

# Clinical KKR crush Daredevils by 71 runs after Russell carnage

**■ AGENCY**  
KOLKATA: Andre Russell's 12-ball 41 headlined Kolkata Knight Riders' clinical performance as they recorded a crushing 71-run victory over Delhi Daredevils to return to winning ways in the Indian Premier League (IPL) here tonight.

The result meant Daredevils skipper Gautam Gambhir's 'homecoming' ended on a sour note. Russell's whirlwind 41, 36 of them coming in sixes, ensured KKR overcame a slow start to post a challenging 200 for nine after they were put in by Gambhir.

It was a much-anticipated homecoming for Gambhir, who had led KKR to twin titles in 2012 and 2014, before the association ended this year.

Spearheaded by Russell in the company of Nitish Rana (59 off 35 balls), KKR put up a batting show that

Delhi did not have any chance, suffering their third defeat from four matches.

Glenn Maxwell (47 from 22 balls) and Rishabh Pant (43 from 26) kept Delhi in the hunt in a 62-run partnership from 32 balls.

But the duo of Sunil Narine (3/18) and Kuldeep Yadav (3/32) triggered a collapse as Delhi folded for 129 in 14.2 overs.

KKR removed three DD batsmen including their last match hero Jason Roy and Gambhir inside the first three overs, derailing their chase, but Pant kept them in the game.

India's Under-19 World Cup winning pacer Shivam Mavi got his maiden IPL wicket in Gambhir (8) in his first over as the former KKR skipper played on.

From 24 for three, Pant and Maxwell led DD's recovery act in a fifty-plus run partnership in quick time before Yadav gave the breakthrough, removing the

Delhi wicketkeeper batsmen.

## SCORE BOARD

Kolkata Knight Riders Innings	
CA Lynn c Roy b Mohammed Shami	31
SP Narine c Maxwell b Boult	01
RV Uthappa c & b Nadeem	35
N Rana c Gambhir b Morris	59
KD Karthik (c) † c Boult b Morris	19
AD Russell b Boult	41
Shubman Gill c Morris b Tewatia	06
TK Curran c Maxwell b Tewatia	02
PP Chawla c † Pant b Tewatia	00
Shivam Mavi not out	00
<b>Extras</b>	<b>06</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>200/9</b>
Delhi Daredevils Innings	
G Gambhir (c) b Shivam Mavi	08
JJ Roy st † Karthik b Chawla	01
SS Iyer c Rana b Russell	04
RR Pant † c Chawla b Kuldeep Yadav	43
GJ Maxwell c Uthappa b Kuldeep Yadav	47
R Tewatia c Russell b Curran	01
V Shankar lbw b Narine	02
CH Morris b Narine	02
Mohammed Shami c Russell b Narine	07
S Nadeem not out	06
TA Boult c & b Kuldeep Yadav	00
<b>Extras</b>	<b>08</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>129/10</b>

## Simula XI, JCC win ties in Patel T20 Cup

**■ SPORTS REPORTER**

JAMMU: Simula XI and Jammu Cricket Club (JCC) won their respective matches to move into the next round of the ongoing First Patel Memorial T20 Invitational Cup at Parade Ground, here on Monday.

In the first match of the day, Simula Cricket Club defeated KC Sports Club (KCSC) by nine wickets. Earlier, batting first, KCSC could not do well and set a small target of 78 runs for the loss of eight wickets. Akash with (21), Hisham (16) and Shubam (12) runs were the main scorers. For Simula Club, Raman Dutta and Satish emerged as most successful bowlers with three wickets each while Abhinav took two.

In reply, Simula Club chased the target rather easily losing only wicket of Atul, who played confident innings of 37 runs. Jatin contributed 35 runs to the total. For KCSC, Sham Singh bagged one wicket.

Later, Raman Dutta was adjudged Man of the Match for his crucial three wickets haul.

