India record lone win of 5 nations tournament

PTI VALENCIA (SPAIN)

aptain Harmanpreet Singh and Jugraj Singh ✓ struck a brace each as the Indian men's hockey team beat France 5-4 in its fourth and final match to notch up its lone win in the five-nation tournament here on Wednesday

Jugraj scored in the 20th and minutes while Harmanpreet found the target in the 25th and 56th minutes. Vivek Sagar Prasad (16th) struck once in the match that went back and forth throughout its duration.

India thus ended their largely disappointing campaign with a win. They had lost all their earlier three matches in the tournament -- 0-1 to Spain, 2-7 to Belgium and 2-3 to Germany. France are the lowest-ranked side at ninth while India are at third.

The first quarter saw France take the lead through a penalty-corner conversion from Lucas Montecot in the 11th minute. India equalised early in the second quarter through a field goal from Vivek.



Jugraj then put India in the lead after converting a penalty corner before Harmanpreet doubled the lead through another penalty corner.

France were soon awarded a penalty stroke and Etienne Tynevez (28th) scored to make full use of it as the score read 3-2 in favour of India at half time. France restored parity late in the third quarter with a field goal from Gaspard Baumgarten (43rd minute). As the scoreline read 3-3, both the teams tried to break through each other's defence in the final quarter. France stole the lead through another penalty-corner conversion by Etienne Tynevez (53rd) but their joy was shortlived, as Harmanpreet scored through a penalty corner to bring up his second goal.

Jugraj returned to score his second goal through yet another penalty corner in the last minute of the match as India emerged 5-4 victorious to end the tournament with a win. The five teams play each other once and the side finishing on top of the points table after all matches will be the winner.

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Vita becomes first Indian

governing board member

to be inducted as ITTF

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an organisation that aligns

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Table tennis is a sport that

anybody can play. It has great mental and physical

President Petra Sorling said, "I am delighted to welcome governing board member of the International Table Tennis Federation's (ITTF) Ms Vita Dani to the ITTF family as a new member of the ITTF Foundation The Foundation was estab-Governing Board. Her paslished in 2018 by the ITTF to attract more people to the sion for growing our sport and using it as a catalyst for Commenting on her new role, Vita said, "It is a great development makes her a valuable member."

Vita and her organisation (Dani Foundation) have played a big role in shaping the upward trajectory of Indian table tennis.

She is also the co-owner of the Chennaiyin Football Club, which features in the Indian Super League.

social time for teammates.

A game between the fourth-

place team in England and the

fourth-place finisher in the

Japanese league that ended this

month exposed a much wider

gulf. Urawa coach Maciej Skorza

acknowledged his players could

not handle the Premier League champion's "huge offensive

power. They know what the gap

Sanjay confident of getting WFI top job

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Sanjay Singh, the Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh loyalist, on Wednesday exuded confidence of sweeping the much-delayed Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) elections, saying the fraternity knows who would be beneficial for the sport and who could inflict damage to it. UP Wrestling Association vice-

president Sanjay, who hails from Varanasi, is up against Commonwealth Games gold medallist Anita Sheoran for the post of president. Anita is backed by the country's top wrestlers, who had accused outgoing WFI president Brij Bhushan of sexually exploiting women grapplers during his tenure. The WFI office was teeming

with the state officials who have gathered for Thursday's elections. A few coaches and all hoped for a favourable out-

If sources are to be believed, the Sanjay Singh panel, backed by Brij Bhushan, has the support of at least 41 out of 50 electoral college members.

Except for the state of Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir and Odisha, the rest are believed will vote for the Sanjay Singh panel. "The entire fraternity knows who has worked for the betterment of the sports and who have tried to cause damage. The work done by the WFI in the last 11 years is a proof that the sport of wrestling has grown at a good pace in India. People will have that in mind when they will cast their votes," Sanjay Singh told PTI.

The elite wrestlers, including Olympic medallists Bajrang Punia and Sakshi Malik and World Championships medallist Vinesh Phogat, had spearheaded the agitation at Jantar Mantar against Brij Bhushan. They were promised that none



of Brij Bhushan's family members or associates will be allowed to contest the elections. Consequently, neither Brij Bhushan's son Prateek nor sonin-law Vishal Singh entered

Sanjay Singh is a close associate of Brij Bhushan, the BJP MP from Kaiserganj in Uttar Pradesh, but the returning officer had cleared his nomination. "There is tremendous trust in y of Brij Bhu he has done a good job to bring about improvement in the level of sport. The financial health of the federation has also improved considerably under him. That's why he still has the backing of the fraternity," said a member of the electoral col-

Besides the post of the president, elections will also be held for the posts of senior vice-president (1), vice-presidents (4), secretary-general (1), treasurer (1), joint secretaries (2), executive members (5).

