

Surya lights up Sydney SKY-line in India's 56-run win

■ AGENCY
SYDNEY: Suryakumar Yadav bullied an inexperienced attack as the Indian team not for once took its foot off the pedal to thrash Netherlands by 56 runs for its second win in the T20 World Cup here on Thursday.

A target of 180, riding on half-centuries from skipper Rohit Sharma (53 off 39 balls), Virat Kohli (62 not out off 44 balls) and Surya (51 not out off 25 balls), was good enough for the Dutchmen who were never in the contest once India's powerplay overs ended.

The 'Orange Brigade' huffed and puffed its way to 123 for nine in 20 overs as the relative slowness of the track post the Bangladesh-South Africa game effected its approach.

The Netherlands was the fourth team to bat on the track, and although there wasn't any considerable wear and tear, it slowed down enough for Axar Patel (2/18) and Ravichandran Ashwin (2/21) to tighten the noose on the opposition batters.

On expected lines, Mohammed Shami (2/9), Arshdeep Singh (2/37) and Bhuvneshwar Kumar (1/27) had an easy day at the office.



Most of the Netherlands batters are not used to consistently playing an attack of this quality.

Indian origin opener Vikramjit Singh (1), whose roots are in Punjab's Cheema Khurd, didn't look like he belonged to this level before

Bhuvneshwar Kumar ended his painstaking stay with a perfectly pitched length ball.

Once Ashwin and Axar were pressed into the attack, there was no chance that the Dutchmen would make a match of it.

Axar didn't even turn a sim-

gle delivery but the fast and tight wicket-to-wicket lines was good enough.

When India batted, Suryakumar once again provided the final flourish with a breathtaking knock and overshadowed senior pros Kohli and Sharma.

The Indian batting save all but one fired in unison as skipper Rohit became the pace setter, while the team's No. 1 batter Kohli played the role of an anchor to perfection and also ended as the game's top-scorer.

Kohli conjured two vital partnerships - 73 for the second wicket with Rohit and 95 for the unbroken third wicket with Surya - as KL Rahul's (9 off 12 balls) second successive failure stuck out like a sore thumb.

But Rahul can consider himself a touch unlucky as right-arm seamer Paul van Meekeren's delivery angled into his pads and seemed like missing the leg-stump, but he was advised against taking the review by the skipper.

To be fair, the Netherlands bowlers did a reasonable job during the powerplay, when India scraped to 32 for one.

India were 67 for one at the

SCOREBOARD		
INDIA		
KL Rahul	lbw b van Meekeren	09
Rohit Sharma	(c) e Ackermann b Klaassen	53
Virat Kohli	not out	62
Suryakumar Yadav	not out	51
Extras		04
Total		179/2
NETHERLANDS		
Vikramjit Singh	b Kumar	01
Max O'Dowd	b Patel	16
Bas de Leede	e Pandya b Patel	16
Colin Ackermann	e Patel b Ashwin	17
Tom Cooper	c sub (DJ Hooda) b Ashwin	09
Scott Edwards	(c)† e sub (DJ Hooda) b Kumar	05
Tim Pringle	e Kohli b Mohammed Shami	20
Logan van Beek	c †Karthik b Arshdeep Singh	03
Shariz Ahmad	not out	16
Fred Klaassen	lbw b Arshdeep Singh	00
Paul van Meekeren	not out	14
Extras		06
Total		123/9

halfway stage, but after Surya came in, the Dutch bowling unit looked intimidated, and once Kohli started putting pressure there was no escape.

The back-10 yielded as many as 112 runs, courtesy Surya, who again hit some breathtaking shots including a lofted extra cover drive and a lap scoop over deep fine leg.

With as many as seven boundaries and a six off the last ball in his kitty, Surya showed why he is India's most important batter in the format. After opting to bat, Rohit initially struggled with his timing and left-arm seamer Fred Klaassen was unlucky that Tim Pringle made a hash of an easy catch when the Indian captain had mistimed a pull-shot.

