

Rohit is past his prime: Boycott

India missed Kohli in Hyderabad Test

PTI ■ LONDON
Former England opener Geoffrey Boycott feels India skipper Rohit Sharma is "past his prime" and the hosts badly missed the peerless Virat Kohli in the series opener against England in Hyderabad. Despite enjoying a strong position after the first innings, India lost by 28 runs against England in the first Test to trail 0-1 in the five-match series. In the absence of Kohli, the onus was on Rohit to shoulder the responsibility in the batting department but he could only manage 24 and 39 in two innings as the Indian batting crumbled big time while chasing 231 on a fourth day pitch. And Boycott believes it is a golden chance for England to beat India in their own backyard after 12 years. "This India team are ripe for

the taking and England have a golden chance to be the first side to topple them on their own patch for 12 years," Boycott wrote in his column for 'The Daily Telegraph'. "India badly miss Virat Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja has a hamstring injury and will not play the second Test. Their captain Rohit Sharma is nearly 37 and past his best. He makes pretty cameos but has scored only two Test hundreds at home in four years. They are also weak in the field. They dropped Ollie Pope on 110 and that cost them 86 runs. It lost them the match." The Indian spin trio of Ravichandran Ashwin, Jadeja and Axar Patel looked a pale shadow of themselves on a spin-friendly but not exactly dust-bowl of a Hyderabad wicket. The English batters came out with a perfect tactical ploy, using sweeps and reverse



sweeps to great effect to counter the threat. "England bamboozled India with their sweeps and reverse sweeps and to lose after taking a 190-run lead will be mind-blowing for India. It has never happened to them before on their own pitches where they thought they were invincible," Boycott wrote. India were dealt a big blow after the Hyderabad defeat as Jadeja and KL Rahul have been ruled out of the second Test starting in Visakhapatnam on February 2, due to injuries. While Jadeja sustained a hamstring injury during play on Day 4 of the first Test, Rahul complained of pain in his right quadriceps. Because of the balance that he brings into the playing, Jadeja's absence will be massive feels the legendary opener. "Jadeja is a huge blow. He is a great all-rounder, top bowler, brilliant fielder and was their best batsman in the first Test. Kohli is their talisman. He is a magnificent batsman who averages 60 on Indian pitches but he also gives them great energy in the field. He is a big loss and England must make the most of it before he comes back for the third Test," Boycott wrote. He believes that England have India on the mat and could well be hosts' first series defeat in a dozen years. "Once in a while a team are in the right place at the right time to clinch a big series win and England could be in that position right now in India. India are due a (series) defeat at home, the signs are good as they have lost Kohli, Jadeja, Mohammed Shami and Rishabh Pant and are playing opponents full of confidence after a remarkable win. England must take this rare opportunity," he further wrote.

Selected spinners give us best opportunity to beat India: Stokes

PTI ■ VISAKHAPATNAM
Long before debutant spinner Tom Hartley bowled England to a famous win in the first Test against India, skipper Ben Stokes had asserted that the tweakers picked for the series "give us the best opportunity" to humble the Asian giants in their own backyard. Playing in his first Test, left-arm spinner Hartley picked up seven wickets in the Indian second innings to script a 28-run victory for the tourists, who gambled with a lone specialist pacer in Mark Wood in Hyderabad. "I think sometimes inexperience can be looked at into a bit too much. There's no doubt that experience makes players feel more comfortable and settled, especially in this environment," Stokes said in an interview with 'JioCinema' when asked about his approach behind selecting spinners just before the start of the series opener. He added: "But the spinners we've selected on this tour are ones we think will give us the best opportunity to beat India. For me, it's not just about the spinners but understanding the talent they have and allowing them to go out there and express that talent and giving them the platform and the best possible opportunity to not worry about the



outcome too much and focus on what cricket actually is." In the run-up to the five-match series, there was a bit of chatter around the visitors' inexperienced spin unit, but Stokes is not one to read much into all these analyses. "As a bowler, your job is to think about taking wickets. As a batsman, it's about going out there and scoring runs. Anything more than that is overcomplicating it. I'm just taking away that fear and anxiety around the outcome." No team has beaten India in India since 2012, when England under Alastair

Cook emerged triumphant after losing the first Test, and that is not lost on Stokes. On the challenge of beating India in India, Stokes said, "India is a hard place to come and win a game, never mind a five-match series. It's been a mission for any team who've come here to turn over India. We understand that and respect that. "But again, it comes down to opportunity. We've got an amazing opportunity ahead of us. The squad we've picked from spinners to our seam bowlers to our batters, I think it's going to give us the best opportunity to win a series in India."

