

Under-pressure Rahul, artistic Shami star in India's five-wicket win

MUMBAI, Mar 17:

KL Rahul revelled under pressure with a composed 75 after Mohammed Shami's mesmerising spell of seam bowling as India overcame their jittery bowlers with elan in their comfortable five-wicket win against Australia in the opening ODI here on Friday.

India now lead the three-match series by 1-0.

After being put in to bat, Australia suffered a dramatic collapse, losing six wickets for 19 runs inside eight overs to get bowled out for 188 in 35.4 overs, courtesy 3/17 from Shami.

Mitchell Starc then blew away the Indian top-order with some incisive swing bowling as India were left tottering at 39 for 4 just after the end of the Powerplay.

Skipper Hardik Pandya (25) did stem the rot but India weren't out of the woods when he was dismissed with the scoreboard reading 83 for 5.

But Ravindra Jadeja (45 not out, 69 balls), after having bowled nine tight overs of left-arm spin, gave adequate support in his unbroken 108-run stand with Rahul.

India won the game in 39.5 overs.

But Rahul does deserve the credit for anchoring the innings in the face of a storm, and has taken to the role of a No.5 keeper-batter like fish takes to water.

He enjoys the low-scoring scrappy battles and Friday at Wankhede was one such occasion.

The twilight hour, however, did belong to Starc. The Australian quick moved the new ball dangerously in the air as well as off the surface. He pinned Virat Kohli (4) in front of



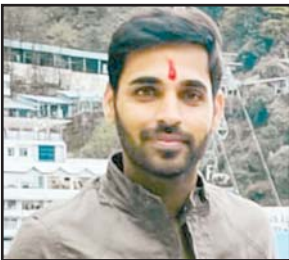
KL Rahul and Ravindra Jadeja running between the wickets during ODI match against Australia at Mumbai.

SCOREBOARD table with columns for team (AUSTRALIA, INDIA), batsmen (Travis Head, Mitchell Marsh, Steven Smith, etc.), bowlers (Mohammed Shami, Hardik Pandya, etc.), and various statistics like runs, wickets, and extras.

the wickets off the penultimate ball of the fifth over and, with the final delivery of that over,

Bhuvneshwar Kumar pays obeisance at Vaishno Devi

Excelsior Sports Correspondent



KATRA, Mar 17: Indian Pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar Singh today paid obeisance at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Cave Shrine, situated in Trikuta Hills of mountainous Reasi district.

He reached the base camp of the Cave Shrine Katra this morning and made a short stay in a hotel and left for the Cave to pay obeisance. He returned back to Delhi after performing 'darshan' at Shrine Cave.

Bhuvneshwar Kumar Singh is an international cricketer who

is currently playing for the Indian cricket team as well as for Sunrisers Hyderabad in the Indian Premier League. He made his international debut against Pakistan in the year 2012.

Teams in race for quarter-finals as B N Mullik Football C'ship enters Day-7

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Mar 17: The 6th day of the ongoing 71st B N Mullik Memorial All India Police Football Championship 2023 passed off with great enthusiasm and high spirit today.

On the day, 11 matches including 8 pre-quarter-final matches among the men and 3 women league matches were played at three different venues which include Bakshi Stadium, Synthetic Turf Polo Ground and Kashmir University Ground.

The matches witnessed exciting clashes; hard-fought battles were seen among teams for securing a spot in the next round of the championship.

At Synthetic Turf Ground, 4 matches of the pre-quarter finals of men were played with great spirit and anticipation. The event hosted by the J&K Police team was knocked out by CISF in a

Harpreet Kaur, D/o Jasbir Singh and Davinder Kaur, R/o Upper Gadigarh, Jammu, has been declared qualified for the award of degree of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Punjabi by the University of Jammu. She worked on the topic, "Pali Bhupinder Singh De Natakan Da Mulankan," under the supervision of Prof. Baljeet Kaur.

Nishant Gupta, S/o Yogesh Gupta and Sarita Gupta and spouse of Daya Kotwal, R/o Paccidharki, Jammu, has been declared qualified for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Computer Science & IT by University of Jammu. He worked on the topic, "Demographic Trends and Control Measures of Software Piracy," under the supervision of Dr. Shubhmandan Singh Jamwal.

one-sided match and lost the game to CISF by 4-0 goals.

