1st ODI: Arshdeep, Avesh star in emphatic Indian victory over South Africa

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JOHANNESBURG: Pacers Arshdeep Singh bowled a dream first spell and found an ally in equally menacing Avesh Khan as a secondstring Indian team completely annihilated South Africa by eight wickets in the opening ODI here on Sunday.

India now lead the threematch series 1-0.

Having gone into the match without a single wicket in his previous three ODI appearances, Arshdeep more than made up for it with his maiden five-wicket haul as South Africa were all-out for 116 in 27.3 overs. The target was surpassed in only 16.4 overs. Playing their first 50-over game post the World Cup final, it seemed that Arshdeep (5/37 in 10 overs) and Avesh (4/27 in 8 overs) had picked up a cue from their seniors Mohammed Shami and Jasprit Bumrah as a quality Proteas batting line-up was made to look like novices on a track that offered a lot of help

In reply, debutant B Sai Sudharshan (55 not out off 43 balls) showed during his stay at the wicket why he is rated so highly. He made the chase look like a cakewalk.

due to underlying moisture.



The sinewy southpaw looked elegant and unright while driving on the up and looked strong off the back-foot, while pulling the short ball. Against spinners, he put a big stride forward, which is hallmark of a good player. The on-drive off Tabraiz Shamsi was a treat for the eves.

Sai had seasoned Shreyas Iyer (52 off 45 balls) for company, who looked in fine touch, something that augurs well for India, ahead of the upcoming Test series.

However, the story of the day was how Indian pacers rattled South Africa with the ball jagging around for the first hour and a half which spelt doom for the home side. Arshdeep would certainly feel good having drawn a lot of flak for his inconsistency in the shortest format.

In their last encounter at Kolkata's Eden Gardens. South Africa were bowled out for 83 under lights on a slow deck but never would have Aiden Markram thought that he and his men would be bullied at the 'Bull Ring' which has been a safe haven for them in white ball cricket.

Only three players who played the World Cup final -skipper KL Rahul, wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav and middle-order batter Shreyas Iyer -- are a part of this current playing eleven, and India's back-up pacers gave a good account of themselves.

The two Indian pacers pitched it up and ensured that completely broke the home most of the South African team's back was Heinrich batters staved rooted to the crease. In fact, both were on

successive deliveries. great Wasim Akram proud.

Arshdeep would get more Arshdeep bowled one slightcredit as he blew away the ly back of length but flicked top-order within the first his wrists in a manner that it Powerplay with four wickets turned into a vicious in-dipper and then left it to Avesh, who which clipped the leg stump bowled fast and full, hurrying bail, leaving the right-hander the batters for pace. in complete daze.

In between, Avesh would The end of Powerplay didn't slip in the occasional short end Proteas' woes as skipper ball for the tailenders, who Markram played on, comwere in two minds whether to pletely beaten for pace. David

Miller (2) also fell prev to relentless pressure to a delivery pitched on drivable length while Wiaan Mulder and Keshav Maharaj found the speed of deliveries too hot to handle.

It was Andile Phehlukwayo, whose 33 coming in at No. 8, took the home team past the 100-run mark before Arshdeep, in his second spell, completed his coveted five-for.

SCOREBOARD

Reeza Hendricks b Arshdeep Singh Tony de Zorzi c†Rahul b Arshdeep Singh Rassie van der Dussen lbw b Arshdeep Singh Aiden Markram (c) b Avesh Khan Heinrich Klaasen † b Arshdeep Singh David Miller c †Rahul b Avesh Khan 02 Wiaan Mulder lbw b Avesh Khan Andile Phehlukwayo lbw b Arshdeep Singh Keshav Maharaj c Gaikwad b Avesh Khan Nandre Burger b Kuldeep Yadav 07 Tabraiz Shamsi not out 11 Extras Total

Ruturaj Gaikwad lbw b Mulder Sai Sudharsan not out Shreyas Iyer c Miller b Phehlukwayo Tilak Varma not out Extras

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14 Jodhamal swimmers to represent J&K at nationals



Selected students posing with faculty members.

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JAMMU: 14 outstanding students of Jodhamal Public School to represent Jammu & Kashmir at the Swimming Nationals to take place from January 2 to 6, 2024, at the iconic Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi.

