

India's Jitu-Heena win mixed event for 10m air pistol

NEW DELHI, FEB 27 /- There was some cheer for India after two barren days as the duo of Jitu Rai and Heena Sidhu triumphed in the 10m mixed team air pistol event of the ISSF World Cup here on Monday. However, since the mixed event is being used on a trial basis in line with IOC's aim to achieve gender equality in its 2020 Tokyo Olympics program, medals are not being awarded even though the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) executive committee has ratified the recommendations. The mixed event got its start with the 10m air rifle event at the World Cup on Saturday with China winning the gold medal. In an event, where coordination plays a key role, Rai teamed up with Heena to finish ahead of Japan's Yukari Konishi and Tomoyuki Matsuda 5-3. Slovenia's Napsa and Wangpaobon and Kevin Vanta were placed third. They were trailing in the semifinal stage but staged a spirited fightback to enter the gold medal match and eventually won the golden badge. "It was good," Rai said. "My opinions are still divided since it is early days. It will take time to settle down. But we will have to start preparing for this in earnest as this, we assume, is going to be the format for the World Championships." Heena, a former world number one, said after the event. World Championship and Asian Games silver medalist Jitu said, "I am trying to figure out how it works. We are having a little difficulty right now as far as coordination is concerned but once the rules get clear it will be better for us." The recommendations to include mixed gender event was given by the Abhinav Bindra-led ISSF Athletes Committee and the world governing body soon approved the proposal. (PTI)

Mourinho demands United trophy charge

LONDON, FEB 27 /- Jose Mourinho has challenged his Manchester United stars to enter his dramatic League Cup final win against Southampton as a special presentation. Mourinho lifted the first major trophy of his United reign on Sunday after Zlatan Ibrahimovic's late header clinched a 3-2 victory at Wembley. The 54-year-old is the first United manager to win a trophy to cement his mid-season arrival at Old Trafford and the 19th trophy of his glittering career made him only the third boss, after Alex Ferguson and Brian Clough, to enjoy four League Cup triumphs. Now Mourinho wants his players to learn from the winning feeling as they chase FA Cup and Europa League titles this term, and ideally Premier League and Champions League glory next season. "The reality is that we want more my contract for long. I have two more years with this one, so hopefully I can win more," Mourinho said. "This season I know it's difficult, but the reality is we have to try to fight for more." Despite the landmark occasion Mourinho wore a stern expression during his players' presentation. But he insisted he was merely hiding his pride because he wanted his players to soak up the adulation. "I am very happy I always try to put myself in the secondary position - it's important for the fans, the club, the players - but it's also important for me," he said. "I put a lot of pressure on



myself, you (the media) put a lot of pressure on myself. I wanted very much to win a major trophy at every club. By doing that with Manchester United I get the sense of relief because it was a big target for me. "I feel very happy with the victory and the fact I did it four times, the same as the biggest one (Ferguson) and Mr Clough." After watching United blow a two-goal lead as Renato Gabriadini struck twice for the Saints before Ibrahimovic's winner, Mourinho conceded his team had been fortunate. "You could feel in the game the difference in freshness. Southampton were in Spain, relaxing and preparing, and we were playing Europa League and FA Cup," he said. "We coped because we are humble, we stuck together and fought together, then we had a bit of luck because the 3-2 came at a moment when they couldn't react." (AFP)

Andy Murray, Serena Williams lead latest ATP, WTA rankings

Madrid, Feb 27 /- British tennis player Andy Murray stayed at the top of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) world rankings released on Monday. The 29-year-old Scot led the rankings for the first time in his career on November 7 and kept the lead since with 11,540 points, reports Efe. Serbian Novak Djokovic came in second with 9,735 points, followed by Swiss Stan Wawrinka. French Jo-Wilfried Tsonga jumped four places to occupy seventh position in the rankings. Swiss Roger Federer fell to 10th place with 3,260 points.

