

South Point, La Martiniere Kolkata dominate All India School Regatta

KOLKATA, MAY 29 /-/- South Point and La Martiniere Kolkata dominated the second day of the K C Mahindra All India Schools' Regatta 2017 as both the schools won a couple of hits each at 500-metre Lake Club course in Rabindra Sarovar here today. While South Point senior boys team beat St. Joseph and Mary, their Junior boys side got the better of St. Sebastian "B". In the lone race for the junior girls which was held this morning, La Martiniere outwound Mallickpore High School after their junior boys team beat St. Sebastian to keep their hope alive for berth in the next round. However, La Martiniere Senior boys team from Lucknow failed to repeat their Kolkata section's feat and lost both their races to St. Thomas and Hurley High School from the city.

Women's WC training camp in Mumbai

MUMBAI, MAY 29 /-/- The Indian women's cricket team will undergo a preparatory camp from June 6-10 in Mumbai, ahead of the World Cup to be held in England and Wales from June 24. The team recently enjoyed an unbeaten streak of 16 matches, the second longest in women's ODIs. To boost the team's fielding, the BCCI has appointed Biju George as the fielding coach. The team will leave on June 11 and arrive in UK one week prior to the official warm-up matches. They will train at Loughborough MCC University and play a practice match against England Women on June 13 before heading to Derbyshire for a camp.

Govt says 'No' to bilateral cricket with Pak

NEW DELHI, MAY 29 /-/- Union sports minister Vijay Goel today made it clear that the Union government will not allow any bilateral cricket between India and Pakistan till the time "cross-border terrorism" does not stop. Goel's firm statement comes on a day the BCCI and the Pakistan Cricket Board are meeting in Dubai to discuss their bilateral ties, which have remained suspended since 2012 due to diplomatic tensions after terror attacks in India. "BCCI should speak to the government before giving any proposal to Pakistan. I have made it clear that bilateral cricket with Pakistan is not possible till the time there is cross-border terror. We have, however, no say in multilateral events (ICC tournaments)," he told newsmen here. The PCB has already sent a legal notice to BCCI claiming damages in tune of USD 60 million (Rs 387 crore approx) for allegedly not honouring the MoU that had stated five bilateral series in the cycle between 2015 and 2020. It is learnt that the BCCI officials led by joint secretary Amitabh Chaudhary will explain to their PCB counterparts that the series can't be held without government

permission and would also request them to withdraw the case. If Pakistan refuses to budge, it is learnt that now way will BCCI pay any compensation in this case. The cash-strapped PCB's finances heavily depend on a series with India which would mean a financial windfall for the nation, where no international cricketing activity has taken place since terrorist attack on Sri Lankan cricket team. (PTI)



Rohit set to get some time at top against Bangladesh

LONDON, MAY 29 /-/- Rohit Sharma will be back in his familiar opening position with an aim to get some quality batting practice when India take on Bangladesh in their final warm-up game before the Champions Trophy opener against Pakistan. After a convincing 45-run victory against New Zealand in a rain-cuttailed opening warm-up match, Virat Kohli will pray that his batsmen get some more game time than the 26 overs he got the other day. For Rohit, it will be back to the opening slot, having batted down the order during the better part of the Indian Premier League. He missed out on the first game as personal commitments led to him joining the squad on Saturday evening. It will be like a completion of cycle for Rohit, whose limited overs career was transformed by Mahendra Singh Dhoni's inspired decision to promote him up the order during India's successful Champions Trophy campaign in 2013. One of the biggest reasons for India's success was the Rohit-Shikhar Dhawan duo, which is again back to face the new ball in conditions, which will be pretty familiar to the one they encountered four years

