

# RR high on 'Jos' as Buttler ton, spinners guile deflate MI by 23 runs

## ■ AGENCY

MUMBAI: Jos Buttler's manic mayhem was matched in equal measure by spin twins Ravichandran Ashwin and Yuzvendra Chahal as Rajasthan Royals beat Mumbai Indians by 23 runs in an IPL match on Saturday.

Butler (100 off 68 balls) scored his second IPL ton off only 66 balls to help the Royals to 193 for 8, which seemed slightly sub-par due to Jasprit Bumrah's (3/17 in 4 overs) brilliant effort.

Ishan Kishan (54 off 43 balls) and unheralded N Tilak Verma (61 off 33 balls) added 81 in 8 overs before Ashwin (1/30 in 4 overs) and Chahal (2/26 in 4 overs) decisively tilted the game in RR's favour between overs 14 to 16 as MI managed only 170 for 8 after 20 overs.

While Royals have now won two out of two, MI have lost both their games in another



dismal start to an IPL season.

In the end, there were two factors that combined to bring about MI's downfall.

Firstly, it was Buttler's (11 fours and five sixes) assault against MI's weak-links like Basil Thampi and Murugan Ashwin that made the difference. Three such overs yielded 73 runs and even Bumrah's brilliance didn't seem to be enough in the final context of the match.

And then while bowling, in between overs 14 and 16,

Chahal-Ashwin combination gave away only 16 runs and the chase was derailed.

In the last four overs also, Trent Boult (1 for 29 in four overs), Prasidh Krishna (1/37 in 4 overs) and Navdeep Saini (2/36 in 3 overs) kept things tight by not giving Kieron Pollard (22 off 24 overs) any room to free his arms. All of them knowing Pollard's weakness against fast wide yorkers, bowled them aplenty to keep the West Indies white-ball skipper under tight leash.

## SCOREBOARD

### RAJASTHAN ROYALS INNINGS

Jos Buttler b Bumrah	100
Yashasvi Jaiswal c David b Bumrah	01
Devdutt Padikkal c Sharma b Mills	07
Sanju Samson (c)† c Tilak Varma b Pollard	30
Shimron Hetmyer c Tilak Varma b Bumrah	35
Ryan Parag c David b Mills	05
Ravichandran Ashwin run out (Tilak Varma/†Ishan Kishan)	01
Navdeep Saini c †Ishan Kishan b Mills	02
Trent Boult not out	01
<b>Extras</b>	11
<b>Total</b>	193/8

### MUMBAI INDIANS INNINGS

Ishan Kishan †c Saini b Boult	54
Rohit Sharma (c) c Parag b Prasidh Krishna	10
Amolpreet Singh c Padikkal b Saini	5
Tilak Varma b Ashwin	61
Kieron Pollard c Buttler b Saini	22
Tim David lbw b Chahal	01
Daniel Sams c Buttler b Chahal	00
Murugan Ashwin run out (†Samson)	06
Jasprit Bumrah not out	00
<b>Extras</b>	11
<b>Total</b>	170/8

# LG felicitates Ridhima of DPS Jammu on winning Choona Hai Aasman grand finale

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor J&K UT, Manoj Sinha felicitated Ridhima Bajpai, student of Class X-A of Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu with cash prize of Rs. 50,000 for winning grand finale of "Choona Hai Aasman Season-6", a musical talent hunt programme organized by J&K Police under its Civic Action Programme at Gulshan Ground, Jammu on March 28, 2022.



Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha felicitating Ridhima Bajpai, a student of DPS Jammu.

Ridhima and other contestants for their exemplary vocal music talent and said that J&K Police would encourage and provide all possible support and assistance to these singers as and when required.

The event was organized on the theme "Ae Watan Tere Liye" on completion of 150 years of J&K Police. Dilbag Singh praised

parents for the glorious achievement and extended her best wishes for all future endeavours.

President Ajatshatru Singh, Pro Vice Chairperson, Ritu Singh and Director S.S. Sodhi extended their best wishes to Ridhima and her parents.

## General Bipin Rawat Memorial Cricket Tournament concludes

*Mendhar Champ wins trophy*



Winner team posing with Army officers after receiving trophy.

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: The Indian army conducted the first edition of the General Bipin Rawat Memorial Cricket Tournament in coordination with Mendhar Cricket Association from March to April 2, 2022 to inculcate sportsmanship, camaraderie and the will to win among the youth in the border Tehsil of Mendhar.

This event is the first of its kind in Mendhar, and was organised by Mendhar Gunners under the aegis of Ace of Spades Division at the Mendhar Garrison, OP Hill Stadium in memory of Gen Bipin Rawat.

The 32-day sensational cricket tournament extravaganza witnessed the participation of 30 teams, each striving hard to become the 'Mendhar Champ'.

The tournament was conducted on a knock-out basis. The 'Mendhar Champ' was Star Club, who defeated Jatt XI by five runs in the

final.

Army congratulated the players for their hard-earned success and well-deserved accolades.

Col Kapil Bhat felicitated both the winner and the runner-up teams with medals and trophies. The event was also witnessed by Balram Sharma, President Sanatan Dharam Sabha, Sarpanches and other civil dignitaries. Mendhar Gunners conveyed best wishes to the Mendhar Cricket Association, for the successful organisation of the event.

