

India beat Pakistan by 6 wickets in Women's T20 World Cup



■ **AGENCY**
DUBAI: Skipper Harmanpreet Kaur struck a vital 24-ball 29 as India eked out a six-wicket win over traditional rivals Pakistan in their ICC Women's T20 World Cup match here Sunday.

With the ball, a disciplined India restricted Pakistan to 105 for eight but then

adopted an overcautious approach while batting before Harmanpreet helped them achieve the target of 106 in 18.5 overs and register their first win of the tournament.

Harmanpreet, though, retired hurt with India on the verge of victory.

Shafali Verma made 32 off 35 balls at the top of the

order.

Pakistan decided to bat first after winning the toss but they failed to get off to a good start and struggled through the innings.

Nida Dar top-scored for Pakistan with 28 off 34 balls.

The Indian bowlers maintained a tight line and length to stifle the Pakistan

batters while picking up wickets at regular intervals.

Off-spinner Shreyanka

Patil (2/12) and Arundhati Reddy (3/19) grabbed five wickets between them.

SCOREBOARD		
Pakistan Women		
Muneeba Ali	st Ghosh b Patil	17
Gull Feroza	b Renuka Singh	00
Sidra Amin	b Sharma	08
Omaima Sohail	c Shafali Verma b Reddy	03
Nida Dar	b Reddy	28
Aliya Riaz	lbw b Reddy	04
Fatima Sana (c)	e Ghosh b Sobhana	13
Tuba Hassan	c Shafali Verma b Patil	00
Syeda Aroob Shah	not out	14
Nashra Sandhu	not out	06
Extras		12
Total		105/8
India Women		
Shafali Verma	c Aliya Riaz b Omaima Sohail	32
Smriti Mandhana	c Tuba Hassan b Sadia Iqbal	07
Jenimah Rodrigues	c Muneeba Ali b Fatima Sana	23
Harmanpreet Kaur (c)	retired hurt	29
Richa Ghosh	c Muneeba Ali b Fatima Sana	00
Deepti Sharma	not out	07
Sajeevan Sajana	not out	04
Extras		06
Total		108/4

Army conducts Paddar Cricket Premier League at Gulabgarh



Participating teams of Paddar Cricket Premier League.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KISHTWAR: In its continued efforts to promote community welfare and encourage sportsmanship, the Indian Army, successfully organised the Paddar Cricket Premier League at Gulabgarh.

The tournament witnessed participation from 32 teams from the Paddar region.

After 30 exciting league matches, the final match was held between Wisdan and CG

Lions team in which CG Lions emerged victorious.

The team was awarded a championship trophy and a cash prize of Rs 10,000. The runner-up team was awarded a trophy and a cash prize of Rs 5,000.

Special recognition was given to individuals who were "man of the series" and the "man of the match" and were rewarded with cash prize and trophies.

The two commentators

were also felicitated with cash prizes of Rs 2,000 each.

The tournament aimed to provide a platform for local youth to showcase their cricketing talents while fostering a spirit of healthy competition and community engagement.

The event was highly appreciated and well received by the locals which strengthened bonhomie and camaraderie's between locals and army personnel.

District Kathua Softball Championship

JKPS Kathua wins boys, DPS Kathua lifts girls title



J&K team posing for a photograph with officials after winning the match.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAIPUR: Clinical Jammu and Kashmir thrashed Mizoram by a big margin of 146 runs in the ongoing Men's U-19 Vinoo Mankad Trophy at Jaipuria Cricket Ground, Jaipur on Sunday. J&K scored a good total of 280 runs in 48.5 overs. Kamakh Sharma top scored with 52 runs off 50 balls studded with 8 boundaries while Arihant Sharma contributed brisk 43 off 30 balls with 5 fours and 2 sixes. Salman Ahmad Bakshi (35), Hatim Reyaz (32) and skipper Dhruv Sharma (24)

were the other major contributors to the total.