The selected students from JMPS include Vinay Brala, Vishal Brala, Prajna Gupta, Adalia Narang, Angelina Bali, Aditya Pratap Singh, Choudhary, Kartikeva Kartavya Gupta, Priyum Jain, Avnee Aethmea, Tanisha Jaggi, Lavanya Katoch, Vihan Goel, and Hitanshi Yadav.

School's Trustee and Principal extended congratulations to the coach Pooja Bassan who was assisted by Malkeet Kour,

Rajan and Romesh, and the talented students for their dedication and success. JMPS wishes the swimming contingent the best of luck in the upcoming Nationals.

Open Jammu Takewondo meet from Dec 19

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: J&K Taekwondo Association shall hold two-day Open Jammu Taekwondo Championship (Kyorugi/Poomsae/Para) under the aegis of Taekwondo Federation of India (TFI) and J&K Sports Council (JKSC) at Indoor Sports Hall, Bhagwati Nagar, here from December 19.

The Championships is open to all taekwondo athletes of Jammu Division and athletes will play their matches on the latest technology of Point Sensor Scoring System (PSS) which is completely electronic based, a handout issued by the Association here today informed.

Earlier, Association held a meeting of the organising committee under the presidentship of Rajesh Pangotra. However, the weigh-in shall take place a day earlier on December 18 at Dogra Brahmin Pratinidhi Sabha, Parade, here from 3 pm onwards.

For more details, interested participants can contact Burhan Ud Din Khan 9070400444).

Klaasen's (6) dismissal, which Sainik School Nagrota alumni reunite in a grand celebration

go on the front-foot or back-

It started with Reeza

Hendricks (0), who dragged a

delivery that was angled

across the right-hander back

onto the stumps and the dan-

gerous Rassie van de Dussen

(0) must have expected an

away-going one but got one

that darted back from middle-

Tony de Zorzi (28 off 22

balls) chanced his arms and

Mukesh Kumar (0/46 in 7

overs), who had an off-day,

went for a few before

Arshdeep showed his varia-

tion by digging one short and

the ball ballooned for skipper

Rahul to complete an easy

However, the wicket that

STATE TIMES NEWS

NAGROTA: The alumni of Sainik School Nagrota gathered for their annual ex-students meet on Sunday creating a vibrant atmosphere filled with nostalgia and camaraderie

The event witnessed an impressive turnout, with a multitude of alumni, along with their families and children, making it a memorable occasion.

The distinguished attendees included senior officers from the defense forces, members of the civil services, and accomplished entrepreneurs, alumni have taken since their time at Sainik School Nagrota.

Brigadier Vijay SagarDheman (School No 214) visited the Information Technology and Tinkering Laboratories of the school and while acknowledging the young innovators, the dignitary announced a cash prize of Rs 25000 on the spot for young cadet innovators.

Highlighting the success and contributions of the alumni, the event served as a platform to introduce the newly elected office bearers of the Nagrota Ex-students



The 1991-98 batch of cadets after inaugurating a Memorabilia Wall with Sainik School Nagrota logo.

(NEXAS). BrigadierGurmeet Singh Shan (School No 355), a respected figure with a com-

elected as the new President NEXAS. presently working on the appointment as Director

Sainik Welfare, J&K.

Addressing the enthusiastic gathering, Brig Gurmeet Singh Shan expressed his gratitude for the honor and outlined his vision for the future of NEXAS.

Acknowledging the immense contribution made Randheer Singh Biloria, Ex-President, he emphasized on the importance of unity and collaboration among the alumni to continue the legacy of Sainik School Nagrota. The newly appointed office

bearers were introduced amidst applause and cheers from the audience.

the Treasurer. Their diverse backgrounds and experiences promise a dynamic leadership that will guide NEXAS to new heights. Celebrating 25 years since passing out from the School,

comed as the Vice President,

Sanjay Jena assumed the role

of General Secretary, and

Puneet Gupta took charge as

the 1991-98 batch of cadets gathered on the stage to mark the Silver Jubilee Get Together. To commemorate this his-

toric occasion, the batch presented cash hampers to the General Employees and announced cash prizes to they also announced the development of a mobile app to facilitate ease of contacting any Nagrotian in times of Further, the batch inaugurated a Memorabilia Wall with the School Logo Chinar

succeeding years. In addition,

as a permanent landmark attraction in the School. The program was followed by a sumptuous lunch in the Cadets' Mess. The ex-students left the venue with cherished memories, strengthened bonds, and a renewed commitment to con-

