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SPORTS

Mohali in kitty... Ranchi next



The Indian cricket team leaves for Ranchi from the international airport in Mohali on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: VICKY GHAMU

Yuvraj wins Maharashtra Golf C'ship

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 24 Chandigarh's Yuvraj Sandhu carded a brilliant three-under 69 in the final round to win the Maharashtra Amateur Golf Championship that concluded at the Oxford Golf and Country Club in Pune this weekend. He carded six birdies and three bogies en route his 69. Sandhu started the final day trailing by five strokes, but his excellent finish gave him a three-stroke win. Recently back from the Asia Pacific Golf Amateur Championship, held at Incheon (South Korea), Sandhu used that experience to capture this win. "I am just delighted and happy to win this prestigious tournament. I just focused on my rhythm to make some great shots and this showed in my score. The conditions were tough but I held my nerves," he said. The 18-year-old, who is being coached by Jesse Greenfield, a student member of the Chandigarh Golf Club. He will play the Kalabar Blues and Green in Ahmednagar next followed by the Western India Amateur Golf Championship.

Former Ranji player backs out of revolt group

Claims he attended the meeting by mistake

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 24 The group of former first class players who threatened to revolt against the Punjab Cricket Association (PCA) on October 21 has already begun to scatter. Sangy Dhall, a former player, said he had 'mistakenly' gone to the meeting after being invited by senior players, whom he did not wish to name, and he had nothing to do with the revolt against the PCA. Dhall said that the group invited all the former cricketers to attend a meeting for discussing the possibility of forming a players' association for their welfare. But when he reached the venue, a few members of the group were already briefing the media regarding their revolt, and no meeting regarding the players' association was held. "I attended the meeting after receiving many calls from my seniors. I was unaware about any kind of media briefing regarding any revolt against PCA," said he. "I have nothing to do with PCA, but on moral grounds, I do not want my name to be attached with any kind of group or controversy." On taking three days to come out with this clarifica-

tion, he said that he was waiting for the right time to convey his message. "I thought that the media must be busy in covering the India-New Zealand ODI," said Dhall. "I had never met Rakesh Handa, who headed the group, and never interacted with him regarding any kind of controversy or administrative work. It was because of my seniors I went to the venue. I doubt if they can run cricket cleanly after listening to them that day." Dhall represented Punjab in one Ranji match and played six matches for Services. He had also played for Punjab's U-19 team.

GMHS-36 win, enter football quarters

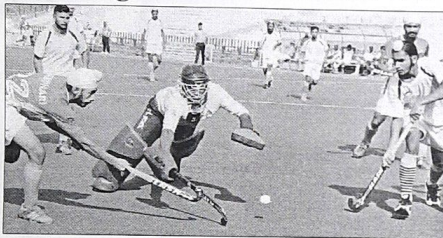
CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 24 Government Model High School, Sector 26, defeated Government Model High School, Sector 26, 4-0 in the Inter-School Football Championship for boys (U-14). Neopolitan scored the opening goal in the 22nd minute. Dijoji scored the second goal in the 18th minute. Pawan (22nd minute) and

Lovepreet (32nd minute) completed the rout. In another match, Strawberry Fields School, Sector 26, defeated Delhi Public School, Sector 40, 3-0.

Divjit Singh opened the team's account in the 16th minute while Harshit netted the second goal in the 22nd minute. Dijoji scored his second in the 37th minute. Saksham scored in the 26th minute as St Mary's School, Sector 46, defeated Stepping Stone School, Sector 37, 1-0.

Doon School win Doon School, Mohali, won the Satya Six-A-Side Football Championship. The Doon team defeated Chukara International School, Sector 25, 2-0 in the final. Dhruv scored both the goals. —TNS

Chandigarh XI defeat BSF 2-1



A Nandhari striker (in orange) beats the SGGS goalie in the ongoing Gurmit Memorial Hockey Championship at the sports complex in Sector 42. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MANU MAHAJAN

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 24 Chandigarh XI defeated Border Security Force (BSF) 2-1 in the 46th SN Vohra's All India Gurmit Memorial Hockey Tournament at the Sector 42 sports complex here today. The local outfit scored the first goal in the 21st minute through Sahibjeet Singh, but nine minutes later, BSF leveled the score through Sanjeev Kumar. After a defensive period in the match, Amit broke the deadlock in the 65th minute

to give Chandigarh the win. In the second match, Nandhari XI beat SGGS Club (Chandigarh) 2-0. Both the goals were scored through penalty corners. Gagandeep Singh scored in the 16th minute while Bhagat Singh doubled the lead in the 19th minute. Tomorrow, Indian Air Force will take on CRPF, while CISF will take on RCF.