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PPND FC holds Football tie at Parade



Football teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Pandit Prem Nath Dogra (PPND) Football Club organised an exhibition football match on the birth anniversary of Pt. Prem Nath Dogra at the newly laid Astro turf at Mini Stadium, Parade, here.

In this match, PPND FC defeated Sports Council Academy 4-1. The game, which was organised in support with J&K Sports Council (JKSC), officiated by Satnam Singh, Dil Bahadur Gurung and Aman Banathia.

"The PPND FC hold football tournament in memory of revolutionary leader of Jammu, Pt Prem Nath Dogra every year. This year

we could only organise an exhibition match. The Club has planned a football tournament in near future," said President PPND FC, Rakesh Khanna.

Among those prominent present during the match were Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria; ADC Jammu, Rakesh Dubey, former Deputy Mayor Jammu, Purnima Sharma, senior B-JP leader, Anu Gupta; Corporator Akshay Sharma, Naib Tehsildar, Dinesh Angral; Divisional Sports Officer of JKSC, Ashok Singh; Arun Sharma Sports and Social Welfare Trust, Ashutosh Sharma and PPND FC coach, Ajay Kumar.

Hill View Rajouri, OTOD-XI enter KPCL semifinals

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Former First Class cricketer Vimarsh Kaw was at his murderous best to power Hill View Rajouri to 9-wicket win over Habbakadal Warriors, while explosive Shubam Sharma overwhelmed the fireworks of Rahul Mussa and Puneet Wattal to guide One Team One Dream (OTOD) XI to convincing victory over Navreh Cricket Club in the quarterfinal matches to seal berth in the semifinals of the ongoing Kashmiri Pandit Cricket League (KPCL) Season-III being organised by Safran Cricket Club at Country Cricket Stadium Gharota, near here.

In the first quarterfinal match played on Thursday, Hill View Rajouri thrashed Habbakadal Cricket Club in a one-sided contest by 9 wickets.

Earlier, batting first,



Man of the match award being presented to a player at Country Cricket Stadium Gharota in Jammu.

Habbakadal Warriors scored a fighting total of 142 runs in the stipulated 20 overs, losing 6 wickets in the process. Aalok Mam top scored with unbeaten 44 runs off 32 balls, studied with 2 fours and 3 sixes.

For Hill View Rajouri,

Vimarsh Kaw took 2 wickets, while Vicky Raina and Anuj claimed one wicket each.

In reply, Hill View Rajouri chased the target easily in 12.3 overs by losing just one wicket, thus won the match by 9 wickets. Vimarsh Kaw top

scored with unbeaten 70 runs off 42 balls, studded with 10 fours and 2 sixes, while Vicky Raina contributed 40 runs off 20 balls with the help of 7 boundaries and one maximum.

For Habbakadal Warriors, Sagar Bhat claimed the lone wicket to fall.

For his splendid batting display, Vimarsh was adjudged as the man of the match.

In another quarterfinal match played today, One Team One Dream XI defeated Navreh Cricket Club in a tough contest by 26 runs.

Batting first, Whites OTOD XI scored a huge total of 192 runs in 20 overs by losing 4 wickets. Shubam Sharma played a brilliant innings of 74 runs off just 40 balls, studded with 7 fours and 4 sixes.

For Navreh Cricket Club, Sandeep Raina, Rahul Mussa and Puneet Wattal claimed

one wicket each.

In reply, Navreh Cricket Club scored 166 runs in 20 overs by losing 2 wickets, thus lost the match by 26 runs. Rahul Mussa top scored with 60 runs off 44 balls with 6 fours and 3 sixes, while Puneet Wattal contributed 40 off 28 balls with 7 fours and 1 six.

For OTOD XI, Rahul Jamwal and Ajay took 1 wicket each.

Shubam Sharma was adjudged as the man of the match for his superb batting show.

The matches were officiated by Ashok Singh and Girdhari Lal as the umpires, while Arun Zalpuri, Karan Koul, Raja Nadeem and Aneesh Tickoo were the scorers. Ajay Peshin was the match referee.