Having led the country to some fine wins since taking over Test captaincy from Joe Root, Stokes says he never aspired to be a leader. "It's something I never had any aspirations to do or really thought about too much, to be honest. I never really had too much responsibility around captaining or anything, either in age-group cricket or any other level. "I had a little taste of it with the Durham Academy. This opportunity presented itself to me and it was something I couldn't turn down. It's a role I have grown into, it's a role that I've really enjoyed. "I love everything that comes with it, the responsibility of looking after people from different types of angles. Whether it be out in the field or away from the field. Understanding different individuals and personalities, because in a team sport, you have got a lot of people and not everyone is the same. That's helped me mature as a person. When the discussion turned to 'bazball', he said the team tries to stay away from the term. "It's a phrase that was created by the media. Something that we try and stay away from. It just came from what we have managed to do over the last two years and how we've played.

Deepti rises to joint second among bowlers in T20I rankings

PTI ■ DUBAI
India's Deepti Sharma rose one place to joint second while team-mate Renuka Singh also moved up a spot to 10th in the latest ICC women's T20I bowling rankings issued on Tuesday. Deepti's rise was largely due to South Africa spinner Nonkululeko Mlaba dropping three places from earlier second to fifth after one wicket from two games against Australia. Similarly, Pakistan's Sadia Iqbal took the joint second spot with Deepti after moving up one place. England's Sarah Glenn was at fourth after rising a rung. England spinner Sophie Ecclestone maintained a healthy lead at the top of the T20I rankings for bowlers. There was no change within the top 10 of the latest T20I rankings for all-rounders with Deepti retaining the fourth spot. Among batters, India vice-captain Smriti Mandhana remained at fourth to be the highest ranked Indian while Jemimah Rodrigues, Shafali



Verma and Harmanpreet Kaur were unchanged at 13th, 16th and 17th respectively. Australia's Beth Mooney overtook compatriot Tahlia McGrath at the top of the T20I rankings for batters after a splendid innings against South Africa. Mooney has already scored two half centuries in the shortest format of the game in 2024, with her most impressive recent knock coming when she scored a brilliant 72 not out from just 57 deliveries in a Player of the Match performance against South Africa in Canberra.

India pummel New Zealand by 214 runs

ICC U-19 World Cup

PTI ■ BLOEMFONTEIN
Musheer Khan's superlative showing in the ongoing ICC U-19 World Cup continued as his second hundred trampled New Zealand by 214 runs in a Super Six encounter here on Tuesday. After India's top performer Musheer's 131 backed by opener Adarsh Singh's 52 powered India to a huge total of 295/8, left-arm spinner Saumy Kumar Pandey (4/19) and pacer Raj Limbani (2/17) ripped apart New Zealand's top order to bowl them out for a mere 81 in 28.1 over. Limbani struck on the first and the fifth ball of New Zealand innings to ensure momentum remained India's way throughout. India vice-captain Pandey finished with splendid figures of 10-2-19-4 as he knocked the stuffing out of Black Caps' chase. Left reeling at 27/4 in the Powerplay, New Zealand could never really stage a comeback as Indian colts like every edition are looking favourites to win the tournament. For New Zealand, it was their third heaviest defeat in terms of runs and also their third lowest total at the U-19 World Cup stage. Earlier, Musheer flayed New Zealand attack with his second century of the ICC U-19 World Cup while opener Adarsh Singh struck 52 as India posted a stiff 296-run target. On a perfect batting wicket here at the Mangaung Oval, Musheer tore apart the Kiwis bowling line-up to become the first batter in the current competition to breach the 300-run mark, going past Pakistan's

