



Mumbai Mozartt extend winning run; PBG Pune Jaguars register back-to-back victories

MUMBAI, MAY 01: Mumbai Mozartt continued their impressive run in Butterfly Table Tennis Super League (TTSL) Maharashtra 2026, edging past Century Warriors 14-13 in a thrilling contest, while PBG Pune Jaguars bounced back in style to register consecutive wins, defeating Bayside Spinners TTC 15-12 and NPV Smashers 14-13 on Day 2 in Mumbai.

Butterfly TTSL is an initiative by Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) to strengthen grassroots talent development and elevate state-level competition nationwide, according to a press release.

Butterfly TTSL Maharashtra will see eight teams battle for the title, with each tie featuring nine matches, six singles, two mixed doubles, and one men's doubles match. Each match has three games; each game a player wins adds a point to their team's tally.

In the day's opening tie, Century Warriors got off to a strong start as veterans Santosh Wakradkar and Anish Sontakke secured identical 2-1 wins in their respective matches to hand their side an early lead. Mumbai Mozartt, however, responded through Shreya Deshpande, who overcame Sampada Bhiwandkar 2-1 in the women's singles to shift momentum.



The U-17 mixed doubles pair of Ishan Khandekar and Divyanshi Bhowmick, and Aakarshan Yadav in the cadet boys' singles, followed the winning streak to balance the scores. Divyanshi Bhowmick further marked her dominance with a commanding 3-0 victory over Naisha Rewaskar in the junior girls' singles, helping Mumbai Mozart seal a narrow 14-13 win.

PBG Pune Jaguars, who had a quiet start on Day 1, turned things around, winning back-to-back. In their first tie of the day, they

started on a dominant note with a 3-0 win by Amol Sarode in the veterans' singles against Bayside Spinners' Ketan Palvankar.

Bayside fought back through Jash Modi, but Senhora Dsouza kept PBG in control as their young lineup delivered consistently to secure a 15-12 victory.

Carrying the momentum into their second tie, PBG Pune Jaguars once again started strong, taking a 2-1 lead in the veterans' category.

Reeth Rishya played a key

role, registering a 2-1 win over Shweta Parte in the women's singles before combining with Neil Mulye for a dominant 3-0 victory in the mixed doubles against Sagar Kasture and Shweta Parte. Their all-around effort helped PBG edge past NPV Smashers 14-13 and complete a successful day.

In other ties, Century Warriors registered a convincing 16-11 win over defending champions Phantom Stars, while Ping Panthers defeated Jolly Friends Sports Club 15-12.

Leagues of Classics- Cricket tournament adds momentum to NMJKA in Kishtwar

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The Department of Youth Services & Sports (YSS) Kishtwar organized an exciting edition of the "Leagues of Classics" U/17 Boys Cricket Tournament across two prestigious venues — Chowgan Ground and Padder Sports Stadium — under the flagship 100-day campaign "Choose Sports Not Drugs."

Teams from across 20 districts of Jammu & Kashmir are participating in the tournament adding great momentum to the Nasha Mukht Jammu & Kashmir Bharat Abhiyan.

The Tournament featured exciting matches, including Kulgam vs. Jammu held at Chowgan Ground. Batting first, Jammu set a target of 47 runs. Kulgam chased down the target comfortably, securing a 10-wicket victory.

Another Match was played between Kishtwar and Kupwara at Padder Sports Stadium. Kupwara defeated Kishtwar by 9 wickets.

Similarly, in a contest between Srinagar and Udhampur, the former clinched a convincing victory, winning the match by



28 runs in a competitive and high-spirited contest.

The tournament is an integral part of the "Nasha Mukht Jammu & Kashmir Bharat Abhiyan" — a 100-day anti-drug awareness campaign spanning 20 districts across Jammu & Kashmir. The initiative aims to channel the energy

of youth toward sports and physical activities, promoting a healthy and drug-free lifestyle.

By organizing grassroots-level cricket leagues, the department endeavors to provide young athletes with a competitive platform while reinforcing the message that sports are the

best alternative to substance abuse.

The entire tournament is being conducted under the direction of Director General YSS J&K Anuradha Gupta and under the supervision of District Development Commissioner Kishtwar Pankaj Kumar Sharma.

IPL: DC pull off record 226 chase against RR in Jaipur

JAIPUR, MAY 1: Majestic fifties from KL Rahul, Pathum Nissanka and a late cameo from Ashutosh Sharma propelled Delhi Capitals to chase a record 226 in their Indian Premier League (IPL) clash against the Rajasthan Royals (RR) on Friday night in Jaipur.

This marks DC's highest run-chase in IPL history. The visitors sealed the match with 5 balls to spare.

This was a masterclass chase from Delhi Capitals. Coming off a collapse for just 75 in their previous outing against Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and with no prior success chasing 220-plus totals, this was as emphatic a response as it gets, sealed with seven wickets in hand and five balls to spare.

With this win, DC grabs its fourth victory of the season and is placed on 6th in

the points table, while RR stays in fourth position with six wins out of their 10 matches.

This is also the second-highest successful chase against RR, behind the 229 runs chased by SRH at the same venue earlier this season.

Chasing a massive target of 226, the chase began with blistering intent as KL Rahul and Pathum Nissanka dismantled the RR bowling attack in the powerplay. The duo took on RR bowlers and added 70 in the first six overs.

Nissanka was the aggressor, while Rahul was happy to play second fiddle. The duo added 110 for the opening wicket before Rajasthan finally found a breakthrough via Ravindra Jadeja, who dismissed Nissanka to end the dangerous opening partnership in the

10th over.

