

We will peak at right time, says dragflicker Gurjit

Bengaluru, Feb 28: Ace dragflicker Gurjit Kaur believes the Indian women's hockey team is steadily improving with every passing tour and the Rani-led side will peak at the right time during the Tokyo Olympics.



"Our tours and matches are being planned in such a way that we peak at the right time and our performance has been steadily improving," said Gurjit, who has been nominated for the Indian Sports Honour for Sports Woman of the Year (team sport).

They also enjoyed a successful last year as the team booked its ticket to 2020 Olympics, while also scripting creditable victories against quality sides like Spain, Ireland, Japan, China, Korea among other countries.

In their tour of New Zealand, India registered wins against the home side's development team, senior team and Great Britain.

"The way we played in the New Zealand

tour, we could feel the improvement in our performance especially in comparison to previous year (2018) when we toured New Zealand," Gurjit said. "The gap was narrowed to one goal from earlier when the goal difference was a lot. We even won big against them. We have been working towards achieving the parameters set by the coaching staff and I believe we are on track to peak at the right time," she added.

The Indian team has been put through the grind

at the ongoing national camp here, where chief coach Sjoerd Marijne is making them sweat under sultry summer sun in hope that the players will not wither away in the stark conditions that awaits them in Tokyo during the 2020 Olympic Games.

"During our meetings, we have discussed how the weather will be very challenging in Tokyo," Gurjit said.

"It is expected to be over 30-35 degrees when we play in Tokyo and it is also expected to

be very humid which is why our training sessions are planned at different times in this camp," she explained.

"Usually we would train on the pitch between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. in the morning and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the evening but now we train around 12 noon or 2 p.m. under the afternoon sun. The training is intense and it's not easy to keep up speed in these conditions," she stated.

Over the last two years Gurjit has proved to be an important player in the Indian team. While her dragflicking abilities have been rather formidable, she has matured as a defender too.

"We had seniors like Sunita Lakra and we have Deep Grace who is now the senior most defender in the team but yes I have had to step-up and take up more responsibility as a defender and I will continue to focus more on my defending abilities," she added.

We read & handle situations better now, says Tanya

Melbourne, Feb 28: Wicket-keeper batswoman Tanya Bhatia says the Indian team has got better at reading and handling different situations, which was evident during the recent tri-series in Australia.

In the T20 tri-series, played just before the World Cup, India had beaten both England and Australia while chasing huge totals before losing the final to the host by 11 runs in Melbourne.

Continuing the good run, India on Thursday became the first team to seal a semifinal spot at the T20 World Cup

following a narrow four-run win over New Zealand here.

"In the last 12 to 14 months, we have improved a lot as a unit. We're in a really positive position. We've been playing well ever since the tri-series. I think we've got a lot better as a team in working out how to handle and read situations well," Bhatia said at the post-match press conference.

"The results are in our favor, but we need to keep up the momentum. If we do that, we will do well and hopefully we can win the final,"

Bhatia added.

Invited to bat, India posted a below-par 133 for eight in the group A match with Shafali Verma top-scoring with a 34-ball 46 and Bhatia chipping in with a 25-ball 23. They, however, produced a disciplined performance with the ball to restrict New Zealand to 129 for six to register their third successive win in the tournament and seal a last-four spot.

With this win, India topped Group A, having beaten Australia and Bangladesh in their last two outings.

Bhatia is optimistic

that their batters will definitely come good in the remaining matches of the tournament.

"We're playing well, it's just one or two odd games where our batters failed to perform. Shafali is giving us a good start and the rest of us batters will take up responsibility," she said.

Bhatia said she is open to bat at any position for the team's cause. "I can bat well up the order and I know I'm capable of scoring runs there," she said.

India will play Sri Lanka in their last Group A game on Saturday.

Indian batsmen have to build on starts: Jaffer ahead of 2nd Test

Navi Mumbai, Feb 28: Wasim Jaffer, the domestic cricket star says unless the Indian batsmen build on their starts and put a big total on the board, bouncing back in the Test series against New Zealand will be extremely difficult.

India were humbled by 10 wickets by the hosts in the opening Test as the pace trio of Tim Southee, Trent Boult and Kyle Jamison ran riot.

"Virat has a lean patch for a while, so I am expecting him to come back stronger.

Pujara needs some runs under his belt. Most importantly they need to convert their starts into three figures, if that doesn't happen and if we don't put score of 350-400 runs then it is difficult," Jaffer told PTI.

