

Ashwin scalps six wickets, India trump Bangladesh by 280 runs

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CHENNAI: Veteran off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin's mastery over his craft, underlined by a six-wicket haul, proved too immense for Bangladesh as India cantered to a massive 280-run victory in the first Test with five sessions to spare, here on Sunday.

Maintaining a clean slate against the Asian neighbours, India now lead the two-match series 1-0.

Starting from their overnight 158 for four, Bangladesh were bundled out for 234 in their second innings as Ashwin scythed through their line-up (6/88).

Ravindra Jadeja supported him with a three-wicket haul (3/58).

Skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto waged a lone battle for the visitors with a sparkling 82 (127b, 8x4, 3x6), but there was hardly any meaningful support for him from his colleagues.

The day, however, began on a bright note for the Bangladeshis with Shanto and Shakib Al-Hasan (25) extending their fifth-wicket stand to 48 runs, resisting the Indian bowlers in the first hour.

Mohammed Siraj was the standout bowler for India during this phase as he worked up good pace and hit fine lines, but luck was not in his favour as edges eluded him or fell short of fielders.

It left the pacer a frustrated man, evidenced in his constant tirade against Shanto, who remained unruffled.

Shakib, who played a lovely



front foot pull off Siraj for a boundary, also received a reprieve as Rishabh Pant missed a stumping chance off Jadeja when the batter was on 17.

At the first drinks break of the day, Bangladesh were 194 for four and they might have hoped to further stretch the home side.

However, the introduction of Ashwin immediately after the resumption of play changed the complexion of the proceedings.

There was nothing much on the surface for the spinners but Ashwin, who possesses a scientist's acumen, does not need such generosity from the deck or conditions.

The Chennai man put into use his ability to find acute angles from around the wicket to left-handers to optimum effect against Shakib.

Ashwin pushed the ball a bit deep and it hit the handle of Shakib's bat as he attempted a forward defence, and the resultant edge went into the eager hands of Yashasvi Jaiswal at backward short leg.

Soon, the star off-spinner completed his 37th five-wicket haul, equalling Australian legend Shane Warne, nipping the stay of Mehidy Hasan Miraz (8), who lobbed a catch to Jadeja at long-on.

In the process, Ashwin also went past New Zealand legend Richard Hadlee's five-wicket haul tally - 36.

It was also the fourth time the veteran all-rounder took five-wicket or more in a Test match alongside a hundred.

Jadeja, the long-time second fiddle to Ashwin, too had his own moments as he scalped the wickets of Shanto and Litton Das, who edged the left-arm spinner to Rohit Sharma at first slip.

However, Shanto's batting will give a speck of hope for Bangladesh ahead of the next match for the visitors.

While the wickets were on a constant tumble at the other end, Shanto batted calmly and with purpose.

The left-hander swept, reverse swept and cut spinners and pacers to collect his runs from all corners of

Chepauk.

But the task was way beyond such a one-man

show on this day. Given his cavalier methods at the crease, the dismissal was inevitable and it came in the 59th over.

Shanto tried to hoist Jadeja out of the park, but the shot lacked power and timing, and Jasprit Bumrah comfortably settled under the ball near mid-wicket.

The dismissal also ended Bangladesh's hopes to last at least beyond the first session, and now they will have to think of ways to regroup ahead of the second Test at Kanpur, beginning September 27.

SCOREBOARD	
INDIA 1ST INNINGS	376/10
BANGLADESH 1ST INNINGS	149/10
INDIA 2ND INNINGS	
Yashasvi Jaiswal c Litton Das b Nahid Rana	10
Rohit Sharma (c) c Zakir Hasan b Taskin Ahmed	05
Shubman Gill not out	119
Virat Kohli lbw b Mehidy Hasan Miraz	17
Rishabh Pant † c & b Mehidy Hasan Miraz	109
KL Rahul not out	22
Extras	05
Total	287/4d
BANGLADESH 2ND INNINGS	
Zakir Hasan c Jaiswal b Bumrah	33
Shadman Islam c Shubman Gill b Ashwin	35
Najmul Hossain Shanto (c) c Bumrah b Jadeja	82
Mominul Haque b Ashwin	13
Mushfiqur Rahim c Rahul b Ashwin	18
Shakib Al Hasan c Jaiswal b Ashwin	25
Litton Das † c Sharma b Jadeja	01
Mehidy Hasan Miraz c Jadeja b Ashwin	08
Taskin Ahmed c Mohammed Siraj b Ashwin	05
Hasan Mahmud b Jadeja	07
Nahid Rana not out	00
Extras	12
Total	234/10