The current ATP rankings and point scores are as follows:
1. Andy Murray (Britain) 11,540 points
2. Novak Djokovic (Serbia) 9,735
3. Stan Wawrinka (Switzerland) 5,195
4. Milos Raonic (Canada) 5,080
5. Kei Nishikori (Japan) 4,720
6. Rafael Nadal (Spain) 4,115
7. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (France) 3,480
8. Marin Cilic (Croatia) 3,410
9. Dominic Thiem (Austria) 3,375
10. Roger Federer (Switzerland) 3,260.

Meanwhile, American tennis player Serena Williams led the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) world rankings on Monday. German Angelique Kerber came second with 7405 points, followed by Czech Karolina Pliskova with 5640.

The current WTA rankings and points scored are as follows:
1. Serena Williams (US) 7780 points
2. Angelique Kerber (Germany) 7405
3. Karolina Pliskova (Czech) 5640
4. Simona Halep (Romania) 5475
5. Dominika Cibulkova (Slovakia) 5075
6. Agnieszka Radwanska (Poland) 4670
7. Garbine Muguruzza (Spain) 4585
8. Svetlana Kuznetsov (Russia) 3915
9. Madison Keys (US) 3897
10. Elina Svitolina (Ukraine) 3890.



Ashwin, who had a moderate outing in Pune, shared a picture of himself and Tamim Iqbal teammate Abhinav Mukund with a caption that read "Trekking".

Shakib Al Hasan keen to play in Pakistan

KARACHI, FEB 27 /- Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan, who is currently representing Peshawar Zalmi in the ongoing second edition of the Pakistan Super League (PSL), has expressed his desire to play again in Pakistan once things get better. He is keen to play in the final in Lahore even if his team make it to the title decider as he and the other Bangladesh players in the PSL will be leaving the league on February 28 due to international commitments. "I last played in Pakistan in 2008; it was an amazing experience for me. The crowd, the ground, the environment, the fans and the atmosphere were all fabulous. I really wish to play again in Pakistan once things get better," the Express Tribune quoted the Bangladesh all-rounder as saying.

Although Bangladesh were whitewashed 5-0 in the ODIs against Pakistan in 2008, Shakib himself impressed with both bat and ball in the series by scoring a century and grabbing a man-of-the-match award. The 29-year-old also admitted that the shine of the PSL is lost to an extent since it is being held outside of Pakistan. He further wished to see the situation in the country become much better in the coming future so that Pakistan once again start hosting international tournaments and series. "If the PSL was held in Pakistan, then it would have garnered much more passion

and excitement than it has here in the UAE. Right now the situation is a bit difficult back in Pakistan but I hope someday this all will get better and Pakistan will start hosting international tournaments and series again," Shakib said. While comparing the PSL with other leagues in the world, Shakib insisted that the standard of the Pakistan league is almost similar to that of the other lucrative T20 leagues taking place in the world. "It is a great success for Pakistan cricket; it is almost to the standard of other T20 leagues taking place around the world. The Pakistan Cricket Board must be lauded for holding such a quality tournament. All the leagues around the world give you a chance to interact with players from other countries but few succeed in creating the kind of environment that the PSL has," he said. With just a week to go before the final of the PSL 2017, the Pakistan government is yet to announce a formal decision on whether the finale will be hosted in Lahore or not. The doubts over whether the PCB should hold the PSL final in Lahore on March 5 rose following the February 13 suicide bombing in which 13 people were killed. It should be noted that Pakistan has not hosted any international cricket tournaments since the terror attack on the Sri Lankan team bus in Lahore in 2009, when six Pakistani policemen were killed and some of the visiting players were injured.

INDIA V AUSTRALIA I talk sense so Australians listen to me, says Sriram

PUNE, Feb 27 /- Australia's spin consultant Sridharan Sriram, who has been credited for Steve O'Keefe's sensational performance in the first Test against India, feels it's not the name of a coach but his inputs that earn him respect from players. Sriram, who played 8 ODIs for India during early part of the last decade, is considered the guiding force behind left-arm spinner O'Keefe's match-winning figures of 27 in Australia's 333-run win in the first Test against India.

