

Spin twins set up victory for India

● **Kuldeep Yadav took 4/39 as New Zealand were bundled out for 157 in 38 overs**

● **Opener Shikhar Dhawan led India's chase with 75 not out while Kohli made 45**

AFP | Napier, New Zealand

A match billed as a runfest was turned upside-down by India's spin twins Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal yesterday, as New Zealand were crushed by eight wickets in the first one-day international in Napier.

India arrived at the ground with captain Virat Kohli expecting 300-plus to be par but when his bowlers rolled New Zealand for 157 the outcome became a formality.

"When I lost the toss I thought it's going to be 300 plus but the way the guys bowled and created pressure turned out to be absolutely opposite," he said. "You know, 150 on that kind



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India's Shikhar Dhawan drives through the off side

of a wicket was quite an easy total to chase down and it all boils down to the effort of the bowlers."

Yadav and Chahal delivered a spin bowling masterclass, mesmerising New Zealand with six wickets between them, while Mohammed Shami claimed three as New Zealand folded for a mere 157 with 12 overs to spare.

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But the interruption made no difference to Shikhar Dhawan, who was unbeaten on 75 after leading India to mow down the target in 34.5 overs.

A disappointed New Zealand captain Kane Williamson blamed his side's effort on an inability to handle the precision Indian attack.

"Usually you come here and you're thinking 300-plus, sometimes mid 300s, but it certainly

wasn't that and required a bit more graft," he said.

"Judging by some of the dismissals it showed we didn't adjust as quickly as we would like to."

Coming off a series win against Australia, India showed they are building nicely as a well-balanced unit four months out from the World Cup, while for New Zealand there is work to be done.

The New Zealand innings folded so quickly that India had time to bat for nine overs before the scheduled break, reaching 41 with Dhawan on 29 and Sharma on 11.

Sharma went on the second ball after the interval, with Doug Bracewell making the breakthrough, before the players left the field again when the setting sun reached a dangerously low angle.

When India's innings restarted again, Dhawan on 31 was dropped by wicketkeeper Tom Latham.

It was a costly error for

New Zealand as the left-hander, who passed 5,000 ODI runs in the course of the innings, went on to make his 26th half century.

New Zealand	
M. Guptill b Shami	5
C. Munro b Shami	8
K. Williamson c Shankar b Yadav	64
R. Taylor c&b Chahal	24
T. Latham c&b Chahal	11
H. Nicholls c Yadav b Jadhav	12
M. Santner lbw Shami	14
D. Bracewell b Yadav	7
T. Southee not out	9
L. Ferguson st Dhoni b Yadav	0
T. Boult c Sharma b Yadav	1
Extras (wd 2)	2
Total (all out; 38 overs)	157
India	
R. Sharma c Guptill b Bracewell	11
S. Dhawan not out	75
V. Kohli c Latham b Ferguson	45
A. Rayudu not out	13
Extras (lb 5, wd 7)	12
Total (for 2 wickets; 34.5 overs)	156
Result: India won by eight wickets.	
Target reduced to 156 after 30 minutes lost because of sun in players' eyes	

Enduro karting set for intense action at BIKC



Action from a previous karting race at BIKC

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The stage is set for another gruelling test of motor racing prowess as the second round of the 2018/2019 Bahrain Karting Enduro Championship (BKEC) takes place Saturday at Bahrain International Karting Circuit (BIKC) in Sakhir.

A grid of no less than 11 entrants is set to compete in the highly anticipated six-hour event. They will be battling it out for placing in four classes, including the Overall, Pro, Corporate and Nations.

Racing will take place along BIKC's 1.414-kilometre Commission Internationale de Karting (CIK) Track. The drivers will be behind the wheel of identical 390cc Sodi GT4R go karts.

Sign-in for competitors on

Saturday is scheduled to be held from 7.30am to 9am. A Drivers' Briefing will then be held at 9.05am, after which the on-track action begins with Qualifying Practice at 9.50am.

Final Qualifying follows at 10.45am, setting the stage for the six-hour race, which is scheduled to flag off at 11.30am.

The podium ceremony is scheduled to take place at around 6pm. The 2018/2019 BKEC is set to be a hotly contested series featuring four hugely exciting rounds.

The season-opening meeting was held in October of last year as a three-hour race. Round three will be a 12-hour event, while the year's ultimate challenge, the championship finale and the most highly anticipated event of the season: the 24-hour fourth round.

Federations attend sports day workshop organised by BOC

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Information Technology Directorate of the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) organized a workshop for national sports federations to announce how the website of the 2019 Bahrain Sports Day.

The third edition of the Bahrain Sports Day is scheduled for February 12, as the organizing committee create a dedicated website to be used as part of a comprehensive plan to make this event a success.

During the workshop, held at the BOC premises in Seef,

PC systems analyst specialist Zainab Hussain provided a comprehensive overview of the website and the ability to take advantage of the website with all its accessible date.

She also explained how the "torch of Bahrain" application is used on mobile phones, specifically Apple devices. This application is aimed to present the sporting events in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

A similar workshop will be held for the ministries as well as other governmental authorities, private institutions, clubs and youth centers in the coming weeks.