Inter-District UT Level Chess Competition commences at Batote



DDC Ramban, Roshan Lal witnessing chess match.

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RAMBAN: The Inter-District Union Territory Level Chess Competition was inaugurated on Sunday in Batote by Additional District Development Commissioner Ramban, Roshan Lal.

The tournament, organized by the Department of Youth Services & Sports (DYSS)

under the guidance of Director General YS&S, Rajinder Singh Tara, is being held in collaboration with the Ramban Administration, led by Deputy Commissioner Baseer-UI-Haq Chaudhary.

As many as 170 students from across 17 districts are participating in this week-long championship in the Under-14,

Under-17, and Under-19 categories.

Each district is represented by five boys and five girls, and the event is being overseen by District Youth Services & Sports Officer, Jagdish Raj Sharma.

The inaugural ceremony began with the National Anthem, followed by the administration of a pledge to all participants, emphasizing sportsmanship and dedication.

On the first day, 17 matches were played in the Under-14 category, which will conclude on September 23.

Matches in the Under-17 and Under-19 categories will follow in the coming days.

The winners of this tournament will have the honour of representing Jammu and Kashmir in the National Chess Competition.

India wins maiden Chess Olympiad title

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BUDAPEST: India on Sunday scripted history as it won its maiden gold medal in the 45th Chess Olympiad after D Gukesh and Arjun Erigaisi won their respective matches against Slovenia in the 11th round match here. Grandmaster and

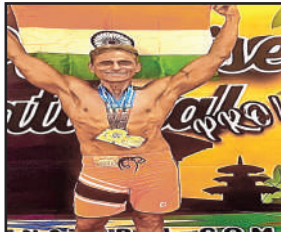
World Championship challenger Gukesh beat Vladimir Fedoseev, while Erigaisi prevailed over Jan Subelj. Even if the Indians lose in the remaining two games, they will win the gold as they needed just a draw in the 11th round to win the title.

Rahul Dev Manhas shines at World Series in Bali

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JAMMU: Pioneering sports personnel, Rahul Dev Manhas has made India proud by winning the overall championship in the Masters Above 50 category at the World Series held in Bali Sanur from September 21 to 22, 2024.

Manhas clinched gold medals in both the



Physique and Fitness events, showcasing remarkable strength and dedication despite being in

his 60s.

In a conversation with our correspondent in Bali, he expressed his patriotic fervor, saying, "Jai Hind," and vowed to sacrifice anything for his motherland.

His achievements not only highlight his personal commitment but also inspire others in the realm of fitness and sports.

J&K Sub Junior Hockey squad departs



J&K hockey teams posing for photograph before leaving for nationals.

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JAMMU: An 18-member squad of Hockey Jammu and Kashmir, led by Harpreet Singh embarked on their journey to Chandigarh to take on the 14th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship, scheduled to commence from tomorrow.

The team was flagged off by Hockey J&K officials amidst

best wishes, a handout issued by the Hockey J&K said on Sunday.

Along with support staff including Sukhwinder Pal Singh (Coach), Sukhpreet Singh (manager) and Gurikpal Singh (assistant coach, the team left for the venue today.

The Team: Harpreet singh (Captain), Gurpreet Singh,

Harshdeep Singh, Tanishdeep Singh, Prabal Sharma, Jaspreet Singh, Adhiraj Singh Andotra, Harmandeep Singh, Pratham Singh Andotra, Prabhjot Singh, Amanjot Singh, Rajveer Singh, Amandeep Singh, Gunpreet Singh, Zakir Ahmad Dar, Tanishpal Singh, Jaspreet Singh (goal-keeper), Jiteen Sharma (goal-keeper).