The tournament is being held under the overall supervision of Chief Organiser Sarthak Khoda.

Tug of War teams leave for Haryana



Tug of War teams posing with dignitaries before leaving for Nationals.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Selected by the J&K Tug-of-War Association, under the presidency of Hardeep Singh Anand, J&K teams (men and women) on Thursday left for participation in the 35th Senior National Tug-of-War Championships going to be held from October 28 to 31 at Kurukshetra in Haryana.

Earlier, during the day,

teams were screened by the J&K Sports Council (JKSC) through its officials, Ashok Singh Jamwal (Divisional Sports officer), Satish Gupta (Manager) and Anil Sharma.

Jasvinder Singh, Kiran Kumari and Gitanjali accompanying the teams as coach and manager. Before the teams left for the venue in Haryana, Association president, Hardeep Singh Anand

distributed playing kits, sponsored by Trans Asia Hotels Pvt. Ltd., to the players and officials.

The Teams:
MEN: 640 kg: Harpreet Singh, Khan Sameer Gull, Rasiq Yousaf, Akram, Kifayat Gani, Pargat Singh, Murtaza Hameed Dar, Faizal Fayaz Bhat and Ubaid Bin Yaqoob.

MEN: 600 KG: Vansh Mahajan, Rohit Mehra, Sourab Gumble, Shariq Mushtaq, Nadeem Ahamad Mir, Harkirt Jij, Jorrvher Singh, Mohiem Ahamad Khan, Aadil Ahamad Rather and Tajamul Hussain Dar.

Mixed 580 kg: Vasvi Gupta, Arti Bhilloria, Naina Sharma, Amrita Saini, Prerna Kotwal, Sudam Hussain, Khushwant Singh, Aslam, Divum Sharma, and Kartik Sharma, Gorav Kumar Dubey and Ankit Kumar.

Yoga team leaves for Nationals



Yoga team posing with officials before leaving for nationals.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: J&K UT Yoga team on Thursday left for participation in 47th Sub-Junior, Junior National Yogasana Sports Championship to be held from October 28 to 31, 2022 at Dass & Brown World School, Ferozepur

City, Punjab.

As per a handout issued here today, 30 selected yoga players from J&K UT Yogasana Championship 2022, both from boys & girls of different age groups, are going to participate in the aforesaid championship.

Team is led by Mukesh

Sharma and Sabita Sharma as coaches and Aryaaveer Singh as Manager.

Akhil Kapahi, President and Vinod Bhatia, Secretary General of Yoga Association J&K gave best wishes to the team for their participation in the national.

Jammu Sport Climbing meet on Nov 5

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The 21st Jammu District Sport Climbing Championship, organized by Mountaineering Association of J&K (MAJK) in collaboration with Sprawling Buds ICSE School, Bantalab, here, shall now take place on November 5.

The event was earlier postponed due to Pujya holidays. For further information, interested climbers and institutions feel

free to contact the general secretary of MAJK, Shawetiea Khajuria (7006099855) on or before November three, a handout issued here on Thursday said.

On the spot registration shall also be done at the venue, Sprawling Buds ICSE School, between 8 am and 8.30 am on the competition date i.e November 5.

Whereas Shawetiea Khajuria, an inter-

national judge in sport climbing shall be the president of the Jury, Sakshi Magotra, a senior sport climber, has been appointed as organising secretary of the event. Technical and logistic support, however, shall be provided by Indian Mountaineering Foundation North Zone Committee, New Delhi. The championship has been sponsored by J&K Sports Council (JKSC).

Downtown Heroes FC felicitates ex-Indian Footballer Arun

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Prominent football club of J&K, Downtown Heroes FC felicitated former India footballer from the Union Territory, Arun Malhotra on being nominated as member Technical Committee of the All India Football Federation (AIFF).

Club's founder, Mushtaq Bashir and co-founder, Hinar Bhat met Arun on latter's visit to Srinagar to discuss the development of football in J&K.

