 155 for 9 in 20 overs.

India had a disastrous start to their chase with both Ishan Kishan (4) and Rahul Tripathi (0) sent back to the pavillion by the third over.

While Ishan was bamboozled by Bracewell, pacer Jacob Duffy (1/27) induced a fine edge off Rahul's blade. Shubman Gill (7) too perished soon after being deceived by Santner as India slumped to 15 for three.

Suryakumar Yadav (47), however, looked in good touch as he picked up two boundaries before picking one off his hips

SCOREBOARD
New Zealand: Finn Allen 35, Devon Conway 52, Mark Chapman 0, Glenn Phillips 17, Daryl Mitchell 59, Michael Bracewell 7, Mitchell Santner 7, Ish Sodhi 5, Extras 5
Total: 176 (For six wickets in 20 overs)
Fall of Wickets: 1-43, 2-43, 3-103, 4-139, 5-140, 6-149.
Bowling: Hardik Pandya 3-0-33-0, Arshdeep Singh 4-0-51-1, Washington Sundar 4-0-22-2, Deepak Hooda 2-0-14-0, Umran Malik 1-0-16-0, Kuldeep Yadav 4-0-20-1, Shivam Mavi 2-0-19-1.

India: Shubman Gill 7, Ishan Kishan 4, Rahul Tripathi 0, Suryakumar Yadav 47, Hardik Pandya 21, Washington Sundar 50, Deepak Hooda 10, Shivam Mavi 2, Kuldeep Yadav 0, Arshdeep Singh 0, Umran Malik 4, Extras 10
Total: 155 (For nine wickets in 20 overs)
Fall of Wickets: 1-10, 2-11, 3-15, 4-83, 5-89, 6-111, 7-115, 8-127, 9-151.
Bowling: Jacob Duffy 3-0-27-1, Michael Bracewell 4-0-31-2, Mitchell Santner 4-1-11-2, Lockie Ferguson 4-1-33-2, Ish Sodhi 3-0-30-1, Blair Tinkner 2-0-23-0.

drive over extra cover to ease the pressure. Suryakumar too brought out his range of sweep shots to keep the scoreboard ticking. When Blair Tinkner was introduced, he played a square cut and then sent another one through backward point for successive fours as India reached 74 for 3 in 10 overs.

Leg-spinner Ish Sodhi was then sent inside out over extra cover for a maximum but New Zealand struck twice in next five balls to remove both the set batters.(PTI)

Santner then bowled a maiden as India reached 33 for three in the powerplay overs. With the pitch offering grip and turn, New Zealand spinners controlled the proceedings keeping it flat and mixing the length even as Hardik unleashed a



Parshavi Chopra and her teammates celebrating wicket of Vishni Gunaratne of New Zealand in semi-final of Women U-19 World Cup.

Women U-19 World Cup India beat NZ by 8 wickets to enter final

POTCHEFSTROOM (SOUTH AFRICA), Jan 27:

Opener Shweta Sherawat smashed an unbeaten fifty after Parshavi Chopra's triple strike as India notched up a comprehensive eight-wicket win over New Zealand to storm into the final of the inaugural Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup here on Friday.

India restricted New Zealand to 107 for nine with Parshavi (3/20) leading a disciplined bowling effort after skipper Shafali Verma won the toss and elected to bowl in the first semifinals.

The 16-year-old leg-spinner broke the backbone of the Kiwi batting line-up with three successive wickets to leave them at 74 for 5 in 13th over.

Titas Sadhu, Mannat Kashyap, Shafali and Archana Devi also scalped one wicket each.

For NZ, Georgia Plimmer (35), Isabella Gaze (26) and Izzy Sharp (13) and Kayley Knight

(12) reached double figures as they struggled to score runs at the Senwes Park.

Chasing 108, the women in blue romped home comfortably after Sherawat produced a scintillating 45-ball unconquered knock which was studded with 10 hits to the fence.

