

Indians trail; three share the lead

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INDIAN OPEN
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Like so often in the past, the projected 'favourites' posted ordinary first-round scores in the opening round of the \$2.25 million Hero Indian Open but that allowed some lesser known names to catch the attention by grabbing noticeable spots on the leaderboard here on Thursday.

Joost Luiten (France), Keita Nakajima (Japan) and Matteo Manassero (Italy) shared the lead with cards of seven-under 65. No Indian was among the top-10 but Aman Raj, Om Prakash Chouhan and Karandeep Kochhar shot 68 to bring some cheer in the home camp.

The picturesque DLF Golf and Country Club held no terrors. The wind was not up and that made life a lot better for those on the course.

That led to 62 sub-par and 17 par cards from 144 starters. However, Shubhankar Sharma (70) and Anirban Lahiri (77) had contrasting rounds.

Luiten, ranked 129th, had an eventful round. Starting with a par, he birdied the second hole and dropped a shot on the next two. But thereafter, the Frenchman did not put a foot wrong. He nailed four more birdies on either side of the turn to finish well.



Manassero. GETTY IMAGES

Nakajima, 23, was on fire on the front nine and took the turn with a flawless 30, dotted with six birdies. Ranked 111, the Japanese moved to seven-under after the 11th but dropped a shot on the 14th. Such was his confidence that he immediately picked up a stroke to return to -7 and parred the last three holes.

The 187th-ranked Manassero, who started from the 10th hole, could have emerged as the sole leader had his birdie-putt on the ninth hole - from about 20 feet - not lipped out. The Italian came up with a bogey-free card after taking the turn at two-under. On

his back-nine, he birdied the first, fifth and seventh holes before a chip-in 'eagle' on the eighth put him alongside the leaders -7.

Of the three Indians tied at the 14th spot with a 68, Kochhar shot three birdies and a bogey on both sides of the turn.

Leading scores: 65: Joost Luiten (Fra), Keita Nakajima (Jpn), Matteo Manassero (Ita); **66:** Sam Bairstow (Eng), Jordan Smith (Eng) and Romain Langasque (Ned).

Indians (with sub-par scores): 68: Aman Raj, Om Prakash Chouhan, Karandeep Kochhar; **69:** Veer Ahlawat; **70:** Shubhankar Sharma, Gaganjeet Bhullar; **71:** Rashid Khan, Rahul Gangjee and Khalin Joshi, and Sunhit Bishnoi.

Dhara's ton puts East in strong position

INTER-ZONAL CRICKET
Press Trust of India
PUNE

Dhara Gujjar scored a magnificent 140 to help East Zone put up a strong 385 for eight against North East Zone as women's red-ball cricket returned in India's domestic calendar after six years here on Thursday.

East Zone skipper Deepthi Sharma opted to bat in the three-day Senior Women Inter-Zonal Multi-Day Trophy and put up a 97-run opening stand with wicketkeeper-batter Uma Chetry.

East Zone lost three wickets for 22 runs before Dhara consolidated the innings with her knock of 140 that came off 216 balls. She had 22 hits to the fence before being cleaned up by Debasmita Dutta at the fag end of the day. She was involved in two crucial partnerships with Rizu Saha and Durga Murmu, which fetched 109 and 99 runs respectively.

At the DY Patil Academy in Ambi, the West Zone spin duo of Anuja Patil and Radha Yadav shared eight wickets between them as Central Zone was bowled out for 245 in 87.3 overs. In reply, West Zone was 26 for no loss in 10 overs.

The scores: East Zone 385/8 in 100 overs (Dhara Gujjar 140, Deepthi Sharma 49, Uma Chetry 47, Durga Murmu 49, Rizu Saha 35, Debasmita Dutta 5/76) vs North East Zone. Central Zone 245 in 87.3 overs (Punam Raut 84, Sneha Rana 42, Anuja Patil 5/75, Radha Yadav 3/55) vs West Zone 26/0 in 10 overs.

Leukaemia survivor Ikee to swim at Paris Olympics

Agence France-Presse
TOKYO

Leukaemia survivor Rikako Ikee will compete for Japan in the 100m butterfly at the Paris Olympics after missing out on an individual place at the Tokyo Games three years ago.

Three-time world champion Daiya Seto will swim in the men's individual medley after Japan's 27-member squad for the Olympic Paris Games was announced by the country's Swimming Federation on Wednesday.

An 18-year-old Ikee was named MVP of the 2018 Asian Games after claiming six golds and two silvers, and was expected to be one of the stars of the Tokyo Olympics.

In early 2019, a few months after those tri-



Ikee. AP

umphs, she was diagnosed with leukaemia and spent around 10 months in hospital.

Incredible comeback

She only returned to competition in August 2020 and completed an incredible comeback by winning the 100m freestyle and 100m butterfly at the 2021 Olympic trials. Her times were

not fast enough to qualify for the individual events in Tokyo but the performances gained her selection for both freestyle and medley relay teams at her home Olympics.

Now 23, Ikee secured her place in the 100m butterfly by just 0.01sec at Japan's trials earlier this month as she held off the fast-finishing Matsumoto Shiho to finish second in 57.34sec.

"In the end I think it was my long arms that won the touch," Ikee was quoted as saying by Olympics.com.

"I think God was on my side today."

"I'm glad lots of veterans and young talent made it to the national team this time," Daichi Suzuki, the swimming federation chief, was reported as saying by Japan media.



Rajitha. AFP

Sri Lanka's Rajitha out of Bangladesh Test with injury

Agencies
CHITTAGONG

In-form pace bowler Kasun Rajitha is out of the second Test against Bangladesh because of a back injury, Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) said.

The second and final match begins here on Saturday with Sri Lanka leading 1-0 after a 328-run win in the opening match in Sylhet.

Rajitha played a big part with eight wickets in two innings, including five for 56 in the second innings.

Asitha Fernando has joined the squad as a replacement.

"Kasun Rajitha will not be available for the second Test match as the player has suffered an injury to his left upper back area," SLC said.

Fernando claimed 10 wickets the last time he played a Test in Bangladesh, in 2022. He last played a five-day match against Afghanistan in February.

TAMIL NADU ROUND-UP

Rohith excels in Sivakasi Town's win

SIVAKASI: Rohith Pranav (six for 33) starred in Sivakasi Town's six-wicket win over Sattur Town in the Virudhunagar DCA first division league.

The scores: 1 div: Redrose 199 in 37.3 overs (K. Ajith 58, Balaji 3/9, Palpandi 3/16) bt Srivilliputhur Town 190/9 in 39 overs (Paramasivam 55 n.o., Selvakumar 35, G. Sivaraj 3/20). Sattur Town 137 in 27 overs (Rohith Pranav 6/33) lost to Sivakasi Town 141/4 in 31.2 overs (Anandha Roopan 67).

11 div: Tamilthai 126/9 in 25 overs (Manojkumar 32, Esakkipandi 5/26) bt Ramco 94 in 18.3 overs (Singaraj 35 n.o., Selvaraj 5/18).



Rohith (Sivakasi Town, 6/33).



Selvaraj (Tamilthai, 5/18).

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