Meanwhile, in other match of the day,

JCC registered a fine 49 runs win against Evershine Club. Batting first, JCC scored 164 runs for five wickets with Vivrant (52), Shubam Pundir (39) and Gourav (25) being highest run getters.

For Evershine, Hardeep and Rajinder claimed two wickets each while Narinder took one. In reply, Evershine Club could make 115 runs in given 20 overs for eight wickets. Rohit with (39), Balbir (28) and Narinder (26) were top scorers. For JCC, Vivrant and Rajeev clinched two wickets each while Majid and Yudhveer shared apiece each.

Vivrant was adjudged Man of the Match for his all round performance.

Today's matches were officiated by the technical panel including Saleem Ur Rehman, Madan Mohan, Amit Gupta, Sandeep Manchanda and Rahul Kumar.

**FIXTURE:** Khalsa Cricket Club shall meet New Challenger Club at 9:30 AM in Open tournament; Stadium XI shall face Mayank Cricket Academy at 1:30 PM in Under-16 event tomorrow.

## APS Damana participates in I-Parliament



I-Parliament in progress.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Army Public School (APS) Damana participated in the fifth I-Parliament Session which was held at Jawahar Bhavan in New Delhi.

I-Parliament is a movement that brings youth together from all sections of society to debate and articulate their thoughts on critical issues that affect our future. It was a proud moment for Army Public School Damana for being the only school from the State of J&K which partici-

ipated in the event.

The school team comprised of six students from Class XII namely Anam Sadhotra, Aprajita, Prarna Koul, Shivani Gorkha, Aditi Choudhary and Sourab Chhetri along with two teachers Jahangir Ahmad, PGT (Political Science) and Sangeeta Sehgal, TGT (Social Science) participated in the event.

They debated and discussed various issues of national and international importance.

Students interacted with important parliamentarians who include Dr Shashi Tharoor, MP from Thiruvananthapuram, Jyotiraditya Madavrao Scindia, MP from Guna Constituency of MP, Malvika Singh, Publisher of Seminar, a prestigious monthly magazine of ideas and alternatives, founded in 1959 and a columnist for telegraph, Manish Tewari MP from Ludhiana, Gaurav Gogoi, MP from Kaliahor Constituency in Assam.

The school team's efforts and attempts were appreciated by Dr. Renu Gupta, Principal of the School.

While giving away certificates to the participating team, she encouraged and guided them for their contribution in the grand success of the event and also thanked the school management for allowing the students to participate.

## DPS Jammu organises health awareness programme



A resource person speaking at the programme.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: As a part of World Health Day Activities, Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu on Monday initiated a two-day health awareness programme for students of Class I. The resource persons were Dr. Neelam Khajuria, Dr. Savneet Kour and Supreet Kour, School counselor.

Dr. Neelam talked about the importance of general health, hygiene and nutrition. She encouraged chil-

dren to regularly consume milk, fruits and green vegetables for their overall growth and development. She also stressed upon developing good habits among children right from their tender age.

Dr. Savneet Kour demonstrated the correct techniques and importance of brushing, flossing and rinsing.

She made the children aware about how excessive candies and chocolates cause

cavities and cause harm to teeth. Supreet Kour, Counselor, conducted activities on Time-Management and re-inforced timely completion and prioritising of all important activities in life.

Principal DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chabra congratulated the faculty for organising such an informative session for the young ones and said that it was very important for all to stay fit and healthy, both mentally and physically. She also gave away the prizes to children for different activities.

Richa Gupta, Academic Coordinator presented the vote of thanks, while the programme was compered by Payal Tondon.

President RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro-Vice Chairperson DPS Jammu, Ritu Singh and Director DPS Jammu, S.S Sodhi congratulated the staff for organising such a fruitful session and extended their best wishes for all children.

## District Sport Climbing Meet on April 26

**■ SPORTS REPORTER**

JAMMU: The 18th Jammu District Sport Climbing Championship, organised by Mountaineering Association of J&K (MAJK) in collaboration with Sprawling Buds ICSE School, Bantalab, here, shall take place on April 26. The Jammu District competition shall be followed by Udhampur, Reasi and Samba Districts championships from April 27 onwards.