Following the early exit of Shafali (10), who has not performed as per expectations in the tournament, Sherawat and Soumya Tiwari (22) added 62 runs to take them to the threshold of victory.

Sherawat and Gongadi Trisha (5) then completed the job with the former bringing up the winning runs with a four off Browning as India scored 110 for 2 in 14.2 overs.

Parshavi was adjudged the Player of the Match for her three-wicket haul.

India will face the winner of the other semifinal between England and Australia.

Brief Scores:

New Zealand Women: 107 for 9 in 20 overs (Georgia Plimmer 35; Parshavi Chopra 3/20). India Women: 110 for 2 in 14.2 overs (Shweta Sherawat 61; Anna Browning 2/18). (PTI)

JK emerges overall champion in Penchak Silat Federation Cup

JAMMU, Jan 27: Jammu and Kashmir emerged overall champion in the 6th Penchak Silat Federation Cup held recently at South Goa.

Around 800 athletes from different states of India participated in the Championship, which was organized for senior and junior categories (Boys and Girls). Penchak Silat Association of J&K also participated in the event. J&K athletes Junail Akram, Palak Mehta, Akshit Pandoh and Bupinder won gold medals in the Championship while Devank Sharma, Sharan, Karan Wattal, Harivansh and Rahul bagged silver. Amav, Shweta, Ridham and Wajid secured bronze medals.

Advisor Bhatnagar reviews preparation for 3rd 'Khelo India National Winter Games'

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Jan 27: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, today visited famous tourist destination Gulmarg and chaired a meeting at Golf Club to review arrangements for the upcoming third edition of 'Khelo India National Winter Games'.



Advisor to LG, RR Bhatnagar, chairing a meeting of officers at Golf Club in Gulmarg.

The third edition of 'Khelo India National Winter Games' is being held under Khelo-India Sports Initiative of Union Government from 10th to 14th February.

Addressing the officers during the meeting, Advisor maintained that the games will not only promote sports activities in Jammu and Kashmir but will also go a long way in attracting the tourists, both domestic and foreign.

While reviewing arrangements for the event, Bhatnagar emphasized upon the district administration and concerned private agencies to put in place all arrangements well in advance for successful conduct of this mega sports carnival. He delved upon officers and different stakeholders to maintain close coordination and synergy for smooth conduct of the event.

While reviewing other aspects related to the event, Advisor exhorted upon the officers that all necessary arrangements like accommodation, lodging and other facilities for the players should be put in place well in advance to avoid any last minute rush. He directed the officers to establish a Joint Control Room manned by the senior officials for any kind of exigency during the event

During the meeting, accommodation for participants, traffic management, identification of additional parking slots, snow clearance, security, transport facilities, media coverage, maintenance of slops, electricity, water, health care facilities and other related issues were also discussed

witness various cultural programmes to impart festive look to the event. The meeting was also informed that the notable sports activities, which will be the hall-mark attractions of the '3rd Khelo India Winter Games', will include Snow Shoe Race, Ice Skiing, Ice Hockey, Skiing, Nordic Ski, Snowboarding, Ski Mountaineering and Ice Stock, besides other activities.



ReK teachers staging protest outside BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar Jammu.

ReK teachers stage protest, seek reduction in probation period

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 27: Hundreds of 'Rehbar-e-Khel' teachers from across Jammu and Kashmir staged a peaceful protest here, seeking reduction in their probationary period from 7 years to 5 years as well as freezing of posts which was recently de-frozen by LG administration.

The teachers, who have been agitating for the last 29 days in front of BJP Headquarters, Trikuta Nagar (Jammu) demanded the administration to fulfill their demands. They raised slogans in support of their demands and asked the administration not to test their patience.

"We have completed four years of service and want the Government to fulfill its promise of regularizing our services after five years as was done with 'Rehbar-e-Taleem' teachers," Rehbar-e-Khel Teachers Association president Dheeraj Salaria said.

