

Marsh powers Punjab

PTI, Mumbai

Shaun Marsh guided Kings XI Punjab to a six-wicket victory over Mumbai Indians with an unbeaten knock of 68 in an IPL match, here on Sunday.

Marsh, who scored his runs in only 40 balls paced his innings nicely as Kings XI, chasing MI's competitive score of 163 for 6, reached the target with three balls to spare.

Kings XI needed 20 runs in the last two overs and Munaf Patel seemed to have swung the game a bit towards MI's way with his first four balls of the 19th over before the left-handed Marsh swung the fifth, a short one, over mid-wicket for a six.

The timely hit brought down the winning target to nine from the last over and off the first ball of the 20th over bowled by Thisara Perera, Marsh struck a six over point which proved to be a decisive blow.

In all, the Australian batsman hit five fours and three sixes and his innings provided the visitors with only their third victory in the season in seven games while dumping the home team to their fourth defeat in the same number of matches.

The second successive home defeat for MI kept their points tally to six while the victory brought Kings XI at par with them on points.

Earlier winning the toss and choosing to bat first, MI posted 163 for six courtesy a 51-ball-79 by James Franklin. The lanky left-handed batsman opened the innings with the fit-again Sachin Tendulkar (23. Tendulkar played only his second game of the tournament after missing four in between, put on a half century stand for the first wicket and then added a quick-fire 75 runs in just 36 balls with Dinesh

Karthik (35 in 20 balls) to pave the way for the competitive score.

SCORES IN BRIEF
KINGS XI PUNJAB: 164 for 4 (Marsh 68 not out, Saini 30, Mandeer 24, Hussey 21; Pollard 2-14, Ojha 2-28)
MUMBAI INDIANS: 163 for 6 (Franklin 79, Tendulkar 23, Karthik 35; Awana 2-23)
Result: Kings XI Punjab won by six wickets.
Man-of-the-match: Shaun Marsh.