> legal fraternity. Female advocates actively participated in the badminton event in Lawyers Chamber Complex Badminton Court. Women advocates showcased their skills and engage in friendly yet competitive

JKHCBAJ Senior Advocate Treasurer Utkarsh Chairman Sports Committee Suresh Sharma and other

HSS Agharjitto organises trekking



Girl students with officials during trekking at Jammu on Sunday

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REASI: PM Shri HSS Agharitto organized onetrekking ${
m from}$ Agharjitto to Quoon area and visited a famous temple passing through the forest and hills.

Sarpanch Prem Lata

along with ex Sarpanch, Krishan Singh and Panch, Sanjav Kumar flagged off the trekking in the presence Principal HSS Agharjitto.

The Sarpanch applauded the efforts of the school in scouting such activities and emphasized the significance of attracting more people and trekkers to visit these places.

increase tourism.

He recognized the Quoon area trek as a hidden gem in the region, highlighting the need for its promotion to

Judges

Chief Justice inaugurates JKHCBAJ's Annual Sports Meet 2023

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, N. Kotiswar Singh inaugurated the Annual Sports Meet 2022 Tournament of the lawyers' fraternity here on Sunday.

2023 is being organized by of Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association (JKHCBA) Jammu.

Chief Justice N. Kotiswar accompanied by of High Court Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi and Justice Rahul



Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, N. Kotiswar Singa

The events of the annual sports meet include badminton, cricket, football and vollevball.

The annual sports meet commenced with women badminton matches to be followed with other games till December 25.

The event promises a fusion of sportsmanship, legal prowess, and embodying the spirit of unity within the legal community.

The motive of Annual Sports emphasizing the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle within the matches. Vikram Sharma, President Amit Gupta, General Secretary Parvesh Salaria, Joint Secretary Chetan Misri,

members were also present.

Vigyan Parishad conducts State Level Camp of VVM 2023 **Mens U-19 Cooch Behar Trophy** J&K suffers innings defeat against Karnataka

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Riding on Karthikeya KP's cracking century, Samit Dravid's 98 and a good show by bowlers, Karnataka inflicted a humiliating defeat by an innings and 130 runs on J&K in the ongoing Cooch Behar Trophy match at JKCA Hostel Ground

Earlier, Karnataka resumed their innings from an overnight score of 389/5 and declared the same at 480/5 after both the overnight batters--Dhruv Prabhakar (66*) and skipper Dheeraj Gowda (51)

completed their fifties. Karthikeva had scored 163 off 175 balls, studded with 21 fours and 5 sixes, while

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KOLKATA: J&K suffered a

shocking defeat by 5 wickets

against minnows Tripura

because of the stragetic failure

and poor composition of the

Playing XI in the ongoing

Women's Under-23 T20 Trophy

Sunday.

Dravid contributed valuable 98 runs off 159 balls with 13 fours and one six. Both the batters were in awe-inspiring touch and sent the bowlers on a leather-hunt, hitting a series of boundaries and sixes.

Mousub Mohd Bhat was the most suc-

cessful bowler for J&K, who took 3 wickets,

while Bismaadh Singh and Dhruv Sharma claimed one wicket each. J&K bundled out for 180 runs in the second essay, thus lost the match by an innings and 130 runs. Rishiv (47),

(31) were the main scorers. Samarth N, Hardik Raj and Dheeraj Gowda took 2 wickets each for Karnataka,

Nashant Kumar (43) and Hatim Reyaz

Women's U-23 T20 Trophy: Strategic failure costs J&K

match against minnows Tripura

Brilliant Chitra fails to fit in 'bits & pieces' players' bunch

while Samit Dravid and Agastya Raju claimed one wicket each.

Earlier, put into bat on day-1, J&K after struggling had managed to score meagre total of 170 runs in their first innings. Opener Bilal Ahmed Bhat had top scored with 44 runs off 135 balls with 6 delectable boundaries, while Dhruv Sharma and Hatim Reyaz contributed 37 and 27 runs to the total respectively.