The election process, which was set in motion in July, has been delayed because of court cases. This has further led to the suspension of the WFI by the international federation, United World Wrestling, for failing to conduct fresh polls in the time stipulated by them.

The Supreme Court recently set aside the stay imposed by the Punjab and Haryana High Court, paving the way for the process to elect the new WFI governing body.

partner, Micaela Escudero.

Man City beats Urawa 3-0

AP JEDDAH (SAUDI ARABIA)

Manchester City set aside struggles at home to ease past Urawa Red Diamonds 3-0 in the Club World Cup semifinals and is one game away from a fifth title in 2023. The champion of Europe has

never lost to the champion of Asia at a Club World Cup and it never looked likely on a balmy evening in the Red Sea port city Jeddah on Tuesday. After it took Man City until first-half stoppage time to score from an own goal by defender Marius Hoibraten, Mateo Kovacic and Bernardo Silva struck with shots in a sevenminute spell early in the second half against the Japanese team. Man City now will be favoured to beat Fluminense of Brazil in the final on Friday.

"It's the only title that the club don't have," City manager Pep Guardiola said. "The players know how impor-

tant this game is for all of us at the club. Guardiola's team keeps finding respite in international games during an untypical run in the Premier League where the defending champion has won just one of its last six games

while leaking late goals.

A winning Club World Cup debut followed City closing out a perfect six-win streak in its Champions League group this month. City also added a UEFA Super Cup title in August to its storied trophy treble last season of Champions League, Premier League and English FA Cup. City needed some help to score first Friday when Hoibraten diverted goalward a pass across the goalmouth by Matheus Nunes that was unlikely to find another of the six midfield

players in the starting lineup.

With Erling Haaland still ruled

out by a foot injury, Guardiola also opted to leave Argentina forward Julián Álvarez on the

The biggest cheers during a lackluster first half came when the faces of City stars Haaland and Kevin De Bruyne sitting in the main stand were broadcast on the screens placed high at each end of the King Abdullah Sports City Stadium. Neither

will play in the final.

De Bruyne was not risked despite taking part in a light training session Monday more than four months after having surgery on a hamstring injury sustained early in City's Premier League season opener.

Otherwise the noise from a 40,127 crowd inside a far-fromfull stadium was raised by about 400 red-and-black clad Urawa

FIH Player of the Year award

The clapping, singing, jumping group kept time to relentless drumming by one in their ranks and continued after the goals arrived either side of halftime. In the 52nd, deep-lying midfielder Kovacic exploited the space left vacant where Haaland

would be to surge forward and

shoot after collecting Kyle

fans packed behind one goal.

Walker's long pass. It was shooting practice for On Friday, another Europe vs City seven minutes later when South America final - the 13th in 19 editions - will decide the last Club World Cup title in the Bernardo Silva scored with the help of a slight deflection after current format that began in goalkeeper Shusaku Nishikawa pushed away Nunes' first effort. Urawa also will be in the 32-City cruised through the last half-hour and Guardiola team lineup when FIFA

detailed an approach in Jeddah for his squad that is on a conrelaunches the competition in June 2025 in the United States when Europe will have 12 entries and Asia just four. stant two-games-per-week program this season. The plan is to sleep and to sleep "I think this experience will be and to sleep," the coach said, praising Walker as an "incred-

very important for our club," said Skorza, who will leave Urawa after the season.

Ponzio banned for 18 months in doping case

American-born Italian shot putter Nick Ponzio was banned for 18 months by the Italian Anti-Doping Agency for drug-testing violations, ruling him out of next year's Paris Olympics.

Ponzio reached a plea deal with doping authorities after he was unable to be found for surprise tests on three occasions.

According to Italian media reports on Tuesday, Ponzio said it was not his fault and that there was a glitch with the app on his phone that meant he did not receive the notifications. Ponzio's ban runs until August

27 as it started last February. The Olympics take place from July

Angel clear to return to PGA Tour after prison

26 to August 11.