He said the administration has failed to lend an ear to their grievances despite the fact that more than 2500 teachers have hit the streets over the issue. "We are getting only Rs 4000 per month and it is very difficult to meet the needs of our families with such a meager amount, especially when inflation has gone up manifold," Salaria said.

He asserted that the protest will continue till their demand is met. "We want the Government to listen to our genuine demand and prepare our students for upcoming games," he added.

Batters fail as Kerala outplays J&K by 7 wkts

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

PUDUCHERRY, Jan 27: After three consecutive wins, J&K today suffered a 7-wicket defeat against formidable Kerala as all the batters except Anju Tomar failed to show some resistance against the disciplined rival bowlers in the Senior Women's One Day Trophy at SLIMS Cricket Ground, Puducherry.

Earlier, put into bat J&K lost wickets at regular intervals and managed to score a modest total of 111 runs in 50 overs, losing 9 wickets in the process. Batters except Tomar failed to show application and character. Tomar scored with 35 runs off 96 balls, studded with 2 boundaries while Sheerazah Banoo contributed 14 runs to the total. Rubia Syed and Nadia Chowdhary contributed 11 runs each, while Ananya Sharma (10\*) and Lalita (10\*) made a partnership of 20 runs for the last wicket.

For Kerala, Shani T was the pick of the bowlers, who captured 3 wickets by conceding just 10 runs in her 10 overs while Keerthy K James bagged

2 wickets by giving away 16 runs in her 9 overs. Mrudula VS, Surya Sukumar, Sajana S and Minnu Mani claimed one wicket each.

In reply, Kerala chased the target easily in 33.2 overs by losing 3 wickets to win the match by 7 wickets. Deepthi JS top scored with unbeaten 31 off 72 balls while skipper Sanjana S contributed unbeaten 28 runs off 39 balls. Shani T scored 16 runs while Jincy George and Minnu Mani contributed 13 runs each.

For J&K, skipper Sandhya Sayal bagged 2 wickets, while Nadia Chowdhary claimed one wicket.

One gets a feeling that the all-rounders like Sarla Devi, Sandhya Sayal, Anju Tomar and Nadia Chowdhary are still not justifying their tag of being good all-rounders.

Moreover, what is the point of concern is that the player who had replaced talented speedster Bismah Hassan in this tournament has just got one opportunity so far and has bowled just 2 overs to concede 19 runs.

J&K will take on Jharkhand in the next outing.

RM Public School celebrates 10th foundation day

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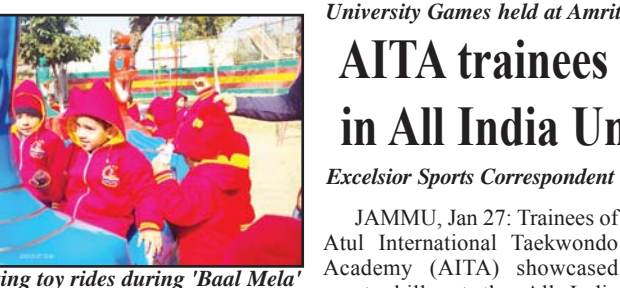
JAMMU, Jan 27: R M Public School (RMPS) organized a 'Baal Mela' in the School premises to celebrate its 10th foundation day.

In the 'Baal Mela', chairman of the School Rameshwar Mengi, Director Rakshan Mengi, vice-principal Dr Harvinder Kaur, administrator Surinder Singh and members from sister concern, Shiksha Niketan School, were also present. An array of stalls with a variety of spicy and savory mouth-watering food items and exciting games like 'Get the key lock', 'Shooting the cards with gun or catty', 'Perfect pilot', 'Mini golf' and 'Feel the cricket fever' were the main attraction of the 'Baal Mela'.

Apart from this, swings, horse ride, camel ride and elephant ride were also there. The stalls displaying different items of children's interest were established with the help of the school teachers.

Students were given the money coupons to depend on whatever they wanted.