Shahzaib Khan with his stupendous effort. En route his 131, Musheer blasted 13 fours and three sixes off just 125 balls and once showed admirable temperament to up the ante just when it was required. Busy at the crease constantly, the 18-year-old Musheer motored on from one end unleashing strokes in all directions, while he began with an upper-cut for a four. His innings was spruced with fine running between the wickets and ended in the death overs when he was looking to accelerate. Musheer and Adarsh carried out a fine recovery job with a 77-run stand for the second wicket after an early blow for India. Adarsh took charge of attacking the bowlers as he looked good while driving on the rise and also played the pull-shot with elan. It was only unfortunate that he failed to keep a drive in check when Zac Cumming (1/37) teased him with one outside off. A thick edge off Adarsh's bat flew to Oliver Tewatya at point in the 18th over, which ended the charge for the left-handed Indian opener who made 52 off 58 balls with six fours. There also was some disappointment in store for India captain Uday Saharan who failed to convert his start and was dismissed for 35 (57 balls, 2 fours). He had two fifties on trot at the start of the tournament. Saharan, nevertheless, did a fine job of consolidating the innings for his side, putting on 87 with Musheer which also happened to be the best stand for India in this game.

However, Musheer's century and Adarsh's contribution at the top notwithstanding, India lost wickets in a flurry towards the end to fall short of breaching the 300-run mark, finishing at 295 for eight. Brief scores: India U-19 295/8 in 50 overs (Adarsh Singh 52, Musheer Khan 131, Uday Saharan 35; Mason Clarke 4/64) beat New Zealand U-19 81 in 28.1 overs (Oscar Jackson 19; Raj Limbani 2/17, Saumy Pandey 4/19) by 214 runs.

EAST COAST RAILWAY
NOTIFICATION FOR
ENGAGEMENT OF COMMISSION AGENT FOR
BARITHENGARH (BRTG) PASSENGER HALT

No. G.51/P.H/BRTG Date: 24.01.2024

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FROM INTERESTED CANDIDATES FOR ENGAGEMENT AS COMMISSION AGENT TO SELL TICKETS AT BARITHENGARH (BRTG) PASSENGER HALT IN BETWEEN BYREE (BY) AND DHANMANDAL (DNM) STATIONS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF KHURDA ROAD DIVISION. COMMISSION PAYABLE TO THE COMMISSION AGENT WILL BE AS UNDER:

Amount of Sale of tickets per month	Commission payable
* ₹ 1/- to 15,000/-	15%
* ₹ 15,001/- to 50,000/-	12%
* ₹ 50,001/- to 1,00,000/-	9%
* ₹ 1,00,001/- to 2,00,000/-	6%
* ₹ 2,00,001/- and above	3%

Security Deposit for above halt is ₹ 2,500/- [₹ 2,000/- towards Security Deposit + ₹ 500/- towards 50% of cost of Railway materials] which is to be deposited after selection.

Application duly filled in should reach this office by 1500 hrs. on or before 23.02.2024 (Friday). If the last day i.e. 23.02.2024 happens to be or is declared to be a holiday, application will be received by the same time on the next working day. All the received applications will be opened at 1530 hrs. on 23.02.2024. The Railway reserves the right to reject any application without assigning any reason whatsoever.

For complete details, application format and other terms & conditions please visit our website: www.eastcoastrail.indianrailways.gov.in

PR-1034/OI/23-24 Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager / Khurda Road

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL: GUNUPUR
No. 164 /24 Dt. 25.01.2024

TENDER CALL NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are invited from intending registered firms/ authorized suppliers/ manufacturing unit having valid GST, PAN, MSME for "Supply of Sanitary Disinfectant items to Gunupur Municipality". The prescribed bid documents/related terms & conditions shall be available from following websites: www.gunupurmunicipality.gov.in from 25.01.2024 to 07.02.2024. The tenderer shall have to furnish in Security Deposit of Rs. 10,000/- and paper Cost of Rs. 2000/- in shape of DD from any scheduled Commercial Bank or any nationalized bank in favour of Executive Officer, Gunupur Municipality payable at Gunupur along with the tender. Sealed tenders along with valid GST, PAN, MSME, Security Deposit and Tender Paper cost should reach to the undersigned on before 12.00 PM on 07.02.2024 by Regd. Post/Speed post and will be opened on the 07.02.2024 at 4.00 PM in the office of the undersigned in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives present if any at that time. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Executive Officer
Gunupur Municipality
OIPR-13104/11/037/2324

