



**ENGLAND TRYING A SYSTEM WHERE INFO IS PASSED TO CAPTAIN DURING A MATCH, SAYS JOS BUTTLER**

**F1 DRIVER ROMAIN GROSJEAN LEAVES HOSPITAL THREE DAYS AFTER ESCAPING A FIERY CRASH**



# BOOM AFTER BUST!

**India Avoid Clean Sweep, Break String Of 7 International Defeats With 13-Run Victory In Final ODI**

K.ShrinivasRao@timesgroup.com

India will carry, with great confidence, two positives from the comfortable victory over Australia at the Manuka Oval in Canberra on Wednesday. First, the self-belief that they can beat the Australian team. Second, the self-belief that they can actually win a toss!

Two things that hadn't happened since Virat Kohli and his team landed there last month, happened in an inconsequential One-dayer that the visitors won by 13 runs. India won a toss and a game.

The uncertainties of white-ball cricket, over the years, have gone up many notches given the innovations in the game. And yet, the oldest uncertainty of them all — the flip of the coin — has made these contests conversely predictable.

Manuka Oval behaved on the lines of the SCG, except the boundaries were relatively shorter, and therefore promised that bit more. On a track as easy-going as this one, India could have — or rather should have — ended up with a far better score than the eventual 302-5 they managed. To think that 348-8 had been the lowest score here in the last four ODIs before this one, and the lop-sided toss-dictated result had already said a lot about this venue.

Australia tried doing things differently, handing Glenn Maxwell the new ball alongside Josh Hazlewood. There's little Maxwell hasn't been able to do in Aussie colours after all. Shikhar Dhawan looked like he had walked out expecting a lot of pace. It all appeared a bit awkward right from the word go and the left-hander fell at 16 to a bizarre driving attempt.

The young Shubman Gill played far more freely, allowing Kohli to take his time to settle down. However, it wasn't until the unbeaten sixth-wicket partnership between the irrepressible and in-form Hardik Pandya and an equally belligerent Ravindra Jadeja that the Indian team finally found the muscle to go past 300 runs. From 152-5 and close to 18 overs left — by the time

**We were put under the pump in the first half and in the second half of Australia's innings. Shubman (Gill) and others coming in, it brings in a bit of freshness...the team needed that kind of a boost."**  
—Virat Kohli | INDIA CAPTAIN

**1** For the first time in a bilateral One-day series against Australia, no Indian batsman could score a century

Kohli had departed — India had a lot of work to do to stay in the game.

Shreyas Iyer and KL Rahul, the expected batting bulwarks, had seen another bad day at work. On Pandya and Jadeja's shoulders rested the responsibility and they delivered. It wasn't going to come any easy, not with the way the Aussies fielded. India barely crept past 200 post the 40th over and it would take another 25 to 30 deliveries for this partnership to cross 100 runs and bloom.

An upper-cut six over point from Pandya off Abbott followed by a six over mid-wicket from Jadeja off Josh Hazlewood brought out the script India were looking for when they had elected to bat first. Even if it came a little late in the day, it would end up providing the necessary impetus.

Getting 303 would be easy for Australia, it first appeared. The first big ray of hope came when Marnus Labuschagne fell early. A bigger shot in the arm came five overs later, when Steve Smith departed. Skipper Aaron Finch stayed on, but the chase got relatively sluggish.

The Aussies, for the first time in a week, were under pressure. That is precisely what India had to do in this game, regardless of the result. Despite some very poor fielding and catches dropped, and another gem of a half-century from the big-hitting Maxwell, India cruised through. Now that they have one win to account for, the T20s can begin on a fresh note.



**THE CLINCHER:** Glenn Maxwell is distraught after losing his stumps to a Jasprit Bumrah delivery at the Manuka Oval in Canberra on Wednesday

**194.18** Glenn Maxwell's strike rate while scoring 167 runs in three innings, the highest by an Australian batsman in any One-day series or competition (minimum 100 runs).

