

# India clinch victory by 6 runs in thrilling encounter against Pakistan

New York, (UNI) In a nail-biting low-scoring match, India emerged victorious by a margin of 6 runs as they successfully defended a modest total against arch-rivals Pakistan, restricting them to 113/7, in an exciting T20 World Cup match here on Sunday. Pakistan, chasing a target of 120 runs, faced an early setback when their opener Babar Azam fell victim to a spectacular catch by Suryakumar Yadav off Jasprit Bumrah's bowling. Despite a promising start from Babar, who managed to score 13 runs, Pakistan's batting struggled to gain momentum against India's disciplined bowling attack. The Indian bowlers, led by Mohammed Siraj and Bumrah, applied consistent pressure on the Pakistani batsmen, making scor-



ing difficult on a challenging pitch. Although Pakistan's Mohammad Rizwan displayed grit with a valiant knock of 31 runs, his efforts weren't enough to steer his team to victory. Hardik Pandya and Axar Patel also made significant contributions with the ball, claiming crucial wickets at crucial junctures of the match. Pandya's tactical brilliance was on display as he outfoxed Fakhar Zaman, who fell for 13 runs, failing to capitalise on his aggressive intent. Despite a late flourish from Pakistan's lower order, highlighted by Iftikhar Ahmed's brief resistance, India maintained their composure to secure a hard-fought win. Arshdeep Singh's clinical bowling in the final over, which included the dismissal of Imad Wasim, sealed the victory for India.

# Algerian coach Petkovic warns Uganda ahead of FIFA World Cup qualifier



Kampala, (UNI) The head coach of Algeria's national team, Desert Foxes, has emphasized their intent to secure maximum points against Uganda in a FIFA World Cup 2026 qualifying match. Uganda will host the 2019 African champions Algeria in a Group G qualifier at the Mandela National Stadium, Namboule, on Monday. After a recent 1-0 win against Botswana, Uganda hopes to capitalize on home advantage in its second international match at the stadium since its reopening after four years.

The Bosnian-born Swiss coach noted that they will approach the match with caution and aim to capitalize on scoring opportunities. "We know what to expect and have prepared for it," added Petkovic, who succeeded Djamel Belmadi in February this year.

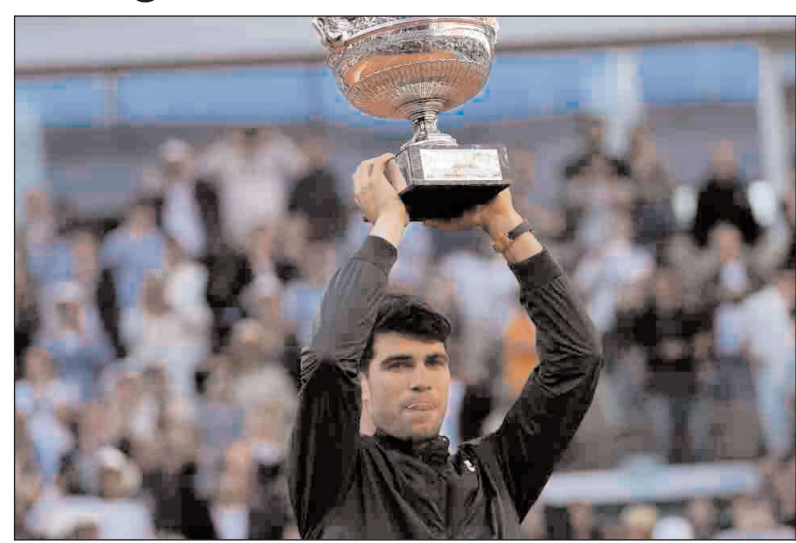
Uganda's head coach Paul Put called for strong fan support, acknowledging the challenge posed by Algeria. "We are going to play a big team. It is crucial that we show the right mentality and mindset," Put said.

Uganda captain and goalkeeper Ismael Watenga expressed the team's readiness for the match. "We know it's a tough game, but we are prepared for it and the players are willing and ready to fight for the country," he added.

