NERVE-WRACKING CLASH | Red & Gold Brigade edges past Mohun Bagan in thrilling Kolkata Derby

East Bengal win thriller

KALYANI (WB)

East Bengal got the better of arch-rivals Mohun Bagan in a five-goal thriller to clinch 'Kolkata Derby' bragging rights with a 3-2 win in their Calcutta Football League Premier Division clash at the Kalyani Stadium on Saturday.

In an end-to-end contest filled with drama, goals and cards, Bino George's East Bengal side rode on a fast start and a resilient finish to seal three crucial points in Group

Jesin TK (9'), Savan Banerjee (45+6') and David Lalhlansanga (69') scored for the Red and Golds, while Leewan Castanha (55') and Kiyan Nassiri (67') found the net for the Deggie Cardozo side.

With this win, the Bino George-coached East Bengal climbed to eight points from five matches in Group A,

while Mohun Bagan remained on 10 points from six

East Bengal started with attacking intent and were rewarded when Jesin, captaining the side, tapped in after a neat build-up between Edmund and Banerjee.

The lead was doubled deep in first-half stoppage time (45+6') as Sayan turned scorer, calmly slotting the ball into an open net after skipping past the goalkeeper, capping a swift counter-attack.

Mohun Bagan regrouped after the break, and Castanha pulled one back converting from close range after Dippendu set him up with a header from a corner.

Kiyan then restored parity with a well-placed header, bringing Mohun Bagan back on level terms and igniting hopes of a comeback.

But just two minutes later, David headed home from



Aman CK's pinpoint cross to give East Bengal a 3-2 lead -one they would hold on to despite late pressure.

The closing stages saw high drama.

Mohun Bagan missed a few chances, including an aud-

Bhat.

East Bengal, too, missed an opportunity to seal the win when David skied a sitter.

The match ended in fiery scenes as East Bengal's Aman CK was sent off after receiv-

acious volley from Suhail

ing a second yellow card in stoppage time.

Fans were seen celebrating the win in trademark fashion, waving flags and lighting their symbolic "moshals" (torches) in the stands, adding to the electrifying atmosphere.

Club World Cup final. The latest rift between soccer's governing body and its players' unions flared while the European Commission in Brussels is considering a for-"I know Lionel Messi loves mal complaint against FIFA. It was filed by FIFPRO's European division and national leagues in Europe against FIFA's style of governance

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rights of its members.

tional player unions re-

sponded to FIFA pursuing its

agenda with unofficial player

"It needs fewer autocratic

monologues and more genu-

ine, inclusive and transparent

FIFA announced two

weeks ago it reached a con-

sensus on key issues after In-

fantino hosted a group of

mostly non-recognised offi-

dialogue," the union added.

representatives.

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and decision-making. FIFA denounced what it called Friday the union divisive and contradictory tone" in pursuing a public relations battle "to preserve their own personal positions and interests." FIFPRO said Friday its core concerns in-

Players' union slams FIFA and Infantino The global soccer players' union hit back at FIFA and its president Gianni Infantino, saying their autocratic style of leadership was harming the "Football needs responsible leadership, not emperors," the FIFPRO network said after a meeting of 58 na-

File photo of FIFA president Gianni Infantino addressing the FIFA 75th Congress at the Conmebol Convention Center in Lugue, Paraguay

cluded an overloaded global match calendar with too many games for elite players, lack of physical and mental recovery periods and extreme playing conditions.

Players at the month-long Club World Cup in the United cials in New York ahead of the States reported feeling dizzy and unwell in the heat of daytime games played to appeal to worldwide TV audiences.

> The 63-game tournament backed by Saudi Arabian money was lucrative for clubs, especially in Europe, though FIFA added it to the schedule without formally consulting players.

The tournament, FIFPRO said, was "celebrated by President Infantino despite being held under conditions leadership's "increasingly that were extreme and inappropriate for any human being, demonstrating a troubling insensitivity to human rights, even when it concerns elite athletes.

