

PSG oust Liverpool on penalties

Join Barcelona, Bayern and Inter in quarter-finals



Bayern Munich's English forward #09 Harry Kane scores the opening goal during the UEFA Champions League last 16, second leg, match against Bayer Leverkusen in Leverkusen, Germany

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RESULTS

Last 16, second legs

Barcelona 3 (Raphinha 11, 42, Yamal 27) Benfica 1 (Otamendi 13). Barcelona win 4-1 on aggregate. Bayer Leverkusen 0 Bayern Munich 2 (Kane 52, Davies 71). Bayern Munich win 5-0 on aggregate. Inter Milan 2 (Thuram 8, Calhanoglu 51-pen) Feyenoord 1 (Moder 42-pen). Inter Milan win 4-1 on aggregate. Liverpool 0 Paris Saint-Germain 1 (Dembele 12) aet. 1-1 on aggregate; Paris Saint-Germain win 4-1 on penalties

AP, MADRID: Gianluigi Donnarumma came through and Paris Saint-Germain defeated Liverpool in a penalty shootout to join Barcelona, Bayern Munich and Inter Milan in the quarter-finals of the Champions League on Tuesday.

PSG beat Liverpool 1-0 on the night to level the aggregate score at 1-1. Ousmane Dembélé scored 12 minutes into the second-leg match after a blunder by the Liverpool defense.

After extra time, Donnarumma stopped the penalty shots by Darwin Nunez and Curtis Jones to secure

his team a 4-1 shootout win. Desire Doue scored the winning spot kick for PSG, which will face either Aston Villa or Club Brugge.

The French league leader — seeking its first Champions League title — had lost



at this stage in five of the past eight editions. It lost to Borussia Dortmund in last season's semi-finals.

Barcelona cruised past Benfica with Raphinha scoring twice and Lamine Yamal once in a 3-1 win at home. The

Catalan club advanced 4-1 on aggregate score after last week's 1-0 victory and will play either Borussia Dortmund or Lille in the quarter-finals.

After a 3-0 first-leg win, Bayern Munich had no trouble advancing past German rival Bayer Leverkusen.

Bayern made it to the last eight a record 23 times in the Champions League era after a 2-0 win at Leverkusen to advance 5-0 on aggregate. Inter moved on past Feyenoord with a 2-1 victory at San Siro to advance 4-1 on aggregate. Bayern and Inter will meet in the last eight.

Sindhu loses; Rohan-Ruthvika, Treasa-Gayatri advance

PTI, BIRMINGHAM: Star Indian shuttler PV Sindhu suffered an inexplicable meltdown, bowing out of the All England Championships with a three-game loss to Korea's Kim Ga Eun in the women's singles opening round on Wednesday.

There was however good news for India in the women's doubles where the Commonwealth Games bronze medal winning duo of Treasa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand defeated Shuo Yun Sung and Chien Hui Yu of Chinese Taipei 21-17, 21-13 to make the last-16.

The two-time Olympic medalist, Sindhu, returning after recovering from a hamstring injury, squandered an opening-game advantage to lose 21-19, 13-21, 13-21 to world number 21 Kim in a match that lasted just over an hour at Arena Birmingham.

It was yet another disappointing result for world number 16 Sindhu, who had exited in the opening round of the Indonesia Masters in January, following a quarterfinal finish at the India Open Super 750 to start the year.

India's Rohan Kapoor and Ruthvika Shivani Gadge, however, progressed to the second round of mixed doubles competition, prevailing 21-10 17-21 24-22 over Chinese Taipei's Ye Hong Wei and Nicole Gonzales Chan, ranked 41st.

The duo will face fifth seeds Yan Zhe Feng and Ya Xin Wei of China next.

Gill holds on to top spot, Rohit climbs to third

PTI, DUBAI: India captain Rohit Sharma jumped two places to third in the latest ICC ODI batter rankings following his stellar performance in the Champions Trophy final, while teammate Shubman Gill held on to the top spot.

Rohit smashed 76 from just 83 deliveries, helping India secure a four-wicket victory over New Zealand in the summit clash.