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
Sports & Youth Services Department
Request for Proposal

Sports & Youth Services Department, Government of Odisha call for bids from leading agencies to the Procurement of ELEIKO make weightlifting equipment for Department of Sports and Youth Services, Govt of Odisha (PAC ITEMS). The details of the document are available at the below mentioned website.
Website: <https://sports.odisha.gov.in/>
<https://tendersodisha.gov.in/>
Interested firms/ parties/ agencies are advised to study the RFP document carefully before submitting their bid.
Important Dates and Information?
Date of Publication - 25.01.2024
Last date and time of submission of proposal - 16.02.2024; Time: 05:00 pm.
Opening of the Technical Bid- 16.02.2024; Time : 06:00 pm.

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Commissioner-cum-Secretary

OIPR-29001/11/0198/2324

Government of Odisha
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Request for Proposal

Sports & Youth Services Department, Government of Odisha calls for bids from leading agencies to the Procurement of UCS make Polevault equipment for Department of Sports and Youth Services, Govt of Odisha. The details of the document are available at the below mentioned website.
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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
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1st Corrigendum to "e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Ref:- Bid Identification No. 02/23-24 of SE,SD/Division No-1, Jharpokharia
Dated 25.01.2024

In partial modification to SI No 5 i.e. Class of Contractor of the following works mentioned against SI No 1. (from SI no 1 to SI no 8) may please be read as "C and D Class Contractor" and details are as follows:-

Sl No.	Name of work
1	1)Construction of Sanatan Matha Building at Rangibeda under R & R assistance of Haladia Reservoir of Subarnarekha Irrigation Project 2)Construction of Office Building & Meeting Hall for Primary Fish Farmers at village Rangibeda of Haladia Reservoir under R & R assistance of Subarnarekha Irrigation Project 3)Construction of Pratikhyalaya at Hatimoda and Rangibeda under R & R assistance of Haladia Reservoir of Subarnarekha Irrigation Project 4) Construction of Smashan Ghat Building at Rangibeda under R & R assistance of Haladia Reservoir of Subarnarekha Irrigation Project 5)Construction of Compound Wall of Baba Subarneswar Mohadev Temple at Rangibeda under R & R assistance of Haladia Reservoir of Subarnarekha Irrigation Project 6) Construction of Two Addl Class Room and Compound wall of Khairbani UGME School under R & R assistance of Haladia Reservoir of Subarnarekha Irrigation Project 7) Construction of Community Hall at Tilagadia under R & R assistance of Haladia Reservoir of Subarnarekha Irrigation Project 8) Construction of Community Hall at Kaladand under R & R assistance of Haladia Reservoir of Subarnarekha Irrigation Project
2	Estimated Cost SI No.- 1)Rs 09.60 Lakhs 2) Rs10.10 Lakhs 3) Rs09.10 Lakhs 4) Rs06.52 Lakhs 5)Rs08.10 Lakhs 6) Rs17.66Lakhs 7) Rs09.27 Lakhs 8) Rs09.35 Lakhs
3	Bid Security/ E.M.D. SI No.-1) Rs9600/- 2) Rs10100/- 3) Rs9100/- 4) Rs6600/- 5) Rs 8100/-6) Rs17700/- 7) Rs9300/- 8) Rs9400/-
4	Period of Completion 06 (Six) Calendar Months for the works SI No 1 to SI No 8
5	Class of Contractor "C" and "D" Class Contractor for the works SI no 1 to SI no 8
6	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal 25.01.2024 at 10.00 AM
7	Last date/time for receipt of bid in the portal 03.02.2024 up to 5.00 PM
8	Date of opening of bid 05.02.2024 at 11:00 A.M.
9	Name & Address of the O.I.T. Superintending Engineer, Subarnarekha Irrigation Division No-1, Jharpokharia

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal "<https://tendersodisha.gov.in/>"

Superintending Engineer
Subarnarekha Irrigation Division No-1
Jharpokharia

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