



Assam Premier League

Half-centuries from Rohit, Sanjay power Guwahati Royals to 8-wicket win over Tezpur Titans



GUWAHATI, AUGUST 8:

Guwahati Royals chased down 147 against Tezpur Titans to secure an eight-wicket win in Match 15 of the Assam Premier League (APL) 2026 at the ACA Stadium, Guwahati, on Saturday.

The win leads them to second place on the points table, according to a release.

Half-centuries from Rohit Sen and Sanjay Kumar Singh set up the chase for Royals, with the duo stitching together a stellar opening stand to see their side home comfortably.

Earlier, Mrinmoy Dutta was the pick of the bowlers, picking up three wickets to restrict Tezpur Titans after a blistering innings from Wasim Akram Haque. Having won the toss and opting to bat, Tezpur Titans got off to a stuttering start, losing Mohammad Kaif and Roshan Topno inside the powerplay.

Wasim then anchored the innings with a sublime knock, striking 82 off just 54 balls, studded with three fours and seven sixes.

With that knock, he recorded the second-highest individual

score in the tournament so far. He combined for an 82-run stand for the third wicket with Nihar Deka to put the innings back on track, as quoted by the release. However, Titans lost their way in the closing stages after losing Haque, which triggered a collapse. Mrinmoy Dutta then struck twice in the space of three balls to remove Danish Ahmed and skipper Ayushman Malakar.

Nipane Deka and Deepak Gohain also chipped in with a wicket apiece as the bowling side scalped their last five wick-

ets for just 12 runs, restricting Titans to 146/8 after 20 overs.

In response, Guwahati Royals were given a flying start by Rohit Sen and Sanjay Kumar Singh. GeographicReference

The pair raced to 108 without loss inside the first ten overs as they unleashed a flurry of strokes. Sen looked in fine touch as he scored 65 off 30 balls, striking three fours and four sixes on his way to the fastest half-century in the tournament (23 balls).

Singh was equally severe on the bowlers, cracking six fours and three sixes in his knock of 65 off 39 deliveries.

Danish Ahmed and Abir Chakraborty got the better of two openers, but the writing was already on the wall by then. Captain Rishiv Das scored an unbeaten 15 off 7 balls to lead his side over the line as they chased down 147 in 12.5 overs, winning the contest by 8 wickets.

Brief Scores:

Guwahati Royals beat Tezpur Titans by 8 wickets.

Tezpur Titans: 146/8 in 20 overs (Wasim Akram Haque 82, Nihar Deka 20; Mrinmoy Dutta 3/27, Bastab Roy 1/15).

Guwahati Royals: 147/2 in 12.5 overs (Rohit Sen 65, Sanjay Kumar Singh 65, Rishav Das 15*; Danish Ahmed 1/23, Abir Chakraborty 1/16). (ANI)

DG YS&S reviews status of sports infrastructure projects in Kishtwar

**HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS
JAMMU, AUG 08**

The Director General, Youth Services & Sports (YS&S) J&K Anuradha Gupta today visited Kishtwar and reviewed the implementation of youth centric initiatives in the district.

Chairing a meeting, she reviewed departmental activities, progress of UT Capex budget works including sports infrastructure projects, playfields, and other works being executed by the District Youth Services & Sports Department.

The Director General particularly reviewed major infrastructure and developmental projects, including the progress of work on basketball-Court at GHSS Boys Kishtwar, the construction of the ZPEO Office Building at Gulabgarh, the construction of a badminton court at GHSS Mughal Maidan, development of a playfield at Dangail, Padder and the development of a playfield opposite GHSS Nagseni.

The Director General took detailed feedback regarding the progress of these works and stressed the timely completion, quality execution and proper utilization of sports infrastructure for the benefit of students and young sportspersons.

Anuradha Gupta also reviewed the functioning and



progress related to the DG YSS Portal, Sports Cluster Clubs, Elite Sports Clubs and other departmental initiatives aimed at strengthening the sports ecosystem and providing better opportunities to talented athletes across the district.

She directed the concerned officers and officials to ensure effective implementation of departmental schemes and programmes,

proper maintenance of sports infrastructure and maximum utilization of available facilities for promoting sports at the grass-roots level.

The Director General appreciated the hard work and dedication of the officers and officials of the Youth Services & Sports Department. She called upon the local sports fraternity to continue working with the

same commitment and sincerity for the promotion of sports and the development of young sporting talent in Jammu & Kashmir.

Earlier, the DG was accorded a warm and cordial welcome by the District Youth Services & Sports Officer (DYSSO) Jaffer Haider Sheikh, along with officers and officials of the District Youth Services & Sports Department.

India vs SLC XI: Padikkal century helps visitors fight back, end Day 2 on 357/6 in warm-up fixture

COLOMBO, AUGUST 8:

Devdutt Padikkal struck a fluent century as India staged a strong fightback on the second day of their three-day warm-up match against Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) XI at the Nondescripts Cricket Club Ground on Saturday. History

Padikkal's unbeaten 142 in 164 balls led India's fightback on Day 2 as Ravindra Jadeja also contributed with 63 (retired hurt) while Manav Suthar made 41 runs. India reached 357/6 in 90 overs by stumps, six runs short of Sri Lanka XI's first-innings total, leaving the match evenly poised heading into the final day on Sunday.

Sri Lanka XI declared their first innings at their overnight score of 363/8 after 90 overs. India, however, suffered an early setback when Yashasvi Jaiswal was dismissed for a two-ball duck in the opening over, caught behind off pacer Vishwa Fernando.

