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Ranji Trophy 2019-20: Karnataka Storm Into Semifinals With 167-Run Win Against JK

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JAMMU: Off-spinner Krishnappa Gowtham snapped seven wickets as Karnataka sealed their place in the semifinals after thrashing Jammu and Kashmir by 167 runs on the final day of their Ranji Trophy quarter-final, here on Monday. Resuming the day at 245 for four, Karnataka added another 71 runs before folding for 316 in their second innings, setting the hosts a target of 331.

Jammu and Kashmir were bundled out for 163, courtesy off-spinner Gowtham's (7/54) seven-wicket haul.

Earlier, Abid Mushtaq (6/83) claimed six wickets, Parvez Rasool (3/88) took three and Mujtaba Yousof (1/44) dismissed one Karnataka batsman.

Overnight batsman Krishnamurthy Siddharth (98) missed out on a well-deserved century, dismissed by Mushtaq in the 80th over.

His wicket triggered a collapse as Karnataka kept losing wickets regularly. Srinivas Sharath (34) held on to one end and took the team across the 300-mark before departing in the 105th over.



Chasing 331 to win, opener Shubham Khajuria (30), middle-order batsman Shubham Pundir (31) and tail-enders Aquib Nabi (26) and Umar Nazir (24) tried their bit but none of them could stay longer to raise any hope of a successful chase.

BRIEF SCORE:

Karnataka 1st innings: 206 all out in 69.1 overs

J&K 1st innings: 192 all out in 62.4 overs (SP Khajuria 62, Abdul Samad 43; M Prasadh Krishna 4/42)

Karnataka 1st innings: 316 all out in 106.5 overs (KV Siddharth 98; Abid Mushtaq 6/83).

J&K 1st innings: 163 all out in 44.4 overs (SS Pundir 31; K Gowtham 7/54).

Bangladesh's Mushfiqur hits double ton to corner Zimbabwe

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DHAKA: Mushfiqur Rahim hit his third Test double century as Bangladesh declared their first innings with a lead of 295 Monday in their one-off match against Zimbabwe. Bangladesh ended their innings on 560 for six in the final session before spinner Nayeem Hasan then claimed two wickets in two balls in the first over in Dhaka.

The visitors reached nine for two at stumps on the third day, still needing 286 runs to make Bangladesh bat again on a wearing pitch at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium.

Mushfiqur, who became the highest run-scorer for Bangladesh in Tests, hit an unbeaten 203, while skipper Mominul Haque made 132, after the hosts resumed on 240 for three.

Mushfiqur and Mominul added 222 for the fourth wicket, while wicketkeeper-batsman Liton Das made 53 to give the hosts their highest-ever total against Zimbabwe. Mominul declared the innings soon after Mushfiqur reached the 200-run mark after Ainsley Ndlovu past extra cover for a boundary.

Nayeem struck with the second ball of the innings, bowling Prince Masvaire for a duck, before dismissing nightwatchman Doland Tiripano. Bangladesh made Zimba-



bwe wait until the second session of the day for their first success, when Ndlovu took a brilliant reflex catch off his own bowling to dismiss Mominul. Mominul had brought up his ninth Test hundred off 156 balls, joining teammate Tamim Iqbal as Bangladesh's most prolific century-makers in the five-day format. Mominul, unbeaten on 79 overnight, struck 14 fours in his 234-ball innings -- his first hundred since becoming Bangladesh Test captain in November.



I-League: REAL KASHMIR STAY IN TOP HALF WITH 1-0 WIN OVER INDIAN ARROWS

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SRINAGAR: Real Kashmir bounced back from two consecutive defeats as they beat Indian Arrows by a solitary goal to remain in the top half of the I-League points table on Monday.

Ivorian midfielder Bazie Armand scored the all-important goal in the 70th minute to the celebration of over 10,000 home team supporters at the picturesque TRC Ground here.

Real Kashmir, who lost to Punjab FC and Churchill Brothers -- both away games -- in their previous two matches, now have 18 points from 12 games to occupy the fifth spot in the 11-team league table.

The Indian Arrows, the developmental side of the All India Football Federation, remained at the bottom of the pile with

eight points from 13 games.

Real Kashmir's David Robertson made as many as three changes, bringing in Ritwik Kumar Das, Kallum Higginbotham and Novin Gurgun, in place of Dalraj, Brian Mascarenhas and Danish Farooq.