"In 200-250 (runs) you can't win a Test match unless there is much help from the pitch. When we bat first or bat second, we need to score 400-450 runs," the former India opener said.

The domestic stalwarts is coaching a side in the ongoing DY

Patil T20 Cup being held here.

Jaffer also felt that the team getting bundled out for below 200 in the first Test was not befitting of its number one rank in the longest format of the game.

"They kept our run-rate in check and kept our batsmen under pressure for long periods. I felt that in the first innings the conditions were favorable for bowlers, but they worked out an strategy of bouncers and we should have batted better in the second innings. To get out both times under 200 is unlike the number one Test team," he said.

Jaffer was confident that India would bounce back as they have done it in the past.

"There is no doubt

that they India will come back hard in the next Test (at Christchurch), which they should and they have always done that in the past. Whenever they have been put under pressure, they have bounced back very strongly. I'm expecting the same thing," he said.

Considering that India are not playing a Test for a long period after the second game in New Zealand, Jaffer feels it will be a crucial Test for Shubman Gill or Prithvi Shaw, as one of them will get a chance.

"Rohit (Sharma) is not there and he is a seasoned player and India actually missed him. Anybody who gets a chance, Shubman or Prithvi, it's a very crucial Test match for them," he opined.

Healy, Mooney lead Australia to crushing win over Bangla

Canberra, Feb 28: Alyssa Healy and Beth Mooney hit attacking half-centuries in a dominating 151-run opening stand as Australia hammered Bangladesh by 86 runs in their ICC Women's T20 World Cup match, here on Thursday.

The partnership between Healy (83) and Mooney (81 not out) is Australia's highest for any wicket at the Women's T20 World Cup. Australia's 189 for one, the highest

total of the tournament, proved too much for Bangladesh who could manage only 103 for nine.

Healy began with bristling intent, peeling three boundaries from Jahanara Alam's opening over.

Salma Khatun opted to take pace off the ball with five overs of spin in the powerplay but Healy rocked back and cleared long-on to take the score to 53 without loss from the first six overs.

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Loud Talk and the Steam Engine..!

As all around our nation I hear the bluster, see the sneers and feel the heat of danger I borrow from my book, 'DARE' the lines on the steam engines of our childhood!

In my mind, even today, there is no ferocious, powerful, robust, beast, like the steam engine of yesterday. Even now whenever I want to imagine something more terrible than a dragon, a monster belching smoke, a machine of pure energy, I picture the steam engine.

I still remember the walk to the railway line when I was a child: It took place when my dad came home a little early, which meant the whole family was going for a stroll. A stroll meant a walk, and a brisk one it was in the sometimes biting cold to the railway track. Now this was no ordinary line. It lay wedged between two rising hills, and in the centre of both these small hills, ran the railway.

We walked, my brother and I with stilled excitement, sometimes

glancing at each other, grinning because we knew what we were going to experience, and of course on the way, my dad would stop at the vada woman's hut, where my mother would ask if the vadas were hot, she always said they were, and loaded with those steaming morsels we continued our journey to the railway line.

It was a vantage spot we sat on; on one of the little hills, where there was a bend. Here we could hear the steam engine but not see it till it took the turn.

We sat, in anticipation. The signal went down, and we heard it, far away, the build up of sound, no whistle was needed, no horn sounded, animals and all moved out with the feeling of its presence, and then as we watched half in awe, half in terror, the furious monster took the bend, and in a synchronized movement of steel and wheels, and smoke and steam, it charged, literally lunged up the line: Oh what a magnificent spectacle,

especially afterwards as we ate those vadas in silence imbibing the feeling of majestic power.

But today that steam engine is no more. The ones that cruise at speeds five times that of the steam monster run silently. Power is noiseless and quiet. No bluster, no build up of tension.

Is there a lesson for us? That all the sound and commotion made by some political leaders are but a cacophony of noise? That finally, it's the silent, sure and swift, that become the strong!

I remember the steam engine, but there's a smile which has replaced the fright and awe, a smile that knows all that threatening sound, was finally beaten by stillness and sureness!

Today, those steam engines line our museums, especially a railway museum in Delhi, which I am sure will soon have human ones soon..!

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Mansi and Ravi advance at Dutch Junior International badminton tournament

Haarlem, Feb. 28: Young Indian shuttler Ravi continued his impressive run at the Dutch Junior International tournament to enter men's singles third round here in Haarlem, Netherlands, on Thursday.

The Haryana boy notched up a comfortable 21-7, 21-15 win against Germany's Kian-yu Oei in the second-round match.