However, Algerian coach Vladimir Petkovic has stressed the importance of avoiding mistakes following their 2-1 loss to Guinea in their previous home game. "We know that Uganda will be hungry to win at home, but we know this match means a lot for us and we are going to approach it like a final because we need to collect maximum points," added Petkovic.

Algeria currently leads the Group G standings with six points, having a better goal difference than Guinea and Uganda, who are tied with the same number of points and are placed second and third respectively.

# Alcaraz wins French Open, clinches third grand slam title



Paris, (UNI) Carlos Alcaraz scripted a stunning comeback to defeat Alexander Zverev 6-3, 2-6, 5-7, 6-1, 6-2 on Sunday, securing the French Open title and marking his third Grand Slam triumph.

The 21-year-old Spaniard, inspired by his compatriot Rafael Nadal's dominance at Roland Garros, now stands as the youngest player to claim major championships across three different surfaces, surpassing Nadal's record. Alcaraz's journey to victory was marked by resilience, rallying from a set down and overcoming a two-set deficit, reminiscent of his seminal battle against Jannik Sinner. In a dramatic turn of events, Alcaraz, after dropping the third set, regrouped himself despite complaints over the clay court conditions, ultimately dominating the match's latter stages. The clash saw Zverev, 27, squandering opportunities and struggling to maintain momentum, echoing his previous major final loss at the 2020 U.S. Open. Notably, this year's French Open final marked a departure from the usual lineup, as it didn't feature stalwarts like Nadal, Novak Djokovic, or Roger Federer, signaling a new era in men's tennis. Despite a shaky start, both players showcased moments of brilliance amidst a match littered with unforced errors. Alcaraz's resurgence in the fourth set, coupled with his remarkable shot-making abilities, turned the tide decisively in his favor.

In the decisive fifth set, Alcaraz displayed nerves of steel, thwarting Zverev's break point opportunities and eventually sealing the championship with a blend of skill and determination.

# Poland's Milik to miss UEFA Euro 2024

Warsaw, (UNI) Poland striker Arkadiusz Milik will miss the UEFA Euro 2024 due to an injury, the player announced in an official statement on Monday. On Friday, Poland defeated Ukraine 3-1 in a friendly game in Warsaw. However, it was a disappointing evening for Milik, who sustained a knee injury and left the pitch just five minutes into the match. As a result, the 30-year-old will not be able to participate in the UEFA Euro 2024. "I know that injuries are part of sport, but I face a really hard time now. It's not possible to prepare for something like that. I'm devastated. I won't help my teammates achieve success in the tournament", Milik wrote in his statement. Poland's coach Michal Probiez confirmed that Milik will be sidelined for about a month. "Arek (Milik) has to undergo a knee arthroscopy. He will have a break of four to six weeks. I feel very sorry for him and I don't talk about the player, but about the human, who faces difficult moments. He put a lot of energy into preparing for the UEFA Euro 2024," Probiez said on Monday. "Milik showed that he was in good shape during training. It's a pity for us that he will miss the tournament, but that's what happens in football. I believe in our team as we have really good players," the coach concluded. In the group phase of the UEFA Euro 2024, Poland will face the Netherlands, Austria, and France.

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# Indian Women's Hockey Team go down against Great Britain in FIH Pro League

London, (UNI) The Indian Women's Hockey Team ended their FIH Hockey Pro League 2023/24 campaign with a 2-3 loss against Great Britain. Lalremsiami (14') and Navneet Kaur (23') scored for India while Charlotte Watson (3') and Grace Balsdon (56', 58') etched their name on the scoresheet for Great Britain on Sunday. With this loss, the Indian Women's Hockey Team have finished eighth in this FIH Pro League season, earning 8 points from 16 games. Great Britain were quick to take the initiative of the game with Howard penetrating into the shooting circle through the right wing and passing to Watson who got the better of Savita to grant Great Britain an early lead. Great Britain pinned India back into their own half after the goal and went on to earn a penalty corner



but the Indian backline remained strong. Towards the end of the quarter, India continued looking

for an opening which resulted in a chance as Neha blazed into the shooting circle and unleashed a

low drive which was deflected into goal by Lalremsiami. India went on to earn a penalty corner in the last minute but Udit's attempt sailed just wide of the post as the first quarter ended with the score tied at 1-1.