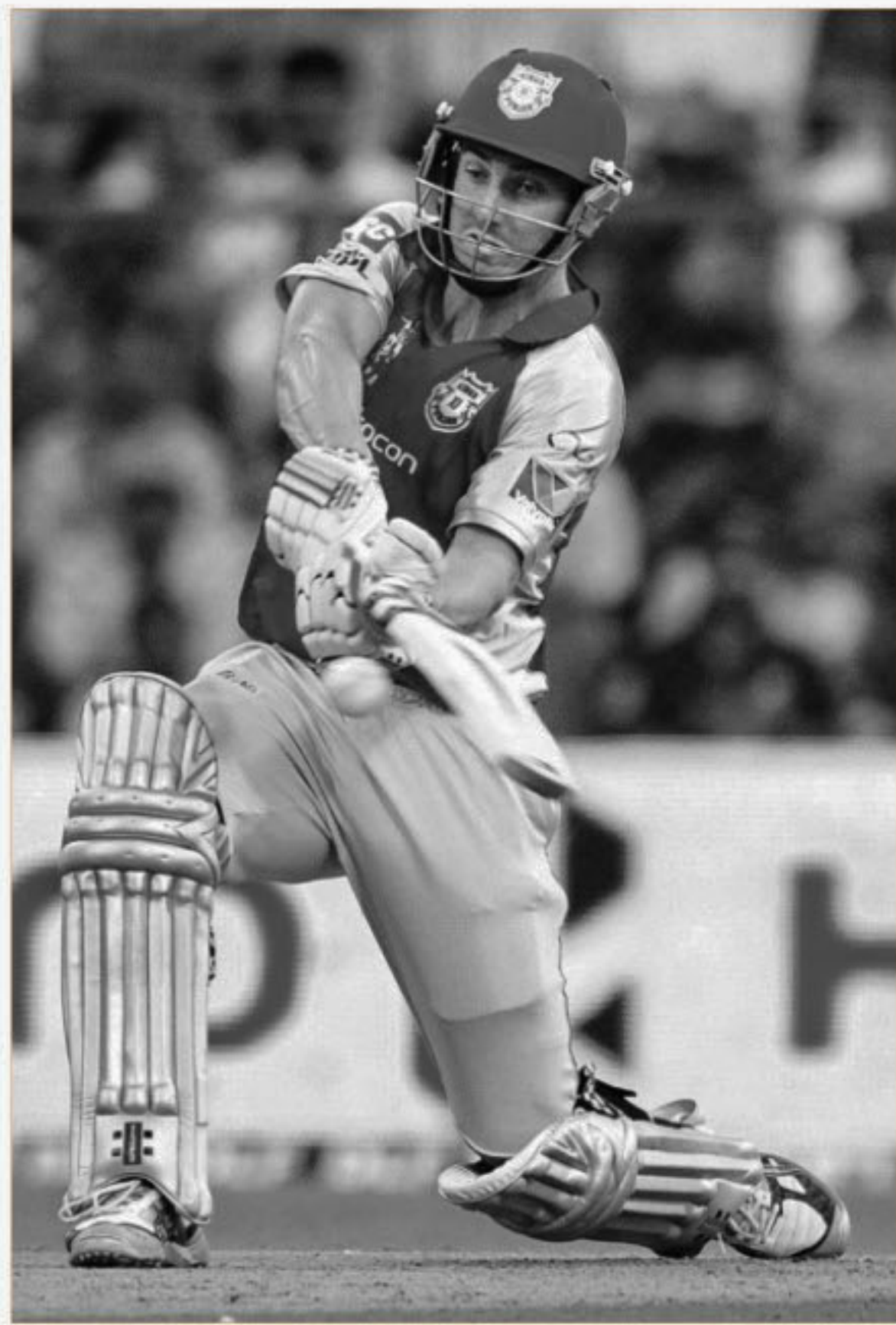


PHOTO: AFP

Kings XI Punjab batsman Shaun Marsh goes for a slog against the Mumbai Indians during their IPL Twenty20 match at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai yesterday.

Vettel wins Bahrain GP

AFP, Manama

Defending double world champion Sebastian Vettel claimed his first win of the year on Sunday to take over as leader of the Formula One title race when he triumphed in the controversial Bahrain Grand Prix.

Without any threatened interference from demonstrators at the heavily-guarded Sakhir circuit the 24-year-old German regained the form of last year and controlled the race from start to finish.

He jumped to the top of the drivers' standings after registering his 22nd career victory with a near-flawless drive from pole position to the chequered flag.

Vettel came home ahead of Kimi Raikkonen, the 2007 champion, and the Finn's Lotus teammate Romain Grosjean.

"That was an incredible race, very tough," said Vettel.

"I was lucky to have a good start, and that was crucial, as it let me pull away and open up a gap at the front. But Kimi (Raikkonen) challenged me - I think he must have found a dealer who had all those new tyres."

Agrani Bank end on winning note

SPORTS REPORTER

Agrani Bank beat Chittagong Abahani 1-0 in the second leg of the Premier Bank Bangladesh Championship League at the Cox's Bazar Stadium yesterday.

Mohammad Hanif scored the winning goal for Agrani Bank in the 80th minute.

The win took Agrani Bank's tally to 16 points from 12 matches while Chittagong Abahani have 9 points from same number of matches.

BPL deferred again

SPORTS REPORTER

The matches of the Grameenphone Bangladesh Premier League has been once again deferred as the league resumes on Tuesday, April 24.

As per new schedule, the rest of the matches at the Bangabandhu National Stadium will resume from Thursday with the match between Rahmatganj MFS and Brothers Union.

Salahuddin

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Combined Consensus Panel with Abdus Salam Murshedi in senior vice-president's post, and Badal Roy, Kazi Nabil Ahmed, Manjur Hossain Malu and Shawkat Ali Khan Jahangir in vice-president posts.

Meanwhile, Golam Mohammad Alamgir, Mokbul Hossain, Mesbahur Rahman, Mahiuddin Ahmed and Khalid Hossain have withdrawn their candidacy for membership.

Siddikur

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rising star Gaganjeet Bhullar and Shiv Kapur finished in tied third place.

