



2nd T20I: India Women register 24-run over England; take 2-0 lead in 5-match series

BRISTOL [UK], JULY 2:

A brilliant 24-run victory for India Women over England Women at County Ground in Bristol on Tuesday, fueled by half-centuries from Amanjot Kaur and Jemimah Rodrigues, as well as outstanding bowling from Shree Charani, has handed India a 2-0 lead in the five-match T20I series.

India's dominant win comes after their record-breaking 97-run triumph in the first T20I at Trent Bridge, Nottingham, on Saturday, as per Olympics.com.

Electing to bat first after winning the toss, India lost three quick wickets before half-centuries by Jemimah Rodrigues and Amanjot Kaur guided them to 181/4. In response, the home team could only manage 157/7 in their allotted 20 overs.

India's innings started on a disastrous note as Shafali Verma was caught in no woman's land while trying to step up to Lauren Filer in the second over of the match. A surprise bouncer caught her gloves and looped up for wicketkeeper Amy Jones as the Indian opener walked back with just three runs to her name.

Smriti Mandhana, centurion and India's match winner from the first match, was soon to follow, this time for just a run-a-ball 13, after Lauren Bell pulled off a brilliant catch at mid-on after the Indian talisman mistimed her shot.

Bell added to the damage in the very next over as she had Indian T20 captain Harmanpreet Kaur, returning to the line-up after missing the first game with a



head injury, caught out for just one to have India reeling at 31/3.

Jemimah Rodrigues and Amanjot Kaur, however, joined up to get India out of the pickle as the duo added 93 runs for the fourth wicket before Jemimah departed for 63 in Bell's 15th over.

Amanjot saw the innings through and remained unbeaten on 63 off just 40 balls as the 24-year-old registered her maiden T20I half-century in just her ninth appearance. Richa Ghosh also contributed with a handy 20-ball 32 towards the end.

England's chase didn't get off to the best of starts as a terrible mix-up between openers Sophia Dunkley and Danni Wyatt-Hodge saw the former being run out off the final delivery of the first over.

Hodge followed her part-

ner back to the dugout on the very next ball as she hit Deepti Sharma straight to Harmanpreet, who had stationed herself at mid-off.

England captain Nat Sciver-Brunt tried to lead the home team's counterattack as she hit Shree Charani for three boundaries in the third over, but Amanjot, following her superb showing with the bat, struck with the ball too.

It was Harmanpreet again at mid-on with the catch as England found themselves at 17/3.

Just like India did, England, too, mounted a recovery with their fourth wicket stand as Tammy Beaumont and Amy Jones put on 70 together before the former was run out for 54.

India made good use of the opening as Shree Charani sent back both Jones (32) and Alice Capsey (5) in the 15th over to reduce the

home side to 110/6. The double blow punched the wind out of the English chase.

The third match of the England vs India 2025 women's T20 series will be played at The Oval on Friday.

The Women in Blue are now just one victory away from winning their first-ever multi-game bilateral T20 series against the English.

Interestingly, the Oval was also the venue where the Indian men's team recorded their first-ever Test series win against England.

Brief Scores: India Women 181/4 in 20 overs (Amanjot Kaur 63*, Jemimah Rodrigues 63; Lauren Bell 2/17) vs England Women 157/7 in 20 overs (Tammy Beaumont 54, Sophie Ecclestone 35; Shree Charani 2/28).

tana leg, with sights set on the finals in New Delhi later this year.

Earlier in the tournament, in the women's 54kg category, Sakshi put on a composed display to defeat England's Charley Davison with a unanimous 5:0 decision in her pre-quarterfinal bout. Jaismine followed with a confident showing of her own in the women's 57kg division, overcoming Azerbaijan's Aynur Mikayilova by the same margin to seal her place in the last eight.

Lakshya Chahar delivered a gritty performance in the men's 80kg category, moving past Bulgaria's William Cholov 4:1 in a split verdict. Meanwhile, Manish Rathore exited the competition after a closely contested bout against Rui Yamaguchi of Japan in the men's 55kg category.

Sakshi, Lakshya and Jaismine now join Sachin Siwach, Hitesh Gulia, Muskan, Minakshi and Sanju in the next round, underlining India's strong start to the tournament in Astana.

Taskin, keeping India's momentum alive.

In the men's draw, Jadumani Singh fought hard in a close contest but lost narrowly to the Philippines' Jay Bryan Baricua, bringing his campaign to a close.

