

Surya special helps India top group, England await in semifinals

■ AGENCY

MELBOURNE: Suryakumar Yadav reaffirmed his status as a short-format magician with another magnificent effort as India crushed Zimbabwe by 71 runs here on Sunday to set up a T20 World Cup semifinal date with the mighty England.

Surya, who has matched the peerless Virat Kohli stroke-for-stroke in this World Cup, smashed an unbeaten 61 off 25 balls in India's imposing total of 186 for 5.

Zimbabwe's batting depth was never enough to surpass that score and they were shot out for 115 in 17.2 overs with Ravichandran Ashwin (3/22) enjoying a good day at the office.

Save Axar Patel, who leaked 40 runs in 3.2 overs, all the other Indian bowlers were on target in one of the most lopsided games of this global event.

Hardik Pandya and Mohammed Shami took two



wickets apiece while Arshdeep Singh and Bhuvneshwar Kumar shared a wicket each.

India finished on top of group 2 and will now play their fourth T20 World Cup semifinal (after 2007, 2014, 2016) against Jos Buttler's England in Adelaide on November 10.

If Kohli on October 23 lit up the MCG with a knock for the ages, November 6 resembled a rock-concert where the length of Surya's shadow grew with

every passing stroke.

Zimbabwe pacer Blessing Muzarabani, after being hit for a couple of boundaries, had the ball slipped out of this hand on his run-up stride. He was basically shaken and nervous.

Indian cricket has seen a lot of supple wrists but malleable ones coupled with brute power are a rarity. Surya is indeed a rare breed.

On Sunday, he reaffirmed his status as world's number

SCOREBOARD

INDIA

KL Rahul c Masakadza b Sikandar Raza	51
Rohit Sharma (c) c Masakadza b Muzarabani	15
Virat Kohli c Burl b Williams	26
Suryakumar Yadav not out	61
Rishabh Pant c Burl b Williams	03
Hardik Pandya c Muzarabani b Ngarava	18
Axar Patel not out	00
Extras	12
Total	186/5

ZIMBABWE

Wessly Madhevere c Kohli b Kumar	00
Craig Ervine (c) c & b Pandya	13
Regis Chakabva † b Arshdeep Singh	00
Sean Williams c Kumar b Mohammed Shami	11
Sikandar Raza c Yadav b Pandya	34
Tony Munyonga lbw b Mohammed Shami	05
Ryan Burl b Ashwin	35
Wellington Masakadza c Sharma b Ashwin	01
Richard Ngarava b Ashwin	01
Tendai Chatara c & b Patel	04
Blessing Muzarabani not out	00
Extras	11
Total	115/10

one T20 batter with the help of six fours and four sixes.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Inter State Cricket C'ship for Disabled

J&K defeats West Bengal, enters final

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday defeated West Bengal by five wickets in the semifinal and entered the final of the ongoing Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Inter State Cricket Championship for the Disabled at KD Singh Babu Stadium Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh.

Batting first, West Bengal scored 150 runs for the loss of seven wickets in allotted 20 overs. Rajat Biswas played a fine inning of 47 runs followed by Abdul Khalik and Tushar Paul, who made 38 and 27 runs respectively. For J&K, Amir and Wasim Iqbal scalped two wickets each while Nadeem, Manzoor and Majid took one wicket each.

In reply, J&K chased the target in 16.4 overs by losing five wickets thus won the match by five wickets. Wasim Iqbal played a match winning knock of 76 runs studded by eight sixes while



J&K teams posing for a photograph after winning the match.

Jaffar also made important 26 runs. Aiyaz and Majid contributed 16 and 15 runs respectively for the total.

For West Bengal, Jayanta and Jayesh grabbed two wickets each while Ajaz took one wicket. For his match winning knock, Wasim Iqbal was declared Man of the Match and was awarded Rs.10,000 cash.