With Shubman Gill sitting



out after taking a minor blow to his right hand during practice, Padikkal and KL Rahul took responsibility for rebuilding the innings. The pair added 96 runs for the second wicket before Rahul was bowled by off-spinner Keshara Nuwantha for 40 off 67 balls, making way for all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja.

Padikkal continued to dominate, playing confidently against both pace and spin. He reached his century from 121 balls and

retired out after scoring 103, giving other members of the middle order valuable time in the middle. He formed a 72-run partnership with Jadeja.

India then lost Rishabh Pant for two and Dhruv Jurel for one in quick succession, both falling to spin as the visitors slipped to 174/4. History

Jadeja and Manav Suthar steadied the innings with a useful 76-run partnership. Jadeja scored a patient 63 off 117 balls before retiring

out, while Suthar contributed 41 from 90 deliveries to help India move past the 250-run mark.

Asanka Manoj got rid of Suthar and Mohammed Siraj (1 run off 8 balls) in the 73rd over as Padikkal returned to bat and formed a 49-run partnership with Saransh Jain (22 runs, retired hurt) to take India past the 300-run mark. Gurnoor Brar came to the crease and scored an unbeaten 36 off just 18 balls, stitching a quick 51-run stand with Padikkal. Brar slammed four sixes to Dilum Sundera in the last over of Day 2 to help India end the day on 357/6 after 90 overs, just six runs behind Sri Lanka XI's declared total.

Padikkal remained not out on 142.

For Sri Lanka XI, Ramesh Mendis and Asanka Manoj picked up two wickets each.

Brief scores: Sri Lanka XI 363/8 declared; India 357/6 (Devdutt Padikkal 142*, Ravindra Jadeja 63, Manav Suthar 41, KL Rahul 40).

**HIMALAYAN MAIL NEWS
JAMMU, AUG 08**

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today met MLA Bani Dr Rameshwar Singh and MLA Lal Chowk Sheikh Ah-san Pardesi at Raabita here, who apprised him of various matters concerning their respective constituencies.

The Chief Minister discussed the issues raised by the legislators and assured that matters pertaining to



public welfare and development would receive due consideration.

Later, the Chief Minister met a delegation led by Kashmir Super League (KSL) Organizer Mushtaq Bashir, which apprised him of plans for the upcoming Kashmir Super League 2026 in Srinagar.

On the occasion, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah unveiled the jersey and football specially designed for the Kashmir Super League.

Durand Cup: Shillong Lajong FC go top of Group E with dominant win over Mumbai FC

SHILLONG (MEGHALAYA), AUGUST 8: Shillong Lajong FC cruised to a commanding 5-0 win over Mumbai FC in a Group E fixture of the 135th Durand Cup, played here at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium on Saturday, a result that considerably brightens their prospects of reaching the quarter-finals.<

Everbrightson Sana led the scoring with a brace, while Abhay Gurung, Tremiki Lamurong and Figo Syndai were also on the score-sheet as the hosts made light work of their visitors from Mumbai in front of a raucous home crowd.

The result takes Shillong Lajong to the top of Group E with six points from two matches, having won both of their opening fixtures. Langsning FC sit second on four points, with Nongkseh SS&CC third on one point. Mumbai FC, without a point from their two outings so far, remain bottom of the table.

Shillong Lajong set the tone early, with Phrangki Buam and Jota causing regular problems down the flanks. The hosts' first real opportunity arrived in the



seventh minute, Ephraim Lalremtluanga's free kick finding Arthur Pangaro at the far post for a thumping header that Mumbai's defence somehow scrambled clear. A similar chance went unconverted in the 14th minute, captain Kenstar Kharshong failing to make proper contact despite being unmarked from another set piece.

Mumbai struggled to find any rhythm against Lajong's relentless pressing, their first shot on target not arriving until the 23rd minute, when Mandeep Singh Multani's effort lacked the power to trouble goalkeeper

Siwel Rymbai.

At the other end, Mumbai custodian Yasheel Manish Shah was called upon repeatedly, denying Sana's low drive in the 16th minute and then producing a goal-line save to keep out Arthur Pangaro's close-range effort in the 25th. Lamallian tested him again from distance in the 36th minute, though Mumbai did threaten briefly of their own accord soon after, Mohammad Kaif Khan failing to keep a first-time header down from a Rohit Mirza freekick. The half took a difficult turn for Mumbai just before the interval. Captain

and defensive lynchpin Ahmed Faiz Khan was stretched off after twisting his ankle clearing a ball in the 45th minute, and within two minutes of his departure his side's resistance had been broken.

Joedson Dos Santos's free kick picked out Sana, whose header was saved by Yasheel, only for Gurung to react quickest and finish the rebound.

Barely ninety seconds later, Lajong struck again, Tremiki collecting the ball inside the box, shifting it away from his marker and slotting a composed finish beyond Yasheel.

Jemimah ruled out of Hundred with hamstring injury; Asia Cup participation in doubt

NEW DELHI, AUG 08: India batter Jemimah Rodrigues has been ruled out of the ongoing Hundred after suffering a hamstring injury while playing for Southern Brave, putting her participation in the upcoming Women's T20 Asia Cup in doubt.

Southern Brave confirmed on Saturday that Rodrigues has been replaced by Australian all-rounder Charlie Knott for the remainder of the tournament.

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Jemimah has just under three weeks to recover from the injury to be fit for the continental tournament.