back. With Ajinkya Rahane failing as an opener in the first warm-up game, even the remotest thoughts of a change at the top, if there was one at all, will not be entertained by the team management. Kohli, after a well-compiled half-century in the first game, would prefer another good hit out there in the middle along with Mahendra Singh Dhoni, who looked impressive during his brief stint. It is still not clear if Yuvraj Singh, recovering from a bout of viral fever will be available tomorrow or not. The veteran also needs some batting practice ahead of the Pakistan game. The skipper would also like to give Kedar Jadhav a chance to get a decent hit out there in the middle. Bangladesh has been a very decent side in 50-overs cricket. A testimony to that was their quarter-final finish during the 2015 World Cup in Australia and New Zealand. The pace quartet of Mustafizur Rahman, Rubel Hossain, Taskin Ahmed and skipper Mashrafe Mortaza can prove to be more than a handful for any opposition on a given day. In fact, India lost an ODI away series against Bangladesh back in 2015 when Mustafizur was relatively new



to international cricket. Facing them in real match time will mean good preparation ahead of the marquee clash against Pakistan, next Sunday. India's bowling attack however looked good against the Kiwis, bowling them out for 189. There are some happy problems for skipper Kohli, who has three potent new ball options in Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Umesh Yadav and Mohammed Shami to choose from. The bulk of the death overs will be

taken care by yorker specialist Jasprit Bumrah. The other issue that Kohli needs to address is his lead spinner in the attack. Ravindra Jadeja's all-round abilities in the shorter format are more recognised than Ravichandran Ashwin, who has been a powerhouse performer for India in Test cricket. The second match will give a fair idea of what exactly will be India's playing XI going into the opening fixture. Squads: India: Virat Kohli (captain), Rohit Sharma, Shikhar Dhawan, Yuvraj Singh, MS Dhoni (wk), Kedar Jadhav, Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Mohammed Shami, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Jasprit Bumrah, Ravichandran Ashwin, Umesh Yadav, Dinesh Karthik, Ajinkya Rahane. Bangladesh: Tamim Iqbal, Imrul Kayes, Soumya Sarkar, Sabbir Rahman, Mahmudullah Riyadh, Shakib al Hasan, Mushfiqur Rahim, Mashrafe Mortaza, Rubel Hossain, Mustafizur Rahman, Taskin Ahmed, Mehedi Hassan, Mosaddek Hossain, Sunzamul Islam, Shafiqul Islam. (PTI) Match Starts: 3 pm IST.

Ahead of marquee clash, famous Pak fan turns India supporter

NEW DELHI, MAY 29 /-/- Birmingham as well but since the game is during the month of Ramadan, the trip to Mecca with my family was already planned and I will be there for a month. "In fact, Sudhir called me only yesterday to check whether I was coming. Sadly I won't be there but India should comfortably beat Pakistan and then go on to win the ICC tournament, the 64-year-old says. His love for Dhoni is understandable but earlier Bashir had loyalties split between the country where he was born and India, the place from where his wife comes from. But now it is all about India. "I still love Pakistan but I love India more now. Earlier I wanted Pakistan to win but now it is India. The love that I received during my first trip to Mohali in 2011 was overwhelming. "I have come to a stage where I end up going to India almost every year and hardly go to Pakistan. I feel much safer in India," says Bashir. Dhoni often gets him tickets to watch cricket matches and had once gifted Bashir, who owns a restaurant in Chicago, a cricket bat.

EMPOWERED WOMEN, EMPOWERED NATION

FOCUS ON WOMEN

- The 'Beti Bachhao, Beti padhao' scheme has turned out to be a very successful campaign to erase the difference between son and daughter
- Rs. 6000 financial assistance to women for nourishment during pregnancy
- Maternity leave increased from 12 weeks to 26 weeks
- 33 Lakh health check-ups conducted under Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Yojana
- Rs. 11,000 crore deposited in more than 1 crore accounts to ensure bright future of daughters
- More than 2 crore economically weaker women given gas connection.

WOMEN LED DEVELOPMENT

- Out of the 7.5 crore loans sanctioned under Mudra Yojana, 70% was for women
- Under Stand Up India: at least one woman has benefitted through each bank, with loans ranging from Rs. 10 Lakh to Rs. 1 crore
- 30 Lakh jobs being provided to women in the textile Industry.

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