

Campbell, Hope tons lift WI; India 58 runs from series win



New Delhi (UNI)
The fourth day of the second Test at the Arun Jaitley Stadium produced a gripping contest of resilience and response as West Indies, led by centuries from John Campbell and Shai Hope, posted 390 in their second innings before India reached 63 for 1 at stumps, leaving just 58 runs to win on the final day.

The day belonged to Campbell and Hope, who scripted a remarkable West Indies fight-back after India had enforced the follow-on. Campbell, after 50 innings of waiting, brought up his maiden Test hundred, a composed 115 marked by discipline and aggression.

Hope, rediscovering his red-ball rhythm, followed with his first Test century in eight years, a fluent 103 laced with 12 boundaries and two sixes.

Hope's milestone came with a trademark drive off Mohammed Siraj, sparking celebrations in the visiting camp. He and Roston Chase added 50 for the fourth wicket, steering the Windies through the morning session.

After his dismissal — bowled by Siraj — the innings seemed to wobble, but Justin Greaves (50) and Jayden Seales (32) produced an entertaining 79-run 10th-wicket stand to push the total to 390 in 118.5 overs.

Greaves reached his maiden fifty with a crisp drive off Jasprit Bumrah, while Seales im-

Gauff beats Pegula to claim Wuhan Open title without dropping a set

Wuhan (UNI)
Third seed Coco Gauff captured her first Wuhan Open title, defeating fellow American Jessica Pegula 6-4, 7-5 in the final to claim her third WTA 1000 crown.

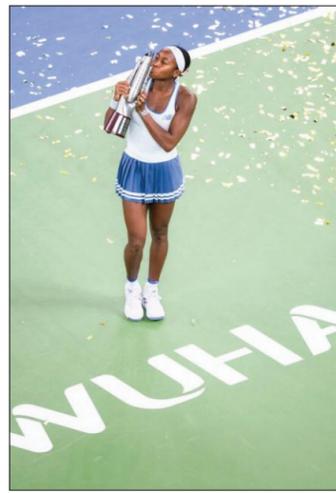
Gauff made a fast start, winning the first three games of the match. Pegula, seeded sixth, held serve in the fourth game, but Gauff extended her advantage to 4-1. Pegula then found her rhythm, winning three straight games to level at 4-4.

The 21-year-old Gauff held serve in a tense ninth game before breaking Pegula in the next to seal the opening set 6-4.

Pegula opened the second set strongly, racing to a 3-0 lead. Gauff responded with a flurry of aggressive returns and sharp net play, winning three games in succession to draw level. The pair exchanged breaks over the next four games to reach 5-5, before Gauff broke once more to close out the match 7-5.

At the award ceremony, Gauff paid tribute to Pegula, who had battled through four three-set matches to reach the final. The 21-year-old joked that the outcome might have been different if the match had gone the distance. "It's great to finally play in the final against you, and I hope for many more," Gauff noted.

Gauff also thanked her Chinese supporters. "I want to give a huge, huge, huge thank you to all my Chinese fans and everyone supporting me here and also in Beijing. You've gone beyond my expectations. I literally had to bring an



extra suitcase home because of all the gifts I received. Why I have good results here? Because of the good energy."

Gauff did not drop a set throughout the tournament, winning all five matches in straight sets. The Wuhan victory marked her third WTA 1000 title, following triumphs at the 2023 Cincinnati Open and the 2024 China Open in Beijing.

In the women's doubles final, Storm Hunter and Katerina Siniakova lifted the title with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Anna Danilina and Aleksandra Krunic.

Lakshya Sen, Chirag-Satwik to lead India at Denmark Open 2025



New Delhi/Odense (UNI)
Lakshya Sen and the country's premier men's doubles pair Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy will lead India's campaign at the Denmark Open 2025 badminton tournament, starting tomorrow.

According to the Olympics.com website, Lakshya Sen, who made it to the semi-finals at the Paris 2024 last year, has endured a patchy BWF World Tour 2025 season so far, having made 10 first-round exits. His best result came at the Hong Kong Open last month, where he finished runner-up.

Sen will be joined by the men's singles main draw by youngster Ayush Shetty, who captured his maiden BWF World Tour title earlier this year at the US Open 2025. The

Hong Kong stuns India's men's and sweeps the host 3-0, to enter medal rounds

Bhubaneswar: What appeared to be a balanced men's quarterfinal between India and Hong Kong (China) turned into a surprisingly one-sided contest at the 28th ITTF-ATTU Asian Team Table Tennis Championships. Despite India's higher world team ranking at No. 4, Hong Kong, ranked No. 6, played with greater purpose and composure to register a dominant 3-0 win and secure a place in the medal rounds in a match played last night.

