



Ellyse Perry crosses 1000 runs, becomes Australia women's leading run-scorer in Tests

PERTH, MARCH 7: Legendary Australian all-rounder Ellyse Perry became the highest run-scorer for Australia women in Test cricket during the second day of the ongoing one-off Test match against India at the WACA Stadium in Perth on Saturday.

Perry also became the second woman cricketer from Australia to score 100-plus runs in Test cricket during her 76-run knock in the first innings of the match.

She reached the 1000 runs with a single on the last delivery of the 43rd over. She took a single off Sneha Rana's bowling near the mid-wicket region to become the second woman cricketer to achieve this milestone after Karen Rolton, who has made 1002 runs in the format.

The 35-year-old also overtook Rolton after some time to become the highest run-scorer for Australia women. She achieved this feat with a cracking boundary over mid-on off Deepti Sharma's bowling.



She could not add more runs after that and lost her wicket to Sharma soon after that. Her 76-run knock included 10 fours and a six.

Perry added 128 runs for the fourth wicket with Annabel Sutherland, which helped Australia take a big lead in the first innings after dismissing India for 198 runs. At Tea on Day 2, Australia women are 217/4 in 58 overs.

Beth Mooney (10*) and Sutherland (93* off 125 balls) are unbeaten at the crease as the hosts are looking to pile up huge runs on the board.

Sayali Satghar has taken a couple of wickets, whereas Kranti Gaud and Sharma grabbed a wicket each for

India.

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Annabel Sutherland becomes first woman to hit Test tons in three consecutive innings

Perth [Australia], March 7 (ANI): Annabel Sutherland of Australia became the first woman cricketer to score hundreds in three consecutive innings in a Test when she hit a 129-run knock on Day 2 of the ongoing one-off Test match against India at the WACA Stadium in Australia.

Playing her seventh Test match, Sutherland hit her fourth Test century with the help of 17 fours. She took 171 balls to make 129 runs, which helped Australia take a considerable lead in the match.

This is Sutherland's third consecutive century in Test cricket and her fourth ton in the last five Tests.

The 24-year-old all-rounder came to bat at number five and added 128 runs for the fourth wicket



with Ellyse Perry (76) and then went on to add 54 runs for the fifth wicket with Beth Mooney.

Perry also became the highest run-scorer (1006 runs) for Australia women in Test cricket and the second woman Australian cricketer to cross the 100-

run mark. She overtook Karen Rolton (1002) to become the highest run-scorer for Australia woman in the traditional format.

With 715 runs already in her Test career, Sutherland is the eighth leading run-scorer for Australia woman in Test cricket. She has

made her runs at an astonishing average of 89. She has gone past 50 runs four times in her career and has always converted them to a century. Her best score in Test cricket is 210 which she made against South Africa in 2024 at the same ground.

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This is a Pink-Ball Day-Night Test match and also the Australia skipper Alyssa Healy's last international match of her 16-year-long career. (ANI)

FIH hockey WC qualifiers: Indian women's team aim to seal World Cup berth

HYDERABAD, MARCH 7 (ANI): The Indian Women's Hockey Team will aim to secure a coveted berth at the upcoming FIH Hockey Women's World Cup 2026 when they take the field in the FIH Hockey World Cup Qualifiers 2026, Hyderabad, Telangana, beginning on 8 March.

According to a press release from Hockey India, the tournament will feature eight teams, hosts India, England, Scotland, Korea, Italy, Uruguay, Wales, and Austria, competing for three coveted qualification spots for the global showpiece.

At stake in Hyderabad will be three direct World Cup berths, with the teams finishing first, second and third in the tournament earning qualification for the 2026 edition. The upcoming World Cup will feature 16 teams in both the men's and women's competitions, with nine teams in each category already having secured qualification, setting the stage for a highly competitive qualification phase.

The tournament format divides the field into two pools of four teams, with the top two teams from each



pool progressing to the semifinals. The winners of both semifinals and the Bronze medal match will secure automatic qualification for the World Cup. Additionally, the highest world-ranked team finishing fourth in Hyderabad will also earn a place at the tournament.

The teams are divided into two pools, with England, Korea, Italy, and Austria in Pool A, while hosts India, Scotland, Uruguay, and Wales form Pool B. The tournament serves as the final gateway to the World Cup and promises high-intensity competition among

some of the world's leading hockey nations.

India will be keen to bank on strong home support in Hyderabad to produce a superb performance. The team will also be playing under the guidance of recently appointed Chief Coach Sjoerd Marijne, who returned to coach the side earlier this year.

India are currently ranked ninth in the world and are the second-highest ranked team in the tournament behind England, who are ranked seventh globally. With a strong squad and the advantage of playing at home, the hosts will be de-

termined to make the most of the opportunity and secure qualification for the World Cup. Indian team will open their campaign against Uruguay on 8 March, followed by matches against Scotland and Wales on 9 March and 11 March, respectively.

Notably, the Indian Women's Hockey Team have played in eight editions of the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup so far and are targeting their ninth appearance. Their best finish came in the inaugural edition of the tournament in 1974, when they finished fourth.

Outdoor Sports Event organized at YCET

Sports & Allied News JAMMU, March 07:

The Golden Gladiator Sports Club of Yogananda College of Engineering & Technology (YCET), Jammu successfully organized outdoor sports competitions in the college premises. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students of various departments who competed in Badminton (Men & Women) and Volleyball (Men) categories. The event aimed to promote sportsmanship, teamwork, discipline, and a healthy competitive spirit among students.

