

Karun, Sarfaraz shine in India A's 409/3

PTI, CANTERBURY: Karun Nair was elegance personified while serving a timely reminder to the Gautam Gambhir-led team management with a classy unbeaten 186 as India A cruised to 409 for 3 against a below-par England Lions on the opening day of the first 'unofficial' Test, here, on Friday.

While Nair is known to bat either at No. 4 or below in first-class cricket, he looked at ease during his unbeaten 246-ball knock which made the Lions bowlers, including their Test star Rehan Ahmed, look completely pedestrian.

India A batters made the best use of loose deliveries.

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Swiatek, Sabalenka through; Musetti battles into last 16

AFP, PARIS: Iga Swiatek kept her bid for a fourth consecutive French Open title on track Friday, advancing to the last 16 at Roland Garros along with top women's seed Aryna Sabalenka and Olympic champion Zheng Qinwen.

Reigning men's champion Carlos Alcaraz will look to book his place in the last 16 later to join Italy's Lorenzo Musetti and Dane Holger Rune who both rallied to set up a fourth-round clash.

FRENCH OPEN

Swiatek came through despite a very close second set against Romania's world number 60 Jaqueline Cristian, winning 6-2, 7-5 in nearly two hours in sweltering conditions on Court Suzanne Lenglen.

The 23-year-old Pole awaits the winner of a big-hitting showdown between Elena Rybakina and Jelena Ostapenko, who has beaten Swiatek in all six of their previous meetings.

Earlier Sabalenka produced a dominant dis-



Poland's Iga Swiatek celebrates after winning against Romania's Jaqueline Cristian at the end of their women's singles match on Day 6 of French Open tennis tournament on Court Suzanne Lenglen at the Roland-Garros Complex in Paris on Friday

play in a 6-2, 6-3 win over Serbian left-hander Olga Danilovic. The 27-year-old Belarusian next plays 16th-seeded American Amanda Anisimova for a place in the quarter-finals.

Anisimova ousted Danish 22nd seed Clara Tauson 7-6 (7/4), 6-4 in their third-round tie. Zheng ended the run of Canadian teenager

Victoria Mboko 6-3, 6-4. The Chinese eighth seed has now won nine successive matches at Roland Garros following her run to Olympic gold last year.

Zheng is through to the fourth round in Paris for the second time and will next Russian 19th seed Liudmila Samsonova who brushed aside Ukraine's Dayana Yas-

tremeska 6-2, 6-3.

Zheng and Samsonova will both be bidding for a first Roland Garros quarter-final berth. Eighth seed Musetti won 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2 against Argentine Mariano Navone in three hours and 25 minutes.

Musetti arrived in Paris as one of the form players in the world after backing up his runner-up finish in Monte Carlo with semi-final runs in Madrid and Rome.

But the Italian dropped his first set in Paris against world number 97 Navone. Musetti, who reached the fourth round in Paris for the third time, next plays Rune who rallied past France's Quentin Halys in five sets.

In the night session, second seed Alcaraz steps up for a third-round meeting with 69th-ranked Bosnian Damir Dzumhur.

Four-time Grand Slam champion Alcaraz is the title favourite after securing the Monte Carlo Masters and Italian Open trophies in the build-up to the clay-court major. The 22-year-old Spaniard has reached the second week in 10 of his last 11 Slam appearances.

India's gold rush continues with Gulveer, Pooja & Nandini on top

PTI, GUMI (South Korea): Long-distance runner Gulveer Singh shattered a decade-old meet record, high-jumper Pooja Singh delivered a personal best show, while heptathlete Nandini Agasara rose to the occasion after a setback as the trio added three more gold medals to India's kitty on the penultimate day of the 26th Asian Athletics Championships, here, on Friday.

The country's overall tally swelled to 18, including eight gold, seven silver and three bronze medals. India look well on course to match or better the 27 medals won in the 2023 edition, having already surpassed the gold haul of six medals in that year.

Gulveer etched his name among the greats of Indian

long-distance running by winning a tightly-contested men's 5000m final to add to his 10,000m gold won on the opening day of the competition.

