

SPORTS
sports**Sports achievements a result of King's support: BOC**

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The support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) and all national sports federations has made key contributions to the sports achievements in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Supreme Council for Youth and Sports assistant secretary general and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) secretary general Abdulrahman Askar said His Majesty's praising the youth and sports sectors' achievements in the so-called 'Gold Year Only' 2018 is a great honor for both sectors.

"I would like to extend our great gratitude to His Majesty the King for his appreciation to the sports achievements of the Kingdom's heroes and champions in various international competitions," said Askar.

"Our athletes have made tremendous efforts in fulfilling aspirations of HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa by taking 197 gold medals in different sports".

Askar stressed that the support of His Majesty to the sports sector was the most prominent factor behind these achievements.

The BOC secretary general added that initiative of HH Shaikh Nasser, His Majesty's representative for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Supreme Council for Youth and Sports Chairman, and BOC President, has inspired Bahraini youth to achieve more honourable results for the country.

Kohli undaunted by Ashwin, Sharma injury

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AFP | Perth, Australia

India skipper Virat Kohli was undaunted yesterday despite losing prolific spinner Ravichandran Ashwin and batsman Rohit Sharma to injury as he looks to twist the knife in the second Test against Australia.

The visitors went 1-0 in the four-Test series after a tense, 31-run win in Adelaide earlier this week -- their first victory in Australia in a decade.

But India, who are searching for their first series win in Australia, suffered a setback when Ashwin and the experienced Sharma were declared unavailable for the second Test in Perth, starting today.

Ashwin is receiving treatment for a left-sided abdominal strain, while Sharma jarred his back while fielding in Adelaide, the Board of Control for Cricket in India said.

Also missing, as expected, will be exciting young opener Prithvi Shaw, who suffering ligament damage in a warm-up match ahead of the Adelaide Test. The BCCI said Shaw, 19,



Indian cricketer Ravichandran Ashwin (L) teammate Rohit Sharma (R) and Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli (C) celebrate after the dismissal of a Sri Lankan cricketer (file photo)

was "recovering well" but was still undergoing treatment.

However, Kohli was bullish about India's prospects in the

inaugural Test at the new Perth Stadium, which has replaced the city's venerable WACA Ground as its premier cricket venue.

"We are definitely confident of the percentage of chances we have and we want to build on that," said Kohli at a pre-match press conference before the injury problems were announced.

"Obviously Australia is going to be a strong team in their home conditions and on a wicket like Perth, which probably offers you more than most other pitches in Australia. But we have an equal chance."

Ashwin took six wickets in

the first Test, while Sharma hit scores of 37 and one. They were the notable absences in India's initial 13-man squad.

All-rounder Hanuma Vihari is expected to slot in for Sharma, with the final spot a toss-up between pacemen Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Umesh Yadav or Ravindra Jadeja, who has taken 185 Test wickets with his left-arm spin and also averages 32.44 with the bat.

The Test will be the first at the new 60,000-capacity Perth Stadium, whose wicket is likely to be fast and bouncy like the old WACA, just over the Swan River.

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Test wickets have been taken by Ravindra Jadeja

Shahzad Zafar rally past NIA Kerala

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Shahzad Zafar beat NIA Kerala XI by 5 wickets in a CBA Division C T-20 League match.

Kerala XI won the toss and elected to bat first with opener Nideesh scoring 42 runs. Shahzad Zafar's bowler Farhan took four wickets in his 4 over spell and restricted Kerala XI to 150 runs in 20 overs.

Chasing the target skipper Khalid scored a quick 43 runs to give a solid start for Shahzad Zafar, which was well carried by Majid who scored 41 runs to help them reach the target in 19th over.



Arslan - ACL



Farzan - Mumbai Riders

Other Match results

ACL Red Mountain 145/5 in 18.1 overs (Arslan 65) beat Bassali Tigers 144/5 (Numair 66, Imran 2/26) by 5 wickets

Alyousuf Exchange 139/6 in 18 overs (Suresh 30, Nadeem 2/22) beat Fateh Curtain 138/8 (Anas 30, Anil 3/26) by 4 wickets

G4S Legends 131/5 in 20 overs (Ismayil 33, Abid 26, Shezan 2/11) beat EURO Bahrain 99/10 (Sharaz 26, Sabir 4/6) by 32 runs.

LuLu 138/8 in 20 overs (Biju 28, Pradeep 27, Sami 3/13) beat Pak Panthers 31/10 (Sami 7, Twinkle 2/15) by 107 runs.

Mumbai Riders 117/6 in 15.5 overs (Farzan 54, Danny 2/9) beat Central Café 111/7 (Inam 28, Farzan 3/15, Furkan 2/21) by 4 wickets.

Smile Mart 134/6 in 15 overs (Zeeshan 47, Mohsin 3/16) beat Pak CC 130/8 (Imran 30, Zubair 26, Asif 2/17) by 4 wickets.

Azeem CC 104/5 in 13.3 overs (Jamil 47, Bhasker 2/17) beat Falcon CC 103/10 (Sohail 28, Zeeshan 2/12) by 5 wickets

Tornado A 139/9 in 20 overs (Gigin 33) beat Rebel 113/10 (Vai-bhav 53) by 26 runs.

India's Sindhu stuns no.1 Tai in badminton Tour Finals

AFP | Shanghai, China

India's PV Sindhu pulled off a shock at the badminton World Tour Finals yesterday as she defeated top-ranked Tai Tzu-ying of Taiwan in three thrilling games.

Sindhu sank to her knees at the end of an exhausting 14-21, 21-16, 21-18 victory in 61 enthralling minutes in the Chinese city of Guangzhou.

The 23-year-old, a silver medallist at the Rio Olympics in 2016, faces Zhang Beiwen of the United States today



PV Sindhu of India plays a shot

looking to make it three wins out of three in Group A.

It was a disappointing day for Taiwan.

As well as Tai going down to the sixth-ranked Sindhu, men's world number three Chou Tien-chen also lost, this time in the men's draw.

Chou was on the end of an 18-21, 21-11, 21-14 defeat to South Korea's buoyant Son Wan-ho.

There was no such trouble for men's number one and

world champion Kento Momota of Japan.

He is in ominous form as he looks to put the seal on a breakthrough year and swatted aside Thailand's Kantaphon Wangcharoen 21-15, 21-7 for a second win in a row.

China's Shi Yuqi, one of the main threats to red-hot Momota, was even more emphatic in dismissing Anthony Sinisuka Ginting of Indonesia, 21-8, 21-19 in 37 minutes.

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PV Sindhu won the silver medal at the Rio Olympics in 2016