Johan was the most successful bowler for Mizoram, who took 4 important wickets, while Kima, Dwanga and Ahmaa claimed 2 wickets each.

Mizoram, in reply, bundled out for paltry 134 runs, thus losing the match 146 runs.

Benjamin scored quick-fire 41 off 33 balls with 5 fours and 2 sixes, while Sameula (17) and Valpula (16) were the other notable contributors.

Zaid Ahmad was the pick of the bowlers for J&K, who took

4 wickets by conceding 14 runs in his 8 overs, while Krishang Brahmin bagged 2 wickets by giving away 32 runs in 7.5 overs. Mudasir Abdullah, Shaurya Manhas and Vanshika Khadyal claimed one wicket each.

J&K team is being accompanied by Raju Sharma as Head Coach, Rakesh Koul as Manager, Huwaid Hamid as Assistant Coach, Zahoor Sofi as Co-Manager, Rohit Saini as Trainer, Haseeb Ur Rehman as Physiotherapist and Sheikh Suhail as the Video Analyst.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
KATHUA: District Kathua Softball Championship organized by District Kathua Softball Association in collaboration with J&K Sports Council under the auspices of J&K Softball Association concluded at Delhi Public School, Kathua here on Sunday.

A huge number of athletes took part in the Championship.

Sandeep Sharma, Physical Director, Government Degree College, Kathua was Chief Guest on the closing ceremony, while Charu Andotra, Principal, Mount Litra was the Guest of Honour and Gurpreet Kour, Coordinator was also present as the Special Guest.

The Championship was



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

organized under the supervision of Ajay Singh Salathia, Outstanding Softball Athlete and Jasbeer Singh, Outstanding Softball Athlete and certified National Umpire of Softball.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest congratulated the organizers for organizing

Championship in a most befitting manner.

He said athletes associated with the sport of Softball should work hard to bring laurels for Jammu & Kashmir UT as this sports falls in the sports requirement quota of J&K Government which will be benifitable for the Softball athletes in future.

While lauding the tremen-

dous efforts of Nuzhat Gul, Secretary J&K Sports Council for uplifting sports and games in the Union Territory, the Chief Guest said that Sports Council is providing modern sports facilities to the athletes to blossom at the higher levels.

He extended thanks to Principal DPS for cooperation and coordination in

holding the event smoothly and successfully.

Later, the Chief Guest distributed medals and trophies among the winners and runners-up teams, besides the third place holders.

He also presented mementos to guests present in the concluding ceremony and officials from various schools and Clubs.

The Championship was sponsored by J&K Sports Council.

RESULTS:

WOMEN: Winner- Delhi Public School, Kathua; Runners-up- Young Sisters, Kathua; Third place- Kathua Rockers.

MEN: Winner--JK Public School, Kathua; Runners-up- Delhi Public School, Kathua; Third place-Huge Blaster's.

Toyam Hyderabad registers first win in Legends League Cricket 2024



Toyam Hyderabad team after winning the match at MA Stadium Jammu.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Toyam Hyderabad outclassed Southern Superstars in all departments in the rain affected match to register their first win in the season as they defeated Southern Superstars by 5 runs under DLS method at the Maulana Azad Stadium in Jammu.

After losing the toss and put into bat first, George Worker and Chadwick Walton opened the innings for Toyam Hyderabad. The duo added 69 runs for the first wicket before Walton was dismissed for 40 from 29 balls. George Worker scored 28 from 26 balls. Shaun Marsh added 27 from 25 balls. Rikki Clarke made 25 from 29 balls. Towards the end, Bipul Sharma remained unbeaten on 10 from 3 balls.

For Southern Superstars, Pawan Negi (2/11) and Jeevan Mendis (2/26) took two wickets each. Chaturanga de Silva picked

one wicket.