About 250 climbers from various educational institutions of Jammu District shall take part in this competition. "The competitions, to be conducted on the pre fabricated fiber glass 40ft high Tenzing Norgay Sport Climbing Wall within the campus of Sprawling Buds ICSE School, shall be held in eight categories of men, women (born in 2001, 2000 and earlier), boys, girls

(born in 2002, 2003 and 2004); Sub Junior boys / girls (born in 2005 and 2006) and Mini boys/girls (born in 2007 and after)," General Secretary of MAJK, Ram Khajuria said.

Whereas men, women, boys and girls shall compete both in 'Lead' as well as 'Speed', those Sub Junior boys/girls and Mini boys and girls shall participate only in 'Lead climbing'.

For registration and further information interested climbers, institution and clubs should contact executive member of MAJK, Sonam Sidharth on Mobile No: 9622396960.

"On the spot registration shall also be done at Sprawling Buds ICSE School from 7:30 to 8:00 AM on the competition day i.e. April 26. However, the Association has decided not to allow zonal medal winners

## DCM Public School Akhnoor celebrates Annual Sports Day



Medal winners posing for a photograph with the guests, members of the management and staff of the school.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

AKHNOOR: DCM Public School, Akhnoor on Monday celebrated its Fourth Annual Sports Day in the school stadium in which students, teachers and parents participated with full enthu-

siasm. Gopal Singh, SDM Akhnoor was the Chief Guest who declared the event open by torching of light.

Singh applauded the efforts of the children and gave away medals to the

## Kulbeer of Jammu lifts Seri Dangal title



A dignitary presenting cash prize to winner wrestler.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

NOWSHERA: Kulbeer Singh of Jammu lifted Seri Dangal title which was organised by Dangal Committee Seri, here on Monday.

In the title bout, Kulbeer defeated Pankaj of Pathankot to win a cash prize of Rs 13,000.

Dalbir of Mahore in Reasi won second bout defeating Billa of Jammu and received a cash award of Rs 11,000 while third bout was won by Balwan Singh of Mahore, who defeated Balvinder of Jammu. Winner Balwan Singh was given a cash prize of Rs 6,000. In all, 36 bouts were held in the day-long event.

The prizes were distributed by the Chief Guest, MLA Nowshera, Ravinder Raina in presence of other dignitaries.

The Organising Committee members Balwant Raj, Subedar Bhim Singh and Chhatar Singh said that this event is organised every year on the occasion of Baisakhi.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA appreciated the efforts of organising committee for conducting Dangal every year to hone the talent of local youth.

## Benia Min of JKP wins 90th Vishal Dangal

# Wrestling is sport of pure pride: Rana



MLA Nagrota, Devender Singh Rana declaring wrestler Benia Min as winner.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JHAIJAR KOTLI: Benia Min of the Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday clinched the final of 90th Vishal Dangal in keenly fought contests here this afternoon.

While Benia Min of Jammu and Kashmir Police defeated Dushyant of Delhi and won the finals, Nissar of Doda trounced Amit of Delhi and emerged second in the competition, watched by thousands of sports lovers of Nagrota Assembly Constituency, its peripheries and the Jammu City.

The audience gave huge applause to the wrestlers on their magnificent bouts and cheered their every move.

In all 36 wrestlers of the State and neighbouring states participated in the Dangal.

Provincial President National Conference Devender Singh Rana was the Chief Guest, who gave away trophies and prizes to winners and others.

Lauding wrestlers' love for

the sport, especially as it does not offer money like other popular sports, Rana said the game is all about pure pride.

He expressed satisfaction over the participation of wrestlers from various parts of the country, saying this reflects the attachment of youth to the world's oldest sport.

