

FIH Hockey5s World Cup

Simranjeet to lead India men, Rajni to captain women side

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Simranjeet Singh and Rajni Etimarpur will lead the men's and women's sides respectively as Hockey India on Sunday named the Indian teams for the upcoming FIH Hockey5s World Cup to be held in Muscat, Oman. While the Hockey5s Women's World Cup will be held between January 24 and 27, the men's event is slated from January 28 to January 31. Experienced goalkeeper Rajni will have defender Mahima Chaudhary as her deputy, while Mandeep Mor will be

the vice-captain of the men's team. The women's team also comprises Bansari Solanki as the second goalkeeper, with Akshata Abaso Dhekale and Jyoti Chhatrasi as defenders. Among midfielders, Mariana Kujur and Mumtaz Khan have been named while Ajmina Kujur, Rutaja Dadaso Pisal and Deepika Soreng have been named as forwards. The Indian Women are grouped in Pool C along with Namibia, Poland and the United States. A total of 16 teams will participate in the Hockey5s Women's



World Cup which includes Fiji, Malaysia, the Netherlands and hosts Oman in Pool A, while Australia, South Africa, Ukraine and Zambia are in Pool B and Pool D features New Zealand, Paraguay, Thailand and Uruguay. "The team comprises young players with enough international experience and understanding of the challenges of playing a prestigious event such as the Hockey 5's World Cup," coach Soundarya said in a HI release. "We are well prepared and are upbeat ahead of the tournament."

The Indian men's team, led by Olympic bronze medallist Simranjeet, includes goalkeepers Suraj Karkera and Prashant Kumar Chauhan. Mandeep Mor will be joined by Manjeet in defence, while midfield features Mohd Raheel Mousen and Maninder Singh and forward-line comprises Pawan Rajbhar, Gurjot Singh and Uttam Singh along with captain Simranjeet. Grouped in Pool B, India will play against Egypt, Jamaica and Switzerland to make the knockout rounds. The other teams in the fray include the Netherlands,

Nigeria, Pakistan and Poland in Pool A and Pool C features Australia, Kenya, New Zealand, Trinidad and Tobago while Pool D includes Fiji, Malaysia, Oman and the United States. "We have chosen a very balanced team with youth and experience for this exciting format of hockey," coach Sardar Singh said. "Several players in this squad already have the experience of playing this format and are eager to perform well. We have worked hard for this tournament and look forward to finishing on the podium."

Fernandez leads Canada to win over Chile

Pegula stunned by Great Britain's Boulter

AP ■ SYDNEY

Former U.S. Open finalist Leylah Fernandez led Canada to a 2-1 victory over Chile in its opening United Cup match on Sunday. Fernandez defeated Daniela Seguel 6-3, 6-2 before Nicolas Jarry leveled the Group B tie for Chile by beating Steven Diez in straight sets in Sydney. Diez had replaced Felix Auger-Aliassime who was rested with a minor knee issue. Fernandez and Diez then clinched the deciding mixed doubles against Seguel and Tomas Barrios Vera 7-5, 4-6, 10-8 to seal the tie for the Canadians. "I'm extremely happy with

the way I played," world No.35 Fernandez said after her 73 minute win over Seguel. "It wasn't the greatest match because it is my first match of the season, the nerves, but I'm extremely happy with the way that I was able to manage it." In Perth, Great Britain's Katie Boulter stunned fifth-ranked Jessica Pegula in Group C rallying from a set down to win 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 in nearly three hours. The Americans drew level when 10th-ranked Taylor Fritz defeated Cameron Norrie 7-6 (5), 6-4 to force a deciding mixed doubles match. Later Sunday, men's No. 1 Novak Djokovic returns to Perth for the first time since the 2013 Hopman Cup when he leads Serbia in its first Group E match against Zhang Zhizhen of China. China won its opening tie against the Czech Republic 3-0 and a victory over Serbia would clinch a quarter-finals berth.

We respect all but fear none: Jhingan

PTI ■ DOHA

They might be up against formidable and higher-ranked opponents such as Australia in the upcoming Asian Cup but star Indian stopper Sandesh Jhingan on Sunday said "we respect all but fear none". India are clubbed with continental heavyweights and World Cup regulars Australia, strong central Asian side Uzbekistan and tricky Syria -- all above Stimac's team in the FIFA rankings -- in the group stage of the Asian Cup from January 13 onwards. Jhingan, one of head coach Igor Stimac's key players bracing up to appear in the Croat's toughest test of his coaching tenure, remained unperturbed by the task that awaits his team in the coming days. Jhingan, upon his arrival at the airport here, said, "No group in the Asian Cup is easy. Of course, we've got Australia, and they need no introduction. But what we have learned in the last few years is that we must never fear any opposition."



"Believe in the work you do, believe in your group, and the sky's the limit for this batch. We must stay humble, keep improving, and hopefully do something special." At the Hamad International Airport, the players were greeted by more than a hundred Indian fans. While this will be India's fifth appearance in the AFC Asian Cup, the Blue Tigers have never made it past the group stage after finishing runners-up in 1964, which was played in a round-robin format. Jhingan looked at the positives of the recent past. He said, "We have been getting some great support at home,

and we've had a great year, which shows how fast we are improving. Now it's all about putting in our best effort here and seeing where we can land up." Representatives from the Indian embassy in Qatar also came down to the airport and the hotel to greet the members of the national team. Stimac had arrived a day earlier in Doha and was there at the team hotel to greet every player. Drawn in Group B, India will begin their campaign against Australia on January 13 followed by matches against Uzbekistan on January 18 and Syria on January 23). The Blue Tigers have had a great year so far, winning three trophies (Tri-Nation Cup, Intercontinental Cup, and the SAFF Championship) at home, before putting in commendable performances away from home in the King's Cup in Thailand, Merdeka Tournament in Malaysia and in the FIFA World Cup Qualifiers away game against Kuwait (1-0).

We are rank outsiders in our group: Stimac

'Our goal is to enter third round of World Cup Qualifiers'

PTI ■ DOHA

The Indian football team is entering the upcoming Asian Cup as "rank outsiders" and its main goal is to go through to the third round of the 2026 World Cup Qualifiers, head coach Igor Stimac said on Sunday. Stimac was making his assessment based on the level of competition they are expected to face in a tough group comprising continental heavyweights Australia and the physically intimidating Uzbekistan. India are drawn in Group B with World Cup regulars Australia, strong central Asian side Uzbekistan and tricky Syria -- all above Stimac's team in the FIFA rankings -- in the group stage of the Asian Cup. "Obviously, we are rank outsiders in our group. Uzbekistan

is one of the dark horses and a fantastic team, their players' physicality could cause problems. "Australia are playing at the highest level of football and we all know what they are capable of... They are regular at World Cups and will mostly clear the group stage there," Stimac said. India landed in Qatar's capital on Saturday for the tournament. And how does he plan to approach the matches? "This group is much stronger than the last Asian Cup. The most important thing for us is to have a good performance and ensure that we remain stable and in shape while playing. I am not putting any pressure on players about results. "We need to find stability, we will try to play fearless football notwithstanding the teams we play against. I don't mind the final results. Our final goal is to



qualify for the third round of World Cup qualifiers." While this will be India's fifth appearance in the AFC Asian Cup, the Blue Tigers have never made it past the group stage after finishing runners-up in 1964, which was played in a round-robin format. India will begin their campaign against Australia on January 13 followed by matches against Uzbekistan on January 18 and

Syria on January 23. The team will play a warm-up game on January 7 to see where it stands in terms of preparation before the big test. "Keeping in mind that all the other teams are in Dubai for three weeks already, we are trying to settle down to the climatic conditions and adjust in a proper way in the short time given to us." Injuries to some key players, such as Jeakson Singh, Glan Martins and Anwar Ali, have disturbed Stimac's plans just before he was to pick his final squad of 26. "Things changed dramatically for us with injuries in recent times. Anwar Ali, Ashique Kuruniyan, Glan Martins and Jeakson Singh... We are going to miss them a lot. "It is not easy to replace Anwar as he is one of the best defend-

ers in Asia. Jeakson was providing us stability in the build-up phase. "But we don't have time to think about those who are not with us. We will try to maximise the performance of those players who are with us here," Stimac said. Strong and well-built players like Anwar would have proven handy against teams such as Uzbekistan. "It is not just about physicality, we also lost passing quality and passing ability with these three players," said Stimac. The 1998 World Cup semifinalist with Croatia added, "I was very happy to see Sahal (Abdul Samad) settle down at Mohun Bagan and Sandesh Jhingan is doing well at Goa. Now we all know how much Bengaluru FC have lost with the departure of Jhingan and how much Goa has benefitted."

