



ONLINE CHESS

BEATING A WORLD CHAMPION AT 16

The 16-year-old Indian Grandmaster from Chennai D Gukesh became the youngest to beat world champion, Magnus Carlsen. He upset Carlsen in the ninth round of the preliminary phase of the Aimchess Rapid online chess tournament with white pieces. By defeating the world champion, he moved up to the third position behind Poland's Jan-Krzysztof Duda (25 points) and Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Azerbaijan, 23 points) with 21 points after the 12th round. He is considered to be a chess prodigy. He is the third-youngest person in history to qualify for the title of Grandmaster. He was awarded the title by FIDE in March 2019.



HOCKEY IN THE HOME-TURF



INDONESIAN STADIUM TRAGEDY

'WILL UPGRADE STADIUM INFRA, ENSURE SAFETY'

Days after the disaster at a stadium in East Java's Malang city, the president of FIFA—soccer's world governing body—met Indonesia's president and vowed to help improve stadium safety. He assured that steps would be taken to prevent a repeat of a tragedy in which police fired tear gas at a match, causing a crush that killed about 132 spectators, who attempted to flee. FIFA President Gianni Infantino informed that the body would bring experts and investment to upgrade the infrastructure across the soccer-obsessed country. According to reports, he said: "They love football and we owe it to them that when they go to see matches, they are safe and secure." He also said the governing body would work in collaboration with the Indonesian government, the Asian Football Confederation and Indonesia's Football Association to ensure that the Under-20 FIFA World Cup to be hosted by the country next year runs smoothly.

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India will host the men's Hockey World Cup 2023 in its eastern state of Odisha. Hosts India will face lower-ranked Spain in the opening match on January 13 at the newly-constructed Birsa Munda International Stadium in Rourkela, Odisha. The Indian team, which had bagged bronze at Tokyo Olympics and is currently world No.5 in the FIH rankings, has

been placed alongside England (6), Spain (8) and World Cup debutants Wales (16) in pool D. Team India will play its second match in Rourkela, against England on January 15. On January 19, it will face Wales in their final group match in Bhubaneswar. Pool A is being led by world No.1 Australia, which had clinched a bronze at the last World Cup in 2018. They were drawn along with 2016 Olympic champions Argentina, France



and African champions South Africa. Reigning world champions Belgium are the top seed. The team has been placed in Pool B along with 2006 winners Germany, Korea and Japan. Pool C has last edition finalists the Netherlands, ranked third in the world, along with Oceania representative New Zealand, Malaysia -- playing their ninth World Cup -- and debutants Chile. As per the schedule, 2016 Olympic champions Argentina will face South Africa, while world No. 1 Australia will take on France on the same day at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar. Belgium will take on South Korea in Bhubaneswar.



CRICKET

NEW PRESIDENT FOR BCCI

1983 World Cup hero, Roger Binny, was elected as the 36th president of the Board of Cricket Control of India (BCCI), taking over the charge from former Indian skipper Sourav Ganguly. Prior to his elevation, he was the head coach of the world cup winning Indian under-19 team in 2000. He was also a national selector. He also worked in the Asian Cricket Council as development officer for a short period. He was the highest wicket taker in the winning Indian squad of 1983 World Cup.

WRESTLING POWER WOMEN

India's medal tally increased at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships 2022 as Ankush Panghal won silver in the women's 50kg category and Mansi Ahlawat clinched a bronze in the women's 59kg event in Pontevedra, Spain. So far, India has won five medals, one silver and four bronze, at the age-group worlds in Cairo. After defeating Snizhana Onufrieva of Ukraine in her first bout, Ankush Panghal defeated Germany's Ersel Lisa in the quarter-finals.

INDIA VS PAK AT T20 WORLD CUP INDIA WINS A HUMDINGER!

Virat Kohli's unbeaten 82-run knock engineered India's sensational four-wicket victory over arch rival Pakistan in a nail-biting match at the MCG—packed with over 90,000 spectators—on Diwali eve (October 23) at Melbourne in the ongoing ICC T20 World Cup. He was an anchor for India's chase of 160 after the team was left in tatters at 31 for 4. Hardik Pandya struck 40 off 37 balls in a partnership of 113 for the fifth wicket. Losing captain Rohit, vice-captain Rahul and Suryakumar early, India got off to the worst possible start. But Hardik and Kohli stitched a key role in France's 2018 campaign. Kante had played only two Premier League matches this season. The club also issued a statement citing that the midfielder had visited a specialist with the club's medical department.



DENMARK OPEN SUPER 750

SMASHED!

In the quarterfinals of the Denmark Open Super 750, India suffered a setback as Indian men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty went down fighting against Malaysia's Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik. Aaron Chia-Wooi Yik defeated the Indian pair 21-16 in the first game. In the second game, Satwik-Chirag took an 11-9 lead at the interval, but the Malaysian pair bounced back to win nine of the following 11 points. The Malaysian pair eventually won the game 21-19 on their third match point and made it to the semifinals. Commonwealth Games champion Lakshya Sen also suffered a straight game loss to Japan's Kodai Naraoka in the men's singles quarterfinal, bringing an end to India's campaign at the tournament in Odense.



FIFA WORLD CUP 2022

Setback for France's N'Golo Kante

Following a hamstring injury and a subsequent surgery, France midfielder N'Golo Kante was ruled out of the FIFA World Cup 2022. It was informed by the defending champion, Chelsea. He would be out for four months. Kante had played a key role in France's 2018 campaign. According to reports, he faced the setback during the final stages of his recovery. The FIFA World Cup 2022 is scheduled to be held November 20 to December 18 in Qatar. Kante had played only two Premier League matches this season. The club also issued a statement citing that the midfielder had visited a specialist with the club's medical department.

SHOOTING SUCCESS

India No. 2 at ISSF World Championship

On a rampage, the junior Indian shooters clinched as many as four more gold medals at the ISSF World Championship in Cairo. After the victory, India's medal tally reached 20, including nine gold, three silver and eight bronze at the tournament. India is now in the second position, lagging behind China, which has bagged 18 gold for a grand total of 37 medals.