Chasing a target of 144 on the board, Martin Guptill and Shreevats Goswami opened the innings for Southern Superstars. They were down to 30/2 in 3.2 overs. Guptill made 14 from 11 balls and Goswami added 7 from 5 balls. Hamilton Masakadza scored 17 from 7 balls. Pawan Negi remained not out on 19 from 18 balls. Jesal Karia made 28 from 30 balls. Southern Superstars were 98/6 after 14 overs when the game was stopped due to rain. As the match couldn't be continued, Toyam Hyderabad were declared the winner under DLS rule.

For Toyam Hyderabad, Bipul Sharma (2/13) and Shivakant Shukla (2/17) took two wickets each. Nuwan Pradeep and Rikki Clarke bagged one wicket each in the innings.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAJKOT: Riding on a brilliant batting display by skipper Shagun, coupled with splendid bowling show by Sakshi and Kareena, Uttarakhand got the better better of Jammu and Kashmir in a close contest by a narrow margin of 20 runs as Manya Banotra's all-round show went vain in the ongoing Women's U-19 T20

Trophy at Sanosara Cricket Ground- A Rajkot on Sunday.

Uttarakhand scored 130 runs in the stipulated 20 overs, losing 6 wickets in the process. Skipper Shagun top scored with 57 runs off 43 balls with 11 boundaries, while Ananya and Kareena contributed 17 and 15 runs to the total respectively.

For J&K, Manya Banotra took 2

wickets, while Ananya Dogra, Mahika Singh Rana, Ridhima Rajput and Sania Slathia claimed one wicket each.

In reply, J&K managed to score 110 runs in the allotted 20 overs by losing 7 wickets to lose the match by a narrow margin of 20 runs.

Manya Banotra top scored with 38 runs off 39 balls, studded with 6

boundaries, while Bhagya Lakshmi Janwal contributed 22 runs off 43 balls with 2 fours. Mahika Singh Rana and Shruti Thakur contributed 15 and 14 runs to the total respectively.

Sakshi took 3 wickets, while Kareena bagged 2 wickets for Uttarakhand. Vaishali and Kalpana Verma claimed one wicket each.

Varun, Mayank combine to script India's thumping win over Bangladesh in series opener



■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
GWALIOR: Mayank Yadav bowled with rattling pace in a promising debut while mystery spinner Varun Chakravarthi made an impressive comeback to set up India's dominating seven-wicket win over Bangladesh in the series-opening T20 here on Sunday.

India, oozing with fresh talent, bundled out Bangladesh for a below par 127 before the batters played an array of audacious strokes to gun down the target in 11.5 overs.

The starts with the ball was rookie Mayank and Varun while sizzling cameos from Sanju Samson (29 off 19), skipper Suryakumar Yadav (29 off 14) and Hardik Pandya (39 not out off 16) ensured a breezy chase for the hosts.

A full house at the newly built Shrinant Madhavrao Scindia Cricket Stadium witnessed high quality bowling from India and largely ordinary batting from their opponents.

All eyes were on Mayank (1/21) ever since he marked his run up before toss and the 22-year-old from Delhi did not disappoint in his first competitive game in more than five months.

Having attracted global eyeballs for consistently bowling in the 150kmph range during the IPL, Mayank was able to generate serious pace in his opening spell of 2-1-3-1. His first over was a maiden.

Having suffered a side strain shortly after a sensational IPL debut, there were question marks over his fitness in the long term but he dispelled some of those doubts on Sunday.

Mayank was able to hit 145.7 kmph only in his second ball of the evening before hitting 148.7 kmph with the first ball of his second over.

Veteran batter Mahmudullah was among the batters who were wary of his extra pace and ended up becoming the pacer's first international wicket. The

38-year-old tried to improvise by charging down the wicket but ended up slicing a regulation catch to Washington Sundar at deep point.

Varun (3/31), brought back into the team after nearly three years, troubled the Bangladesh batters who failed to read him. Among them was middle-order batter Jaker Ali who had stumps his castled with a ball that turned back in.