Nissanka slammed a fluent 62 off 33 balls. However, the momentum barely shifted as Nitish Rana joined Rahul. Rana played a high-impact cameo, smashing 33 off just 17 balls, including 3 fours and 2 sixes.

In the 15th over, Tushar Deshpande provided RR a crucial breakthrough, just as DC looked to pull away, Deshpande struck. After a successful RR review for a caught-behind, Rana was sent back to the dugout, caught by Dhruv Jurel.

DC were mounting a formidable chase of 226 at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium. As of the 15th over, DC had reached 173/2, requiring 53 runs from the final 30 balls.

In the following over, Jofra Archer gave DC a massive blow as he removed Rahul after being smashed for a four, on 75 off 45 balls,

bringing Ashutosh Sharma to the crease.

Even though they lost Rahul, the Delhi Capitals managed to get 11 from the Archer over. Sharma got his innings going by smashing a four each off Archer and Brijesh Sharma.

Stubbs and Sharma also hammered Deshpande in the 18th over, smashing him for 16 runs. The duo then took the game till the final ball and sealed the match with 5 balls to spare.

Earlier in the match, a dazzling fifty by Riyan Parag and a fiery cameo in the end by Donovan Ferreira cruised RR to a massive 225/6.

Parag slammed his first fifty of the 2026 IPL, smashing a fluent 90, while Ferreira hammered DC bowlers in the final three overs, making 47 off just 14 balls at a strike rate of 335.71.

Josh Inglis joins LSG squad; Breetzke leaves IPL 2026 for personal reasons

NEW DELHI, MAY 1: Australian wicketkeeper/batter Josh Inglis has joined the Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) squad ahead of their May 4 fixture and is available for immediate selection.

According to ESPN-cricinfo, South African batter Matthew Breetzke has left the tournament for personal reasons. Inglis was released by Punjab Kings (PBKS) ahead of the IPL 2026 auction due to his wedding and was signed by Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) for Rs 8.60 crore.

His wedding took place on April 18 in Margaret River, Western Australia. Inglis scored 278 runs in 11 innings at an average of 30.88 and a strike-rate of 162.57 for PBKS.

Breetzke, meanwhile, has



returned to South Africa. He had left the LSG squad before the April 26 game at home against the Kolkata Knight Riders, which went down to a super over.

Inglis has already begun training with the LSG squad. Monday's clash against the Mumbai Indians

at the Wankhede Stadium will mark both teams' ninth fixture of the season, with the two struggling sides locked on just two wins each in a battle near the bottom of the table.

In the coming week, LSG face a demanding three-match stretch, against the

Mumbai Indians on Monday in Mumbai, the Royal Challengers Bengaluru on Thursday in Lucknow, and the Chennai Super Kings on Sunday in Chennai, as they look to get their campaign back on track.

Squads:
Lucknow Super Giants Squad: Aiden Markram, Mitchell Marsh, Nicholas Pooran, Rishabh Pant (w/c), Abdul Samad, Ayush Badoni, Shahbaz Ahmed, Digvesh Singh Rathi, Avesh Khan, Anrich Nortje, Prince Yadav, Mohsin Khan, Akshat Raghuvanshi, Mohammed Shami, Josh Inglis, Himmat Singh, Mukul Choudhary, Arshin Kularni, Naman Tiwari, Arjun Sachin Tendulkar, Manimaran Siddharth, Mayank Prabhoo Yadav, Akash Maharaj Singh. (ANI)

I don't need to answer critics, says Riyan Parag following his first fifty of IPL 2026 in 10 games

JAIPUR, MAY 2 (ANI): As Rajasthan Royals (RR) skipper Riyan Parag slammed his first fifty of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026, Parag admitted that while he isn't focused on outside criticism, his responsibility remains to deliver runs and results for the team.

Parag slammed his first of IPL 2026 against the Delhi Capitals (DC) on Friday in Jaipur. DC snapped their three-match losing streak with a commanding seven-wicket win over Rajasthan Royals in Jaipur on Friday.

A blistering 110-run opening stand between KL Rahul (75 off 40) and Pathum Nissanka (62 off 33) laid the perfect foundation for a record 226-run chase, which was calmly finished by Tristan Stubbs (18*) and Ashutosh Sharma (25*) with five balls to spare.

Earlier, Riyan Parag led from the front with a superb 90 off 50 balls, his first fifty-plus score of the season, while Donovan Ferreira smashed an unbeaten 47 off just 14 deliveries to power RR to 225/6 after opting to bat.

Parag steadied the innings alongside Dhruv Jurel (42) following early set-backs, before Mitchell Starc (3/40) struck key blows, including the RR skipper's wicket, on his return.

MADRID, MAY 1 (ANI): Jannik Sinner brushed aside another formidable power-hitter in his Madrid Open title run on Friday, producing a commanding display to storm into the final.

The 24-year-old Italian was razor-sharp from the first point, dismantling Arthur Fils 6-2, 6-4 to reach



his fifth consecutive Masters 1000 final. Chasing a historic fifth straight title at this level, Sinner sealed the polished semi-final victory in just 85 minutes inside Manolo Santana Stadium.

Fresh from a clinical quarter-final win over fast-rising 19-year-old Rafael Jodar, where the Madrid na-

ive struck with fearless aggression, Sinner carried that same relentless precision into his clash with Fils. Sinner will meet two-time Madrid champion Alexander Zverev or 21-year-old Belgian Alexander Blockx in Sunday's final.

"I tried to be very aggressive. I felt very comfortable on the return. In the second

set, he started to serve better, so it was more difficult. But I'm very happy about the general performance today. I'm trying to play the best possible tennis, but today was a very good day in the office," Sinner said.

"I knew it before the match. He is one of the best players in the world at the moment.

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