In the second quarter Great Britain made two quick forays into the shooting circle but failed to score, India replied by earning penalty corners in quick succession, forcing Great Britain goalkeeper Jessica Buchanan into action. Halfway through the quarter, Baljeet Kaur unleashed a tomahawk from the top of the shooting circle which was turned into goal by Navneet Kaur to put India ahead in the game. With 5 minutes left in the quarter Great Britain earned another penalty corner but India defended well to end the first half 2-1 in their favour.

## BUSINESS

# Sonalika continues its phenomenal performance with 13,338 tractor sales

New Delhi: India's No.1 tractor export brand Sonalika has always cherished farmers' love and trust for its heavy duty tractors and has scripted a new growth story in the month of May'24. The company has recorded 13,338 overall tractor sales with 5.2% growth in domestic market, beating industry growth. Farmer's upliftment in the agri sector remains the top focal point for Sonalika and the company's entire range of heavy duty tractors in 20-120 HP is designed to deliver supreme customer satisfaction in all aspects. Monsoon has already hit the Indian shores and fore-



casts suggest an above average rainfall, thereby keeping alive hopes of agri powered economy and farmers for increased farm output. Sonalika Tractors has been aggressively mov-

launched its latest 'June Jackpot' offer to ensure farmers adopt Sonalika heavy duty tractors at optimal prices and achieve farm mechanisation. Sharing his thoughts on the new performance, Mr Raman Mittal, Joint Managing Director, International Tractors Limited, said, "We are excited to record 13,338 overall tractor sales in May'24 and continued to beat domestic industry performance. Kharif season outset in India has brought in some buoyancy in tractor buying and we are happy that the inevitable change towards farm mechanisation is gradually taking shape. The company has also

# Bank of Baroda launches Hackathon on Generative AI in collaboration with Microsoft

Mumbai: Bank of Baroda (Bank), one of India's leading public sector banks, has announced the launch of a nationwide online hackathon on Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI), in collaboration with Microsoft. The hackathon aims to inspire participants to develop innovative solutions using GenAI technology to address specific business areas defined by the Bank. The top three teams will receive cash prizes of Rs 5 lakh, Rs 3 lakh and Rs 2 lakh each, and the Bank will look to implement the best ideas that emerge from the hackathon. Open to both individuals and teams—including developers, students, professionals, start-ups, and fintechs—the two-month-long event will focus on ideation and prototype development.

# JK Tyre partners with EKA Mobility to provide comprehensive Mobility Solutions



New Delhi: Indian tyre industry major, JK Tyre & Industries, has joined forces with EKA Mobility, a leading player in the electric mobility sector, Mitsui Co., Ltd. (Japan) & VDL Groep (Netherlands) as equity partners. This collaboration further solidifies JK Tyre's position as the industry leader in providing "Connected Mobility Solutions," a first-of-its-kind cloud-based monitoring system. The company provides comprehensive tyre management through their mobility solutions program. The long-term agreement was signed in Pune in the

presence of Sanjeev Sharma, AVP, Fleet Management & Mobility Solutions, JK Tyre and Vijaykumar Yelne, President of EKA Mobility. For EKA's fleet, JK Tyre will provide its new generation of EV tyres with Connected Tread Sensors for real-time monitoring. A dedicated team of experienced professionals has been deployed by JK Tyre to provide round-the-clock support at the depots, as well as en-route assistance. Beginning with the currently deployed fleet in Mumbai, the company will offer comprehensive support to EKA's fleet across all cities. Commenting on the partnership, Srinivasu Allaphan, Director-Sales & Marketing, JK Tyre & Industries said, "At JK Tyre, we are at the forefront of industry transformation by offering cutting-edge technologies and products. We are glad to partner with EKA Mobility to offer comprehensive mobility solutions."