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JAMMU: Jammu Sanskriti School (JSS) Jammu celebrated the successful culmination of the CBSE Kho Kho Cluster XVIII Girls Championship, showcasing the spirit of sportsmanship and teamwork among young athletes. The event was graced by Dr. Neha Sharma, JKAS, Under Secretary in the Jammu and Kashmir Service Selection Board, who served as the Chief Guest. Distinguished Indian para-athlete Chandee Singh was also present as a special invitee. In her address, Dr. Sharma highlighted the essential role of sports in developing discipline and resilience. She emphasized that events like these not only promote physical fitness but also impart valuable life skills. Her words inspired the young athletes to embrace the challenges that lie ahead.



Participating teams posing for a photograph with dignitaries.

She also commended the Jammu Sanskriti School staff for their efforts in ensuring the smooth execution of the event.

Chandee Singh shared his inspiring journey, encouraging participants to view obstacles as opportunities. "Every setback is an opportunity for a comeback," he stated, motivating the athletes to strive for excellence in their endeavors. The championship concluded with a spirited awards ceremony. In the Under 14 category, GNM

Public School, Jalandhar, took home the first trophy, followed by Divine Will Public School, Batala, in second place. Delhi International School, Hoshiarpur, and Stephens International School, Jammu, shared the third position. Mannat from GNM was named Best Defender, while Sukhpreet Kour from Divine Will was recognized as Best Attacker.

In the Under 17 category, SGH Sur Singh, Taran Taran, emerged as the champion, with Divine Will Public School, Batala, securing second place. DIPS, Pathankot, and GNM, Jalandhar, shared third. Jasmine Kour from Shri Guruharkrishan School, Taran Taran, was awarded Best Defender, and Sukhleen Kour from Divine Will was named

Best Attacker.

Shifally International School, Ludhiana, won the Under 19 category. Rohini Aima, Principal and Vice-Chairperson of Jammu Sanskriti School, expressed immense pride in the championship's success, stating, "Our students have demonstrated remarkable spirit and commitment throughout this event." She underscored the importance of sports for holistic development and the school's dedication to nurturing both academic and athletic excellence. The event also featured vibrant cultural performances, highlighting the rich traditions and talents of the students, fostering a sense of unity and celebration among all participants and spectators.

India A crush India C by 132 runs to win Duleep Trophy

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ANANTHAPUR: Tanush Kotian (3/47) and Prasidh Krishna (3/50) shared six wickets and trumped Sai Sudharsan's valiant 111 as India A defeated India C by 132 runs to win the Duleep Trophy, here on Sunday.

Having entered the final round with six points in two matches and three points behind India C who had nine, the 'A' team showed incredible resolve from the word go and dominated the final contest of the four-day competition.

The victory took India A to the top of the points table with

a total of 12 points from three matches, crowning them as the eventual winners.

Chasing 350 on the final day, India C were shot out for 217 in 81.5 overs with Krishna returning 3/50 from his 13.5 overs including the final wicket of the game, while Kotian sparking a mini collapse in the opposition ranks.

The contest was placed interestingly at tea with India C reaching 169 for three in pursuit and Sudharsan going strong and Ishan Kishan at the other end, needing another 182 runs in the final session of around 30 overs.

However, Kotian had Kishan (17) caught behind and accounted for Abhishek Porel (0) in consecutive overs, while also dismissing Pulkit Narang (6) after a short while.

Earlier in the chase, Ruturaj Gaikwad was removed for 44 by Aaqub Khan while Vijaykumar Vyshak was run out for 17.

Sudharsan produced a knock of high quality as he struck 12 fours to make 111 from 206 balls but he found no support from the other end whatsoever.

India C's fight petered out eventually when the left-handed Tamil Nadu batter was dis-

missed in the 78th over by Krishna.

While Aaqub ensured a short stay for No 4 Rajat Patidar (7), Kotian's Mumbai teammate Shams Mulani dismissed Manav Suthar to continue making inroads for India A.