The match played between Assam Rifles Vs Sikkim Police was won by Assam Rifles by 4-0 goals and advanced to the QF.

Another match was played between Punjab Police Vs RPF which was won by Punjab Police by 4-0 and qualified for the QF. The match played between Mizoram Police Vs Assam Police was won by Mizoram Police in a thrilling game by 2-0 goals.

At Kashmir University, 3 matches of the pre-quarter finals of men were played. CRPF won the knock-out game against Tamil Nadu Police by 3-0 goals and qualified for the QF. In a thrilling game, Kerala Police knocked out Maharashtra through penalty shootout and won the game by 4-2 and entered the quarter finals.

Moreover, in another pre-quarter-final match played between BSF Vs Jharkhand Police which was won by Jharkhand Police in a one-sided game by 3-0 goals and advanced for the QF.

Moreover, at Bakshi Stadium, the pre-quarterfinal match of men's was played between West Bengal Police Vs Rajasthan Police which was won by Rajasthan Police in a tiebreaker by 5-4 goals and qualified for the quarter final.

At Bakshi Stadium, 3 league matches of women's teams for the advancement to the pre-quarter finals were played. In the first match played between SSB Vs Manipur Police which was won by SSB Women in a one-

Shivani Sharma, D/o Ashok Kumar Sharma and Sudesh Sharma and W/o Akhil Sharma, R/o Last Mohr G andhi Nagar Jammu, has been declared qualified for the award of degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Political Science by the University of Jammu. She worked on the topic, "Coups D'etat in Pakistan: An Analytical Study," under the supervision of Prof. Anurag Gangal and Dr. Seema Rohmetra.

UT level Open Fencing Championship commences

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JAMMU, Mar 17: J&K UT level Open Fencing Championship commenced at Indoor Fencing Hall MA Stadium, here today.

About 230 fencers including boys and girls from different districts are taking part. The championship is organized by Adhoc Committee J&K Amateur Fencing Association in collaboration with J&K Sports Council.

Rashid Ahmed Choudhary, convener Adhoc Committee thanked Nuzhat Gul, Secretary J&K Sports Council for providing all necessary support for the said championship.

During the opening ceremony of the championship, Adv. Supriya Chouhan welcomed all the participants and wished them best of luck for the competition in presence of other dignitaries including Maninder Pal Singh, Member Adhoc Committee, Rachna Jamwal, Senior Fencing Coach and Shotu Lal Sharma, Fencing Instructor

In under-14 foil boys, Raghav from Jammu -Gold, Udayan from Jammu-Silver, while Satyam and Anuj, both from Udhampur, won first and second medals respectively.

In under-14 sabre boys: Vansh Raina from Kathua (Gold), Dev Karan from Jammu (Silver), Hamidh Singh, Shivang Gupta,

both from Jammu (Bronze), in u-14 foil girls: Mayra Rajput from Jammu (Gold), Kavya Rajput from Jammu (Silver), Aahana and Nandini, both from Jammu (Bronze), in under-14 epee girls: Pradita from Jammu (Gold), Arshi from Udhampur, Tanishka from Jammu (Bronze), in under-17 foil boys: Rampal from Udhampur (Gold) Manjoot from Udhampur (Silver), Kanav from JK Mont and Harsh from Jammu (Bronze), in under-17 sabre boys: Anish from Jammu (Gold), Dhyanjay from Kathua (Silver), Harman and Manik, both from Jammu (Bronze), in under-14 epee boys: Tanmay Dogra from Jammu (Gold), Umar Khan from Jammu (Silver), Ridhiman and Aman, both from Jammu (Bronze), in under-17 epee girls: Kalash from Jammu (Gold), Janvi from Jammu (Silver), Ridhima and Arushi, both from Samba (Bronze).

Bhisham Singh Slathia acted as competition director, while Adarsh Slathia was organizing secretary.

The matches were conducted by Anthony Mattoo, Ajay Khartol, Maninder Pal Singh, Tony Mattoo, Suniya Mattoo, Javed Ahmed, Mohd. Tariq, Rancheen Sabarwal, Rahul Sharma, Vir Sangram, Teja Singh, Abdul Rafiq, Ankush Gupta and Vishal Thapar.



Winners being awarded with trophy by Police officials at Thathri on Saturday.