"FIFPRO reaffirmed its un-

wavering commitment to protecting the rights of men and women players - rights which are being seriously undermined by commercial policies imposed by its autocratic system of governance," the Netherlands-based union said of FIFA.

"This is a model that puts the health of players at risk and sidelines those at the heart of the game," FIFPRO said, adding it was "unacceptable for an organization that claims global leadership to turn a blind eye to the basic needs of the players."

FIFA responded by challenging the union to publish its statutes and "transparent annual accounts."

"Let us be clear: you cannot preach transparency while operating in opacity," the world soccer body said.

FIFPRO has not had a formal working agreement with FIFA since the previous one expired in 2023.

Parneet settles for silver after narrow loss in archery final

RHINE-RUHR, ESSEN (GERMANY)

Indian archer Parneet Kaur faltered under pressure and settled for a silver medal after a narrow one-point loss to South Korea's Moon Yeeun in the women's compound final at the World University Games here on Saturday.

Parneet, who had topped the qualification round, started strong and shot flawlessly in the first two ends (three arrows each), opening up a two-point lead against her third seed rival.

However, she lost momentum in the third end, dropping two points as Moon stepped up with a perfect round of 30 to draw level.

There was no looking back for the Korean thereafter as Moon shot another flawless round of three 10s in the fourth end to gain a one-point

meant Parneet That needed a perfect score in the final end to keep her hopes alive for the gold.

But despite scoring an impressive 29, Moon matched her with another 29 to seal the title 147-146.

Satwik-Chirag exit after semis loss

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urday.

India's men's doubles pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty bowed out of the China Open 2025 after a straight-game defeat to Malaysia's world No. 2 duo

The Indian pair, ranked world No. 3, lost 13-21, 17-21 in a 42-minute contest. This was Satwik-Chirag's third semifinal appearance of the BWF Tour season, following strong runs at the Singapore Open and India Open. The Malaysian duo will now face Indonesia's Faiar Alfian and

Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi

Yik in the semifinals on Sat-

CHINA OPEN

Muhammad Shohibul Fikri in the final. Satwik and Chirag entered the semifinal after a commanding win over Malaysia's Ong Yew Sin and Teo Ee Yi in the quarterfinals on Friday. They dominated that encounter 21-18, 21-14 in just 40 minutes, showcasing their trademark aggressive style and impeccable coordination. The victory improved their head-to-head record against

Sin and Yi to 7-3. In that match, the Indians took charge early, holding their nerves in the first game before pulling away in the second with six straight points from 15-14 to seal the win.

'MLS suspension of Messi, Alba is draconian'

LAUDERDALE (US)

The owner of Inter Miami called Major League Soccer's suspension of Lionel Messi and Jordi Alba for skipping the All-Star Game a "draconian" punishment.

"They don't understand the decision," owner Jorge Mas a suspension." Messi and Alba said on Friday of the one-game suspensions. "They don't understand

why not attending an exhibition match leads directly to



did not suit up for the match between the MLS and Liga MX of Mexico despite being voted to the game.

Messi did not play to rest Star Game.

amid a packed schedule and Alba was dealing with a previous injury. Mas said the club made the decision for Messi and Alba to sit out of the All-

this league," said MLS Commissioner Don Garber. "I don't think there's a

player - or anyone - who has done more for Major League Soccer than Messi. I fully understand, respect, and admire his commitment to Inter Miami, and I respect his decision. "Unfortunately, we have a long-standing policy regarding participation in the All-Star Game, and we had to enforce it. It was a very difficult decision."

Deshmukh, Humpy play out sedate draw Raducanu, Fernandez move into semifinals

TEENAGE DREAM: Leylah Fernandez, Emma Raducanu

AP WASHINGTON

Emma Raducanu reached the semifinals at the DC Open the biggest tournament where she's made it that far since her surprising 2021 US Open title by eliminating Maria Sakkari 6-4, 7-5.

On a muggy Friday with the temperature topping 90 degrees Fahrenheit (32 Celsius), Raducanu took a medical timeout while reeling off the last five games of the match after trailing 5-2 in the second

"I would like to say I'm pretty good in the heat, for the most part, but I was really struggling today," said Raducanu, who was 18 when she became the first qualifier to win a Grand Slam singles trophy.