Ponzio, who was born in San Diego but qualified for Italy because his great grandfather was Italian, competed at the Tokyo Olympics but didn't get past the qualifying round. He finished fourth at last year's

European Championships. The 28-year-old Ponzio is the second Italian athlete to be suspended in less than a week after steeplechase runner Ahmed Abdelwahed was given a maximum four-year ban by the Athletics Integrity Unit on Thursday

Italy's athletics team had a breakout performance in Tokyo, winning five gold medals including a surprise victory for Marcell Jacobs in the 100 meters. recognition of hard work: Hardik "It's an absolute honour to reminder that hard work, perreceive this esteemed award. I am immensely grateful to my

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Indian men's hockey team vicecaptain Hardik Singh on Wednesday said the FIH Player of the Year award is a recognition of his "hard work and perseverance" that he has put in over the years to excel in the sport he loves.

Hardik on Tuesday became the third male player from India to win the coveted award, joining Manpreet Singh (2019) and Harmanpreet Singh (2020-21 and 2021-22).

Besides Hardik, India women's team skipper Savita Punia won the FIH Goalkeeper of the Year award for the third consecutive

teammates, coaches, and sup porters who have been the pillars of my success. This recognition fuels my determination to continue giving my best to the sport I love," Hardik said.

The journey to this award has been filled with challenges and learning experiences. It's a

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severance, and a supportive team can pave the way for remarkable achievements.

ible captain" who organises

Hardik made a successful comeback after he was ruled out midway into the 2023 World Cup jointly hosted by Bhubaneswar and Rourkela with a hamstring

Notably, this is Hardik's second significant accolade this year as Hockey India Balbir Singh Sr Award for Player of the Year 2022 earlier this year.

With 114 caps under his belt, 25year-old Hardik played a vital role in India's bronze medalwinning feat at the Tokyo Olympics, and gold medals in this year's Asian Champions Trophy 2023 and the Asian

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AP BUENOS AIRES

Two-time major champion Angel Cabrera, released on parole from an Argentina prison in August for gender violence, has been cleared to play in PGA Tour-sanctioned events. He said in a Golf Digest interview he wants to clean up his image from "serious mistakes." Without confirming Cabrera was ever suspended - the PGA Tour does not publicize conduct violations - a tour spokesman confirmed the 54-year-old Argentine is eligible to play.

Cabrera, who won the US Open at Oakmont in 2007 and the Masters in a playoff in 2009, was imprisoned for two years for threats and harassment of Cecilia Torres Mana, his partner of two years. Her case was joined by that of another former

In a lengthy interview with Golf Digest published in the December-January edition, Cabrera said he was embarrassed by his behaviour and said, "I made serious mistakes." "I refused to listen to anyone and

did what I wanted, how I wanted and when I wanted," Cabrera "That was wrong. I ask Micaela for forgiveness. I ask Celia for

forgiveness. They had the bad luck of being with me when I was at my worst. I wasn't the devil, but I did bad things. "I am deeply embarrassed because I disappointed the people closest to me - and everyone who loves me through golf," he said. "Golf gave me everything, and

I know I will never be able to repay the debt I owe this sport." Golf Digest said Cabrera was



hol addiction, including taking daily medication that causes sickness if he drinks. His longtime coach, Charlie Epps, said Cabrera was taking alcohol education courses for six hours a week. In the interview, the 54year-old Cabrera said he was trying to complete classes to graduate the sixth grade and had two months left when he was released on parole.

Epps said he asked Ping if it could supply Cabrera with a new set of golf clubs, which the

coach took down to Argentina upon the release. played with him for five days," Epps said on Tuesday in

a telephone interview. "It's a miracle that an uneducated, poor kid can look back and say: OK, I did wrong. I'm going to learn from it and it's all up to me now. He gets a second chance and he wants to try to take advantage of it." Cabrera played a tournament in Rosario, Argentina, last week and tied for 10th. Augusta National did not imme-

diately respond to a request for comment on whether he would be invited to the Masters, where champions have a lifetime exemption. Golf Digest obtained a letter from the tour notifying Cabrera that his suspension was lifted effective Monday and that "failure to comply with the terms of your release from

mation regarding your legal situation in Argentina may result in the immediate reinstatement of your suspension." Cabrera has seven wins on main

prison or any additional infor-

tours around the world, his last one at the Greenbrier Classic in 2014. He is best known for holding off Tiger Woods and Jim Furyk to win at Oakmont for his first major, and for his shot out of the trees on the 18th hole that led to a playoff win at the Masters over Kenny Perry and Chad Campbell.

Cabrera was among inmates granted two-hour visits with partners every 15 days because of good behavior. Yamila Alvarez, his partner of four years, gave birth to a son in November 2022. They married in October after Cabrera got out of prison