For Karnataka, Hardik Raj was the wrecker-in-chief who took 5 wickets by conceding 28 runs in 13 overs, while Team India Coach Rahul Dravid's son Samit Dravid bagged 2 wickets by giving away 25 runs in 11 overs

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Vigyan Parishad J&K, Chapter of Vijnana

Bharati (VIBHA), organized one day State Level Camp and prize distribution ceremony of Vidhyarthi Vigyan Manthan (VVM) 2023 for the students of Class VI to XI at CSIR-

Twelve top students were selected through rigorous procedure from 120 students, who were initially shortlisted from nearly 1650 registered students at the preliminary stage, for their onward participation in National Level Talent Search Camp.

HIM Jammu on Sunday.

The programme was conducted by VigyanParishad J&K team comprising of Rajni (President), Prof. Pawanesh Abrol (Vice President), Dr. Parveen Kumar Lehana (Vice President), Samir Vohra (Org. Secretary), Dr. Dhiraj Vyas (Secretary), Er. Deepak Byotra (Joint Secretary), Pankaj Gupta (Treasurer), Rakesh Chobber (Academic Coordinator of VVM), Tinny Sawhney (State Coordinator), Vikas Langer,

Subash Chander and Vijay Sharma Prof. B. N. Tripathi, Vice



Jammu and Chief Guest of the function, shared his thoughts about the existing scientific temper amongst the scientists working across various disciplines of science and technology in the coun-

He also projected the value of Science in our lives and encouraged the students to work hard for the development of this Nation and for its self reliance. He further congratulated the participating students and appreciated the endeavours of VIBHA in promoting Swadeshi science.

Dr. Zabeer Ahmed. Director CSIR-IIIM congratulated for the programme and conveyed his message for the value of

expressed that CSIR IIIM will always remain as front runner in organising such events. His message was conveyed

by Dr. Dhiraj Vyas, HoD Plant Sciences, CSIR IIIM.

The programme was presided by President Vigyan Parishad J&K, Prof. Rajni Kant, Vice Chancellor, RNTU Bhopal, who in his address apprised the audience about the National Level Competitive Examinations which are available for those students who are willing to take up Science as a career.

He also conveyed that VVM examination has, in order to felicitate young budding scientists, continued with a practice of awarding students for their first, second and third rank with a cash prize of Rs. 5000, Rs. 3000 and Rs. 2000 respectively, i.e. first three from each class, alongwith mementos and certifi-He also encouraged the

students to do science for the betterment of this Nation.

Tinny Sawhney, VVM Coordinator presented the brief report of the VVM 2023 and Jyoti Sharma conducted the proceedings of the event. Samir Vohra presented the formal vote of thanks.

On this occasion, RRL High School was declared as Nodal School for VIBHA activities, which is first of its kind in J&K.

the team and the Support Staff with every facility, the teams are not performing to their potential. The brilliance of ace all-rounder Chitra

Despite all the efforts of the

Administrators with regard to facilitating

Singh Jamwal gets wasted in the poor



scheme of things as she fails to fit in the 'bits & pieces players' bunch'. One observes a few players are there to just fit the bill and no one knows whether they play as batters or bowlers in the team. Earlier, put into bat, J&K scored a modest total of 96 runs

in the stipulated 20 overs, losing 5 wickets in the process. In this match, J&K opened with Bawandeep Kaur and skipper Rudrakshi Chib, who served as the fourth change as an opening batter so far in five matches, which is a point of serious concern as to what made the coaches to make frequent changes in the opening pair. Anyway, consistent Chitra Singh Jamwal

once again top scored with 51 runs off 56 balls, studded with 5 fours and one six, while Manya Banotra contributed 22 runs off 29 balls with 2 boundaries. Lalita remained unconquered on 9 off 19 balls. For Tripura, Sebika Das, Ambesha Das and Prianka Saha claimed one wicket each. In reply, Tripura rode on a brilliant innings of 43 runs by Puja Das and chased the target in 19.1 overs by losing 5 wickets, thus won the match by 5 wickets. Puja scored the runs in 45 balls with 7 boundaries. Skipper Puja Paul and Antra Das contributed 12 runs each.

For J&K, Rudrakshi Chib, Chitra Singh Jamwal, Madhu Devi and Mariya Noorain claimed one wicket each.