Dressed in bright clothes, the children cheerfully hopped from one stall to the other relating the snacks to their heart's content.



Tiny tots taking toy rides during 'Baal Mela' at RM Public School, Jammu.

Children had a frolicking time taking part in games and enjoying various eatables organized.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal RMPS and members of sister concern said that through such events, school wants to hone the life skills of the children. Such days of fun and enjoyment are aimed towards giving children a chance to enjoy their childhood, they added.

Baba Kailakh team emerges winner in Sewa Basti Kabaddi Tournament

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 27: In a close fight in the finals, Baba Kailakh team defeated Maharaja Hari Singh Team and emerged winner in Sewa Basti Kabaddi Tournament organized by Dharam Jagran Samanvay Vibhag at Baba Kailakh Temple located at Thathar (Bantalar), Jammu.

The Tournament was organized in collaboration with Madhav Seva Trust, between the teams of Sewa Basti of Raghunath Bhag of Jammu Mahanagar. RSS Prant Karyah Dr Vikrant Sharma was the chief guest while Pandit Purshotam Sharma, VHP general secretary Shakti Dutt Sharma, Vinod Aggarwal and Ram Pal Sharma were guests of honour.



Taekwondo players displaying their medals won in All India University Games held at Amritsar (Punjab).

AITA trainees clinch 4 medals in All India University Games

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 27: Trainees of Atul International Taekwondo Academy (AITA) showcased great skills at the All India University Games held at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar (Punjab) by clinching 4 medals.

Around 160 Universities participated in the Games and the competitive atmosphere was amazing till the closing ceremony. Tashi Tundup and Shahnaz Parveen clinched Gold medals, while representing GNDU and MDU, Rohtak, University, respectively whereas Kushagra Sharma and Achutam Dev Singh secured the Silver medals from MDU University. Both will be

eyeing for upcoming National Championships. All these four athletes represented the top notch sport's universities of India and are getting training at Atul International Taekwondo Academy under Master Atul Pangotra. Tashi and Shanaz are playing from Ladakh but getting training at AITA from years. Tashi has already represented India at world University Games. Rajesh Pangotra (president, J&K Taekwondo Association) along with the secretary RC Sharma congratulated all the medal winners for their outstanding performance in All India University Games.

SIC VC gets 'Shiksha Ratan Puraskar'

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JAMMU, Jan 27: At a spectacular event of the 5th Eduleaders' Summit 2023 held in New Delhi, Sahil Mahajan, Vice Chairman (VC) of Shaurya International School (SIC) Jammu received the 'Shiksha Ratan Puraskar'.

In this event, 50 schools from all over India were short listed. This honour was given to Sahil Mahajan in recognition of his contribution to academic excellence by encouraging active student participation throughout the entire teaching-learning process particular and the public in general.



Vice Chairman of Shaurya International School Jammu receiving 'Shiksha Ratan Puraskar' during an event in New Delhi.

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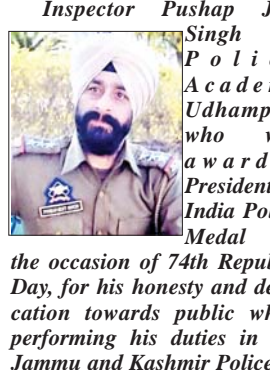
Inter Collegiate Cricket Tourney begins at JU

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 27: Inter Collegiate Cricket Tournament organized by the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, University of Jammu (JU) commenced today at the University of Jammu Cricket Ground.

In the opening match, the team of Government Degree College (GDC) Poonch beats GDC Marh team by 63 runs. In another match, GMC Jammu beats Basker Degree College by 7 wickets.

Dr Daud Iqbal Baba (Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education, JU) was the chief guest of the opening match. He introduced both the team players before the start



Inspector Pushap Jeet Singh of Police Academy Udhampur, who was awarded President of India Police Medal on the occasion of 74th Republic Day, for his honesty and dedication towards public while performing his duties in the Jammu and Kashmir Police.



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