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AGENCIES

RUSSIA ACCEPTS BAN

The Russian athletics federation has accepted its ban from the sport in the wake of widespread doping revelations, the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) said on Thursday. "ARAF accepted their full suspension and confirmed that they understood that their reinstatement as an IAAF member would be accepted following the recommendation of the IAAF inspection team who will decide if the verification criteria have been fulfilled. ARAF confirmed they will cooperate fully and actively with the team," an IAAF statement said.

Indian women lose:

The Indian women's hockey team suffered a 1-4 loss against



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hosts Argentina.

Rajasthan triumph:

Rajasthan won their second national title when their youth boys dethroned Maharashtra `A' 3-2 in a thrilling final of the 77th Junior and Youth National Table Tennis Championships at Dharamsala on Thursday. Karnataka boys lost in the junior quarters 0-3 to Tamil Nadu while their youth girls went down 1-3 in the same stage to the same opponents.

Sindhu enters quarters:

PV Sindhu took another step towards retaining her women's singles title by reaching the quarterfinals of the \$120,000 Macau Open Grand Prix Gold on Thursday. No. 5 seed Sindhu defeated Indonesia's Lindaweni Fanetri 21-17, 21-18. 76ers equal record NBA losing streak:

The Philadelphia 76ers equalled the record for the worst losing streak in NBA history on Wednesday, suffering a last-gasp 84-80 defeat against Boston to chalk up their 26th consecutive loss.

Nagpur win:

Feliciano Lopez of Nagpur Orangers beat Fernando Verdasco of V Chennai Warriors, securing a 24-23 win for the visitors in the Champions Tennis League in Chennai on Thursday.

Bhambri to lead India's challenge:

Rising star Yuki Bhambri will spearhead the Indian challenge in a fairly strong field, comprising defending champion and world No.4 Stanislas Wawrinka among others, for the Chennai Open scheduled from January 4 to 10.

Shweta in lead:

Pune's Shweta Galande shot an even-par 71 to take a one-shot lead over overnight leader Vani Kapoor (76) after the second round of the 18th leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour in Jaipur on Thursday. Leading scores

Sitwala downs Dhingra:

Asian champion Dhruv Sitwala outplayed Jaiveer Dhingra in his final league match of the G Raman Nair handicap billiards tournament in Bengaluru on Thursday.

YSSC win:

Powered by Sahadev's brace, Young Star Sports Club, Hubballi scored another big win in the KSHA's 'A' Division hockey league in Bengaluru on Thursday.

Vidyaniketan, Ryan in last 8:

Vidyaniketan, Ryan International and hosts Parikrma Center for

Learning made the quarterfinal grade in the Parikrma Champions League football tournament in Bengaluru. The event has been shifted from HMT ground to the Bangalore football stadium.

Inter-college football from Monday:

Christ College `A' team will take on Ravishankar Vidya Mandir in the opening match of the inter-collegiate football tournament, organized jointly by Rotary Indiranagar and Karnataka State Football Association (KSFA), in Bengaluru on November 30. A total of 24 teams are taking part in the event.

Coe to step down from ambassadorial role

IAAF president Sebastian Coe (in pic) announced at a news conference on Thursday that he will step down from his ambassadorial role with sportswear company Nike. Coe has worked as a paid ambassador for Nike but faced repeated questions about a potential conflict of interest. An internal Nike email leaked this week appeared to show him supporting the bid of Eugene, the US city with close links to the company, to host the 2021 World Athletics Championships.

Result: Argentina: 4 (Martina Cavallero, Pilar Romang, Noel Barrionuevo 2) bt India: 1 (Vandana Katariya).

Other results: (Finals): Youth girls: North Bengal bt West Bengal 3-1. **Junior boys:** West Bengal bt PSPBA 3-2. **Girls:** Telangana bt Maharashtra 'A' 3-1.

Other results: Men: HS Prannoy bt Qiao Bin (Chn) 12-21, 21-11, 21-19; B Sai Praneeth bt Andre Kurniawan Tedjono (Ina) 21-15, 21-6.

Results: Charlotte 101 bt Washington 87; Orlando 100 bt NY Knicks 91; Boston 84 bt Philadelphia 80; Detroit 104 bt Miami 81; Toronto 103 bt Cleveland 99; Memphis 102 bt Houston 93 Sacramento 129 bt Milwaukee 118; Minnesota 99 bt Atlanta 95; Oklahoma City 110 bt Brooklyn 99; San Antonio 88 bt Dallas 83 New Orleans 120 bt Phoenix 114; Utah 102 bt LA Clippers 91.

Lopez (NO) bt Watson / Verdasco 5-3. Men's doubles: Divij Sharan / Lopez (NO) bt Vishni Vardhan / Verdasco (VCW) 5-4. Men's singles: Lopez (NO) bt Verdasco 5-3).

Result: Nagpur Orangers bt V Chennai Warriors 24-23 (Legends: Alex Corretja (NO) bt Rainer Schuettler (VCW) 5-4. Women's singles: Jelena Jankovic (NO) bt Heather Watson (VCW) 5-4. Mixed doubles: Jankovic /

Tour in Jaipur on Thursday. Leading scores

(after 36 holes): 145: Shweta Galande (74, 71); **146:**

Vani Kapoor (70, 76); **147:** Gursimar Badwal (77, 70),

Amandeep Drall (75, 72); **149:** Neha Tripathi (80, 69),

Kiran Matharu (77, 72), Ankita Tiwana (72, 77).

Kumar (-300) 100-0 (-41); Michael Rebello (-350) bt
Arjun Mehta (-275) 100-0 (-41); R Umadevi Nagaraj
(-250) bt ML Lakshman (-350) 100 (-11); Gautham
Menon (-250) bt Thomas Jacob (-250) 100-0 (-264); B
Bhaskar (-900) bt Jacob 100-0 (-107).

Results: Dhruv Sitwala (-900) bt Jalveer Dhingra
(-700) 100-0 (-406); Siddharth Parikh (-900) bt Dhvaj
Haria (-700) 100-0 (-390); Sashta Sambhi (-300) bt Ashok

Result: YSSC, Hubballi 5 (Naveen Kumar 8, Sahadev 22, 56, Biju 52, Mithun 560 bt Rangers HC 1 (Dharma 55).

Today's matches: ITI vs Rangers HC, 2.30pm. Young Star Sports Club, Hubballi vs Primrose HC, 4.30pm.

Other quarterfinalists: DPS East, Inventure Academy, Indus International School, Farook High School (Kerala) & St Joseph's Boys HS. **Results:** Vidyaniketan bt St Aloysius HS 3-0, Ryan International HS bt Greenwood HS via the tie-breaker. Full-time: 1-1. TB score: 4-2. Parikrma bt ONGC, Pondicherry 5-0, DPS East bt St Francis 5-0, Inventure Academy bt The International School Bangalore 1-0, Indus International bt Stonehill GHS 10-0, Farook HS bt DPS North 1-0, SJBHS bt St Patricks HS 3-0.



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