Arrows head coach Venkatesh Shanmugham played Harmanpreet up front and Ricky Shabong in the midfield.

Zambian Aaron Katebe created the first chance of the game for Real Kashmir, as he twisted and turned past a couple of defenders, but his right-footed toe-poke was dealt with by Arrows custodian Jongte.

Then, Robin Singh had a couple of chances. Mason Robertson showed great vision to put him through on one occasion and then Higginbotham found him with a trademark floater but much did not come out of those opportunities.

The best chance of the half though went to the Arrows. It was a lovely team effort initiated by Hendry Antonay from the left flank. He played in Ricky Shabong, who put a lovely through-ball onto Harmanpreet, who had made the run to his left. Harman was soon one-on-one with the keeper from a tight angle but missed the target. Katebe found a second good chance to score, this time in the early stages of the second half. From a Higginbotham corner, the ball dropped invitingly for him as he came rushing in but the Zambian failed to connect.

The 'Snow Leopards' finally broke the deadlock in the 70th minute. Mason Robertson hurled a high and long throw-in from the right flank. It bounced just outside the six-yard box and looped high again going across goal. Bazie Armand

found the opportunity to use his height and strength to rise above the keeper and defenders to head in.

Bazie, since coming over to Srinagar, has made it quite a habit of scoring important and match-winning goals over the past two seasons and Monday was no different.

Coach Robertson replaced Robin Singh with Danish Farooq with just over 10 minutes to go. However, it was his son Mason who went on a delightful run, slicing open the Arrows defence to unleash a crisp right-footer on target, only for keeper Jongte to make a good save.

That was the last good chance of the game as the Arrows kept fighting but could not find the breakthrough. Real Kashmir now have six more home games to play.

Flushed at 'The Basin': NZ Thrash India By 10 Wickets In 1st Test

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WELLINGTON: Indian batsmen's inadequacies in adverse conditions were laid bare as they crashed to an embarrassing 10-wicket defeat against a ruthless New Zealand side that wrapped up the opening Test in just over three days here on Monday.

Starting the day on 144 for four, India were all out for 191 in 81 overs in their second innings. This was a shade better than their dismal 165 in the first innings, which eventually proved to be decisive.

Trent Boult (4/39 in 22 overs) and Tim Southee (5/61 in 21 overs), one of the finest but most under-

rated new ball pairs in world cricket, showed that when it boils down to playing incisive seam and swing bowling, this batting line-up is still a work in progress.

The required target of nine runs was knocked off by New Zealand without much ado for their 100th Test win.

"I think we let ourselves down massively with the bat in the first innings," India skipper Virat Kohli said after the match.

"You could say the toss played a big role in the Test match but that's an uncontrollable, so you can't focus on that and take that as massive factor. But having said that, the first innings performance pushed us back,"

he added. India's last defeat was against Australia at Perth during the 2018-19 series but the loss at the Basin Reserve would hurt them more because the visitors have not surrendered in such fashion of late. There was no resistance from a star-studded line-up and more than intent, the failure was due to poor technique on a track that had something on the third and fourth day. This is a team that plays fast bowling much better than their predecessors, the reason for their success on the bouncy Australian tracks. But when it comes to facing conventional seam and swing bowling in testing conditions, they are yet to learn the art of saving a Test match. India had lost



the mental battle on the first day itself when they saw the moisture on the wicket. The toss became a factor and not for one session did they look comfortable. Mayank Agarwal was the only batsman who felt at home, albeit in patches, as New Zealand

showed what a Test match strategy is all about. If the first innings was about mixing back of length deliveries with fuller length balls, the second saw the pacers coming from round the wicket and targeting the rib-cage.

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KIUG: A Convergence of Sports and Youth at KIIT University

Bhubaneswar: First Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2020 kickstarted at KIIT University campus in Bhubaneswar, Odisha on 22nd February. The games will conclude on 1st March 2020.

"It is another milestone for KIIT to host the most prestigious university level gala sports event under the Government of India's flagship 'Khelo India' Programme, a dream project of Prime Minister Narendra Modi", KIIT said in a statement.

KIUG, a multi-disciplinary annual sporting extravaganza under the aegis of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Association of Indian Universities (AIU) aims to revive the sports culture in India at the grass-root level by building a strong framework for all sports played in our country and establish India as a great sporting nation. Very aptly, it is being hosted by KIIT that has emerged as the sporting capital of the country under the leadership of Chief Minister of Odisha, Mr Naveen Patnaik.