The final match between J&K and Haryana shall be played tomorrow at 11:00 AM in the same venue and

Deputy Chief Minister has consented to be the Chief Guest in the final valediction function, informed by the Organizers.

J&K Team: Mohd. Nadeem (Captain), Jagmohan Singh, Nikhal Manhas, Yawar Mubarak, Majid Ahmad, Vivek, Firdous Ahmad, Ayaz Ahmad (Wicket Keeper), Ravi Kumar, Vashno Dev, Waseem, Amir, Zahoor Ahmad, Manzoor, Zafar and Shahid.

Jammu Sahodaya organises Sham-e-Ghazal for Principals & Edu-leaders



School principals listening to musical evening Sham-e-Ghazal orgnaized by Jammu Sahodaya School Complex in collaboration with the DRS KIDS at Jammu.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: School principals are always grappled with multi-faceted responsibilities, as the grooming of future leaders is a Herculean task at any given point of time.

To recuperate the spirit of Edu-leaders of Jammu province, Jammu Sahodaya School Complex (JSSC) in collaboration with the Management of DRS KIDS organized a musical evening Sham-e-Ghazal at Hotel Lush, Gandhi Nagar here.

The distinguished Principals present on the occasion were Rajesh Rathore, President, JSSC & Principal, JK Public School, Kunjwani; Dr. Kunal Anand, Vice

President JSSC & Principal DPS Udhampur; KL Dogra, Secretary (Finance) JSSC & Principal, MV International School, Samba; Vijay Puri, Mentor JSSC Academic Director, Shemford Futuristic School, Birpur; KCS Mehta, Mentor JSSC & Academic Director IDPS Akhnoor; Dr. Deep Khare, Principal, Jodhamal Public School, Jammu; Dr. Pramod Srivastava, Principal Model Academy Jammu; Rohini Aima, Vice Chairperson & Principal, Jammu Sanskriti School Jammu; Neeta Rawal, Principal, APS BD Bari; Pushpinder Kour, Principal APS Damana; Sanjeev Pradhan, Principal, APS Samba; Puneet Kour,

Principal, APS Jammu Cantt; Anil Pathania, Principal, RMG International School, Akhnoor; Seema Sambyal, Principal, Holy Presentation Convent School, Kathua; Anupama Sinha, Principal, KC International School; Shilpa Mahajan, Principal, Shubh International School, Akhnoor; Neetu Gupta, Principal, SNS Vidya Mandir & Vipin Kumar Sharma, Principal, MHS DAV School, Akhnoor.

Other distinguished invitees, who graced the occasion, were Roopam Kour, Chairperson, DRS KIDS; Ajeet Singh Soni, Managing Director, DRS KIDS Jammu; Harpreet Singh

Anand, Chairman, Jammu Sanskriti School; Rohit Gupta, Chairman & Mona Gupta, Director, RMG International School, Akhnoor; Col (Retd) Trehan & renowned School Counselor of Jammu Dr. Chand Trehan; Sneh Bhardwaj, educationist & Dr. Navneet Kour, Chairperson, Human Rights Commission.

The musical evening was brilliantly anchored by Harsheen Kour, who enthralled the audience with her poetic diction and melodious voice. She extended a very warm welcome to all the music lovers from the educational fraternity of Jammu on behalf of DRS KIDS management &

Jammu Sahodaya President.

The programme started with a famous Ghazal "Kisi Nazar Ko Tera Intezar Aaj Bhi Hai", sung by Rishabh Dorjee alongwith famous Tabla maestro Joginder Pal & keyboard specialist Vicky.

Other heart-warming numbers were "Thak Chuke Hain Bahut, Ab Toh Ghar Jayenge", "Chupke Chupke Raat Din Aansoo Bahaaanaa Yad Hai"; "Husn Pahaadon Ka, O Sahiba...etc.

