

India seal series after sublime hundreds from Gill, Iyer script 99-run win

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INDORE: Shubman Gill showed his insatiable hunger for runs with fifth hundred of the year while Shreyas Iyer hit a timely ton under pressure to set up a series sealing 99-run win for India in the second ODI against Australia here on Sunday.

Gill (104 off 97 balls) and Iyer (105 off 90 balls) shared a stroke-filled 200-run stand off 164 balls before Suryakumar Yadav (72 not out off 37 balls) unleashed carnage to fire India to 399 for five, the hosts' highest total against Australia in ODIs. Skipper K L Rahul chipped in with 52 off 38 balls.

Rain stopped play for the second time in the game when Australia were 56 for two in nine overs. With the revised target of 317 in 33 overs, they fell further behind in the game and ended with 217 all out in 28.2 overs.

David Warner (53 off 39), who batted right-handed against R Ashwin (3/41), and Sean Abbott (54 off 36), had a good hit in the middle.

The series win without their five main players in the squad was a big boost for India ahead of the World Cup at



home.

The final game, in which a full strength India squad is expected to play, will take place in Rajkot on Wednesday.

While Gill extended his sensational run with a fifth ODI hundred in 2023, runs were more than welcome for Iyer who missed the majority of Asia Cup with a back spasm soon after returning from a long injury lay-off.

Iyer, who was fighting for a spot in the middle-order with Ishan Kishan, might have settled the debate for now. However, Surya has emerged as another contender for that one spot with an explosive knock. The Holkar Stadium tends

to produce high-scoring games and Sunday's game proved no exception.

Gill's peerless form is an ominous reminder to rivals ahead of next month's World Cup.

It was a second consecutive ODI hundred for the 24-year-old at this venue, having hammered 112 off 78 balls against New Zealand earlier this year when India ended with a match-winning 395.

Unlike Iyer, Gill began slowly on Sunday, collecting nine off his first 19 balls before going after the Aussie bowlers with disdain.

He was unstoppable after his first strike which was a straight six off pacer Abbott in

the ninth over.

Australia were never in the run chase after losing their first two wickets off successive deliveries from pacer Prasidh Krishna in the second over. Both Matthew Short and Steve Smith fell chasing wide deliveries.

The extra bounce that Krishna generates contributed to Smith's dismissal with Gill holding on to a flying catch at first slip.

Warner then enthralled the spectators with his stroke play, batting both right and left-handed.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA	
Ruturaj Gaikwad c †Carey b Hazlewood	08
Shubman Gill c †Carey b Green	104
Shreyas Iyer c Short b Abbott	105
KL Rahul (c) b Green	52
Ishan Kishan † c †Carey b Zampa	31
Suryakumar Yadav not out	72
Ravindra Jadeja not out	13
Extras	14
Total	399/5
AUSTRALIA (T: 317 runs from 33 ovs)	
Matthew Short c Ashwin b Prasidh Krishna	09
David Warner lbw b Ashwin	53
Steven Smith (c) c Shubman Gill b Prasidh Krishna	00
Marnus Labuschagne b Ashwin	27
Josh Inglis lbw b Ashwin	06
Alex Carey † b Jadeja	14
Cameron Green run out (†Ishan Kishan)	19
Sean Abbott b Jadeja	54
Adam Zampa b Jadeja	05
Josh Hazlewood b Mohammed Shami	23
Spencer Johnson not out	00
Extras	07
Total	217/10

Udhampur, Jammu excel in Divisional level Handball C'ship



Winner team receiving trophy from the chief guest at Udhampur on Sunday.

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UDHAMPUR: Hosts district Udhampur and Jammu excelled in the inter-district Divisional level Handball (all age group) Tournament which was organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) at Mini Stadium, here on Sunday.

While Udhampur bagged both under-14 and under-17 titles, Jammu excelled in under-19 category. Earlier, under-14 age group, Udhampur defeated Jammu 13-08 in the final, followed by Jammu trounced Udhampur 21-14 in under-19 category. Similarly, to

make it a double title win, Udhampur trounced jammu 21-15.

In the finals and valedictory function of the two-day event, former India Handball captain and SSP with J&K Police, Ranjit Singh was chief guest, who presented title trophies and encouraged those young school going talent.