Arun, who works with ONGC, currently on a private visit to Kashmir and has been interacting with budding footballers and members of football clubs



Downtown Heroes FC members felicitating former Indian Footballer from Union Territory, Arun Malhotra.

and district associations.

While terming Arun as legend of J&K football, Downtown Heroes said that it was a matter of pride to see a footballer from J&K as part of the top committee of AIFF.

Downtown Heroes FC officials apprised Malhotra of the current football scenario in J&K and the activities of the club. They also discussed with Arun the ways of improving club and to make it name in Indian

football arena.

"It was nice to see a former India footballer and son of the soil, Arun in Srinagar. We have fruitful interactions with regard to development of the game in J&K. Such interactions certainly help t will help in the development of the game," said Mushtaq Bashir.

"We also discussed various issues concerning football on J&K with Malhotra. We also raised the issue of no J&K team in second division I-League from last two seasons. Arun assured us that he will take up the matter with those at the helm of affairs raise these issues with the concerned," he said.

Kabaddi probables named for camp

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association on Thursday named probables for the coaching camp prior to participation in the 48th Junior National Championship scheduled to be held at Haridwar from November 17 to 20.

As per a handout issued by the Association here today, the 21-day coaching camp is being sponsored by the J&K Sports Council.

The Probable: Ajay Kumar (Udhampur), Laxman (Jammu), Irfan Ahmed (Srinagar), Ajay Kumar (Udhampur), Karan Kumar (Jammu), Shiva Bhandral (Jammu), Pratyaksh Bogia (Jammu), Zaid Rasheed (Baramulla), Vanshit Sharma (Akhnoor), Vasu Sharma (Akhnoor), Mohd. Ashraf (Kathua), Avair Shamim (Poonch), Abhi Sharma (Rajouri), Deepankar Sharma (Jammu), Amrit Dev Singh (Jammu), Rahul Choudhary (Samba) and Shanam Gool (Pulwama).

Police DKR Range Batote to host mega sports event in Doda from Nov 2

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: To boost the fitness level of youth and promote sports activities in the Chenab Valley, Jammu and Kashmir Police is organising different sports events under the Police Civic Action Programme. In continuation of the series, a Teaser & Unveiling Ceremony of cricket tournament was on Thursday organised by Range Police Hqs, Batote under the banner "Khelo Khel Bhoold Nasha" in the Conference Hall of District Police Lines Doda. The main sports event is starting in Doda stadium from 2nd of November 2022. Captains of all the 24 participating teams were present on the occasion. Dr. Sunil Gupta, DIG DKR Range Batote unveiled the trophies of Winner and Runner-up of the tournament and colourful dresses of all the teams during the ceremony in the presence of Vishes Paul Mahajan, DC Doda; Abdul Qayoom SSP Doda; Mohd Aslam SO, to DIG DKR Range Batote and other officers of Police and Civil Administration. It is pertinent



Dr Sunil Gupta, DIG DKR Range Batote unveiling trophies for Winner and Runner-up of the tournament.

to mention here that the tournament is being organised with the help and co-efforts of all the SSPs of three Districts i.e Doda, Ramban and Kishtwar of the Range and under the sponsorship of a number of stakeholders of the range and J&K UT, who were also present on the occasion. After the unveiling ceremony, DIG Range said that it was a great opportunity for the youngsters to showcase their talent. "Total 34 Matches will be played and a special attraction of the tournament will be the participation of women Cricket teams of Doda and those from outside Jammu and Kashmir UT", he informed. It was further informed that three matches

of the women's teams will also be witnessed during the tournament. The Winner and Runner-up teams of the tournament will be awarded trophies and Cash prize of Rs 100000 (Rs 1 Lakh) and Rs 50000, respectively. Beside, the Man of the tournament and Man of the match of every match will be awarded suitably. Main sponsors of the tournament including Jai Parkash Ltd. APS Infrastructure Ltd. Patel engineering Ltd. DIG DKR Range (Monalisa), ABCI, Ciegall India Ltd. DIG DKR Range (Redison Blue), HCC, Paras, LT, Ali Brothers and Hamdard Ramban were also present on the occasion.