In the women's quarterfinals played last night here, the Republic of Korea overcame Hong Kong, China, 3-1, while second seed Japan survived a thrilling five-set battle against DPR Korea, winning 3-2 to secure a spot in the medal rounds. Between them, they played 24 out of 25 games.

The much-anticipated men's encounter, expected to test both teams equally, quickly slipped away from the Indians as Hong Kong displayed superior discipline, tactical awareness, and mental steadiness throughout.

India, which had secured bronze medals in the previous three editions, failed to mount a real challenge this time, their resistance proving both brief and ineffective.

AFC Asian Cup 2027 qualifiers: India in must win situation against Singapore

Madgaon (UNI)
India will have their task cut out when they face Singapore on Tuesday at Jawaharlal Nehru stadium here in the AFC Asian Cup 2027 qualifiers.

India would consider themselves to be extremely lucky as they escaped with a draw in their away match against Singapore played on October 9 at the Singapore National Stadium, Kallang.

Besides leading one-nil throughout the match, Singapore totally dominated against a 10-man India as defender Sandesh Jhingan was given his marching orders at the 47th minute when he collected his second yellow card.

Even prior to Jhingan's sent off, Singapore dominated possession and created more chances.

It was substitute Rahim Ali who capitalised on goalkeeping error by Izwan Mahbud to equalise for India in the 90th minute. Ali was rewarded for his high press style of play and hard running.

Mohun Bagan Super Giant players defender Subhashish Bose and midfielder Lalengmawia Ralte have been recalled for the match by head coach Khalid Jamil.

Experienced Bose is likely to



start in lieu of suspended Jhingan. Ralte too could get a game in a holding role in the midfield.

Skipper Harish Harun with his long passes, nippy Ikhsan Fandi who was on the score sheet on October 9, and Kyoga Nakamura who controlled the game very well in mid field will be some of the main threats for India.

India will hope that Sunil Chhetri who was recalled out of international retirement by coach Khalid Jameel for the qualifiers, is at his best against a well-organised Singapore defence tomorrow.

Singapore have five points from three matches and sit in second place below Hong Kong. While India just have two points from three matches in the points table and are in a must win situation.

As India are currently third on the points table in Group C, they need to win all their remaining matches and depend on results of other countries as well.

India's best chance of qualifying is apart from willing all their matches if Hong Kong loses to Singapore at home next month.

India's rising tennis star Srishti Kiran prepares to make her mark on the US junior circuit

Bengaluru (UNI)
At just 13, Srishti Kiran is already being hailed as one of India's brightest young tennis prospects. Ranked No. 16 in India's U-14 Girls category, the Bengaluru-born player has been steadily climbing the junior circuit and is now preparing for one of the biggest tests of her budding career, a series of tournaments in the United States including the prestigious Junior Orange Bowl in Florida this December.



Srishti played a key role in helping India clinch its first-ever Asian Tennis Federation (ATF) U-12 Girls' Team Championship crown in 2023, where she remained unbeaten. Her performance on the Asian circuit soon caught wider attention and she was scouted to train at the prestigious RPS Academy in Florida under the

mentorship of world-renowned coach Gabe Jaramillo, after being spotted at the Asian Tennis Federation's Orange Ball program. The move is giving her world-class exposure but

also has demanded sacrifices at a young age. "The most challenging part has been staying away from home, missing my mom and Bengaluru. I just cope by calling her whenever I can. But I really miss the food, the people, the weather of course," she shared. Despite these challenges, she embraced the sacrifices as part of her pursuit to excellence. "Without sacrifices, you cannot become a good player," she affirmed. Srishti, the youngest to win back-to-back All India Tennis Association (AITA) U-10 Championships, began her journey into tennis at the Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association (KSSTA), Bengaluru, when she was just four and a half years old. She fondly remembers stepping onto the court with a racket almost as big as herself.

Joshna Chinappa wins Japan Open 2025, clinches 11th career PSA title

New Delhi/Yokohama: Two time Asian champion Joshua Chinappa continued her remarkable comeback by winning the women's singles title at the Japan Open 2025 squash tournament in Yokohama today.

