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CRICKET

Riyan Parag becomes youngest player to score half-century in IPL

- Rajasthan Royals' Riyan Parag has become the youngest player to score an IPL half-century. The 17-year-old from Assam achieved this feat against Delhi Capitals in a match in New Delhi.

First in Indian cricket: Women State captains to have voice at BCCI Conclave

- During the May 17 conclave in Mumbai, the captains and coaches of the women's State teams will be joining their male counterparts in giving an assessment of the just-concluded domestic season. In a first, the BCCI will be inviting all the State captains of the women's teams at its 'Annual Domestic Captains and Coaches Conclave'.

IPL 2019: Mumbai Indians clinch their record fourth title

- Mumbai Indians pipped Chennai Super Kings to a record fourth Indian Premier League (IPL) title in twelfth season of the IPL 2019.

First woman to be inducted into ICC match referee panel

- India's G.S. Lakshmi has become the first woman to be appointed to ICC's international panel of match referees and will be eligible to officiate in international games with immediate effect. Claire Polosak had become the first ever woman umpire to stand in a men's ODI, earlier this month.

ICC World Cup: Anti-corruption officer for each team

- In a first, all the 10 participating teams at the upcoming ICC World Cup will have a dedicated anti-corruption officer attached with it to deliver a corruption-free tournament.

ICC releases official song for cricket World Cup

- The ICC released the official song of the 2019 Men's World Cup - 'Stand By' with LORYN and Rudimental across all streaming platforms. 'Stand By' collaboration between new artist LORYN and one of the UK's most successful and influential acts, Rudimental.

BCCI elections on October 22

- The Committee of Administrators said that the much awaited BCCI elections will be held on October 22. The CoA announced the elections date after due consultation with the apex court appointed amicus curiae P.S. Narsimha.

TENNIS**ITF women's tennis tournament**

- Ankita Raina won the quarterfinals and enters into semifinals of ITF women's tennis tournament.

Madrid Open Final:

- Stefanos Tsitsipas pulled off one of the biggest wins of his short but remarkable career by beating Rafael Nadal on Spanish soil to book his place in the Madrid Open final against World No.1 Novak Djokovic.
- Kiki Bertens won the biggest title of her career, beating Simona Halep in the final while also becoming the first woman ever to win the championship without dropping a set.

Madrid Open: Djokovic claims his 33rd Masters

- Novak Djokovic joined Rafael Nadal as a 33-time Masters champion when he win over Stefanos Tsitsipas to claim a third Madrid Open title.

FOOTBALL

Two new FIFA award categories for women's football

- Federation International de Football Association (FIFA) announced two new award categories to promote women's football across the globe. The two new award categories are off Women's goalkeeper of the year and a women's team of the year.

Doha dedicates landmark for 2022 World Cup

- Located 15km south of Doha, the Al Janoub Stadium in Al Wakrah will host group stage matches and a quarterfinal game of the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022

- Nasser Al Khater, CEO of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, asserted that a decision to expand the event to 48 teams would not be unilateral and be taken only if Qatar and FIFA agree to it.

FIFA drops 48-team World Cup plan

- FIFA has shelved a proposed expansion of the 2022 World Cup in Qatar to 48 teams, dealing a blow to the world football body's president Gianni Infantino.

SHOOTING

Shooting World Cup:

- Apurvi Chandela won her second gold medal of the season, dominating the women's air rifle on the opening day of the shooting World Cup.

Shooting World Cup

- Asian Games champion Rahi Sarnobat defeated reigning World Champion and former Olympic champion Olena Kostevych 37-36 to clinch the gold in women's sports pistol and also booked an Olympic quota in the shooting World Cup. Saurabh Chaudhary won the men's 10m Air Pistol gold.

Manu Bhaker secures India 7th Olympic quota

- In shooting, young shooter Manu Bhaker secured India its seventh Olympic quota with a fourth-place finish in the women's 10 meter air pistol event of the ISSF World Cup in Munich, Germany,. This is India's first quota in women's 10 meter pistol.

Shooting World Cup

- In Shooting, India produced their best ever show at the ISSF World Cup with a total tally of five gold medals in Munich, Germany. By capturing five of the 10 gold medals, Indian shooting was able to assert its class and firepower. China did win nine medals, but had only two gold.

Other Sports**Sindhu, Saina, Srikanth to lead Indian challenge**

- P.V. Sindhu, K. Srikanth and Saina Nehwal will lead the Indian challenge at the Sudirman Cup mixed team badminton championships at Nanning (China) from May 19 to 26.

Asian Squash championship:

- Saurav Ghosal and Joshna Chinappa emerged champions in the Asian squash championship. This is the first time two Indians have finished on top in the same tournament.

New Zealand Open badminton:

- India's HS Prannoy stunned Tommy Sugiarto in straight games to sail into the men's singles quarterfinals of the New Zealand Open badminton tournament in Auckland. This was world no. 26 Prannoy's maiden meeting against world no. 13 Sugiarto.