Panchkula win roller hockey Panchkula district won the boys' sub-junior title, while Chandigarh finished runners-up on the concluding

Sahil, Tuba bag titles

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 24 Sahil Thakur and Tuba Sehara ran away with two titles each on the concluding day of the 26th Chandigarh State Carrom Tournament at St. Stephen's School, Sector 45. Thakur won the boys' junior and sub-junior titles, while Sehara bagged the senior and junior titles in the women's category. In the final of boys' sub-junior category, Thakur defeated Mayank Gupta 14-6 16-0. In the semifinals, Thakur overpowered Aryan Singh Dhuka 14-0 21-0, while Gupta defeated Pappu Soti 14-3 0-17 18-0. In the final of the junior category, Thakur registered a 20-14 13-13 19-12 win over Sahibpreet Singh. Meanwhile, Sehara defeated Nidhi Gupta 9-17 0-6 21-9 to win the junior title. In

the senior category, she defeated her sister, Fairheen, 21-16 25-10. In semifinals, she defeated Nidhi 25-14 11-25 25-3 while Fairheen beat Priya Sharma 23-11 21-14. Sehara, who was also crowned the 'Carrom Queen of Chandigarh' by the association, will participate in the forthcoming World Carrom Championship in Birmingham (England) from November 7 to 11. Neeraj Bharti bagged his maiden men's title after a stunning victory over top seed Mohd Hassan 23-6 24-14. Earlier, Hassan defeated Mohit, Talib 15-11 12-18 21-14, while Bharti beat Mazhar 25-18 21-15 in the semifinals. Maryam Khan retained the girls' sub-junior title after defeating Drishiti Jain 15-0 21-0. —TNS



A player aims to pot during the Chandigarh State Carrom Tournament, on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MANU MAHAJAN

Sahil, Jaya win gold

INTER-UNIVERSITY AQUATICS

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 24 Sahil Chopra of Punjab University, Patiala, won the gold medal in the men's 100m freestyle event on the opening day of the All India Inter-University Aquatics Championship at Panjab University here today. Chopra won the gold in 52.85 seconds. Prabhvir Viraj (54.71s) of University of Mumbai and Siddhant (54.97s) of Delhi University claimed the second and third spots, respectively. In the women's 100m freestyle event, Jaya Veena (1 minute, 2.34 seconds) of AV Sri Ramachandra University (Chennai), Sneha T (1:02.52) of Rajiv Gandhi University (Bangalore) and Deeksha Ramesh (1:03.61) of Mangalore University took the top three positions. In the women's 50m butterfly event, Jaya Veena (30.01s), Divya Satija (30.15s) of University of Delhi and local contender

Kawalpreet Kaur (30.24s) won the top three positions. In the women's 400m freestyle category, Shruvi (4 minutes, 50.50 seconds) of Mahalingam Jain University won the gold medal, while Pallavi Sejwal (4:54.22) of University of Delhi and Sneha T (4:57.25) of Gandhi University (Bangalore) finished second and third, respectively. In the men's 400m freestyle category, Bhanuvarad Raj (4:13.20), Sethu-manickavel (4:19.40) and Dhokale Viraj (4:23.68) took the top three positions. In the women's 200m backstroke event, Meenakshi (2:33.25), K Harishree (2:40.16) and Mungekar Simran (2:42.64) won the medals. In men's category, K. Abhasuddin (2:10.39), Sethu-manickavel (2:10.96) and Vedant Sethi (2:14.57s) won the top honours. In water polo, Savitribai Phule University beat Kurukshetra University 14-1, University of Kerala defeated MG University (Kottayam) 11-4, while SGBA Amravati University beat MDU (Rohtak) 9-0.

Advertisement for KUTCHINA Kitchen Appliances. Features a woman in a white uniform and text: 'Aaj kitchen mein dhuan failne nahin dunga. Aaj toh khana main hi banaungi.' Includes contact information for Chimneys, Hobs, Built-in Ovens, Dishwashers, and Kitchens.

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