The national-record-holding runner clocked 13:24.77sec to edge past Thailand's Kieran Tuntivate, who finished close

behind at 13:24.97sec, while Japan's Nagiya Mori took bronze in 13:25.06sec.

The previous championship record belonged to Qatar's Mohamed Al-Garni, who had clocked 13:34.47sec in the 2015 edition. Later, 18-year-old Pooja jumped to a personal best of 1.89m in her penultimate attempt to finish ahead of Uzbekistan's Safi-

na Sadullaeva (1.86m).

The Haryana teen, whose father is a construction worker, has been doing well at the continental level, having earlier collected a gold at the Asian Under-23 Championships in 2023.

Nandini then became only the third Indian heptathlete to win an Asian gold after

ASIAN ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Swapna Barman (2017) and Soma Biswas (2005). Agasara collected 5941 points to bag the top honours, making a strong comeback to win the 800m race after a poor javelin throw performance of 34.18m.

China's Liu Jingyi, who led Agasara after winning javelin throw, claimed the silver with 5869 points.

The win completed a

remarkable double for Gulveer, who had earlier bagged gold in the 10,000m competition on the opening day with a timing of 28:38.63sec.

With this performance, Gulveer joined an elite group of Indian athletes to have won gold in the men's 5000m event of the continental meet -- the other three being Gopal Saini (1981), Bahadur Prasad (1993), and G Lakshmanan (2017). He matched Lakshmanan in winning gold in both the 10,000m and 5000m events in the same edition.

However, there was mild disappointment in the women's 3000m steeplechase, where defending champion Parul Chaudhary had to settle for silver.

She clocked 9:12.46sec and was bested by Kazakh-

Dunes SC enter semi-finals

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MAPUSA: Dunes Sports Club, Mandrem, registered a comfortable 2-0 win against Verem United SC to enter the semi-finals of Xetrapal Cup organised by Xetrapal SC, Oxel, at Oxel ground, on Friday. Both the goals came in the first session of play.

XETRAPAL CUP

In the 23rd minute, Dunes Sports Club's Arun Naik scored getting the better of the rival defence, 1-0.

Just five minutes later, Omkar Shetgaonkar doubled the team's lead with a neat placement, 2-0.

Verem United had a chance to reduce the margin but Dunes Sports Club's Pratik Sawant brought a brave save.

Cumborda SC move ahead

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RAIA: Cumborda SC pipped Novovaddo SC 1-0 to move into the next round of Silver Jubilee Cup 9-a-side inter-ward football tournament organised by Sporting Club of Virabhat at St Alex Church ground, Curtorim, on Friday.

SILVER JUBILEE CUP

Cumborda SC scored first goal through Rio Fernandes in the 10 minute after receiving a pass from Valzino Fernandes to make it, 1-0.



Rio Fernandes of Cumborda SC receives the man-of-the match award from Diago Fernandes, founder member of SC Virabhat

Novovaddo SC were unlucky when Milagres Fernandes shot hit the goalpost and went out of play.

In second half, Novo-

vaddo SC tried their best to equalise but again were unlucky when Mys-

on Fernandes shot hit the crossbar.

GFA mourns loss of Lourenco

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PANJIM: The Goa Football Association (GFA) has expressed deep sorrow over the passing of Lourenco Pereira, a long-time staff member who served as an office assistant at the Fatorda Stadium since

2008. A resident of Fatorda, Lourenco completed 17 years with the GFA, and his untimely demise has left the footballing fraternity in shock and grief.

GFA President Caitano Fernandes paid tribute to Lourenco's dedicated service. "Lourenco played a crucial role in the functioning of the Margao office. He was always cheerful and ex-

tremely dedicated—he left no task incomplete. May his soul rest in peace, and may the Lord bring comfort to his family during this difficult time."

Lourenco Pereira was 46 and is survived by his wife and two children.