"I don't think the name really matters, does it? How does a name matter? I mean, I come in and if I talk sense, I listen to me, if I talk bull**** they don't. It's as simple as that," Sriram said on Monday. "I think I have faced problems of acceptability considering he is not a big name. I think it's taken time... They have really been open. That's the best thing about this Australian team. They have been open to listening first. And then obviously I made sense a little bit and they started trying out things in the nets and saw that it worked for them and I felt that's how it's gone," said Sriram. "I have a chat with everyone, it is not just spinners, that is the freedom I got from my head coach which is amazing so I can chat to anyone and I feel that's something they should do. I go up to them and suggest and it is up to them if they implement it or not, some say no some say yes, I am willing to try and prolong the conversation," Sriram sounded practical in his approach. Sriram said O'Keefe's success should be attributed to his "preparedness" and "willingness to experiment". Asked what exactly did O'Keefe change, Sriram

said: "Not necessarily change, more I would use the word adapt. Because India is such a big country, there's no one-stop solution. If you say 'this will work', it is not going to work. So you have just got to adapt on the go. You have got to see what works for you on that day." And so I think that's where O'Keefe really scored, because he was well-prepared. He was prepared to experiment, he was prepared to sort of try different things in the nets. Which goes back to our time in Chennai in 2015. So, I think he knew that I had to come with an open mind for every day of a Test Match. What works on day one may not work on day three. He knows that. I think that's his biggest strength," said Sriram. O'Keefe was seen bowling during the second day's lunch break with Sriram keeping a close eye on him. He

didn't have a good first session when KL Rahul had taken him on. So what did he tell O'Keefe about the break, Sriram said: "I came down from the viewing area and I knew he (O'Keefe) was a little disturbed." He was walking around. I didn't know whether to really speak to him or not. But the conversation happened and he said 'I think I need to have a bowl with you in the centre.' "He told me to do Australia. But, I said 'Sok O'Keefe's nickname, what do you think you need on this wicket?' and he said 'I need to go a little bit rounder and quicker.' And I just said to him 'go for it mate' because you know what you can do and you know what you need to do. Just go for it. And I think he adapted beautifully."

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Australia spin consultant Sridharan Sriram talks during a press conference, Pune.

Hussamuddin ends with silver at 68th Strandja Memorial boxing

NEW DELHI, FEB 27 /- Mohamed Hussamuddin lost a closely-contested final to settle for a silver medal as India signed off with three medals at the 68th Strandja Memorial Boxing Tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria. Hussamuddin was beaten 2-3 by Ukraine's Mykola Butsenko in the history. "It's a must-win match for us. I still consider I-League to be tougher than the AFC Cup," Sen said. The Maldives outfit have arrived with all the three foreigners - Godfrey, Chizi Kaka Chinda and Chinonye Prince Chinda. Terminating Mohun Bagan a strong side, coach Ahmed Mujthaba said: "We would look to attack. We have a young side but we did well at home." (PTI)

Punjab gov gives nod to hold PSL final in Lahore

KARACHI, FEB 27 /- The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) today got the green signal from the Punjab government to hold the final of the second Pakistan Super League T20 tournament at the Gaddafi stadium in Lahore on March 5. Najam Sethi, who heads the PSL, told the media after a long meeting at the Gaddafi stadium that it had been decided to hold the final as planned in Lahore despite adverse security situation. "I think deciding to have the PSL final is a message from the Pakistani people to the world that they will not be cowed down by terrorism and they are peace loving people. The final is being held here because the people wanted it in Lahore," Sethi said. The confirmation for the final came after days of uncertainty over whether the government would give clearance for the final because of the spate of terrorist attacks in the country including two incidents in Lahore in the last few days. At the meeting which was chaired by the Chairman of the board, Shaharyar Khan and included the chief secretary of Punjab, IG Punjab police and other security officials, it was announced that the Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has given the go ahead for the match. It was

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