The event took place under the supervision of district (DYSS) officer, Romesh Chander Mishra in active support with Zonal Physical Education (ZPEO) Jib Sushma Rani Gupta and Babey Pushpinder Kour.

Also present were senior handball players present

were Ashwani Badyal, Surjeet Singh, Kartar Dogra (International Handball player), Ashutosh Sharma, Chandan Singh, Vikas Sharma and Sanjay Manhas.

Among other prominent present were Anita Goswami, Som Dev Khajuria, Ramesh Chander, Vikas Sharma, Sanjeev Kumar, Karun Magotra, Jatin Sethi, and Sanjeev Khajuria as also Jasvinder Singh, Ajit Singh, Vishal Gupta, Palak, Sonali, Ashok Sharma, Vicky Sharma, Bhopinder Singh, Anshu Brat Khanna, Vicky Sharma, Jyoti Sharma and Ishang.

Latti to face Kirchi in Volleyball final



Volleyball team posing with police officer.

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UDHAMPUR: Latti XI shall take on Kirchi XI in a volleyball tournament which got underway at village Jakhed in Tehsil Dudu of district Udhampur under the aegis of Volleyball Association of Udhampur. In total, six teams turned up in this day-long event on knock-out basis representing areas Jakhed, Latti, Khaned and Kirchi in Latti and Dudu Tehsils on knock-out basis. Earlier, the event was declared open by VDC Chairman, Thakur Darshan Kumar. The event was graced by Akhilesh Khajuria, Chowki Officer Dudu; Ravi Kant, chairman Ramnagar Tourism Development Society and Amit Chander Singh, general secretary of District Udhampur Volleyball Association as also senior citizen and retired teacher, Khurshheed Ahmed Kanth. "An effort has been organised to bring local youth from different places in twin tehsils of Latti and Dudu so as to spot the talent and engage them in sports, especially in Volleyball. It was also to keep youth away from drug menace. We have received encouraging response," said member of the organising team, Jagbir Singh Thakur.

Kathua wins UT level boys wrestling competition

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DODA: Kathua lifted the winner trophy in UT level all age group (AAG) boys wrestling competition at Indoor Stadium Doda on Sunday.

More than 200 players from 9 districts participated in the event. The participants from far-off districts narrated that not only the staff treated them very well, but the people here were very kind and cooperative, and they felt it as if they were at their own respective homes.

They wished to go out and see some popular hill spots of Doda like Dal Draman, Nagmi, Lal Draman, etc but for the scarcity of time at hand, they can't be able to do so. Some teenagers promised to return soon with their families to explore the beauty of Doda.

The main motive behind the sports competitions was to encourage the children towards sports.

Under the guidance of all higher officials of the Youth Services and Sports



Winner wrestlers after receiving medals at Doda on Sunday.

Department, the culture of participating in sports is flourishing.

In the U/17 wrestling competitions Shokat (Reasi), Jasveer Singh (Jammu), Talib Jaan (Doda) bagged gold, silver and bronze medals 45 weight category; Shagun Chand (Udhampur) Zakir Hussain (Samba) Kaka Ali (Reasi) in 48 weight category, Mohammad Akram (Doda) Anshu Kumar (Jammu) Shokat Hussain (Samba) in

51 kg weight category; Umar Din (Doda), Barkat Ali (Kathua) Raman (Jammu) in the 55 kg weight category; Tarun (Jammu), Mohammad Kaif (Kathua), Mohammad Younis (Doda) in 60 kg weight category; Satvir Singh (Udhampur) Kifayatullah (Doda) Ranveer (Jammu) in 65 kg weight category; Mohit (Jammu), Saddam Hussain (Doda), Gulzar Ahmed (kathua) In 71 kg weight

category; Mohammad Gulzar (Kathua) Rajveer (Reasi) Roshan Kumar (Jammu) in the 80 kg category and Zaffar Khan (Kathua), Muteeb Ali (Doda) Udhay Pratap (Jammu) got gold, silver and bronze in the last category of 92 kg.

