



Satghare, teen talent Jadhav shine as Falcons soar to second straight win in T20 Mumbai Women's League

MUMBAI, JUNE 3: Continuing her red-hot form in the inaugural Nuvama Private T20 Mumbai Women's League, India star Sayali Satghare once again led from the front on Wednesday, delivering a stand-out all-round performance while 14-year-old teenage sensation Swara Jadhav shone with the ball as SOBO Mumbai Falcons cruised to a seven-wicket win over Aakash Tigers Mumbai Western Suburbs, registering their second successive victory in the tournament.

Leading from the front, Satghare delivered a superb spell with the ball, claiming four wickets and striking in the very first over to put the Tigers under immediate pressure. Operating in tandem with the Falcons' disciplined bowling attack, she ensured the opposition never found any rhythm, according to a press release.

The teenage left-arm spinner Jadhav (3/19) then tightened the screws further with a fine three-wicket burst, dismantling the middle order and preventing any meaningful recovery.

Electing to bat, Aakash Tigers struggled throughout their innings against the Falcons' relentless attack. Sanika Chalke top-scored with 21 runs but received little support from the rest of the batting line-up as wickets continued to fall at reg-



ular intervals. Unable to build partnerships or accelerate when required, the Tigers limped to a modest 113/9 from their 20 overs.

In response, the Falcons quickly recovered from a disappointing start, with Simran Shaikh (23) and impact substitute Sarika Koli (33 not out) steadying the innings before captain Satghare (30 not out) took control of the chase. Batting with authority, she combined with Koli for an unbeaten 64-run stand to ensure there were no further hiccups. The skipper looked in complete con-

control, striking three boundaries as she steered the Falcons home with ease and sealed the chase with 25 balls to spare.

Earlier in the men's competition on Tuesday, SOBO Mumbai Falcons suffered a five-wicket defeat to Shivam Dube's ARCS Andheri. After opting to field, Dube led by example with three wickets, while Ajay Mishra also picked up three scalps as the Falcons were bundled out for 126 in 18.2 overs. Wicketkeeper Aditya Tare fought a lone battle with a 39-ball 59 but found little support from the other batters. In reply,

Andheri rode on Divyansh Saxena's fluent 33-ball 50 and useful contributions from Pragadesh Kanpillewar (26) and Prasad Pawar (21) to seal victory comfortably with six overs remaining.

Brief Scores: Aakash Tigers Mumbai Western Suburb 113/9 in 20 overs (Sanika Chalke 21, Manali Dakshini 18; Sayali Satghare 4/29, Swara Jadhav 3/19) lost to SOBO Mumbai Falcons 117/3 in 15.5 overs (Sarika Koli 33 not out, Sayali Satghare 30 not out, Simran Shaikh 23) by seven wickets. (ANI)

50th Test: Rishabh Pant gets advice from Gambhir on what team expects from 'senior player' like him

MULLANPUR, JUNE 04: The lofted strokes still carry the same thrill, but two days before his landmark 50th Test appearance, Rishabh Pant was seen embracing a different approach.

During India's training session ahead of the one-off Test against Afghanistan, the dynamic wicketkeeper-batter appeared more measured, both in body language and intent, seemingly heeding the advice of head coach Gautam Gambhir.

It is no secret within Indian cricket circles that Gambhir was deeply frustrated by Pant's reckless shot selection during India's previous red-ball outing

against South Africa in Guwahati.

Pant's dismissal in both innings became a major talking point, drawing criticism at a time when the team expected greater responsibility from one of its senior players.

And when Pant was seen negotiating spinners during the nets, the intent was on rock-solid defence with Gambhir's hawk-eye prying on him from behind the nets.

The head-down copybook front-foot defence and back-foot defence were on display time and again. Those glorious hits would occasionally come out of closet.

Watching Pant, one could

gauge that Gambhir must have had some plainspeak that with the burly man from Roorkee.

"I think he's committed to playing a good role model and senior player. I actually heard him and Gauti (Gambhir's nickname) having a chat around that yesterday. 'How you want to conduct yourself as a senior player', expanding to the communications or so, how you're going to play," assistant coach Ryan Ten Doeschate said when asked how Pant was adjusting to the recent changes, including his removal from vice-captaincy.