"Authorities of Khelo India University Games approached us requesting for the tournament be held at KIIT University. I was overwhelmed with a sense of excitement as well as nervousness. Excited at the prospect of us hosting the maiden edition of the tournament and nervous because there were only a couple of

months to go and we would need to constantly run against time to make it a perfect event", said Prof. Achyuta Samanta, founder of the KIIT, widely recognised as an institution of eminence.

"It was a great honour for me to learn about the trust that the officials placed on us. A tournament of such scale - 4000 players from about 200 participating universities, about 1000 match officials and managers, 17 sporting events - all at our backyard, so to say. They were confident that there's only one university in the entire nation that had the capacity as well as the spirit to host such an event. They had no second thoughts. A lot of this confidence stemmed from Bhubaneswar successfully hosting back-to-back international tournaments, with the Men's Hockey World Cup 2018 being the biggest highlight. We reached an agreement and February was chosen as the month for the games to be held", he said.

Next up was to get the required permissions. Since it was going to be hosted in Odisha, a go-ahead from the state government was needed. Talks were held and the dates were finalized. The Odisha government under the aegis of the Sports Authority of India and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports was set to host the first-ever Khelo India University Games at KIIT! It all happened very quickly because of the



Prof. Achyuta Samanta, founder of KIIT

prompt decisions by State Government and execution by a team of sincere officers under the leadership of Chief Minister of Odisha who has been a patron par excellence.

KIIT & KISS have accorded high importance to sports since their inception besides top notch academics. The two institutions have together produced more than 5000 sports talents in over 30 disciplines, who have gone on to participate at national and international levels. The students of KISS have participated in Olympics, South

Asian Federation Games, Asian Games and many more. In fact, KISS has played an important role in popularizing Rugby in India. It has become the most sought after place for scouts to identify future rugby stars. Dutee Chand, Olympian and the fastest woman of India, who has won gold in the World University Games 2019 and two silvers in Asian Games 2019 is a student of KIIT. Juana Murrmo, who is fondly referred to as the Hurdles Queen and Purnima Hembram who has won Bronze in Hep-

tathlon at 2015 and 2017 Asian Championships are students of KISS. The most recent achievement being Sumitra Nayak's penalty scored in the dying minutes of the game to clinch the bronze medal for India, in a team consisting of five players from KISS, at the Asia Women's Div-1 Rugby 15-s Championship. In fact, numerous policymakers have predicted the presence of KISS students in the upcoming 2024 Olympics. "KIIT has also been hosting top-level sporting tournaments for many years. However, playing hosts to India's flagship sporting event at the youth level was always going to be a challenge. It was a different ball game altogether. We had to ensure every minute detail was taken care of. Arguably, the most challenging bit was to accommodate around 5000 people in twin capacity, air-conditioned rooms in the middle of the academic year when we already had 30,000 students residing on campus. Our priority had to be expediting the construction of several hostel blocks and sporting arenas that were in-progress and scheduled to be completed by the end of the calendar year. The pace had to be doubled and a collective effort was required. The entire staff of KIIT and KISS got involved with the utmost dedication. I was involved in the monitoring of entire turn of events. We paid attention to detail - from new bed linen to fruits and dry fruits on

the bed side too! The preparations were completed in the nick of time. Officials from Khelo India had been monitoring the progress and inspecting all the locations. It is fair to say that they seemed content with all the arrangements, so much so that all 17 events of KIUG can be conducted at the KIIT campus itself," Prof. Samanta said.

Recalling his childhood memories, Founder KIIT & KISS Prof Samanta said "the memories of my childhood make me happy and sad at the same time".

"Growing up, I barely got two meals a day let alone having the privilege to go out and play. Neither had I played sports or had situations conducive to even think about playing. Circumstances were difficult and I have worked hard to fight my way out of poverty. By god's grace, today I am lucky enough to be contributing towards the development of so many young sports stars and the sporting infrastructure we have created, is being of service to the State and the entire country. My happiness knows no bounds and I often catch myself smiling", he said.

"A gripping sense of anticipation surrounded the entire university when the players started arriving. The first flick of the racket against the backdrop of the beautiful KIIT campus - I was overjoyed with a sense of satisfaction. It was finally time for kick-off".