The results of U/19 wrestling competition held today Ankit Choudhary (Jammu), Mohammad Yaseen (Kathua), Deepak Singh (Reasi) in the 57 kg

category; Gorav Singh (Kathua), Surjeet Sharma (Jammu), Ranjeet Singh (Reasi) in the 61 kg category; Sahir Ali (Samba), Sudesh Singh (Udhampur), Jaffar Hussain (Kathua) In the 65 kg category; Jaffar Hussain (Kathua), Gulehain Singh (Reasi), Mohammad Billa (Samba) In the 70 kg category; Ankush Sharma (Jammu), Mohammad Rafiq (Kathua), Sunil Charak (Samba) In the 74 kg category; Sajjan (Jammu), Nayeem (Udhampur), Angrez Singh (Reasi) in the 79 kg category; Shabir Khan (Kathua), Mathu Barti (Jammu), Amrit Thakur (Udhampur) in the 86 kg category; Farman Ali (Kathua), Partab (Samba), Narinder (Reasi) in the 92 kg category; Murad Ali (Kathua), Anwar Khan (Jammu), Vansh (Samba) in the 97 kg category and in the 125 kg category Mushtaq Ali (Kathua), Mohit Kumar (Jammu) bag the gold, silver and bronze medals respectively

The overall medal tally of all the participating districts

is as follows:

Kathua topped the list with 9 gold, 7 silver and 3 bronze medals; Jammu bagged 8 gold, 7 silver and 5 bronze medals clinching second place; host Doda bagged 5 gold, 5 silver and 2 bronze medals; Reasi got 2 gold, 4 silver and 6 bronze; Samba got 2 gold 2 silver and 6 bronze; Udhampur got 2 gold, 2 silver and 3 bronze medals; Kishtwar got 1 gold, Rajouri bagged only 1 silver while Anantnag failed to win any medal.

District Kathua lifted the winner's trophy. Jammu district got the runner-up trophy, while District Doda stood at 3rd place.

The DYSSO Doda, in his concluding address congratulated the winners, their escort officials, spectators and all on duty officials of the host district for making the competition successful.

Later, a swearing in ceremony and handing over the merit certificates and medals to the winners and participants was held in the Indoor Sports Stadium at Doda.

GCW Gandhi Nagar Jammu celebrates NSS Day

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JAMMU: The NSS Unit 1 of Government College for Women (GCW) Gandhi Nagar Jammu celebrated NSS Day with fervour and enthusiasm, engaging in meaningful activities that promote environmental awareness and community engagement.

To mark this significant day, the poster making event was organised providing a platform for students to showcase their artistic talent and convey important messages related to social issues, environmental conservation, and civic responsibility.

The participants exhibited their creativity and passion for social causes, emphasizing the importance of collective action for a better society.

In addition to the poster making activity,



the NSS Volunteers initiated a tree planting

campaign. Recognizing the critical role trees play in environmental sustainability and combating climate change, saplings were planted by the NSS volunteers at their respective homes.

This endeavour reflects the NSS Unit's commitment to environmental conservation and fostering a sense of responsibility towards nature among the youth.

The NSS Day celebration at GCW Gandhi Nagar emphasized the NSS motto of 'Not Me But You' and encouraged students to contribute actively to society, promoting community service, awareness, and positive change.

Prof Minu Mahajan, Principal of the College, expressed her appreciation for the enthusiastic participation of the students and the impactful activities organized.

She remarked, "NSS Day provides a wonderful opportunity for our students to engage with the community, develop a sense of social responsibility, and foster a spirit of volunteerism."

Prof Mala Bhasin, NSS Coordinator CLUJ lauded the efforts of NSS Unit-1 in organising poster making event and tree planting campaign that reflects our commitment to nurturing responsible citizens and making a positive difference in society."

Prof Sugandha Mahajan, NSS PO Unit-1 said that NSS volunteers of GCW Gandhi Nagar remains committed to conducting such events that instill a sense of duty towards the community and the environment, shaping responsible leaders for a better tomorrow.

Shilpa wins women's Sport Climbing title



Neelam Khajuria, Addl Secy YSS Department inaugurating 23rd J&K UT Sport Climbing Championship at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Shilpa Charak won the prestigious Women' title of the 23rd J&K UT Sport Climbing Championship which commenced at Tenzing Norgay Sport Climbing wall in the Sprawling Buds ICSE School, Bantalah, here on Sunday.