"It was one of the toughest matches, conditions-wise, I have ever played in. ... Those points in the second set, I was getting a bit wobbly. I'm just



ago. Fernandez moved on

with a 6-4, 7-6(4) victory over

qualifier Taylor Townsend on

Thursday. Next for Fernandez is a matchup against 2022 Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina, the highest remaining seed in the field at No. 3 Rybakina was a 6-3 6-3 winner over No. 5 Magdanela Frech, the player who beat Venus Williams on

Thursday night. Raducanu's semifinal opponent Saturday will be Anna Kalinskaya, who defeated No. 4 Clara Tauson 6-3, 7-5.

In men's action, Ben Shelton made it to the DC Open semifinals for the second consecutive year, getting past Frances Tiafoe 7-6(2), 6-4 in an all-American quarterfinal at



World Cup final, with both players having their share of opportunities to take the lead here on Saturday. The draw with black means Humpy, the two-time World Rapid champion, holds a slight edge going in the second and final game under the classical

chess rules in the two-game

mini-match, and should the

deadlock continue, games of

shorter duration will be

played to determine the

Humpy employed the



Queen's gambit accepted as black and it turned out to be a pretty fascinating game right out of the opening as Divya, 19, came up with a piece sacrifice early to deny the black king the right to castle.

Humpy was the first to err and, according to computers, Divya had things under control on the 14th move. However in her bid to recover the extra material, the Nagpur girl,

who has secured a place in the Candidates tournament with her sterling performance here, missed a promising continuation.

What followed the exchange of all minor pieces and the ensuing queen and rook endgame gave enough counter play to both players. The game was eventually drawn after Humpy sacrificed her rook to force perpetual checks.

tremely sharp battle with the game ending in a draw in 41 moves. On move 7, Divya made her aggressive intentions clear by offering another pawn, which looked like home preparation. Humpy made a practical decision of refraining from taking the pawn and a balanced position was reached by move 10 by white," said Grandmaster Pravin Thipsay, an Arjuna awardee and the first Indian to get a chess Grandmaster norm.

"The game saw an ex-

"However, instead of developing the undeveloped Knight, Humpy retreated the centralised Knight on move 10, giving huge positional advantage to Divya. Divya could have gained huge positional advantage on the 12th move by mov-

ing a rook. However, she chose to play for King side attack by sacrificing a piece instead.

"Humpy, too, erred at this stage and instead of moving the King to Queen side, moved it to the King side. Divya, on move 14, could have obtained a crushing attack by threatening a mate by developing her Queen. Instead she chose to exchange a pair of Bishops first, which enabled Humpy to defend her King by returning the piece," said Thipsay. "Players thus reached a bal-

anced Queen and two Rooks ending. Divya continued to play ambitiously and tried to attack Humpy's King but the latter defended accurately and the game was drawn in 41 moves by perpetual check," he added.

Verstappen pips Piastri to secure win

Max Verstappen secured his

Piastri had made a strong start, maintaining the lead into Turn 1, but Verstappen capitalized on superior pace and grip to move ahead later in the lap.

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maintain P1 throughout the

race. Piastri and teammate Lando Norris completed the podium in second and third respectively. "It worked out really well. That is the only real opportunity that you're going to get against them, and we got it into Turn 5. I knew it was going to be very tough keeping them behind, so it was very much like cat and mouse with DRS, battery usage, and the whole race

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STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS **FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

been reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their respective meetings held on July 25, 2025. The complete Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter ended June 30, 2025 have been

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For Prataap Snacks Limited **Amit Kumat** Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer

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first Sprint win of the 2025 Formula 1 season at Spa-Francorchamps, triumphing in a tense dash during the Belgian Grand Prix weekend. The Red Bull driver delivered a bold overtake on pole-sitter Oscar Piastri during the opening lap and held firm under pressure to take a

Despite growing threats from both McLaren cars, Verstappen showcased his defensive skills to was within seven tenths.

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