Bajrang Punia bags gold in Ali Aliyev wrestling tournament

- World No. 1 Bajrang Punia bagged gold after defeating Viktor Rassadin in the finals of men's 65kg freestyle in the Ali Aliyev wrestling tournament in Kaspiisk, Russia. He become the first Indian to win gold at Ali Aliyev wrestling tournament.

Feliks Stamm International Boxing

- Gaurav Solanki and Manish Kaushik bagged a gold each as Indian boxers finished with six medals at the 36th Feliks Stamm International boxing tournament in Warsaw, Poland. Besides the two golds, Indians clinched a silver and three bronze to wrap off their campaign on a high.

International Shooting Competition

- India's Esha Singh and Akull Kumar topped qualification but were beaten by 5.4 points for the gold in junior mixed air pistol event by the German pair of Jan Luca Karstedt and Vanessa Seeger in the International Shooting Competition.

Lewis Hamilton back on top with victory in Spain

- Lewis Hamilton roared back to the top of the Formula One world championship with victory in Spain as Mercedes continued their record start to a season with a fifth successive one-two. Hamilton took an extra point for the fastest lap of the race, his first of the campaign, and was helped by a safety car deployment 20 laps from the end giving him a free second pitstop.

India lose to Australia in final match of Down Under tour

- The Indian men's hockey team ended their tour Down Under with a 2-5 loss to world no.2 Australia in the fifth and final match in Perth.

SET Thailand junior and cadet Open

- India's young paddlers impressed in the SET Thailand junior and cadet Open, claiming four bronze medals. Oishik Ghosh and Ashish Jain (boys' singles), Sayani Panda (girls' singles) and the junior boys' team of Manush Shah, Reagan Albuquerque and Deepit Patil displayed great skill in SET Thailand junior and cadet Open.

Brooks Koepka sets Major record in PGA Championship

- Defending champion Brooks Koepka completed the lowest 36-hole showing in Major golf history to seize a record seven-stroke lead after two rounds of the PGA Championship while Tiger Woods missed the cut.

Indian women clinch 3-match series against South Korea

- Indian women's hockey team beat South Korea in the second game and took an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series in Jincheon.

Sudirman Cup

- India crashed out of the Sudirman Cup mixed team badminton championships after losing 5-0 to 10-time champion China in the second and final group match.

India Open Boxing

- Six-time world champion M.C. Mary Kom staved off a strong challenge from Asian championships bronze medallist Nikhat Zareen to record a 4-1 win in the semifinals and reach the women's 51kg title clash in the India Open international boxing tournament at Indore.

Grandmaster Sahaj Grover retains 'double'

- Grandmaster Sahaj Grover retained the 'double' by winning the twin-titles in the 2019 SWVG Arnold Classic rapid and blitz chess tournament. The annual event was created by Hollywood veteran and former Governor of California Arnold Schwarzenegger and organised by Kasparov Chess Foundation.

India Open international boxing tournament

- L. Sarita Devi won women's 60kg gold medal in the India Open international boxing tournament and M.C. Mary Kom beat Vanlal Duati 5-0 in 51kg to earn her second gold.

PSA Challenger tour

- India's Mahesh Mangaonkar, the top seed, beat the third-seeded Spaniard Bernat Jaumein the final to emerge champion of the Sekisui Open, a PSA Challenger tour event.

Sudirman Cup:

- Shi Yuqi stunned world champion Kento Momota as hosts China whitewashed Japan for an 11th Sudirman Cup title. Japan have never won the badminton world mixed-team championship and their search goes on after they were well beaten 3-0 in the Chinese city of Nanning.

Monaco Grand Prix 2019

- Lewis Hamilton won the Monaco Grand Prix for Mercedes, Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel was runner-up, ending Mercedes's run of five successive one-two finishes, with Hamilton's teammate Valtteri Bottas third.

Archery World Cup

- The men's compound team of Rajat Chauhan, Abhishek Verma and Aman Saini earned India a solitary bronze medal in the Archery World Cup Stage III at Antalya in Turkey.
- The Women's compound team of Jyoti Surekha Vennam, Muskan Kirar and Swati Dudhwal lost to Great Britain's Layla Annison, Ella Gibson and Lucy Mason by two points in the contention for a bronze medal.

J80 World Championship

- Asian youth champion Dr. Rohini Rau to lead all women Indian team for the J80 World Championship to be staged in Bilbao, Spain, from July 13 to 20. The J80 is a modern sports boat with competition in open water, away from the protected environment of harbours and lakes.

ICC Cricket World Cup 2019 began on May 30

- The ICC Cricket World Cup 2019 will began on May 30. England opened the tournament at The Oval in London against South Africa. India, the 1983 and 2011 world champions, will play their first match on June 5 against South Africa at the Hampshire Bowl in Southampton.

Rani Rampal to lead Indian Women Hockey squad for FIH Series Finals

- Hockey India named an 18-member Indian team for the upcoming FIH Women's Series Finals starting in Hiroshima, Japan on the 15th of next month. Rani Rampal will captain the team and experienced goalkeeper Savita will share the responsibility of Vice-Captain.

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