"I don't think he needs a formal title to be a leader in

an elite setup like this, and I think Rishabh understands that," Ten Doeschate said.

Pant's game, at times treads the fine line between heroism and harakiri, something that gets him love and hate in equal measure.

Ten Doeschate doesn't want him to curb his brilliance but the team management does want him to tone down his impetuosity based on match situations.

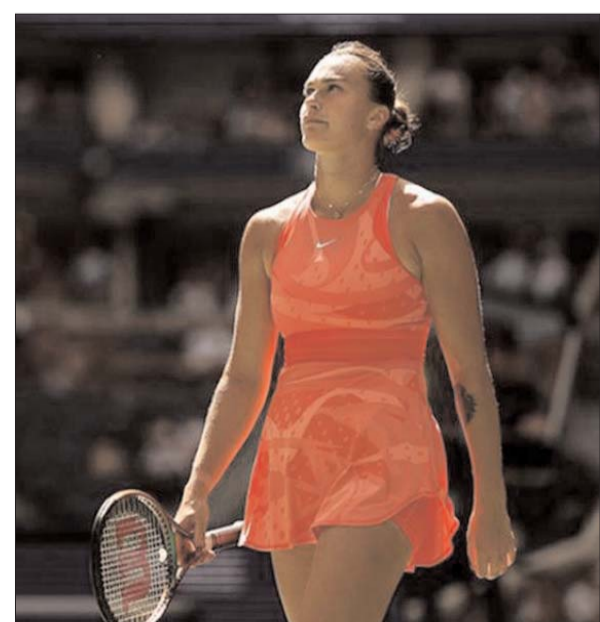
"With Rishabh's brilliance, we don't want to take away all the stuff that he does but occasionally if he can adjust his game to play the (match) situations slightly more, I think that's something you'll see him work on."

Shnaider stuns world number one Sabalenka to reach French Open semifinals

Paris [France], June 3 (ANI): World number one Aryna Sabalenka suffered a shock defeat to Diana Shnaider in the French Open quarterfinals on Wednesday, going down 3-6, 7-5, 6-0.

The four-time Grand Slam champion appeared on course for victory after taking the opening set and building a 4-1 lead in the second, as quoted by ESPN. Sabalenka was also just two points away from sealing the match while serving at 5-4 in the second set, but was unable to close it out against Shnaider, who was playing in her maiden Grand Slam quarterfinal.

Sabalenka's frustration became increasingly evident during the deciding set. After falling 0-30 behind in the sixth game, she stood motionless and screamed loudly following the loss of a point. Although she managed to save two match points at 0-40, the Belarusian eventually handed vic-



tory to Shnaider when she hit a shot into the net.

The top seed endured a dramatic collapse, losing 12 of the final 13 games of the contest.

Earlier in the day, Maja Chwalinska continued her impressive run at Roland Garros with a 7-6 (3), 6-3

victory over 22nd seed Anna Kalinskaya.

For Sabalenka, the defeat echoed her struggles in last year's final against Coco Gauff, when visible frustration and emotional outbursts accompanied a loss to the American.

The Belarusian had

shown signs of agitation even while serving for the opening set, but remained in control for much of the match.

However, after failing to convert her opportunity to serve out the contest in the second set despite leading 30-15, momentum shifted decisively in Shnaider's favour.

Shnaider, already enjoying her deepest run at a major tournament, capitalised on the opening by breaking Sabalenka and taking control of the match.

As the deciding set progressed, Sabalenka's frustration continued to grow. After missing a volley at the net in the fourth game, she crouched down and rested her head on her racket momentarily.

With confidence flowing and momentum firmly on her side, Shnaider completed a remarkable comeback, while Sabalenka was unable to find a way back into the contest. (ANI)

DC inaugurates inter-zonal district level tournament at Indoor Stadium in Doda

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The Inter-Zonal District Level Tournament commenced today at the Indoor Stadium Doda, bringing together young athletes from across the district.