In the women's singles opening round match, Mansi Singh registered a 21-7, 21-10 win against Johanna Hofler of Australia. The Uttar Pradesh girl will now take on Catlyn Kruus in the second-round match.

Meanwhile, other Indian



Mansi Singh



Ravi

shuttlers Rohan Gurbani, Pranav Rao Gandham and Sai Vishnu Pullela also begun their campaigns on winning note in men's singles category.

While Rohan thrashed Russian Egor Borisov 21-15, 21-15, Pranav completed easy 21-12, 21-9 win against German's Jarne Schlevoyt.

However, Sai faced stiff challenge from his opponent Rafael Faria of Brazil before clinching the three-setter match 21-19, 21-23, 21-13 in 44 minutes.

In the women's doubles, Shruti Mishra and Shailja Shukla suffered a 21-9, 21-12 defeat against Indonesia pair of Lanny

Tria Mayasari and Jesita Putri Miantoro.

Results: Men's singles Rd 2: Ravi bt Kian-Yu Oei (Germany) 21-7, 21-15

Rd 1: Rohan Gurbani bt Egor Borisov (Russia) 21-15, 21-15; Pranav Rao Gandham bt Jarne Schlevoyt (Germany) 21-12, 21-9; Sai Vishnu Pullela bt Rafael Faria (Brazil) 21-19, 21-23, 21-13.

Women's singles Rd 1: Mansi Singh bt Johanna Hofle (Austria) 21-7, 21-10

Women's doubles Rd 1: Shruti Mishra/Shailja Shukla lost to Lanny Tria Mayasari/Jesita Putri Miantoro (Indonesia) 21-9, 21-12

Pune University consolidate top spot with 3 more gold medals

Bhubaneswar, Feb 28: Savitribai Phule Pune University consolidated their position at the top by claiming three gold medals at the inaugural Khelo India University Games here on Thursday.

Mahesh Datta Asawale and Prajtkta Ravindra Khalkar won gold in weightlifting competition, while Jyotiba Bajrang Atkale bagged a yellow metal in wrestling.

Punjab University (Chandigarh) and Jain University (Bengaluru) remained on eight gold medals each, while with 13 golds, Pune University surged ahead. Guru Nanak Dev University (Amritsar) and University of Mumbai complete the top five on the charts.

Mahesh Asawale, who won the All-India Inter-University Championships in Mohali last December with total lifts of 258kg,

showed an improvement here. He lifted 123kg in snatch and 143 in clean and jerk for a total of 266kg. He returned to the sport in September last year after a year-long suspension for a doping violation.

Juturi Koteswara Rao (Krishna University) and Mithlesh Sonkar (Hemchand Yadav University) claimed the silver and bronze medals respectively with total lifts of 243kg and 238kg.

Manoja Kumar Sahu (Berhampur University), a silver medal winner in the boys Under-21 73kg class in the Khelo India Youth Games in Guwahati last month, also improved on his own mark. He lifted a total of 267kg here, compared to 264kg in Guwahati, to claim the gold ahead of Manish Kumar (Panjab University) and Lovepreet Singh (Punjab University).

Bryant handprints, other memorabilia up for auction

New York, Feb 28: Some key Kobe Bryant memorabilia, including two of his Los Angeles Lakers uniforms and cement handprints from his induction into the Grauman's Chinese Theater hall of fame gallery, are going up for sale in April.

Julien's Auctions said Thursday that the items would be up for sale on April 30 as part of its annual sports auction that includes a silver medal from the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles and a 2002 FIFA World Cup gold winner's medal.

Bryant's items were already being planned for auction when he, his daughter Gianna and seven others were killed in a helicopter crash on Jan. 26.

We are honored to include this collection of his items and pay tribute to this giant who was an inspiration not only to basketball fans but to the entire world, said

Darren Julien, Julien's Auctions' president and CEO.

The Lakers uniforms up for sale are one worn during the 2000 NBA Finals, with his original number 8. The uniform included a black armband which marked the memory of Wilt Chamberlain, who died that season.

The other uniform was from his 2007 season, when his number was 24.

Other Bryant items include Adidas game shoes signed by the late legend; and a basketball signed by the 2010-11 Lakers including Bryant and other stars such as Ron Artest and Pau Gasol.

Julien's said the Bryant items were being sold by a collector in Kentucky. Fans can view what's up for sale between April 27 and April 30 in Beverly Hills, California, before the auction takes place at Juliens Auctions Beverly Hills.

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