According to the Olympics.com website, the 39-year-old Indian squash player, 117th in the women's singles rankings and unseeded in Japan, defeated third seed and world No. 53 Haya Ali of Egypt 11-5, 11-9, 6-11, 11-8 to cap off an impressive run at the PSA Challenger event.

This triumph marked Joshna's 11th career PSA title and her first since returning to full fitness after undergoing knee surgery after the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou, where she was also part of India's bronze-winning women's team.

We must carry forward the momentum, show attacking intent: Khalid Jamil

Madgaon (UNI)
India senior national team head coach said that his team has to carry forward the momentum from the last match and show attacking intent against Singapore on October 14 if they are to achieve a favourable result against the same opponent on Tuesday here.

Jamil emphasized on the need for India having positive mindset

"We have to be positive they are a good side, are difficult to beat we have to give our best and stay positive"

Though he stressed on India being more attacking he refused to divulge the playing 11. He also pointed out that India has to take better control in the midfield.

"We will decide that tomorrow on how everyone is looking, all players must play as a unit and take responsibility you should have control."

When asked about Sunil Chhetri's future with the national team "We are not thinking far ahead we want him to perform tomorrow and that what we are focusing on."

Santner to lead NZ in T20Is vs England; Ravindra returns, Williamson and Sears miss out

New Delhi/Wellington (UNI)
New Zealand white ball captain Mitchell Santner and star all rounder Rachin Ravindra have been named in the Blackcaps squad for the upcoming KFC T20I series against England, while Ben Sears and Kane Williamson will miss the series.



According to the New Zealand Cricket (NZC) press release, Ravindra returns to the side after being ruled out of the recent series against Australia with a facial injury, while Santner has recovered from his recent abdominal surgery to lead the side in the three-game series which gets underway at Hagley Oval in Christchurch on Saturday. Williamson, who returned from overseas on Thursday, will sit out the T20Is and is expected to return to international cricket during the ODI series against England, starting in Tauranga on Sunday, October 26.

Sears will also miss the England series after he suffered a left-hamstring injury during training last week, with a subsequent MRI scan revealing a hamstring tear which will require three to four weeks to recover, NZC informed.

Jimmy Neesham, who impressed against Australia as a late replacement for Ravindra, has been selected as the seam-bowling all-rounder, alongside the same pace-bowling group of Jacob Duffy, Zak Foulkes, Matt Henry and Kyle Jamieson.

CWC 25 Healy delighted to lead from the front against India

Visakhapatnam (UNI)
Alyssa Healy was delighted at being able to lead from the front as the Australian skipper's wonderful century helped her team to a tense three-wicket win over India at the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025.



The 35-year-old blasted a tournament high 142 from 107 deliveries, featuring 21 fours and three sixes, which acted as the catalyst to Australia reaching their target of 331 – the highest successful chase in women's ODI history.

The record-breaking victory sees the seven-time champions return to the top of the group stage table and Healy was pleased at producing a captain's knock when her team needed it most.

"Obviously I'm proud personally to be able to do that," she said. "I was trying to lock in for a big day. I know there was a bit of pressure on our top order, but to be out there and contribute heavily was great."

"I would have loved to be out there a little bit longer and see it home, but the girls got the job done, which is good," Healy said.

Sutherland produced a masterful display with the ball and was crucial in pegging India back after openers Pratika Rawal (75) and Smriti Mandhana's (80) put on 155 for the opening wicket.

The 24-year-old finished with figures of five for 40, which sees her move to the top of the leading wicket taker standings with 10, and Healy highlighted how important the spinner's contribution was in the win.

"She's the pick of our bowlers from a length perspective," said Healy. "She identified the length she needed to bowl and executed beautifully. "I think we tossed up a little bit of junk today, probably not denying that, but the way we hung in there and ultimately restricted them to 330 [was crucial], which sounds a little bit stupid, but I think we pegged them back in the

last ten."

"The fact that we can hang in there and do that will give us great confidence," she said.

The quickfire wickets of Beth Mooney and Sutherland left Australia 170 for three during their reply to leave the contest firmly in the balance. That brought Ash Gardner to the crease who showed all of her resolve to craft a crucial 45 as Sree Charani (3/41) and Deepti Sharma (2/52) looked to take the game away from Australia.

Ellyse Perry also returned to the field after earlier retiring hurt to seal the triumph, after putting on 28 with Kim Garth, with a straight six down the ground to clinch victory. And Healy was impressed at the maturity shown by those coming in down the order when the pressure was on.