**66** Runs scored by Ravindra Jadeja, his ODI highest against Australia. Jadeja's second fifty against Australia is his 13th in ODIs.

## SCOREBOARD

**India:** S Dhawan c Agar b Abbott 16, S Gill lbw b Agar 33, V Kohli c Carey b Hazlewood 63, S Iyer c Labuschagne b Zampa 19, KL Rahul lbw b Agar 5, H Pandya not out 92, R Jadeja not out 66; **Extras:** (b1, lb1, nb2, w4): 8; **Total (5 wickets; 50 overs): 302; FoW:** 1-26, 2-82, 3-114, 4-123, 5-152; **Bowling:** Hazlewood 10-1-66-1, Maxwell 5-0-27-0, Abbott 10-0-84-1, Green 4-0-27-0, Agar 10-0-44-2, Zampa 10-0-45-1, Henriques 1-0-7-0

**Australia:** M Labuschagne b Natarajan 7, A Finch c Dhawan b Jadeja 75, S Smith c Rahul b Thakur 7, M Henriques c Dhawan b Thakur 22, C Green c Jadeja b Kuldeep 21, A Carey run out 38, G Maxwell b Bumrah 59, A Agar c Kuldeep b Natarajan 28, S Abbott c Rahul b Thakur 4, A Zampa lbw b Bumrah 4, J Hazlewood not out 7; **Extras:** (Glb, 2nb, 9w): 17; **Total (49.3 overs): 289; FoW:** 1-25, 2-56, 3-117, 4-123, 5-158, 6-210, 7-268, 8-278, 9-278, 10-289; **Bowling:** Bumrah 9.3-0-43-2, Natarajan 10-1-70-2, Thakur 10-1-51-3, Kuldeep 10-0-57-1, Jadeja 10-0-62-1

**Man of the Match:** Hardik Pandya

**150** Run-stand between Ravindra Jadeja and their third highest for this wicket.

**92\*** Scored off 76 balls by Hardik Pandya, his sixth fifty and ODI career best.

**210** Hardik Pandya's run-aggregate in this series at an average of 105, the highest by an Indian batsman in a bilateral series of three matches against Australia.

## KOHLI FASTEST TO 12,000 ODI RUNS

Virat Kohli has become the fastest cricketer to score 12,000 ODI runs, comfortably breaking Sachin Tendulkar's previous record. Here are the five fastest batsmen to this rare milestone...

Batsman	Innings to 12,000 ODI runs
Virat Kohli	242
Sachin Tendulkar	300
Ricky Ponting	314
Kumar Sangakkara	336
Sanath Jayasuriya	379



**FOR VIRAT, A RARE FAILURE: NO ODI TONS IN 2020**

- Compared to his own stratospheric standards, Virat Kohli had a lean year in ODIs. Of course, he also played only 9 matches because of the lockdown.
- Kohli failed to score an ODI century in a calendar year for only the second time in his career. He last failed to score a ton back in his debut year in 2008.
- Kohli's batting average this year was his lowest since 2015. For the first time in 5 years, his strike rate fell below 95. However, he did score 5 fifties.

**Kohli's year-wise ODI performance since debut:**

Year	Inn	Avg	100	50	SR
2008	5	31.80	0	1	66.52
2009	8	54.16	1	2	84.41
2010	24	47.38	3	7	85.11
2011	34	47.62	4	8	85.56
2012	17	68.40	5	3	93.78
2013	30	52.83	4	7	97.53
2014	20	58.55	4	5	99.62
2015	20	36.64	2	1	80.59
2016	10	92.37	3	4	100.00
2017	26	76.84	6	7	99.11
2018	14	133.55	6	3	102.55
2019	25	59.86	5	7	96.36
2020	9	47.88	0	5	92.29
Overall	242	59.31	43	60	93.24

## GALLERY

### Mick Schumacher to race for Haas F1 in 2021

The Schumacher name will return to Formula One next season with Mick, son of Ferrari great and seven-times world champion Michael, announced on Wednesday as a race driver for the US-owned Haas team. The 21-year-old German, who has signed a multi-year agreement, is leading the Formula Two championship ahead of this weekend's finale at Bahrain's Sakhir circuit.

