

Rashid Spins Sunrisers to Emphatic IPL Triumph

KABUL - Afghan leg-spin prodigy Rashid Khan has helped Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) trounce Gujarat Lions (GL) in their Indian Premier League (IPL) match.

The teen-age sensation grabbed three wickets as his side restricted the opposition to 135 at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium in Hyderabad on Sunday. For Gujarat, Dwyane Smith scored 37, Dinesh Karthik 30 and Jason Roy 31. The rest of batsmen exited without showing any spine.

Rashid dismissed Brendon McCullum (5), Aaron Finch (3) and Suresh Raina (5) while Jason Roy (31) was ousted by Bhuvneshwar Kumar. David Warner



and Moises Henriques lifted the Sunrisers Hyderabad to a nine-wicket triumph. Warner hit another unbeaten IPL fifty. The Sunrisers notched up their fourth win in as many matches. Lions skipper Raina said: "The Afghan legspinner bowled really well. We haven't seen much for him."

"This wicket was slow, we started well but Rashid struck. Dinesh and Smith did well, but 135 wasn't enough. We need to raise our bowling. If we can't do that, I don't think we deserve to finish in the top four." The Sunrisers captain also gave Rashid full credit, saying: "I wanted to try him in the first six, and he said 'give me the ball' ... (More on P4)... (17)

Two ACJC's Employees Shot Dead in Kabul

KABUL - Two Anti-Corruption Justice Center (ACJC) employees were shot dead by an unknown gunman early Monday morning in Kabul city, a source told TOLONews.

According to the source the two employees were on the way to their office when a gunman opened fire on them in Charahi Qambar in western Kabul.

Unconfirmed reports indicate that the shooter was a female and fled the area. Kabul police confirmed the shooting and said police have started investigations. (Tolonews)

1 Woman, 13 Militants Killed in Jawzjan Clashes

SHABARGHAN - A woman and 13 Taliban militants have been killed and two others wounded during clashes in Darzab district of northwestern Jawzjan province, officials said on Monday.

Jawzjan Police Chief, Brig. Gen. Rahmatullah Turkistani told Pajhwok Afghan News that security forces were able to push back the militants during a clash in Moghol village of Darzab on Sunday night.

An Uzbekistani militant fighting alongside the Taliban was among the dead, he said, adding a notorious commander of Daesh or so-called Islamic State (IS), Mullah Ghanzafar was injured in the battle.

Two days back, Taliban and Daesh militants jointly attacked Alkhani and Moghol villages of Darzab district and the firefight is still ongoing, he added. No any Afghan security personnel were hurt in the fight so far. Provincial Council Member Ena Halima Sadaf told Pajhwok that nearly 80 percent of villages ... (More on P4)... (20)

59 Insurgents Killed in Counter-Terrorism Operations

KABUL - At least 59 insurgents were killed during joint security forces counter-terrorism operations across the country in the past 24 hours, the Interior Ministry said in a statement on Monday.

"The operations were conducted in Khost, Laghman, Nangarhar, Balkh, Kunar, Maidan Wardak, Helmand, Zabul and Kunduz provinces. As a result 59 armed militants were killed, 23 wounded and 18 others were arrested by Afghan National Defense and Security Forces," the statement said.



It said that security forces had also discovered and confiscated light and heavy rounds of ammunition. However, the statement did not provide any further details. (Tolonews)

19 ISIS Militants Killed in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - At least nineteen militants affiliated with the offshoot of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group in Afghanistan were killed during the operations of the Afghan commandos of the Afghan National Army (ANA) forces in eastern Nangarhar province.

The 201st Silab Corps of the Afghan army said the militants were killed in the past 24 hours in Achin and Kot districts. A statement by the by 201st

Silab Corps said the operations were conducted with the support of the air power and one of the ISIS militants was arrested in critical condition after sustaining severe injuries. The statement further added that a vehicle belonging to the terrorist group and several weapons, ammunition, and explosives were destroyed during the operations. Nangarhar is among the relatively calm provinces in eastern Afghanistan but the anti-

government armed militants have recently increased their insurgency activities in some parts of the province during the recent years. The local officials are saying that the Afghan forces are busy conducting the operations under the name of Hamza while the operations by US forces mostly comprise of airstrikes. The increased raids by US forces follow a broader role granted to them by the Obama administration earlier last ... (More on P4)... (21)

Security & Cash Woes: Logar-Based Radio goes off the Air

PUL-I-ALAM - The Milli Paigham (National Message) radio station in central Logar province has stopped broadcasting due to security threats and financial problems, an official said Monday.