Krishna returned for one last crack in the ending stages of the game and the lanky India and Karnataka pacer added two more scalps to his account, dismissing Anshul Kamboj and Tamil Nadu mainstay Baba Indrajith for ducks to seal a huge win for his side.

Earlier in the day, India A

declared their innings at 286 for six after batting for just a couple of overs after Riyan Parag (73) and Shashwat Rawat (53) struck respective fifties and wicketkeeper-batter Kumar Kushagra scored a vital 42 to help their side extend the overall lead to 349.

Brief Scores: India A: 297 & 286 for 6 decl in 66 overs (Riyan Parag 73, Shaswat Rawat 53; Gaurav Yadav 4/68) beat India C 234 & 217 in 81.5 overs (Ruturaj Gaikwad 44, Sai Sudharsan 111, Prasidh Krishna 3/50, Aaqub Khan 2/26, Tanush Kotian 3/47) by 132 runs.

MFC wins masters' football tourney



MFC team posing with dignitaries after winning the match.

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JAMMU: The Morning Football Club (MFC) clinched title trophy two-day seniors and masters football tournament which was organised by Living Right Association of J&K at GGM Science College ground, here today. In the final, MFC trounced Morning Star Footballers Club (MSFC) in tie breaker. The third place went to Blue Star Club. In total, four teams took part in this event. The fourth participating side was Sainik Colony Football Club. In the final and closing function, Editor of an English daily, Early Post, Punit Arora and veteran footballer and

retired J&K Bank official, Vipin Gupta were special guests, who were presented the title trophies and other individual prizes. Among other prominent present were Amarjeet Singh of Baba Tour and Travels, Nirmal Kaur, Suresh Kumar, Dev Raj (all retired SAI coaches), Inder Dogra (retired officer DYSS), Rajesh Sumeria, Gulshan Rattan, Vinay Sharma, Ashutosh Sharma, Chandan Chouhan, Vikas Sharma, Rajinder Gupta, Gourav Sharma, Atula, Sonia Jain, Sonika Bhandari, Bhawna Sharma, Renu Rattan, Sandhya Bakshi, Neetu, Arti Thakur, Ambika Sharma and Kusum Tiekoo.

Poswal meets LG Sinha, advocates for local issues

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JAMMU: Social and RTI activist Mohd Sadib Poswal recently met with the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha to address a range of pressing local concerns.

He presented a comprehensive list of recommendations aimed at improving governance and ensuring transparency in the region.

Poswal urged for timely updates on complaints filed through the JK Grievance Cell, suggesting mandatory provision of inquiry reports to complainants for further action. He recommended the introduction of an online platform for RTI applications, similar to the central government's system. Poswal called for the public availability of revenue records for various villages to enhance accountability. He proposed a mandatory feedback collection from complainants before grievances are closed, to ensure effective resolution.

Poswal raised concerns about illegal construction on Gair Mumkin Khad land and called for expediting the issuance of Fard-e-Intikhab documents in Jammu.

He highlighted the need for protective walls along key Nallahs, road construction and widening projects, and the establishment of facilities like Janaza Gah and graveyard boundaries.



RTI activist Mohd Sadib Poswal meeting with LG Manoj Sinha.

Poswal requested the installation of CCTVs in all police stations and the fixing of boundaries for municipal and development authorities in rapidly developing areas.

He advocated for clear signage on public works detailing project contracts and responsible parties to enhance accountability.

Poswal suggested a reserved quota in missionary schools for underprivileged children and proposed adjustments to rent charges for government land-based institutions.

He expressed hope that these recommendations would lead to effective solutions for the community's burning issues, reinforcing his commitment to advocating for local rights and transparency.



Medal winners posing for a photograph with officials.

handout issued by the Association here on Sunday informed.

Chief guest, Gul Sarkhab

Shihan Umesh Rekhi and referee commission chairman (TKAJK), Shihan Shashi Janotra was tournament

Vote of thanks presented by Sensei Bhawna Sadhotra, chairman women commission (TKAJK).

Managers and coaches are par-