Prachi Katoch of Oriental Academy Senior Secondary School Jammu and Perna Charak of Rajouri bagged the second and third positions respectively. In the Men's category eight climbers from Pulwama, Shopian, Anantnag, Budgam, Reasi and Udhampur led by Arun Deep Singh of

Jammu have entered the final round. The final shall be played tomorrow. Similarly, eight climbers, led by Kashish Bharti of Sudhmahadev, Udhampur have entered the final round in the Junior Boys category. Earlier, the championship was inaugurated by Neelam Khajuria, Additional Secretary, Youth Services and Sports Department in the presence of Parveen Sharma, Chairman, The Citizens' Cooperative Bank Ltd, Jammu who was the guest of honour. Prominent among others present on the occasion included Arti Sharma, chairperson and Seema Sharma

Director of Sprawling Buds ICSE School; Office bearers of Mountaineering Association of J&K (MAJK) including senior vice president, Ram Khajuria; vice president Sumit Khajuria; general secretary Shavetia Khajuria; joint secretary (Kashmir) Mohsin Andravi; joint secretary (Jammu) Manik Sathia; treasurer Sushil Singh; president Jammu District Mountaineering Association, Rakesh Goswami; president Valvinder Singh and secretary Sudesh Kumar of Doda Association; Upkar Singh Jamwal, vice president Udhampur; Principal of MNDP School, RS Pura Anil Choudhary; Jameel Mustafa, president of Sunridges Trekking and Mountaineering Club, Pulwama and representatives of various institutions.

The two-day championship is being organised in collaboration with Sprawling Buds ICSE School, Jammu under the aegis of Indian Mountaineering Foundation North Zone Committee, New Delhi and sponsored by J&K Sports Council.

IndianOil Grand Prix of India-MotoGP Bharat 2023 concludes

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GREATER NOIDA: The IndianOil Grand Prix of India - MotoGP Bharat 2023, held at the Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida, came to a thrilling conclusion on Sunday.

Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, one of India's leading oil and gas companies, proudly served as the title sponsor for this historic event.

This sponsorship underlines IndianOil's commitment to supporting and promoting sporting events that showcase India's excellence on a global stage.

With the recent launches of several high-end premium fuels like XP 100, XP 95, Xtragreen, Servo Hypersport F5 etc. IndianOil has made its mark in the premium fuel sector.

IndianOil Grand Prix of India- MotoGP Bharat 2023 is an ideal platform to celebrate India's increasing



prominence in the global sports arena.

This event has captured the attention of motorsport enthusiasts nationwide, as it hosted the world's top motorcycle racers who demonstrated their exceptional skills and pushed the limits of speed and precision. MotoGP, the premier motorcycle racing championship globally, has a massive fan following, reaching hundreds of millions of fans worldwide.

This year introduced a new format with Sprint

races, a first in its history, making the 2023 Indian Round a momentous occasion.

MotoGP is the second most watched Motorsport event in the world with a global reach of 450 million households and is broadcast live in 200 countries. The India Round is being watched by over 100,000 people live on the Circuit, per day, and millions of people within the country over TV and Streaming platforms.

IndianOil's association

with MotoGP Bharat 2023 reflects the company's dedication to supporting the growth of sports in India and nurturing young talents in motorsports. It also aligns with IndianOil's commitment to promoting a healthy and active lifestyle among Indian citizens.

The final rounds of MotoGP Bharat 2023 created an electrifying atmosphere, with the event kicking off with warm-up sessions and a Rider Fan Parade.

The charismatic actor John Abraham added to the excitement as he revved up his Ducati and took to the track, leaving fans craving for more action.

The racing featured Moto3 with 16 laps, followed by Moto2 with 18 laps, and culminated in the prestigious MotoGP category with 21 laps. Marco Bezzecchi from the Mooney VR46 Ducati (GP22) team secured the inaugural MotoGP championship finishing the laps in 36m 59.157s in the

IndianOil Grand Prix of India.

The event was graced by the presence of Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs, Anurag Thakur, Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Rameshwar Teli, Union Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Labour & Employment, Pankaj Jain, Secretary, MOPNG, S M Vaidya, Chairman, IndianOil, V Satish Kumar, Director (Marketing), IndianOil, John Abraham, celebrity & brand ambassador of SERVO, and other senior officials from IndianOil and MotoGP.

The Government of India's recognition of these races as sports events marks a significant milestone, promising to boost tourism and economic growth in the region and further elevate the profile of the Buddh International Circuit.