Westwood, who finished tied third at the Masters Tournament two weeks ago, held a dominant eight-shot lead going into the final round but tiredness began to kick in on his homeward nine as he shot one birdie and three bogeys.

Westwood is the 10th player to successfully defend his title on the Asian Tour. The last successful title defence was by Lu Wen-teh of Chinese Taipei, winner of the Taiwan Masters in 2007 and 2008.

Bangladesh's

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Sri Lanka, on the other hand, have finished second best to Oman in Group A. History is also on Bangladesh's side as they have won eight times against the islanders lost to Sri Lanka.

The other semifinal of the day will be between Oman and Chinese Taipei.

Aussies to go for the kill

Final Test against WI starts today

Cricket

AFP, Roseau

Australia coach Mickey Arthur vowed his team will go for the West Indies' jugular in the third and final Test even if their full throttle assault backfires.

Australia have already ensured they will keep the Frank Worrell Trophy they have held for two decades after winning the first Test in Barbados and then seeing the rain-hit second match in Trinidad peter out into a draw.

But Arthur said his side will continue their positive approach, which was highlighted by two sporting declarations made by skipper Michael Clarke in the first two games.

"I'd rather lose a Test match trying to win it than just play dull cricket, because then you don't learn anything about your players," said Arthur, ahead of the final Test which starts at Windsor Park on Monday.

"You want to see players stand up in pressure situations. I'd rather that we went all out to win a game rather than just let a game meander."

Australia face a selection dilemma after fast bowlers Peter Siddle and James Pattinson were both forced to return home with back injuries.

That means Ryan Harris, man of the match in Barbados before being rested in Port of Spain, may be recalled while left-armers Mitchell Starc could also get the nod if the pitch looks likely to

favour pace.

In Trinidad, Australia played two specialist spinners in Nathan Lyon and Michael Beer while paceman Ben Hilfenhaus remains the visitors' top wicket-taker with eight at an average of under twenty.

"When you lose two of your quality quick bowlers it does disrupt plans just a little bit," admitted Arthur.

"They're world-class bowlers so it is a bit of a pity but we cater for that. We felt Ryan needed a break. We're going to have him fit and ready to go and we've got Starc, who has been fantastic all tour, to take his spot if we decide to go with three seamers.

"Lyon was outstanding and Beer did a really good job for us in Trinidad. We've still got the options of going with the seam or going with the spin."

Windsor Park has only staged one other Test when India were the visitors 10 months ago and the match was drawn.

Shivnarine Chanderpaul earned the man of the match award, scoring a century and a half-century in a low-scoring affair.

The ground has been used in this year's regional 4-day competition and each match has also seen batsmen struggle with only one innings total above 300.

For the West Indies, Fidel Edwards, who bowled some excellent spells without luck in Trinidad, has some back soreness.

He was the most successful bowler

for the West Indies in the previous Test at Windsor Park.

Ravi Rampaul, who is set to replace him, last played a Test in November 2011. He has been recovering from a bout of dengue fever and a shoulder problem.

West Indies will also be looking to seamer Kemar Roach to keep the pressure on Australia.

In Trinidad, he became the first West Indian since Curtly Ambrose in 1993, and the fifth West Indian overall, to pick up a 10-wicket match haul against Australia.

Kirk Edwards, with an injury to his left knee, has been withdrawn and replaced by the uncapped, left-hander Assad Fudadin.

He has only scored two centuries in eighty first-class innings, but both of those came in the recent regional 4-day competition.

SQUADS

WEST INDIES: Darren Sammy (captain), Adrian Barath, Carlton Brathwaite, Darren Bravo, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Narsingh Deonarine, Fidel Edwards, Assad Fudadin, Kieran Powell, Ravi Rampaul, Kemar Roach, Shane Shillingford.
AUSTRALIA: Michael Clarke (captain), Shane Watson, Michael Beer, Ed Cowan, Peter Forrest, Ryan Harris, Ben Hilfenhaus, Michael Hussey, Nathan Lyon, Peter Nevill, Ricky Ponting, Mitchell Starc, Matthew Wade, David Warner.