With two medals secured on Day 3 and several boxers in contention, Team India continues its promising run at the As-

movement and clean scoring throughout. Pooja Rani followed with a gritty 4:1 split decision victory over Kazakhstan's Gulsaya Yerzhan in the 80kg division, securing her berth in the final four and guaranteeing a podium finish.

Earlier in the day, Anamika (51kg) moved into the quarterfinals with a composed performance against Turkey's Aysen



ASTANA, JULY 2: Minakshi (48kg) and Pooja Rani (80kg) guaranteed India two medals on Day 3 of the World Boxing Cup-Astana, Kazakhstan 2025 with assured performances in their respective quarterfinal bouts.

Minakshi sealed her place in the semifinals with a dominant 5:0 win over Chinese Taipei's Guo Yi-Xuan, showing sharp

ICC Test Rankings: Pant rises to 6th, Bumrah continues to be top-ranked bowler

DUBAI, JULY 02: Swashbuckling India wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant continued his ascent in the ICC Test Rankings, moving up to sixth place in the latest list released on Wednesday.

Pant, who became only the second wicketkeeper in Test history to score two centuries in the same match during the first Test against England last week, gained one spot to reach a new

career-best rating of 801. He now trails top-ranked batter Joe Root by just 88 points.

This marks a return to familiar territory for Pant, who had reached a career-high fifth spot during the same period in 2022.

Opener Yashasvi Jaiswal retained his fourth position to remain the highest-ranked Indian, while captain Shubman Gill slipped one spot to

21st. At the top, Root maintained his slender lead following scores of 28 and 53 not out in the Headingley Test. His teammate and No.2 ranked batter Harry Brook remains 15 rating points behind.

England opener Ben Duckett reached a career-best ranking, rising to eighth place following his match-winning 149 in the second innings at Leeds.

Wushu medal winners felicitated by WAJK

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JAMMU, JULY 02**

Medal winners of the 34th Senior National Wushu Championship were today felicitated by the Wushu Association of J&K at Wushu Hall, MA Stadium, here.

The J&K team returned with six medals, including gold and two silver in the Nationals which held at Jaipur in Rajasthan. The medal winners were honoured by general secretary of the Association, Bhavneet in the presence of other young trainees of the game of Wushu.

While Amit Kumar secured Gold in the Wing Chun event, Hritik Singh and Mohd Syed Ali finished second in below 80 kg and 65 kg weight categories respectively. Bronze medal winners



were Maan Singh (48 kg), Ansa Chisti (56 kg) and Ranjeet Singh (Taolu

event). "The team had prepared well in the coaching camp,

courtesy J&K Sports Council (JKSC) and concerned coaches. The Secretary (JKSC), Nuzhat Gul also congratulated the medal winners assured and assured of all possible help in grooming the talent," said general secretary WAJK, Bhavneet.

She further informed that five players have been selected for the National Wushu coaching camp at Patiala in Punjab for the 17th World Wushu Championship at Brazil in the month of August. Meanwhile, president, Vijay Saraf and vice president, Ranjeet Kalra and treasurer, Sohni Sharma of the WAJK complimented the medal winners and wished them success in future endeavours.

The team was accompanied by Ajay Paul Gill and Lalit Singh as coaches.

National Rifle Association of India releases full domestic rankings list for Group A shooters

CHANDIGARH, JULY 02:

Olympians Anjum Moudgil, also world championship silver medallist, Saurabh Chaudhary and world championship bronze medallist Mehuli Ghosh, are back in reckoning for team India spots after the conclusion of the National Selection Trials 3&4 for Rifle and Pistol shooters, at the Trishul Shooting Range in Dehradun.

The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) has released the full domestic rankings list for Group A (eligible for India selection) shooters on their website, after the final match was played out on Monday.

Double Olympian Anjum, one of India's finest woman rifle shooters ever, missed out on the first half of the international season comprising three world cup stages, but is back in reckoning in women's 50m rifle 3 positions (3P), having displaced fellow Paris Olympian Shriyanka Sadangi in the top three.

World record holder Sift Kaur Samra remains the top-ranked 3P women shooter in India with an average of 593.38, followed by Ashi Chouksey (592.25) and Anjum (591.68).

Sriyanka (589.90), Mehuli (588.58) and Surabhi Bharadwaj Rapole (588.08) complete the top six of this highly competitive field.