# Samsung launches 2024 QLED 4K premium TV series with Quantum Dot Feature



Gurugram: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, has launched the 2024 QLED 4K TV series at a starting price of INR 65990 in India. The 2024 QLED 4K TV line-up comes with a plethora of premium features. The 2024 QLED 4K TV will come in three sizes - 55", 65" and 75". It is available on online platforms including Samsung.com and Amazon.in, beginning today. Powered by Quantum Processor Lite 4K, the 2024 QLED 4K TV series provides 100% colour volume with Quantum Dot and Quantum

HDR. It also comes with 4K upscaling, which enables users to enjoy high-resolution 4K content; Q-Symphony sound technology; Dual LED, Motion Xcelerator for gaming and Pantone Validation, a trusted symbol of colour fidelity for consumers. "Content consumption has changed rapidly over the past couple of years with users demanding a more immersive and premium viewing experience. To cater to this demand, we have launched the 2024 QLED 4K TV series which is a stepping-stone in the world of premium and elevated viewing experiences. The new TV series provides life-like picture quality with the 4K upscaling feature that refines the content on the screen to near-4K levels, taking the overall viewing experience several notches higher," said Mohandeep Singh, Senior Vice President, Visual Display Business, Samsung India.

# Castrol launches new EDGE range of products in India



Mumbai: Castrol India Limited has unveiled an exciting range of products within the Castrol EDGE line. This premium and advanced engine oil, designed for on-demand performance, now includes three new variants tailored for the passenger car segment, addressing the evolving needs of automotive consumers. Supporting this launch is a dynamic television commercial (TVC) campaign titled Stay Ahead, featuring Bollywood superstar and brand ambassador Shah Rukh Khan. The TVC concluded its grand premiere on 9 June

2024 amidst the highly anticipated India vs Pakistan T20 match, which showcased Khan in a fresh and exciting avatar, highlighting the superior performance offered by Castrol EDGE. The commercial cleverly plays on today's paparazzi culture, depicting celebrities finding innovative ways to 'Stay Ahead' of the shutterbugs. The core message highlighted in the TVC is Castrol EDGE's ability to significantly boost engine performance on demand, ensuring drivers can count on exceptional performance in any situation and on any terrain. The TVC opens with Shah Rukh Khan, playing himself, showcasing his cheeky dance moves outside his parked car, holding a pack of Castrol EDGE. Soon, paparazzi on their bikes, exhausted from a swift chase, approach, expressing their surprise at finally spotting Shah Rukh Khan. The frame shifts to a flashbang, showing an exhilarating and playful chase where the paparazzi eagerly try to get close to SRK's car for pictures.

# Sensex at peak opens at 76935.41 pts

Mumbai, (UNI) The BSE Sensex remained on top on Monday, too, as it opened at 76936.41, a life-time high, surging 242 points following gains in FMCG, health care, and industrial stocks. The National Stock Exchange (NSE) also rose 21 points, at 23319.15. The sensex registered intraday highs and lows at 77079.04 and 76501.46 pts, respectively. The NSE registered days high and low at 23411.90 and 23241.35 pts, respectively. The midcap rose by 0.43 pc and the small cap by 0.72 pc. In 30 scrips, 13 advanced while 17 declined. The gainers were Powergrid by 3.44 pc to Rs 320, Ultracemco by 2.08 pc to Rs 10679.35, Axis Bank by 1.87 pc to Rs 1208.90, and NTPC by 1.15 pc to Rs 364.85. The losers were TCS by 0.87 pc to Rs 3858.95, Hind Unilever by 0.80 pc to Rs 2556, M & M by 0.64 pc to Rs 2838.90, and HDFC Bank by 0.62 pc to Rs 1563.45.