Giving some relaxation time to the singers and musical accompaniments, KCS Mehta, Academic Director, IDPS Akhnoor & Rajesh Rathore, Principal JK Public School, Kunjwani took over the stage and mes-

merized the audience by singing a ghazal "Tumko Dekha Toh Ye Khyaal Aayaa" together. Then adding variety to the programme, they conducted a musical riddle session for the audience, wherein they sang the stanza of a song and the audience was asked to identify the refrain.

The songs included, "Chaudhvin Ka Chaand Ho", "Ab Misaal Doon Main Tumhaare Shabaab Ki", "O Mere Shahe Khubaan, O Meri Jaan-E-Janaanaa" & "Ek Ajnabi Haseena Se".

Other talented singers from the audience, who received a big round of applause from the audience, were Puneet Kour,

Principal APS Jammu Cantt, Anupama Sinha, Principal, KC International School, Pushpinder Kour, Principal APS Damana and Dr. Navneet Kour, the renowned Social activist.

President Jammu Sahodaya Rajesh Rathore lauded the wonderful initiative exhibited by the management of DRS KIDS. On behalf of Jammu Sahodaya Schools Complex, he appreciated Roopam Kour, Chairperson DRS KIDS Jammu & Ajeet Singh Soni, Managing Director DRS KIDS for sponsoring the entire event at Hotel Lush, Bahu Plaza, Jammu. He also appreciated Dr. Anita Sharma, Founder Maven Vibes for ensuring the

media coverage and hospitality with the utmost care.

He appreciated all the Principals for sparing their valuable time, gracing the occasion and making the musical evening extremely successful.

Dr. Kunal Anand, Vice President JSSC & Principal DPS Udhampur proposed the vote of thanks. He appreciated Ajeet Singh Soni, Managing Director DRS KIDS and Rajesh Rathore, President JSSC for taking the initiative and bringing all the music lovers under a roof amidst the delicious cuisine of Hotel Lush, Gandhi Nagar Jammu. All the Principals left the venue with cherishing memories.

U-19 Cooch Behar Trophy

Ritvik takes fifer; Rydham, Udhay score fifties as battle for 1st innings lead continues

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Right-arm leg-spinner Ritvik Jaitley took a 5-wicket haul, while wicketkeeper/batsman Rydham Sharma and off-spinning all-rounder Udhay Partap Singh scored big fifties as the battle for the first innings lead continued on day-2 of Under-19 Boys Cooch Behar Trophy match between Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh at SK Stadium, here on Sunday.

J&K were 200/8 in 50 overs in reply to Himachal Pradesh's 255 in the first innings, thus 55 runs short of crucial first innings lead with two wickets in hand.

Rydham Sharma (85) and Toheed (6) were at the crease at the draw of stumps today.

J&K lost first four wickets for just 20



Ritvik Jaitley Rydham Sharma Udhay Partap Singh

runs with Asrar (0), skipper Arya Thakur (9), Akshit Gondal (4) and Mousab Mohd Bhat (4) back to the dressing room, before Udhay Partap Singh and Rydham Sharma salvaged the sinking ship and took the score to

200 runs. Udhay scored 63 runs off 92 balls, studded with 10 boundaries, while Rydham was unbeaten with 85 runs off 114 balls with the help of 13 fours.

For Himachal Pradesh, medium pacer Chirag M Sharma took four wickets by conceding 46 runs in his 13 overs, while Praval S Singh, Rishit N Thakur and Daksh N Narayan claimed one wicket each.

Earlier, resuming from an overnight score of 201/7, Himachal Pradesh managed to score 255 runs in their first innnings.

Apart from skipper Innesh (85) and

Animesh (53) yesterday, Chirag M Sharma (41) and Praval S Singh (30 not out) were the main contributors today.

For J&K, Ritvik Jaitley was the wrecker-in-chief, who took five wickets by

conceding 52 in 23.2 overs, while off-spinner Udhay Partap Singh bagged two wickets. Left-arm spinner Ranjot Singh and medium pacer Toheed Ahmed claimed one wicket each.

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