Provincial Information and Culture Director Mohammad Shafiq Popal told Pajhwok Afghan News the radio station in Mohammad Agha district had ceased broadcasts 10 days back.

The Milli Paigham Radio had been airing news bulletins, religious, entertainment and political programmes at the provincial level over the past 14 years, the official said.

"Radio station's workers have been faced with security threats and financial problems after its director-in-chief was shot dead by unidentified gunmen some three months ago," he recalled.

Ajmal, a resident of Pul Kandahar village, said, "The Milli Paigham Radio presented programmes on public interest issues, having many listeners, but the station stopped broadcasting about two weeks ago."

He asked the government to resolve the radio station's problems and help it resume its broadcasts.

An official of the radio station, who wished to go unnamed, also confirmed they had halted airing programmes due to security and financial woes.

"Our director-in-chief, Mohammad Nasir Mudassir, was killed by unidentified armed men about three months ago. We have since been threatened by callers using different phone numbers with death if we do not stop broadcasting," he added. The source insisted the radio station was presenting all ... (More on P4)... (18)

Only Bomber Dead in Nangarhar Car-Suicide Attack

JALALABAD - A suicide bomber has been killed in a car-bombing that targeted poppy eradication team in the Ghanikelo district of eastern Nangarhar province on Monday, an official said.

Governor spokesman Attaullah Khogyani said the incident happened early morning in the Panza Westami Wyali area.

He said the explosive-laden car was detonated before it could hit the target. Only suicide bomber was killed, he added. It is pertinent to mention that security forces recovered an explosive laden vehicle in the same area on Sunday and detonated it. (Pajhwok)

21 Taliban Killed & Wounded in Sar-I-Pul Operation

SAR-I-PUL - Twenty-one insurgents have been killed and wounded during an ongoing operation in northern Sar-i-pul province and separately 12 weapons were seized in central Parwan province, officials said on Monday.

Sar-i-Pul Governor Mohammad Zahir Wahdat said nine militants were killed in an ongoing operation codenamed 'Al-burz' in the Sayyad district. He said the dead rebels included a notorious commander Qari Sher Mohammad aka Sher Ghazanfar and nine others militants were wounded in the operation.

He said Qari Sher Mohammad had recently joined the Daesh militant group. But a security official, who wished to go unnamed, said Qari Sher Mohammad was seriously injured after his vehicle overturned and he was receiving treatment in Sayyad district. Governor Wahdat said one rebel was killed and three others wounded on the eastern and southern outskirts of Sar-i-Pul city, the provincial capital. Local officials said 25 militants have been killed and 29 others wounded in the ongoing Al-burz operation which was started on April 5. Meanwhile, the Taliban claimed killing ... (More on P4)... (19)

Zabul Man Guns down Fiancée Before Killing Himself

QALAT - A 14-year-old girl was shot dead by her lover, who later committed suicide in the Shahr-i-Safa district of southern Zabul province on Monday, officials said.

The district's administrative chief, Abdul Samad Durrani, told Pajhwok Afghan News that the 25 years old young man killed his teenage sweetheart when on her way to school before he shot himself dead with a pistol.

He said the bodies of both were evacuated to hospital by police. Initial investigations suggest the man fell in love with the girl, whose family accepted his proposal. But the girl was recently engaged to another man.

Zabul Women Affairs Director Raeesa Sediqi Jalali said families of the girl and the man had engaged them in ... (More on P4)... (22)

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You Rams are known for your directness, yet today you could easily outdo yourself. Messenger Mercury's direct turn in your 9th House of Big Ideas would normally be enough on its own to have you spontaneously spouting your thoughts, whether they are valid or not. However, several cosmic factors are also encouraging you to express your feelings even if you know you are likely to push someone's buttons.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



Your friends may confront you with an issue that was recently swept under the rug. However, it's like someone opens Pandora's Box when communicator Mercury shifts into forward gear today, accentuating your 8th House of Deep Sharing. Although you might feel uncomfortable with the topic of discussion at first, accepting the inevitable can actually feel liberating.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



If it seems like you have reached the end of your rope, take a few deep breaths and prepare yourself for a pleasant surprise. Everything is about to change once your key planet Mercury completes its retrograde period in your 7th House of Partnerships. However, you may need to take responsibility for your feelings before you see the tension in a relationship begin to dissipate. Standing up to someone who is holding you back shifts the dynamics and puts you in control of your destiny.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Interpersonal dynamics have been quite complicated lately, making you wonder whether or not the stress is truly worth it. Thankfully, the cosmos gives you the green light today, informing you that things are about to improve if you're willing to do the work. Cerebral Mercury resumes its forward movement in your 6th House of Habits, reminding you that the planning period is over and it's time to make your move.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