**Argentina cops search another doctor:** The investigation into Diego Maradona's death continued with police raids on the office and home of the psychiatrist who cared for the football star and is being investigated for possible medical negligence.

**Japan to allow overseas visitors for Tokyo Games, says media report:** Japan aims to allow "large-scale" numbers of overseas visitors to attend next year's Tokyo Olympics without vaccinations or quarantine provided they submit negative COVID-19 results and download tracking apps, the Nikkei business daily reported on Wednesday. Tokyo organisers were not immediately available for comment.

**Windsies ready to for Test challenge against Kiwis:** The West Indies relished the freedom to be out-and-about in Covid-free New Zealand on the eve of the first Test in Hamilton Wednesday, but said the pressure was on to be fully focused once the match starts.

**Australian Open in February, says report:** The start of the Australian Open will be delayed until February 8 because of coronavirus prevention measures, a newspaper reported, as negotiations on players' arrival and quarantine in Melbourne continued on Wednesday.

**ACTION TODAY**  
**CRICKET:** LPL: Galle vs Jaffna, 3.30 pm; Dambulla vs Kandy, 7.30 pm (Sony Six)  
**FOOTBALL:** ISL: ATK Mohun Bagan v Odisha FC, 7.30 pm (Star Sports 2) Europa League: AC Milan vs Celtic; Zorya Luhansk vs Leicester City; LASK vs Tottenham, 11.25 pm; Arsenal vs Rapid Wien, 1.30 am Friday (Sony Ten)  
**GOLF:** PGA Tour: Playa del Carmen, 12.30 am Friday (Eurosport)

## SCG to have capacity crowd for final T20

**Sydney:** Australia will hope to play to a full house against India in their Twenty20 match next week as crowd caps lift in the country's most populous state of New South Wales (NSW). NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian on Wednesday said outdoor stadiums would be allowed to operate at 100% capacity from Monday as the eastern state eases social distancing restrictions following three weeks without a new case of Covid-19.

"What we've tried to achieve here is a healthy balance of giving people freedom and allowing businesses to flourish, while also maintaining those basic principles of living in a COVID safe way," Berejiklian said. Australia play the third and final Twenty20 match against India at the 48,000-seat Sydney Cricket Ground on Tuesday. The open-

### Times View

This will be the first time in the covid era that an international cricket game will have no crowd cap, a giant step towards restoring normalcy. The CA must be lauded for this bold move that is sure to raise the spirits of sports lovers worldwide.

ning T20 at Canberra's Manuka Oval on Friday and the second match at the SCG on Sunday sold out quickly last month after being capped at half-capacity. The easing of crowd caps in NSW will be welcomed by Cricket Australia, which said in October biosecurity measures and crowd restrictions could punch a \$A120 million (\$88 million) hole in its 2021 finances. AFP

## Malan attains top T20 rating

**Cape Town:** England's Dawid Malan has notched up the highest-ever rating for a batsman in the men's T20 International rankings after topping the scoring charts against South Africa, the ICC said on Wednesday.

The 33-year-old has reached 915 points, the first player to cross the 900-point mark in the format. Malan's match-winning unbeaten 99 in the final match against South Africa helped England leapfrog Australia to take the top spot in the men's T20I team rankings. **Brief scores:** South Africa 191/3 in 20 overs (Du Plessis 52 no, Ven Der Dussen 74 no; Stokes 2/26) lost to England 192/1 in 17.4 overs (Malan 99 no, Buttler 67). AGENCIES

## Hyderabad held by Jamshedpur

Aditya.Singh@timesgroup.com

Hyderabad FC were held to a 1-1 draw by Jamshedpur FC at Tilak Maidan Stadium despite being on top for the majority of the match.