Like Mayank, Varun too was brought inside the powerplay. The mystery spinner bounced back after conceding 15 runs in his opening over by dismissing Towhid Hridoy (12).

At 64 for five in 10 overs, Bangladesh's innings was going nowhere and India were able to press on the advantage thereafter.

Mayank returned to bowl the 13th which went for 15 as Bangladesh batters used his extra pace to collect a six and four in the third man region. He ended his quota by bowling

the 19th over which included a couple of yorkers.

Left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh (3/14) had played his part his in the powerplay by removing openers Litton Das and Parvez Hossain Emon before picking his third wicket to end Bangladesh's innings. Mehidy Hasan Miraz was the top-scorer for the visitors with 35 not out off 32 balls.

India came out to bat with uber aggressive intent with Abhishek Sharma (16 off 7) and Samson going hard from the get go. Promoted to the top of the order, Samson played a few delightful shots before falling to off-spinner Mehidy Hasan Miraz.

Pick up shots off pacer Taskin Ahmed in the fifth over was the highlight of Suryakumar's innings. The result was a foregone conclusion when India raced to 71 for two in the powerplay. Debutant Nitish Reddy (16 not out off 15) and Hardik got the team home in a canter. Hardik went ballistic in the 12th over bowled by Taskin Ahmed to finish the game in style.

A sellout crowd was in attendance as international cricket returned to Gwalior after 14 years. The stadium built in the outskirts of the city made its international debut.

District Rajouri Tennis Ball Cricket Championship concludes



Winner team receiving trophy from the chief guest.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NOWSHERA: The two-day District Rajouri Tennis Ball Cricket Championship came to a successful close at Government Higher Secondary School in Lamberi Nowshera, featuring participation from 16 teams across both junior and senior categories. The event highlighted local talent and fostered community spirit among the participants.

Noval Sharma, a prominent social activist, graced

the closing ceremony as the Chief Guest, where he distributed prizes to the winning and runner-up teams.

The ceremony also welcomed Mamohan Singh and Bharat Bhushan as Guests of Honour, who contributed to the celebratory atmosphere of the event.

During his address, the Chief Guest commended the organizing secretary, Mr. Vikrant Sharma, for successfully hosting the championship in Lamberi,

Nowshera for the first time. He encouraged the District Association Rajouri to organize more such events in the Nowshera area, emphasizing the importance of providing local youth with opportunities to showcase their skills at both the UT and national levels.

In the junior category, HSS Lamberi emerged as the district champion. In the senior category, Lamberi Cricket Club took home the winners' trophy, while Dabber Warriors secured the runner-up position. In the girls' category, HSS Lamberi claimed victory, with Girls High Lamberi finishing as the runners-up.

Vikrant Sharma, Secretary of the Rajouri Tennis Ball Cricket Association, extended his thanks to all the participating teams for their enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

SCOREBOARD		
Bangladesh		
Parvez Hossain Emon	b Arshdeep Singh	08
Litton Das †	c Singh b Arshdeep Singh	04
Najmul Hossain Shanto (c)	e & b Washington Sundar	27
Towhid Hridoy	c Pandya b Varun	12
Mahmudullah	c Washington Sundar b MP Yadav	01
Jaker Ali	b Varun	08
Mehidy Hasan Miraz	not out	35
Rishad Hossain	c Pandya b Varun	11
Taskin Ahmed	run out (Arshdeep Singh/Pandya)	12
Shoriful Islam	b Pandya	00
Mustafizur Rahman	b Arshdeep Singh	01
Extras		08
Total		127/10
India		
Sanju Samson	c Rishad Hossain b Mehidy Hasan Miraz	29
Abhishek Sharma	run out (Towhid Hridoy)	16
Suryakumar Yadav (c)	e Jaker Ali b Mustafizur Rahman	29
Nitish Kumar Reddy	not out	16
Hardik Pandya	not out	39
Extras		03
Total		132/3