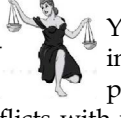
Although it may take a while to get going today, there's no stopping you once you do. Mercury's direct turn in your 5th House of Self-Expression triggers a barrage of creative communication that sets the tone for the days ahead. Don't wait for a better time to put a project into motion, especially if it's one that you've been thinking about for a long time.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You might be looking forward to a day of relaxation but the pace of events picks up suddenly, requiring you to leave your idyllic daydreams behind. Your key planet Mercury resumes its forward motion in your 4th House of Family, redirecting your attention to your closest relationships. However, your relatives don't seem to be playing the parts in your script that you previously assigned to them.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Your inner rebel awakens today, encouraging you to behave contrary to what others expect. Of course, this urge to stir the pot conflicts with your natural desire for everyone to live in harmony. Nevertheless, your key planet Venus forms a stressful alignment with revolutionary Uranus, temporarily altering your values. Currently, it's more critical for you to be different than it is to conform.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Your psychic antennas are overly sensitive these days, dissolving boundaries between your internal and external worlds. Although your heightened awareness deepens your compassion, it also can be emotionally overwhelming. You want others to become more conscious of everyone else's feelings and to contribute to the well-being of humanity.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



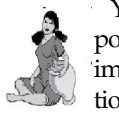
You've been not so patiently waiting for the moment when the clouds part and the endless blue sky becomes visible again. Logical Mercury's shift into forward motion occurs in your philosophical sign, allowing you to express your thoughts without restraint. However, it's crucial to know your limits, especially when the horizon appears so far away. Although you have little reason to moderate your opinions, you'll lose your audience unless you know when to stop.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



There is a sense of urgency in the air and it's challenging to maintain a rational mindset when you get swept up by unexpected circumstances. Although these are intense times and the issues you face are real, your need for immediate resolution is not necessarily based upon the current situation. Trickster Mercury turns direct in your 12th House of Destiny, convincing you that an impulsive reaction must be the correct one.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)



You may be worried that the window of opportunity is closing too soon, but your sense of immediacy is probably based on a false assumption. Don't waste valuable time lost in regret. Instead, concentrate on the present to make sure your current actions are consistent with your beliefs. Self-esteem is a key ingredient to your success, so steer clear of any behavior that feeds your doubts now.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



There are many ways to distract yourself from what's really important today. Although this may be an intended day of rest, you might choose to fill it by pursuing unusual experiences that could bring you pleasure. Whether you go skydiving, visit an art gallery or make new friends, you don't want your activities to consist of the same old things. Nevertheless, once the amusement is over.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-58.

Across: 1. Crones, 5. Academy freshman, 10. Taxis, 14. Two-toed sloth, 15. Gaps, 16. Portent, 17. Shopping center, 18. Deplorable, 20. A military unit, 22. Prolific, 23. Consumed food, 24. Daisylike bloom, 25. Without dissent, 32. Poison plant, 33. Territories, 34. Precious stone, 37. Anagram of "Seek", 38. Twist and compress, 39. Scottish hillside, 40. Lair, 41. Villain, 42. Utter impulsively, 43. Unwanted, 45. Behind bars, 49. A tribe of Israel, 50. Retaliator, 53. A travelling vendor, 57. A decorated dart, 59. Greek letter, 60. Place, 61. Patter, 62. Fraud, 63. If not, 64. Lone-Star State, 65. Strikes.

Down: 1. Something that bulges out, 2. A Freudian stage, 3. Big party, 4. Seedless raisins, 5. Vascular tissue in plants, 6. Give temporarily, 7. Shade tree, 8. Meat from cows, 9. Feudal worker, 10. Outer garments, 11. Extent, 12. Young woman, 13. Contemptuous look, 19. Meal carriers, 21. Ear-related, 25. Utilized, 26. Microwave (slang), 27. So be it, 28. Rowed, 29. Pee, 30. Dispatches, 31. Delay, 34. Food, 35. Nobleman, 36. Distribute, 38. Be victorious, 39. Praise somewhat dishonestly, 41. Soft creamy candy, 42. Actor Pitt, 44. Highest goals, 45. A steel wire rope, 46. Utilize, 47. Segments of DNA, 48. Provide, 51. At one time (archaic), 52. Fully developed, 53. Urgent request, 54. Hubs, 55. French for "State", 56. Adult male sheep, 58. 59 in Roman numerals,

Yesterday's Solution

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