Forward Aridane Santana scored an easy goal to give Hyderabad a 1-0 lead just past half-time. But a resilient Jamshedpur drew level five minutes before the end of regular time when defender Stephen Eze deposited a thunderous shot inside the goal.

Jamshedpur started on the front foot, as Jackichand Singh tried to set up Nerijus Valskis in the early minutes, who was dispossessed. Hyderabad had their first shot on goal when they were awarded a free-kick in a threatening position, but Liston Coloco was only able to shoot over the crossbar.

The game descended into a scrappy affair, with both sides struggling to retain the ball and build chances on goal. Jackichand threatened for Jamshedpur, after Laldinliana Renthlei set him up with a cutback, even as

Hyderabad keeper Laxmikant Kattimani made a fingertip save to keep the score 0-0.

Though Jamshedpur came out all guns blazing in the second-half, it was Hyderabad who drew first blood after Aridane pounced upon an error by Jamshedpur keeper Pawan Kumar. The keeper failed to clear the ball after a shot from Narzary, allowing the Spaniard to drive the ball home from close range.

Jamshedpur nearly equalised in the 70th minute after a free kick from Isaac Vannal-sawma hit Aridane and rolled inside the box, but the goal was ruled out as defender Peter Hartley was adjudged to be offside.

Jamshedpur's efforts bore fruit as defender Stephen Eze drew the team level in the 85th minute after he blasted the ball past Kattimani, utilizing a short pass inside the box.

The draw led to the Nizams climbing to the fourth position in the ISL table even as Jamshedpur FC remain winning this season. The Hyderabad team, which finished at the bottom last season, has registered one win and drew two games so far this season.

## SHAK ATTACK

### Zidane & Real Face Embarrassing Group Stage Exit After Losing 2-0 At Shakhtar

Kiev: Kiev's Olympic Stadium was the scene of Zinedine Zidane's last stand as Real Madrid coach before resigning in stunning fashion in May 2018 and the arena could spell the start of the end for his second tenure after Tuesday's defeat by Shakhtar Donetsk.

The 2-0 loss left Madrid potentially starting at an exit from the Champions League group stage for the first time but even if they manage to beat Borussia Mönchengladbach next week and progress, it might not be enough to save Zidane.

Zidane insisted there was no chance of him throwing in the towel this time. But according to the Spanish media, Madrid president Florentino Perez may make the decision for him. "Zidane is in serious danger", said newspaper *El Mundo*.

"The defeat was so damning it was hard to count the number of people responsible. Zidane is tasked



**NO WAY:** Real Madrid's Martin Odegaard (centre) is challenged by Shakhtar's Matviyenko at the Olimpiyskiy Stadium in Kiev

with fixing things urgently, but the coach may not even make it for the last group game. Right now his presence against Gladbach is at risk." Daily *El Pais* added: "With so little, an ordinary Shakhtar left Madrid shaking." This was Madrid's fifth defeat in 11 matches and while they could point to the absences of key players such as captain Sergio Ramos, right back Dani Carvajal and record signing Eden Hazard, their

problems run deep. Raphael Varane, a four-time Champions League winner and World Cup champion, yet again lost focus at a crucial moment to allow Dentinho to score the opening goal and without Ramos by his side is looking increasingly vulnerable.

Perhaps more concerning is Madrid's inability to create danger. Karim Benzema is their only real threat and has only just returned

from three weeks out, while Marco Asensio is not the same player since missing most of the last campaign.