Bale close to Real return from injury, says Solari

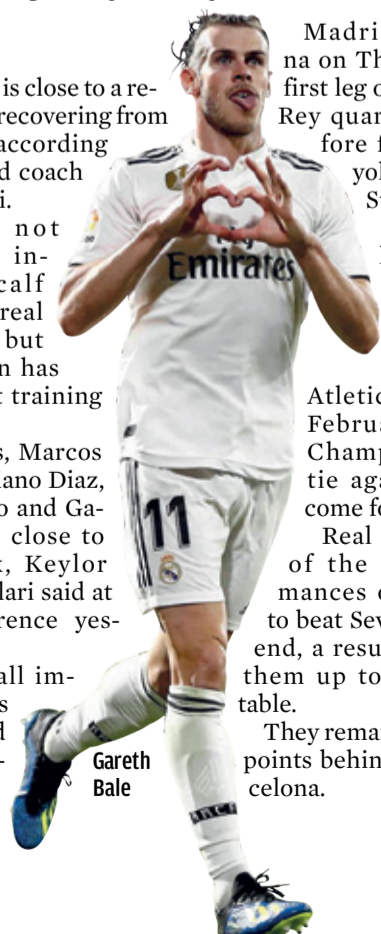
AFP | Madrid

Gareth Bale is close to a return after recovering from a calf strain, according to Real Madrid coach Santiago Solari.

Bale has not played since injuring his calf against Villarreal on January 3 but the Welshman has resumed light training this week.

"Toni Kroos, Marcos Llorente, Mariano Diaz, Marco Asensio and Gareth Bale are close to coming back, Keylor Navas too," Solari said at a press conference yesterday.

"They are all important players for the squad so we are happy."



Gareth Bale

Madrid play Girona on Thursday in the first leg of the Copa del Rey quarter-finals before facing Espanyol in La Liga on Sunday.

Solari will hope to have Bale at full fitness again for the city derby against Atletico Madrid on February 9, with a Champions League tie against Ajax to come four days later.

Real delivered one of the best performances of the season to beat Sevilla last weekend, a result that moved them up to third in the table.

They remain, however, 10 points behind leaders Barcelona.

Kooheji ease past Bharath Legends

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Kooheji Contractors beat Bharath Legends by 129 runs in a CBA Division D 25 overs League match.

Kooheji won the toss and elected to bat first. Openers Irfan (63) and Waseem (60) put a century run stand for first wicket that helped them to score 208 runs at the end of 25 overs. Nabeel took two wickets for Legends.

In second innings Kooheji bowler's tidy spells restricted Legends for 79 runs and won the match by a huge margin of 129 runs. Sahar took three wicket.

Brief Score: Kooheji Contractors 208/5 in 25 overs (Irfan 63, Waseem 60, Nabeel 2/36) beat Bharath Legends 79/8 (Salman 23, Sahar 3/9) by 129 runs

Other Team scores
Matrix 176/3 (Shyju 68, Danushke 57) beat Suha Travels 166/10 Usman 21, Danushke



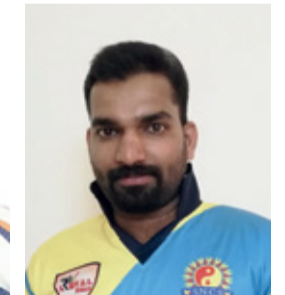
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Vishnu - SNCS TransFast

3/53) by 10 runs
SNCS Transfast 182/5 (Vishnu 121, Lexman 2/24) beat CEBARCO 65/10 (Ajay 13, Jerin 3/17) by 117 runs

Hempel Paints 110/8 in 18.4 overs (Suresh 17, Iman 2/14) beat Bahrain Hawks 108/10 (Rajshakhar 28, Rajesh 27, Ahsan 3/9) by 2 wickets.

RUCT 143/10 (Arjun 36, Rayab 3/16) beat Karnataka Strikers 126/9 (Rajesh 34, Mithun 2/11) by 17 runs

NDC Bahrain 143/10 (Balaji 39, Sunil 2/21) beat Bulls 119/9

(Rijo 22, Ajeesh 3/27) by 24 runs
Alpha Fire Bahrain 170/4 in 20.5 overs (Amila 38, Dilhara 33, Ruvin 30) beat Lantern Lions 167/4 (Dhaval 85 85, Anup 48) by 6 wickets

Indian Super Kings 124/6 in 22 overs (Prashant 66, Zarawar 2/18) beat Superb 123/8 (Dilawar 29, Prashant 2/19)

Falcon 157/9 in 25 overs (Renil 40, Preeth 2/2) beat Black Feather 119/10 (Sam 33, Deepaak 4/37, Prashob 3/14) by 38 runs

NIA Kerala XI 237/7 in 25

overs (Sajeer 87, Shyam 40) beat ETS 71/10 (Rizwan 27, Atul 4/11, Abilash 3/18) by 166 runs

Shafiq Glass 169/10 (Mohammed 37, Juzer 36, Askhar 5/33) beat Challengers 131/10 (Shan 26, Mohammed .S 2/14) by 38 runs

Pak Panthers 178/9 (Naqeeb 46, Usman 32, Adnan 2/26) beat Fateh Curtain 116/10 (Zaid 26, Noman 5/12) by 62 runs

Tornado A 168/7 in 25 overs (Nidhin 30, Chandran 28, Nwaf 2/10) beat Modest 147/10 (Jaseer 30, Kingsly 4/22) by 21 runs