"The best part of the wrestling is that the wrestler has no one to blame for winning or losing unlike other sports, as the wrestlers are out their alone in the ring and responsible for every

move", he said that bestows both responsibility and confidence in the wrestler.

The MLA Nagrota said wrestling also opens up avenues for enterprising and talented wrestlers across the globe with very famous shows being immensely popular and watched by millions on electronic media. He said Dangals pose numerous challenges which the wrestlers fully appreciate before entering the ring.

Rana expressed happiness over wrestling becoming popular with youth showing their

proress in immense measure and establishing their credentials in the sport. He strongly pleaded for due attention to the oldest sport and exposure to local youth evincing interest in the competitions like wrestling, saying it continues to remain a passion for its practitioners and fans whose number is substantial, notwithstanding the challenge being posed by other popular games.

The MLA Nagrota complimented the Dangal Committee for making the event successful and wished them success in their attempts of popularising the sport.

The committee, inter alia, comprised of Swaran Singh Charak, Kaka Ram Dubey, Ravi Kumar Baru, Sham Lal Baru, Durga Dass Thappa and Madan Mohan.

Prominent among the thousands of sports lovers included NC Provincial Vice President Anil Dhar and Joint Secretary Sports Council Shiv Kumar Sharma.

## DPS Kathua students excel in Olympiads



Medal winner students posing with faculty members.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

KATHUA: Delhi Public School (DPS) Kathua students brought honour to the school by participating in different Olympiads.

In SOF International Mathematics Olympiad 2017-18, six students got gold medals, three got silver medals and four students got bronze medals.

In Silverzone Foundation

in IOEL, six students got gold, two silver and two bronze medals.

In IOS, students got seven gold, five silver and four bronze medals. All the medal winner students were felicitated in the morning assembly on Monday by Principal, Nirmal Mahna, who also appreciated the efforts of the concerned Incharge Smiley Sharma.

## Real Jammu blanks Vijay Hero in football

**■ SPORTS REPORTER**

JAMMU: Real Jammu defeated Vijay Hero 3-0 to consolidate their position in the Division-B tournament of Jammu District organised by DFA Jammu for the second phase of First Mufti Mohammad Sayeed Memorial Gold Cup underway at GGM Science College Ground, here on Monday.

Vishal, Raju and Aditya were the scorers from Real Jammu. The match was officiated by the technical panel comprising of Ajay Singh, Ankit Mehta, Surjeet and Anish. Today's match was witnessed by Sheikh Mehmood (District President), Charan Dass, Amardeep Singh, Yousuf Don and Rajesh Kumar.

## Body building meet on April 21

**■ SPORTS REPORTER**

JAMMU: Body Building Association Jammu and Kashmir shall be conducting 15th Mr Jammu and Kashmir Shree Body Building and Fitness Championship on April 21 at Teacher Bhawan Auditorium Gandhi Nagar, here.

The competition shall be held in men, masters and Divang categories between 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM on April 21. However, the weighing of participation shall be held on April 19 between 10:00 AM and 12:30 PM at International Gym, Sainik Colony, here, Rajesh Datta General Secretary BBAJK in a handout issued on Monday informed.

## District level inter zonal football tournament begins



DDC Doda, Bhawani Rakwal inaugurating football tournament and interacting with players.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

DODA: District level inter zonal football tournament on the theme 'Let Us play' under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme was inaugurated on Monday at Sports Stadium Doda.

The tournament was inaugurated by District Development Commissioner Doda, Bhawani Rakwal in pres-

ence of DYSSO Doda Ashok Kumar Kotwal.

Around 580 boys and girls from different schools of the district are participating in the event. It is for the first time in the history of Doda that girl's team is participating in the football game.

DDC Doda appreciated the efforts of the department in bringing girls to

the tournament playing shoulder to shoulder with boys with great enthusiasm and sports spirit.

The tournament is being held under the chief patronage of Director General YSS, Fayaz Ahmed Sheikh. Various officials of the Department of Youth Services and Sports were present on the occasion.