Another game another defeat for DC

AGENCIES, Cuttack

Even their all time lucky venue, Barabati Stadium of Cuttack failed to break the zinx for Deccan Chargers. Chargers were routed by Kolkata Knight Riders in a low scoring match by five wickets and six balls remaining.

The Deccan Chargers bowlers struggled to earn their side a maiden victory in this season of the IPL but, even on a slow pitch that turned, they did not have enough runs to defend. The upshot was a fifth consecutive defeat for the home side while Kolkata Knight Riders drew level with the other top teams in the tournament with their fourth win. The finish, however, was far more tense and hard fought than was expected.

After restricting DC at 126, Kolkata Knight Riders suffered first setback in the third over in the form of Brendon McCullum, who was scalped by Steyn at the score of 10 runs. Bisla and Gambhir added 28 runs for the second wicket before Bisla fall prey to Amit Mishra in the seventh over. He was bowled out at 10 off 13 deliveries. Gautam Gambhir, who was appearing to have got settled on the crease, lost control off the bat and threw an easy catch to Sangakkara. He was out after adding 30 runs.

Once again Yusuf Pathan failed to fire and was dismissed at six off four by Ankit Sharma. Next to go was Kallis, who was caught behind on Steyn's delivery at 23 off 24 runs. With KKR

still 20 runs away from the target.

Deccan Chargers set up a target of 127 runs against Kolkata Knight Riders. Shikhar Dhawan, with 50 runs knock played a crucial role in the Deccan Chargers innings to steer the side to a respectable total. Balaji and Sunil Narine claimed two wickets each for KKR side.

After being invited to bat first, Deccan Chargers' openers gave a brisk start to the innings. Sangakkara and Shikhar Dhawan added quick 37 runs before Sangakkara fall prey to Balaji at the score of 12 runs off 15 balls in the sixth over.

Shikhar Dhawan and Parthiv Patel got together to steer out Deccan Chargers of early departure of Sangakkara. Both of them added 44 runs for the second wicket before Patel was run out in the twelfth over at 23 runs. Next to go was Cameron White, who fall prey to Lee in the fifteenth over at the score of 10 runs. After Cameron's departure non of the batsmen of the Hyderabad's side were able to perform and team lost four wickets in a span of four overs. Shikhar Dhawan's stupendous inning was brought to an end by the Rajat Bhatia. He was caught out at the score of 50 runs.

SCORES IN BRIEF
DECCAN CHARGERS: 126 for 7 (Dhawan 50, Patel 23; Balaji 2-22)
KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS: 127 for 5 in 19 overs (Tiwary 30 not out, Gambhir 30; Steyn 2-24)
Result: Kolkata Knight Riders won by 5 wickets.
Man-of-match: Brett Lee

FED CUP Serbia, Czech in final

Tennis

AFP, Paris

Former world number ones Ana Ivanovic and Jelena Jankovic took Serbia into a first Fed Cup final on Sunday where they will face defending champions Czech Republic in November's title match.

Jankovic sealed the crucial point in Moscow as Serbia took an unassailable 3-1 lead over four-time champions Russia, beating two-time Grand Slam title-winner Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-1, 6-4.

Earlier, Ivanovic had battled back from a set down to put Serbia 2-1 up with a 3-6, 6-0, 6-3 win over Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova. Ivanovic, the 2008 French Open champion, had lost her opening singles to Kuznetsova on Saturday and was in danger of slipping to another loss as Pavlyuchenkova produced four breaks in the opening set.

But the 24-year-old Ivanovic hit back in the second set with three breaks of her own as Pavlyuchenkova's brittle temperament came back to haunt her.

Once Ivanovic had raced to a 4-0 lead in the deciding, there was no coming back for the Russian.

world number three Petra Kvitova put holders Czech Republic back into the final with a 6-4, 7-6 (7/1) win over former French Open winner Francesca Schiavone for an unbeatable 3-0 lead over Italy.

Serena Williams propelled 17-time champions United States back into the World Group with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Lesia Tsurenko in their play-off against Ukraine in Kharkiv.

The 30-year-old Williams, playing her first Fed Cup tie on foreign soil since 1999, extended her perfect record in the competition to 11 matches and gave the United States an unassailable 3-0 advantage.