Man City ends historic year on high

AP ■ MANCHESTER

After the greatest year in Manchester City's history, Pep Guardiola's players look hungry for another. Defending champion City ended a trophy-laden 2023 with a 2-0 win against Sheffield United in the English Premier League on Saturday. Meanwhile, Manchester United looks lost after another defeat. United's 14th loss in all competitions came at Nottingham Forest by 2-1. City moved up to third, just two points behind leader Liverpool. That's not bad considering Guardiola's team has struggled to hit the heights of last season's treble-winning campaign and has been without the talismanic Kevin De Bruyne since August. The Belgian international is on his way back from a hamstring injury and City is finding form after a recent run of just one win in six league games. "We're not top of the league,



Liverpool are better," Guardiola said. "We've had injuries and some problems. Our level is really good I would say and we are there." City added the Club World Cup last week to the Premier League, Champions League, FA Cup and European Super Cup trophies it won over the past 12 months, and all were on display ahead of kickoff at Etihad Stadium, where it hasn't lost all year. "When you're walking out and

you see five trophies, it hits home to you who you are playing against and what they've achieved," Sheffield United manager Chris Wilder said. Goals from Rodri and Julian Alvarez helped City secure back-to-back wins since returning from the Club World Cup in Saudi Arabia. De Bruyne was an unused substitute, while Erling Haaland was still absent with a foot injury that has kept him out since the start of the month. The return of both of those players should only strengthen Guardiola's attempt to make history by winning an unprecedented fourth Premier League in a row.

MAN UNITED LOSE It is a wonder how Man United is seventh on the table and not lower. Morgan Gibbs-White scored an 82nd-minute winner for Nottingham Forest to topple United for the first time since 1994.



Scottish Junior Open squash Anahat wins U-19 girls title

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Talented Indian teenager Anahat Singh produced a dominant performance, bagging the girls' under-19 title at the 2023 Scottish Junior Open squash held in Edinburgh. Anahat claimed a 11-6, 11-1, 11-5 victory over home favourite Robyn McAlpine in the final on Saturday. It capped off a spectacular year for Delhi's Anahat, who recorded the under-19 and senior National championship double and won the mixed doubles bronze along with Abhay Singh both at the Asian Games and in the inaugural Asian Mixed Doubles

Championships. Meanwhile, India's Subhash Choudhary rallied to beat compatriot Shiven Agarwal 5-11, 11-4, 6-11, 11-8, 11-5 in the boys' under-15 final, while Shreshth Iyer beat Shreyansh Jah 11-8, 11-8, 3-11, 11-8 in an all-Indian boys' under-13 final. Top-seeded Indian Aadya Budhia displayed resilience in beating Malaysia's Nica Chew 9-11, 11-8, 8-11, 11-8, 11-9 in the girls' under-13 final, while top seed Prabhav Bajoria beat second seed Aaditya Shah 5-11, 9-11, 11-5, 11-8, 11-6 in an all-Indian boys' under-11 final. Divyanshi Jain finished runner-up in the girls' under-11 category.

Juventus beats Roma

AP ■ MILAN

Juventus ended a troubled year on a positive note after beating Roma 1-0 to close in on Serie A leader Inter Milan. Adrien Rabiot scored and Juventus moved within two points of Inter, which drew on Friday. Juventus started the year mired in scandal after former president Andrea Agnelli and the entire

board resigned in November 2022 following an investigation by Turin prosecutors into false accounting, which led to the team being deducted 10 points. The false accounting case also led to Juventus being excluded by UEFA from the third-tier Europa Conference League for this season. Without the distraction of Europe, Juventus has been fighting hard at the top of the Serie A table and knew it

had the chance to close the gap on Saturday. Former Juventus striker Paulo Dybala recovered from injury to surprisingly start and his team almost took an early lead but Bryan Cristante's shot came off the right post. Dybala went close to scoring against his former team but instead it was Juventus which broke the deadlock right at the start of the second half.

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