The Volleyball match turned out to be one of the most exciting events of the day. The match was played between the Civil Engineering Department and the Computer Science & Engineering (CSE) Department teams. The CSE team was led by Mohd Mehraj while the Civil Engineering team was captained by Muzafer Iqbal.

Both teams displayed remarkable energy, coordination, and determination throughout the match. The spectators cheered enthusiastically as the teams exchanged powerful serves and impressive rallies. After a thrilling contest, the CSE Department team secured victory over the Civil Engi-



neering team, showcasing excellent teamwork and strategic play. trophy of the Man of the Match goes to Veer Partap Singh of CSE Department. In the Badminton Women's Final, a competitive match was played between Bhoomi Salaria and Bhoomika Bral, both representing the CSE Department. The match attracted a large audience and displayed a high level of skill and sportsmanship.

Bhoomi Salaria dominated the game with consistent performance and powerful shots, ultimately winning the final match by 2-0 sets and securing the first position in the Women's Badminton category.

In the Badminton Men's Final Veer Partap Singh of cse and krish sharma of cse department. Veer Partap

singh dominated the game with consistent performance and powerful shots, ultimately winning the final match by 10-9 sets and securing the first position in the Men's Badminton category.

The competitions not only provided a platform for students to display their sporting talent but also encouraged them to maintain physical fitness and develop qualities such as teamwork, leadership, and discipline.

On this occasion, Director Prof. (Dr.) Sanjeev Singh congratulated the winners and appreciated the enthusiastic participation of the students. He stated that sports play a crucial role in building confidence, improving mental strength, and fostering unity among students. He further en-

couraged students to actively participate in such co-curricular activities alongside academics.

The event was successfully coordinated by Coordinator of the Golden Gladiator Sports Club, with the support of members Mr. Rohit Gupta, Er. Inderdeep Singh, and Er. Deepak Sharma, who ensured the smooth organization and fair conduct of all matches.

All HODs, Faculty members and students gathered in large numbers to witness the matches and encouraged the participants throughout the competitions. The event concluded on a positive note with appreciation for all the players and organizers who contributed to making the sports competitions a grand success at YCET.

Khalsa Club meets Hari Singh Nalwa Club in SCPL final

Sports & Allied News JAMMU, March 07:

Khalsa Club shall take on Hari Singh Nalwa Cricket Club in the final of the 2nd Sikh Cricket Premier League (SCPL) being organised jointly by All J&K Sikh Coordination Committee and Hari Singh Nalwa Cricket Club at University of Jammu (JU), here tomorrow.

Earlier, in the semifinal, decided today, Khalsa Club defeated Jaguar Cricket Club by 19 runs. Batting first, Khalsa set a target of 139 runs for nine wickets in allotted 20 overs. In reply, Jaguar could not chase and bowled out for 119 runs in 19.1 overs.

Deep was adjudged player of the match for his four wickets haul for the winning team while best batter title went to Harpreet (Prithi) for his valuable contribution of 35 runs.

Amrik Singh Reen, gen-



eral secretary PDP and Taranjit Singh Tony, senior Congress leader were special guests in the first semifinal. In other semifinal of the day, Hari Singh Nalwa Club made it an 18 runs win against Preet Nagar United. Earlier, Hari Singh scored 148 runs, which, in reply, Preet Nagar could not

match and exhausted the allotted overs for 130 runs. For his four wickets haul, Bismaad Singh was named best bowler while Rohan Koul declared player of the match for his 45-ball 57 runs. Daman Preet of the Preet Nagar United presented best batter trophy for his 57 (off 44 balls) runs.

Now, as per the organising committee, the final shall start at 9 am, followed by the valedictory function of the tournament at 1 pm at the same venue tomorrow.

Deputy Inspector General (DIG) ACB, Vikas Gupta was chief guest in the second match, who presented the individual prizes.

Adkar, Raina set up all-Indian singles final; clinch doubles title at ITF W35 Kalaburagi

KALABURAGI, MARCH 7: India's Vaishnavi Adkar and Ankita Raina set up an all-Indian singles final at the ITF W35 Kalaburagi after winning their respective semifinals on Saturday, before later joining forces to capture the women's doubles title, according to a release.

The second-seeded Indian pair defeated compatriots Akanksha Nitture and Soha Sadiq 6-2, 6-2 in the doubles final to lift the trophy, earning 35 WTA ranking points and USD 1,762 as champions, while runners-up Nitture and Sadiq secured 23 points and USD 895.

Third seed Vaishnavi Adkar produced a composed performance to defeat top seed Jasmijn Gimbrere (WTA ranking 430) 6-3, 6-2 and advance to the singles



final, her second consecutive final after the W100 in Bengaluru. After both players held serve comfortably in the opening exchanges, Gimbrere earned the first break of the match. Adkar responded immediately with precise backhands to break straight back and restore parity. The set

remained tight until a couple of unforced errors from Gimbrere allowed Adkar to move ahead 5-3 before she calmly served out the set 6-3.

Adkar carried that momentum into the second set, breaking early and dictating play from the baseline. Although Gimbrere briefly levelled the set after break-

ing back, Adkar regained control midway through the set and broke again to move 5-2 ahead before comfortably serving out the match.

In the second semifinal, eighth seed Ankita Raina staged a comeback to defeat sixth seed Thasaporn Naklo 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 and book her place in the final.

Naklo took the opening set 6-4 after using aggressive net approaches and strong finishing to gain control during the closing stages.

Raina responded strongly in the second set, breaking midway through to move ahead 4-3 before serving out the set 6-4.

The momentum carried into the deciding set as Raina broke early and continued to apply pressure with consistent baseline play.