The tournament was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Doda, Krishan Lal in the presence of District Youth Services and Sports Officer (DYSSO), Ashok Kumar, officials of the Department of Youth Services and Sports, players, coaches and sports enthusiasts.

The event is being organised under the guidance of Anuradha Gupta, Director General Youth Services and Sports J&K and Inderjit Singh Parihar, Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Jammu with overall supervision by DYSSO Doda Ashok Kumar.

The Deputy Commissioner congratulated the Department of Youth Services and Sports for organising the tournament and encouraged participants to uphold the values of discipline, dedication, teamwork and sportsmanship. He emphasised that sports play a vital role in character building, promoting physical fitness and channelling the energy of youth towards constructive pursuits.



The opening ceremony began with the National Anthem, followed by the administration of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Pledge, wherein all participants pledged to stay away from drug abuse and other social evils.

The tournament features players representing ten zones of District Doda: As-

sar, Ghat, Gundna, Bhalla, Bhagwah, Doda, Bhalla, Thathri, Bhaderwah and Bhatyas. The event aims to promote a sporting culture, foster healthy competition and identify talented athletes for participation at higher levels.

In the inaugural match, Zone Bhaderwah defeated Zone Bhatyas by 21 points. Aditya of Zone Bhaderwah earned special recognition

for achieving the first Super Ten of the tournament.

In the second match, Zone Ghat defeated Zone Gundna by 13 points in a competitive contest.

The matches were officiated by an experienced panel comprising PELs, PEMS, PETs and REK Teachers, ensuring fair and smooth conduct of the competitions.

DC Udhampur felicitates winners of competitions under Nasha Mukta Jammu, Kashmir Abhiyan

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Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Minga Sherpa today felicitated the winners of painting, essay writing and logo design competitions organised under the 100-Day Nasha Mukta Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan at the Conference Hall, DC Office Complex, Udhampur.

The programme was attended by District Social Welfare Officer Kanika Gupta, Chief Education Officer Subash Gupta and DIO NIC Anish Sharma, besides students and staff from various educational institutions.

As part of the 100-Day Nasha Mukta Jammu and Kashmir Abhiyan, painting, essay writing and logo design competitions were



conducted across the district to spread awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and encourage student participation in the anti-drug campaign.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner congratulated the winners and all participants for their involve-

ment.

He sensitised students about the objectives of the campaign launched by the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor and highlighted the need for collective action to combat substance abuse.

He urged everyone to actively spread awareness about the consequences of

drug addiction and emphasised the role of schools and educational institutions in fostering a drug-free environment.

The Deputy Commissioner distributed certificates among the winners and participants in recognition of their contributions towards promoting a drug-free society.

BCCI Apex Committee meeting tomorrow, Shreyas Iyer likely to replace Suryakumar Yadav as T20I skipper

MUMBAI, JUNE 3: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is expected to hold a meeting of the Apex Committee on Thursday for the announcement of a new T20 International skipper for the senior men's team, according to sources.

As per a BCCI source, Suryakumar Yadav is expected to lose his captaincy duties and his Mumbai teammate Shreyas Iyer is expected to take over as the new Team India skipper in the shortest format.

"SKY" may also lose his leadership role and possibly a place in the squad despite leading the team to the ICC T20 World Cup 2026. India retained their title successfully and became the first team to defend the T20



World Cup trophy. Men in Blue also became the first team to win the T20 World Cup trophy in front of the home crowd.

Yadav only made 270 runs in the IPL 2026 season

while playing for the Mumbai Indians, which led to MI's ninth-place finish in the points table.

India is set to play two T20Is against Ireland and five T20Is against England

during their European trip starting June 26.

Shreyas Iyer, who last played an international T20I match against Australia at Bengaluru in December 2023, will make his comeback to the national team on the back of a sensational run for Punjab Kings in the recently concluded IPL 2026, where he made 498 runs.

According to the source, the others in the race for the spot at the helm are destructive opener batter Ishan Kishan and middle-order batter Tilak Varma.

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, who ended his IPL 2026 campaign with the Orange Cap after making 776 runs, is also a serious contender for a place in the squad. (ANI)