Zidane's power as a motivator also seems to be waning, evidenced by Madrid's lethargic performance in the second half. Madrid visit an in-form Sevilla on Saturday searching for a first league victory in four matches, before Wednesday's crunch match at home to Gladbach. They then face Atletico Madrid. REUTERS

### Can reach round of 16

**Group A:** Atlético, Salzburg  
**Group B:** Mönchengladbach, Shakhtar, Real Madrid, Inter  
**Group D:** Atalanta, Ajax  
**Through:** Bayern (Group A); Manchester City, Porto (Group C); Liverpool (Group D)

### Results

**Group A:** Atletico 1 (Felix 26) Bayern Munich 1 (Mueller 86-pen); Lokomotiv Moscow 1 (Miranchuk 79-pen) Salzburg 3 (Berisha 28, 41, Ademyemi 81).  
**Group B:** M'gladbach 2 (Plea 45+1, 76) Inter 3 (Darmin 17, Lukaku 64,

73); Shakhtar Donetsk 2 (Dentinho 57, Solomon 82) Real Madrid 0.  
**Group C:** Marseille 2 (Payet 55-pen, 75-pen) Olympiakos 1 (Camara 33); Porto 0 Manchester City 0.  
**Group D:** Atalanta 1 (Romero 79) Midtjylland 1 (Scholz 13); Liverpool 1 (Jones 58) Ajax 0.

**“THERE'S NO CHANCE WHATSOEVER OF ME STANDING DOWN. WE'RE GOING TO KEEP GOING. WE'VE HAD SOME TRICKY TIMES AND YOU'RE ALWAYS GOING TO GET THEM. WE'RE ON A BAD RUN IN TERMS OF RESULTS, THAT'S THE REALITY OF IT, BUT WE'VE GOT TO KEEP GOING.”** —Zidane, REAL COACH

**“Now we have our final against Real Madrid. We are still in the mix and have the best starting position of all four teams. We just have to seal qualification in Madrid.”**  
— Christoph Kramer, BORUSSIA MÖNCHENGLADBACH CAPTAIN

### HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	Pts
<b>GROUP B</b>					
Gladbach	5	2	2	1	8
Shakhtar	5	2	1	2	7
Real Madrid	5	2	1	2	7
Inter Milan	5	1	2	2	5

Note: Top two qualify

## Sneha hits the front

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Hyderabad:** Hyderabad amateur Sneha Singh hit the front with a one-under par 71 in the first round of the seventh leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour in Noida on Wednesday. The 16-year-old all-India amateur champion was the lone golfer to return a sub-par round. Vani Kapoor was a shot behind in second place. Fancied Diksha Dagar had a poor day in the office, shooting four-over 76.

**Leading scores (after 18 holes):** 71: Sneha Singh (A); 72: Vani Kapoor; 73: Hunar Mittal (A); Siddhi Kapoor, Trimann Saluja; 74: Saaniya Sharma, Amandeep Drali; 75: Lakshmehar Pardesi; 76: Diksha Dagar.

### Double for CV Anand

CV Anand scored a double, winning the singles and doubles titles in the 40+ age category of the Hyderabad Open senior tennis tournament. **Results (finals) 30+:** Anurag bt Raja 9-2. **40+:** CV Anand bt CH Narasimhulu 9-5. **50+:** KVN Murthy bt K Mehar Prakash 8-6. **60+:** V Shankar bt M Suresh 8-2. **Doubles: 30+:** Anurag/Muralidhar bt Dilip/Raja 9-7. **40+:** CV Anand/Md Waheed bt Ramakrishna/S Ashok 8-4. **50+:** K Mehar Prakash/Shiva bt Riazulhaq/Mansoor 8-0. **60+:** Anand Swaroop/Srinivas bt V Shankar/V Ganapathy 8-2.

### Amlan bags award

City athlete, 22-year-old Amlan Borgohain bagged the best overall performer award in the Reliance Foundation Odisha Athletics High Performance Centre (HPC) meet in Bhubaneswar. He won all the six races — three 100m and three 200m events. In the 200m final, he clocked his personal best of 21.20 seconds.