GOA DIARY

Chapora Yuvan Sangh SC to hold football selection trials for U-120 team

PANJIM: Chapora Yuvan Sangh Sports Club will hold football selection trials for U-20 team to participate in the Goa Professional League 2025-26 on June 2 and 3, at Duler Stadium, Mapusa. The players should report at the venue with their original birth certificate, Aadhaar Card and one photo at 8 am.

shorttakes

Kiran, Deepak enter Thailand Open finals

BANGKOK: Indian boxers Kiran and Deepak advanced to the finals of the 4th Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament with convincing victories in their respective semifinal bouts, here, on Friday. In the women's 75kg category, Kiran delivered a composed performance to outclass Ukraine's Polina Chernen with a 5-0 verdict. In the men's 75kg division, Deepak continued his strong run by defeating Thailand's Peerapat Yeasu, also by a unanimous 5-0 decision. Facing home favourite, Deepak maintained tactical discipline and capitalised on scoring opportunities throughout the bout. In the women's semifinals, Priya (57kg) and Sane (70kg) exited the competition after battling through their bouts, while setting for a well-earned bronze.

Norway Chess: Gukesh wins thriller against Caruana, Erigaisi loses to Carlsen

STAVANGER (Norway): Reigning world champion D Gukesh emerged the winner in a thrilling Armageddon tie-break against American Grandmaster Fabiano Caruana but Arjun Erigaisi succumbed to Magnus Carlsen's intuitive skills on a mixed day for the Indians in the 'Open' category of Norway Chess here. Results: (Open) Magnus Carlsen (Nor, 8 points) bt Arjun Erigaisi (Ind, 4.5 points); D Gukesh (Ind, 4.5 points) bt Fabiano Caruana (USA, 7 points) in Armageddon tie-break; Hikaru Nakamura (USA, 5.5) lost to Wei Yi (Chn, 4). (Women) Sara Khadem (Esp, 5) bt Li Jingjie (Chn, 4); Ju Wenjun (Chn, 5.5) bt Koneru Humpy (Ind, 7) in Armageddon tie-break; R. Vaishali (Ind, 3.5) bt Anna Muzychuk (Ukr, 7) in Armageddon tie-break.

Indian junior women's hockey team suffers 1-3 defeat to Chile

NEW DELHI: India suffered a 1-3 defeat in shootout against Chile after the regulation time ended in a 2-2 stalemate in the four-nations junior women's friendly hockey tournament in Rosario, Argentina. Sukhveer Kaur (35') and Kanika Siwach (47') were the scorers for India, while Jacinta Solari (27') and captain Laura Muller (42') struck for Chile over four quarters. India will next face Uruguay in their fifth match of the tournament on June 1.

Olympians Raiza, Naruka return to Indian team for Lonato World Cup

NEW DELHI: Paris Olympians Raiza Dhillon and Anantjeet Singh Naruka returned to the Indian senior team as the national shooting federation's selection committee on Friday picked the squad for the upcoming ISSF World Cup for Shotgun in Lonato, Italy. The year's fourth World Cup stage is scheduled to be held from July 4-14. Indian squad: Skeet Men: Anantjeet Singh Naruka, Mairaj Ahmed Khan, Bhavtegh Singh Gill Skeet Women: Raiza Dhillon, Ganemat Sekhon, Maheshwari Chauhan Trap Men: Lakshay Sheoran, Zoravar Singh Sandhu, Jaswinder Singh Trap Women: Neeru Dhandra, Pragati Dubey, Preeti Rajak.

Real sign Alexander-Arnold from Liverpool

MADRID: Real Madrid have signed defender Trent Alexander-Arnold from Liverpool on a deal until 2031, the Spanish giants said on Friday. The 26-year-old England international's contract at Anfield was drawing to an end but Madrid paid a fee to bring him in earlier so he can play in the Club World Cup. Right-back Alexander-Arnold, who has just won the Premier League title with Liverpool.

Massimiliano returns as coach at AC Milan

MILAN: Massimiliano Allegri was named AC Milan's new coach on Friday, charged with restoring to glory the crisis-hit team that he won Serie A with nearly 15 years ago. Allegri replaces Sergio Conceicao, who was fired on Thursday after guiding Milan to an eighth-placed finish in Serie A that left the Rossoneri out of Europe. "AC Milan is pleased to announce that Massimiliano Allegri has been appointed as the head coach of the men's first team," the club said in a statement that did not include any contract details.

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