Former Asian Games and Youth Olympics champion Saurabh Chaudhary is back as India number one in the men's 10m air pistol with a top-ranked average of 583.93, followed by Aditya Malra (582.75) and Anmol Jain (582.33). Amit Sharma (582), Nishant Rawat (582) and Samrat Rana (581.45) took fourth, fifth and sixth ranks, respectively.

Among the rifle shooters, Asian Championship 2024 gold medallist Mehuli Ghosh returns to the No. 1 spot in the domestic rankings of 10m Air Rifle Women with an average of 633.65, followed closely by

Elavenil Valarivan (633.28) and Ananya Naidu (632.83). Rising names Arya Rajesh Borse (632.25), Ramita (632.05) and Sonam Uttam Maskar (631.60) also feature in the top six rankings.

In the 10m Air Pistol Women, Suruchi continues to dominate the national circuit. With an average score of 588.25, she sits firmly at the top, enjoying a nearly 10-point lead over her nearest competitor, Palak (578.38). Paris Olympic double bronze medallist Manu Bhaker and Surbhi Rao both average 578, with Surbhi taking

fourth due to a lower drop score.

Rhythm Sangwan (577.88) and Esha Singh (577.83) follow closely at fifth and sixth, respectively.

World No. 2 Manu, who skipped T3 and T4 rounds, continues to lead the 25m Sports Pistol Women India rankings with an average score of 588.65. Simranpreet Kaur Brar (583.75), Esha Singh (583.50), Rahi Sarnobat (582.28), Abhinaya Patil (580.43) and Divya T.S. (580.38) round up the top six.

Anish Bhanwala, fresh off wins in Trials 3 & 4, holds on to the No.1 spot in 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men with an average of 581.25. He is followed by Neeraj Kumar (578.75) and Adarsh Singh (578.55). The next three spots are held by Bhavesh Shekhawat (576.63), Pradeep Singh Shekhawat (576.30) and Mandeep Singh (576.00).

In 10m Air Rifle Men (ARM), reigning Asian champion Rudranksh Patil sits on top of the ranking with an average score of 633.98, just 0.58 ahead of Arjun Babuta (633.40). Kiran Jadhav with average score of 632.35 tops Umamahesh Maddineni by 0.12 to take the third rank. Divyansh Singh Panwar (632) and Niraj Kumar (631.75) complete the high-performing top six in ARM after Selection Trials 3&4 for Group 'A' shooters.

Real Madrid, Borussia Dortmund storm into quarterfinals of FIFA Club World Cup 2025

FLORIDA [US], JULY 2 (ANI):

Spanish giants Real Madrid and German club Borussia Dortmund on Wednesday became the last two teams to qualify for the quarterfinals of the ongoing FIFA Club World Cup after registering victories in their round of 16 encounters.

Real Madrid defeated Juventus 1-0. The goal-scorer was Gonzalo Garcia in the 54th minute of the game.

In the other game, Borussia Dortmund beat Monterrey 2-1. For Dortmund, their striker Serhou Guirassy scored two goals, first in the 14th minute and then in the 24th minute of the match. For Monterrey, the goal was scored by German Berterame in the 48th minute of the game.

Palmeiras, Chelsea, Paris Saint-Germain, Bayern



Munich, Fluminense FC, and Al-Hilal are the other teams that have secured their respective spots in the quarterfinals of the competition.

Recently, on Tuesday morning, Saudi Arabia giants delivered a shocker, beating multi-time Premier League champions Manchester City in a thrilling match by 4-3. While

Bernardo Silva gave City a ninth-minute lead, come-back goals from Marcos Leonardo (46th minute) and Malcolm (52nd minute) gave Al-Hilal a lead before Erling Haaland levelled the scores three minutes later. Kalidou Koulibaly (94th minute) gave Al-Hilal a lead in extra time before Phil Foden equalised 10 minutes later

in extra time. In the 112th minute, Leonardo delivered the killer blow, sending City crashing out of the tournament.

Before that, Fluminense FC from Brazil downed the UEFA Champions League finalists of this year, Inter Milan, by 2-0 on Monday night. Germano Cano's third-minute goal and Hercules' extra-minute clutch effort took the Brazilian club to the final eight.

Earlier, Bayern had beaten Flamengo (4-2), UEFA Champions League winners PSG downed Lionel Messi's Inter Miami (4-0), while English giants Chelsea defeated Benfica (4-1) to reach the quarterfinals.

Palmeiras from Brazil had started the round of 16 with a win over Botafogo by 1-0.