Volleyball tournament organized

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DODA, Mar 17: Police organized Police Martyrs Memorial Volleyball Tournament at Govt. Boys High School Thathri under Civic Action Programme (CAP), here today.

The event was presided over by Kameshwar Puri Addl. SP Bhaderwah which was witnessed by the large number of people from the adjoining villages.

The Addl. SP urged upon the youth to take part in games, focus on their studies and prevent themselves from bad habits.

It is pertinent to mention here that Police has been organizing a number of sports events in the loving memory of Police Martyrs who have made sacrifices for the integrity and sovereignty of the nation.

The final match was played between Seven Brothers Bhelessa and New Star Thathri which was won by Seven Brothers Bhelessa.

'SAUHARD' Inter-University Chancellor's Trophy concludes

*JU lifts overall trophy

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 17: University of Jammu repeated history by lifting the overall trophy of the 'SAUHARD' Inter-University Chancellor's Trophy-2023 for Men and Women, organized by the Directorate of Sports and Physical Education at University of Jammu, here today.

Rajinder Sharma, Mayor Jammu was the chief guest on the valedictory-cum-prize distribution function of the event, while Prof. Umesh Rai Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, Prof. Neelu Rohmetra Directorate of Distance and Online Education and Ranjeet Kalra Member Sports Council along with a large number of gathering of dignitaries, players and officials of the participating universities were present during the event.

The chief guest congratulated the organizers for organizing such type of sports events, which will provide an opportunity to the students of the various universities to come closer to each other besides showing their sports talent. He also appreciated the mass participation of the players and officials

accompanying their teams at the various universities. Prof. Umesh Rai, also addressed the gathering with his remarkable thoughts and inspiring ideas about sports and lauded the efforts of the whole team of Directorate of Sports and Physical Education for organizing this mega Event.

Earlier, Dr. Daud Iqbal Baba, Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education presented a welcome address and report of the tournament in which he briefed about the conduct of the whole event particularly the first-time participation of the contingent of the Directorate of Distance & Physical Education at University of Jammu.

function were conducted by Dr. Komal Nagar, I/c Assistant Director, Directorate of Sports and Physical Education.

The formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Mandeep Singh, Assistant Prof. Directorate of Sports & Physical Education.

Prof. Suman Jamwal, Dr. Jaspal Singh Warwal, Dr. Imran Farooq, Dr. Rohni Suri, Dr. Vikesh Sharma, Dr. Heena, Dr. Rajveer Singh, Dr. Jatinder Singh, Dr. Rajnish, Dr. Vinod Bakshi, Ajaz Malik, Randeep Karlia, Dr. Arjun Singh, Dr. Saranpreet Brocca, Neenu Naryana, Neelam Chalotra, Vimal Kishore, Padam Dev Singh, Jai Bharat, Vikas Karlopiya and others were present during the event.



Selected players posing for a group photograph at Gindun Stadium in Srinagar on Saturday.

J&K Ball Badminton team selected

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SRINAGAR, Mar 17: J&K UT Junior Ball Badminton teams for boys and girls were selected and screened for the upcoming 67th Junior National Championship, scheduled to be held at Murtazapur Akola (Maharashtra) from March 30 to April 3.

The teams were selected and screened at Gindun Sports Stadium Raj Bagh (Srinagar) by the screening committee comprising of Kabra Altaf (Member of J&K Sports Council), Rashid Ahmad (Incharge Gindun Stadium, Maqbool and Arsheena Ashraf (General Secretary of J&K Badminton Association and Joint Secretary of (BBFI), while other members of the Association and reputed national players were present during the screening test.



Winners being awarded with a trophy by dignitaries at Jammu on Saturday.

Khalsa Warriors lifts District Hockey senior title

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 17: Khalsa Warriors defeated Dashmesh Hockey Club Nanak Nagar by 5 goals to 2 in the finals of the Jammu District Senior Hockey tournament and lifted the title trophy in men category at Astroturf Stadium, here today.

The Hockey J&K expressed gratitude to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha (President Sports Council) for providing extraordinary infrastructure for promotion of the Hockey in the Union Territory.

The office bearers of the Association including Rajinder Singh, GS Bakshi, Ishan Sharma, Supinder Deep Singh Bakshi, Tajinder Singh, Gurpreet Singh as well as Gurjit Singh (International Hockey Player), Hardeep Singh and JP Singh were present during the event.