Australia also sealed their place in the World Group with a 3-2 win over Germany in Stuttgart.

US Open champion Samantha Stosur, ranked fifth in the world, needed 74 minutes to see off Andrea Petkovic, ranked 11th, for a 6-4, 6-1 victory in the third singles rubber.

Stosur said she was happy with her victory over Petkovic, who played her first match since January having taken time off to heal a persistent back injury.

Japan swept past Belgium 4-1 in Tokyo to also book a place in the World Group for the first time in five years with Ayumi Morita defeating Tamaryn Hender 7-5, 6-2 victory over Hender.

City close gap

REUTERS, London



The Premier League title race took another dramatic

twist on Sunday when leaders Manchester United blew a two-goal lead to draw 4-4 with Everton and Manchester City beat Wolverhampton Wanderers 2-0 to narrow the gap to three points.

Wolves were relegated after losing to City who will go top of the standings if they beat United in the Manchester derby at the Etihad Stadium next Monday.

United still head the standings on 83 points, three ahead of City who have a better goal difference with three games of the season left.

City's victory at Molineux, secured with goals from Sergio Aguero and Samir Nasri, condemned Wolves to the Championship (second tier) after three seasons in the top flight.

In Sunday's other game, former Liverpool manager Roy Hodgson enjoyed his first return to Anfield since leaving the club in 2011 by leading West Bromwich Albion to a 1-0 victory.

The only goal, from the prolific Peter Odemwingie, earned West Brom their first win at Anfield for 45 years and lifted them into the top half of the table.

City led the table for five months but their defeat at Arsenal two weeks ago left them eight points behind United.

Now, if they beat their neighbours next week, they will go top on goal difference but manager Roberto Mancini remained in cautious mood.

"We have three very difficult games left - United, Newcastle and QPR," the Italian said.

Asked if he felt the title race was still over, he told Sky Sports: "Probably, yes. I think three points is too much. We have very difficult games and United, after us, have two games not as difficult as us."

United manager Alex Ferguson told Sky that the next game was shaping up as the most important Manchester derby in his 25 years at the club.

"We've given them the initiative, there is no question about that, and it makes the game at the Etihad the

decider really," he said.

"We have made it hard for ourselves, but we have to go there knowing we are capable of getting a result."

"There is no reason we can't do that. There has been an expectancy that this is City's decider, but it's our decider too. It's the most important derby. Game On."

He was unhappy with his team's defending. "Defensive lapses cost us and we gave away some soft goals."

CSA to consider

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it, cricket can be played there during their winter. They will host South Africa for five T20 matches, which have not been given international status, in June before maintenance work on their two main centres begins.

Zimbabwe could also travel to South Africa for the proposed tri-series and Faul said CSA would welcome the idea. "We always try to help Zimbabwe, we have an obligation to them because we are closest to them and we try to look after them where we can."

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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14 Dull	6 9mm sub-machine gun	19 Resistance measure	29 Has potential
15 Not imported	7 Propriety	21 Solidify	32 Fool
17 Crucifix	8 Bacteria	22 Country-fied type	33 Fourth estate
18 Meager	9 Maestro de Waart	23 Deluge	35 Grissom of "CSI"
19 Resistance measure	10 Past	24 October-fest vessel	36 Colored part of the iris
21 Solidify	11 Roulette bet	25 Eventual aces	38 Make fun of
22 Country-fied type	12 Cereal disease	26 Deluge	39 Prenatal exam, for short
23 Deluge	13 Old portico	27 Oktober-fest	42 Remain
24 Currier's partner	14 Evergreen	28 October-fest vessel	43 Take the bus
25 Superhero costume feature	15 Challenge	29 Oktober-fest vessel	44 Garbage barge
26 Gift-tag word	16 Old	30 Eventual aces	45 Third degree?
27 "— and the Tramp"	17 Embrace	31 Carry on	46 Meadow
28 Individuals	18 Evergreen	32 Predicament	47 Blunder
29 Has potential	19 Spelling	33 Get ready quickly?	49 "— milk?"

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals O