



India 46 all out in Bengaluru Test; their lowest total at home

BENGALURU, OCT 17: India were on Thursday bowled for just 46 runs in their first innings, their lowest total in a home Test on the second day of the rain-hit opening Test against New Zealand here.

India's previous lowest score at home was 75, recorded against West Indies in New Delhi in 1987.

The Indian batters struggled to negotiate the conditions, folding in 31.1 overs. As many as five Indian batters returned without bothering the scorer Rishabh Pant top-scored for the hosts with his 20 off 49 balls.



Yashasvi Jaiswal (13) was the only other batter to reach double digits.

Matt Henry (5/15), William O'Rourke (4/22), and Tim Southee (1/8) were in fine form, dominating the proceedings as India lost six wickets for just 34 runs during a stunning first session.

In the second session, India could add only 12 runs, losing the remaining four wickets.

India 1st innings: 46 all out in 31.2 overs (Yashasvi Jaiswal 13, Rishabh Pant 20; Matt Henry 5/15, William O'Rourke 4/22, Tim Southee 1/8).

O'Rourke strikes leave India at 34/6 at lunch on 2nd day

BENGALURU, OCT 17: New Zealand pacers, led by the relentless William O'Rourke (3/13), exploited gloomy conditions to the hilt to reduce a clueless India to a disastrous 34 for six at lunch after a truncated first session on the second day of the opening Test here on Thursday.

Rishabh Pant (15, 41b) was at crease after Ravindra Jadeja (0) was dismissed at the stroke of lunch. The first day of this match was called off due to rain. Once the rain stayed away, Rohit Shama opted to bat under a grey sky and none of the Indian batters looked comfortable including the skipper himself.

He was the first batter to depart as well. After nudging around for 15 balls, Rohit (2) wanted to free him-

self with an expansive drive but Tim Southee's wobble seam delivery that cut back appreciably disturbed his stumps.

Before delving further into Indian batters' turmoil, Matt Henry's opening spell needs to be mentioned in block letters as the Kiwi pacer troubled them no end.

Opener Yashasvi Jaiswal, who stood a foot outside the crease to nullify swing, was all at sea against Henry.

There were several play-and-miss occasions in his innings, as one would expect in these conditions, but the left-hander showed some spunk to stay in the middle.

Virat Kohli (0) walked in at the rather unfamiliar No. 3 slot, but his stay was snapped after nine balls.

New Zealand skipper

Tom Latham introduced O'Rourke and the pacer immediately netted the big fish.

Kohli looked to jab a climbing delivery to the on side but he was not in control as the ball deflected off his gloves en route to Glenn Phillips at leg gully. Sarfaraz Khan, who came into the eleven after a stiff neck forced Shubman Gill to sit out of this match, was in no mood to hang around even when the ball was moving around.

On the third ball he faced, the Mumbai man tried to slap Henry over mid-off but Devon Conway made a leap of faith to grab the ball, leaving Henry in a fit of laughter.

At 10 for three, it was even an understatement to say that India were in danger, and the home side required a massive lift from

there.

Perhaps, a short rain-break from 10.27 am to 11.05 am too helped India to gather themselves a wee bit.

Pant, who was dropped on 7 by stumper Tom Blundell off O'Rourke, got India's first boundary of the day in the fifth ball of the 12th over, a mash through the covers off the same bowler.

But Jaiswal's patience did not pay off (13, 63b) as he fell to O'Rourke, as Ajaz Patel completed a stunning catch at point off a rasping cut shot by the batter.

The dismissals of KL Rahul (0), caught down the leg side by Blundell off O'Rourke, and Jadeja pushed India further to the wall, leaving Pant to relaunch rescue mission in the second session.

YSSD Doda organises Inter Zonal District Level Youth Festival

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The Department of Youth Services and Sports Doda organized an Inter Zonal District Level Youth Festival here today in the Indoor Stadium. The event was held under the direction of Director General Youth Services and Sports J&K UT, Rajinder Singh Tara, and was guided by Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Jammu Ved Prakash.

The festival witnessed the presence of District Youth Services and Sports Officer (DYSSO) Doda, Sunil Kumar and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) Training of Trainers (TOT) Jugnu Bhagat.

Before the start of the event, the DYSSO addressed the participants, offering them guidance for the competition and extending his best wishes. He encouraged them to display their talent with full enthusiasm in the festival.

The festival provided a platform for youth to showcase their skills in various



cultural and creative categories.

Approximately 120 participants, both students and non-students, from all 10 zones of the district, competed in the festival.

They displayed their talent in local folk songs, folk dances, painting, handi-

crafts, essay writing, speech, solo singing, and solo dancing. The vibrant performances highlighted the rich cultural heritage and creativity of the youth of Doda.

A screening committee, consisting of experts Zafferullah Khan (BM), Anjum

Reiz (PET), and Ravinder Singh (PET), was tasked with selecting the best contingent from the event. The selected participants will represent the district at the Division Level Youth Festival, further promoting talent and cultural expression.

Indian Army conducts Inter School Sports Festival at Samote Rajouri

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To reaffirm its commitment towards fostering peace and also to provide an impetus to the sporting talents in the region, Indian Army Unit based at Samote organized Inter School Sports Festival (Badminton, Athletics, Kho Kho and Volleyball) for girl's students in both Senior and junior categories at Samote District Rajouri.

The aim of this event was to facilitate the youth especially girls by providing them a platform even in the remotest of areas to help them ascertain themselves.

At the end of the sports festival, the winners and runners up were felicitated and prizes were given away. A total of 65 students, 08 teachers and 155 spectators witnessed the gripping finals of the



sports Festival. The matches were played with immeasurable joy and happiness.

The competitive spirit amongst the girl's students was on full display. The positive response of

the youth was overwhelming and encouraging. Prominent locals, Students, Teachers, Principals, Sarpanchs and Panchs have expressed their sincere thanks and

gratitude towards Indian Army for this noble initiative of promoting local traditional sports events. Such inventiveness and ingenuity of Indian Army will go a long way in bridging the gap between Jawan & Awam.

Vivaan Kapoor wins silver, Anant Jeet Singh Naruka bags bronze at Shooting World Cup Final

NEW DELHI, OCT 17: Vivaan Kapoor claimed silver in men's trap event after compatriot Anant Jeet Singh Naruka's bronze in the men's skeet competition, taking India's tally to four medals at the ISSF World Cup Final here on Thursday.

Vivaan shot 44 in the final to finish behind gold medal winner Ying Qi of China. Turkey's Tolga N Tuncer won the bronze medal with a score of 35.

Vivaan had come up with a score of 120 out of 125 in the qualification round to enter the six-man finals.

Earlier, Naruka, the 26-year-old from Rajasthan, shot 43 in the six-man fi-



nal, earning third place, while Italy's Tammaro Cassandro and Gabriele Rossetti took home the gold and silver with scores of 57 and 56, respectively.

Naruka made it to the finals by scoring 121 out of

125 in the qualification round. Sonam Maskar had won a silver in the women's 10m air rifle on Tuesday and Akhil Sheoran clinched a bronze in the men's 50m rifle 3 positions on Wednesday.

Naruka and Maheshwari Chauhan had settled for a fourth-place finish in the skeet mixed team event at the Paris Olympics after losing the bronze medal match to China.

Divisional Karate-Do Champ held

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Jammu Division Karate-Do Championship held at Bhagwati Nagar Indoor Sports Complex here under the banner of Ashite and Yudansha ryu Karate Association of J&K, an approved unit of Traditional Karate Do Association of J&K.

Around 270 boys and girls took part in this event which was declared open by Ritika Jamwal, manager of the stadium, a handout issued by the Association informed.

Later, the winners of different weight and age cate-



gories presented medals by president of Traditional karate-do Association of J&K, Naresh Chander.

The championship con-

ducted under the supervision of Shihan Umesh Rekhi, Shihan Shashi Janotra, Naresh Bhagat, Ajay Gill, Ravi Kumar, Adit Sad-

hotra, Aryan Sharma and Udhay Singh. Vote of thanks presented by Sensei Bhawna Sadhotra, chairman women Commission

Inter-college competition of Cluster Varsity MAM, GCW Gandhi Nagar excel in Fencing

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Government SPMR College of Commerce bagged the men's title trophy while women's overall title went to Government College for Women (GCW) Gandhi Nagar in the inter-college Fencing tournament which held at Government MAM College here today.

To claim the men's trophy, Commerce College obtained highest 16 points while GGM Science College finished second with eight points. Similarly, in women section, GCW Gandhi Nagar excelled with 16 points and Commerce College remained overall second with 13 points.

Principal of the host MAM College, Prof. B. B. Anand was the chief guest,



who felicitated the teams in the presence of Director Sports Cluster University of Jammu, Dr. Vinod Bakshi.

Among others present were Dr. Anil Singh, Dr. Shambhu Manhas, Dr. Sanjay Samyal, Dr. Rouf Bhat, Kajal Premi, Neelam

Chalotra and Prof. Shabnam Malik. The technical penal comprised Anthony Mattoo, Ujwal Gupta and Tony Mattoo.