The match was officiated by Gurjit Singh, Ishtiaq Hussain, Jagjit Singh, Balmeet Singh and D. Singh.

Sprawling Buds donates equipments to Tawi Trekkers

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JAMMU, Mar 17: Sprawling Buds ICSE School, Bantallab donated sport climbing equipment of Rs 50,000 to Tawi

international standards.

In a short and simple function held in the School campus, the equipment was presented by Arti Sharma, Chairperson of the School to Shawetica Khajuria, general secretary of Tawi Trekkers in the presence of Sumit Khajuria, vice president of Mountaineering Association of J&K.



School Chairperson, Arti Sharma handing Tawi Trekkers equipment to Shawetica Khajuria at Jammu on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Zorawar Singh Jamwal, co-chairman, Ram Khajuria president and Mridhu Padha, vice president of Tawi Trekkers J&K, here today, have expressed their gratitude towards the management of Sprawling Buds ICSE School for its liberal support to Tawi Trekkers J&K.

All the equipments which included climbing ropes, harnesses, quick draws, carabiners, maillon rapids etc. conform to



Awardees posing for a group photograph at SD Sabha School Rehari on Saturday.

Arun Trust pays tribute to coach Arun Kumar

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JAMMU, Mar 17: Paying tribute to Handball coach Arun Kumar on his birth anniversary, the Arun Trust organized an exhibition match between Army XI and Arun Sharma Handball Club at SD Sabha School Rehari, here today.

Ashok Kumar, former Deputy Director DYSS shared his experiences and time spent with Arun Kumar. He termed Arun as the man behind the rise of Handball in J&K saying, "His (Arun) contributions for sports are unmatched."

Prominent persons including Naresh Sharma (DySP), Akshay Khajuria (DySP), Dr. Kishor Sharma (Principal GHSS Bhalwal), Ajay Khajuria, (Principal SD Sabha School), Ajay Kumar (DYSS) and Handball coaches, Dev Raj, Sudesh Kumar, Dr S M Bali, Vinay Sharma, Vipin Photra and Rishi Sharma were present during the event.

The event was conducted by Mamta Bajaj, an international player.

As an international player and coach, Arun Kumar Sharma won 50 medals, including 22 Gold, 19 Silver and eight Bronze in a career spanning over 30 years.

Balan Foundation to sponsor children's education in Valley

Excelsior Sports Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Mar 17: Chairman of Indrani Balan Foundation, Punit Balan said that his Foundation would identify and sponsor children in the Union Territory and sponsor their children's education.

Condemning the killings by militants and the devastation they cause to families, including leaving children orphaned, Balan said the foundation became involved because it wished to help these children as much as possible.

Balan is the first non-J&K entrepreneur to begin working on children's education and other development projects since the repeal of Article 370 in August 2019. His goal is to provide free education to the children of Kashmir.



Punit Balan and Mohd. Saleem

The Foundation has been running 10 schools established by the Army in high militancy areas like Baramulla, Kupwara, Anantnag, Pahalgam, Pulwama, Shopian, Uri, Trehgam and

Gurez. The Foundation is also assisting the Daggar Pariwar School for special children in Baramulla with technical, educational and financial assistance.

The Foundation aims to rebuild the lives of children whose education has been jeopardised by drugs and militancy in the Valley, said its chairman Punit Balan, adding that the Foundation intends to support the victims of terrorism.

"All these children who are affected by such incidents, the basic problem they face is that of education. We will identify terrorism-affected families and sponsor their children's complete education," Balan said.

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Umar Ahmed, who played Kho-Kho for Mumbai Khiladi with support from the Foundation said, "I am extremely thankful to the Army and Punit Balan's group. I have been assisted by this organization." Cyclist Mohammad Saleem Sheikh, who has competed in eight national-level events in various States, said he received overwhelming support from the Foundation.

WORKS DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY OF JAMMU G222. Fresh e-NIT No: 773 dated: 10-03-2023 (2nd Call). For and on behalf of the University of Jammu, the Executive Engineer, University Works Department invites the tender by e-tendering mode on item rate basis from the approved & eligible contractors/agencies/firms registered with the J&K UT PWD/CPWD/MES and Railways for the following work:-