Star India batter Virat Kohli, who amassed 218 runs in the eight-team ICC tournament, slipped one place to fifth, while Shreyas Iyer remained steady at eighth, keeping four Indians in the top-10.

New Zealand trio of Daryl Mitchell (up one place to sixth), Rachin Ravindra (up 14 spots to 14th) and Glenn Phillips (up six rungs to 24th) also made significant gains. New Zealand captain and leftarm spinner Mitchell Santner was a big improver on the updated list for ODI bowlers.

Santner, who claimed nine wickets including two in the final, climbed six spots to second behind Sri Lankan offspinner Maheesh Theekshana.

Indian duo -- Kuldeep Yadav and Ravindra Jadeja -- rose three places each to be inside the top-10 following their exploits at the Champions Trophy. Leftarm wrist spinner Kuldeep (up three spots to third) is a big improver on the back of his seven wickets for the tournament.

Leftarm spinner Jadeja moved up three places to 10th following his five wickets for India during



their unbeaten run at the Champions Trophy. Afghanistan star Azmatullah Omarzai maintains his lead at the top of the rankings for ODI all-rounders, though he does have some fresh competition from a trio of New Zealand players.

ICC ODI RANKINGS

Santner rose one place to fourth overall, Michael Bracewell gained seven spots to move to seventh, while Rachin Ravindra climbed eight rungs to improve to eighth.

Meanwhile, star India opener Shubman Gill was on Wednesday named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for February following his stellar performances, which includes his exploits in his team's title-winning Champions Trophy campaign.

Gill took home the award, beating competition from

Australia's Steve Smith and New Zealand's Glenn Phillips. In his five ODIs over the course of the month, Gill compiled 406 runs, averaging 101.50 at a strike rate of 94.19.

This included a stellar outing in the 3-0 series win over England, wherein Gill registered three consecutive scores of over fifty.

Gill began with a confident 87 in Nagpur and followed it up with a 60 in Cuttack. He finished in a grand style, smashing a hundred in Ahmedabad. His 112 came from merely 102 balls and included 14 fours and three sixes.

Gill was awarded player-of-the-match for this innings, and also took home the player-of-the-series award.

Continuing his golden run into the Champions Trophy, Gill hit an unbeaten 101 to lead India's chase in their tournament opener against Bangladesh here. He followed it up with a resolute 46 against Pakistan.

Former India all-rounder Syed Abid Ali passes away

PTI, NEW DELHI: Former India all-rounder Syed Abid Ali, who was known for his versatility and sharp fielding skills, died on Wednesday after a prolonged illness. He was 83.

He was part of an illustrious group of Hyderabad cricketers that included MAK Pataudi, ML Jaisimha, and Abbas Ali Baig. He died in the United States.

The news of Abid Ali's passing was shared by the North America Cricket League (NACL).

"It is with profound reverence and a heart full of admiration that I share with you the passing of un-

cle Syed Abid Ali a cricketing legend from India who made Tracy, California, his home, and whose remarkable legacy continues to inspire us to strive for excellence," NACL posted in its Facebook page.

"The North America Cricket League (NACL) and the growth of cricket in the Bay Area owe a debt of gratitude to his tireless efforts and contributions to the Northern California Cricket Association (NCCA), a testament to his enduring impact."

"Let us remember him in our prayers and celebrate his remarkable legacy, honouring his

memory by continuing to pursue our passions with dedication and perseverance."

Ali made his Test debut in December 1967 against Australia in Adelaide, marking the occasion with a sensational 6/55 in the first innings -- his career-best bowling figures.

His batting prowess was on display later in the same series when he scored 78 and 81 in the Sydney Test, proving his all-round capabilities. Between 1967 and 1974,

he played 29 Tests for India, tallying 1,018 runs and taking 47 wickets. His was lightning-quick

while running between the wickets and was one of the finest fielders of his time.

Ali also had a rare distinction -- he opened both the batting and bowling for India in several matches, including two against New Zealand in 1968, three at home in 1969, and two on the 1971 tour of the West Indies.

His ODI career was brief but



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