Anjum Rafiq an artist from Mendhar, paid a tribute to the late CDS General Bipin Rawat with an instant handmade portrait.

He then presented this portrait to Indian Army. The prize distribution ceremony was witnessed by many people from the area who enjoyed the cultural programme hosted by Mendhar Gunners.

## Jugal reviews modalities for organising events under 'Sansad Khel Spardha'



Member Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: Member Parliament Jammu-Poonch Constituency Jugal Kishore Sharma on Saturday chaired a meeting to review the launch of 'Sansad Khel Spardha' in his Parliamentary Constituency.

DDC Chairman Bharat Bhushan, Deputy Commissioner Jammu Anshul Garg, DDC Vice Chairman Suraj Singh, SSP Chandan Kohli, JMC Commissioner Avni Lavasa, DEO Suraj Singh, DYSO Sukhdev Raj and

other senior officers of the concerned departments were present in the meeting.

During the review meeting, the MP impressed upon all the concerned officers to organise the sports events in the Panchayat level, Block/zone level and then district level. He also asked them to focus on indigenous games like kabadi, kho-kho, tug of war etc.

The Member Parliament also stressed upon the officers to organise the games in both boys and girls categories to involve maximum youths in the sports events.

The MP said that under the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Ministry of Sports and Youth Services these sports are going to be organised in every parliamentary constituency of India.

The MP said that the Government has taken many initiatives like 'Khelo India' to identify the talent in multidisciplinary sports at the grassroots level. He added that these sports are organised to encourage

sports culture among youths.

The Member Parliament said that the main purpose behind organising this sports event was to identify local talent from different sports activities and promote them.

He further emphasized upon the YSS department to extend every support to youth and create sports champions at state, national and international level by providing them with the best facilities.

He further said that these kinds of sports events would also encourage the youth to lead a healthier lifestyle and channelize their energy in a positive direction and to keep them away from the menace of drugs and alcohol.

He asked the concerned officials from the Education department, Youth Services and Sports and RDD to register maximum children at Panchayat level. He also asked the DYSO to provide sports equipment and kits to the players participating in the various games.

After discussing the modalities for organising sports events under Sansad Khel Spardha, the Member Parliament directed all the concerned officials to work in synergy to make the event a big success.

## MTB Cycling championship held in Budgam

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Cycling Association conducted Mountain Terrain Biking (MTB) Championship at district Budgam. Started from Kanihama, the 20-kilometer race culminated at Malpora.

A total of 55 MTB riders from across the valley participated in this race and showcased their talent. The race started at 6:30 early morning from Kanihama and finished at Malpora at 9:30 am while covering a distance of 20 kms in three laps.

Waheed Ahmad secured first place while Muhammad Saleem of Punit Balan Group stood second. Third place went to Loulaq Bandy while Danish Teli and Sahil Ahmad Mir remained fourth and fifth respectively.

Mushtaq Ahmed Sofi, Lecturer Government Higher Secondary Badran in Magam was chief guest, who distributed prizes among winners. The MTB championship was organised by Cycling Association of Budgam under the aegis of J&K Cycling Association and the event was sponsored by Polygon Bikes India.

Alok Kumar appreciated the initiative of Sports Council for providing a platform for blind cricketers to showcase their talents.

The Principal Secretary also had one-to-one interaction with coaches and players and asked them for feedback to make sports in J&K more vibrant and ensure inclusive growth of all.

Speaking on the occasion, President Hockey J&K, Rajeev Sharma announced kits and other gear for all the blind cricket teams participating in the cricket tournament being organized in M.A. Stadium.

He also emphasized that government will engage maximum youth in sports and games and provide them a healthy environment to grow.

While declaring the tournament open, Alok Kumar, stressed upon all the stakeholders especially coaches

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JAMMU: District Anantnag shall be playing against Kulgam in the final of the ongoing Volleyball tournament for YSS Cup under the banner of Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSO) at Khel Gaon, Nagrota, near here tomorrow.

Earlier, in the semifinals, Anantnag trounced district Jammu 2-1 while Kulgam beat Poonch in straight 2-0 sets. In the remaining quarterfinals, decided in the morning session, Jammu beat Rajouri 2-0 and Kulgam defeated district Ramtan 2-1.

Today's semifinals, witnessed among others by SDPO Nagrota, Pardeep Kumar, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Volleyball Association of J&K (VAJK), Kuldeep Magotra; General Secretary, Vijay Magotra and Treasurer, Romesh Sharma.

Earlier, all these special invitees were

introduced with the teams by district officer of the DYSO, Sukhdev Raj Sharma and Mohd Tariq Khan.

## APS Samba shines in UT-Level Open Fencing Championship

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SAMBA: Fencers from Army Public School (APS) Samba excelled in 18 J&K UT Level Open Fencing Championship held at Fencing Hall MA Stadium, Jammu by winning bronze

medals in different categories.

The students who

brought laurels to the school

included Yukti Sambyal

and Akshita Manhas (Foil

event) in girls category, while

the team of boys & girls in U-

17 category in Sabre event

also won bronze medals.

Principal Sanjeev Pradhan congratulated the medalists & coaches for their

excellent performance in the

championship and wished

good luck for their future

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