

Ministry to focus on sports science, performance management for success at 2024, 2028 Olympics

NEW DELHI : With India achieving their best-ever performance at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympics, the Sports Ministry has started planning for better performance at the 2024 and 2028 Olympics and has restructured its workforce with a focus on sports science and performance management.

The Ministry also gave out of turn promotions among others to sportspersons that have done well at the Olympics and Paralympics. Those include hockey players Savita Punia and Rani Rampal and para-athlete, high jumpers Mariyappan Thangavelu and Sharad Kumar.

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The restructuring of the SAI workforce and the Target Olympic Podium Scheme Secretariat aims at strengthening the existing support system provided to sportspersons so that they can excel at international competitions, especially the Olympics and Paralympics.

"Our emphasis is on sports science and performance management and with the restructuring SAI will hire around 300 more scientific staff including 138 High-performance analysts, 23 high-performance directors, 23 sports medicine doctors, 93 physiotherapists, and 104 masseurs. Further posts have been created for 50 High-Performance Coaches at the NCOEs for targeted performance



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at international events, especially the Olympics," said Sports Minister Anurag Thakur at the Sports Authority of India's (SAI) 55th Governing Body Meeting.

Thakur chaired the meeting which was also attended by MOS Nisith Pramanik and members of the Governing Body including IOA General Secretary Rajeev Mehta, prominent ex-athletes Bhachug Bhutia, Akhil Kumar, Trupti Murgunde, Kamlesh Mehta, among others and senior members of the Sports Ministry and SAI.

The restructuring will also create positions for strength and conditioning experts, performance analysts, biomechanists, psychologists, video analysts, physiologists, thereby giving athletes a holistic training opportunity, the SAI said in a release on Tuesday.

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moted from assistant coach to coach. At the GB it was also discussed that the Sports Ministry will take on more partnership initiatives with the corporate sector and private organizations to build India's sports ecosystem. SAI is already working with private entities like Glen Mark Foundation and Inspire Institute of Sport to develop specific sports and it has been decided to forge such partnerships that can benefit athletes, while also giving corporates a chance to be part of the management of sports facilities.

The Sports Ministry aims to partner with corporates for support in specific sports disciplines at various NCOEs for coaching, sports science, diet, equipment, among others. Speaking about this decision, Thakur said, "I urge individuals, institutions, and corporates to come forward to support the mission of making India a sporting powerhouse through CSR initiatives or direct funding."

Kohli's RCB looks to build winning momentum against struggling RR

Match Starts at 7:30pm.

DUBAI : A thumping win over defending champions Mumbai Indians boosting their confidence, Royal Challengers Bangalore would look to build on the momentum when they take on a struggling Rajasthan Royals in their Indian Premier League match here on Wednesday.

The Virat Kohli-led RCB are currently at third spot with 12 points from 10 matches and a win over RR will virtually put them in the play-offs.

On the other hand, with eight points from 10 matches, it will be a make-or-break outing for RR as a loss on Wednesday can put them in a tight situation in their bid for a last-four berth.

RCB did not have the best of starts after the IPL's resumption as they lost two consecutive matches, including the forgettable nine-wicket defeat to Kolkata Knight Riders where they made just 92 runs. They were then outplayed by Chennai Super Kings though Kohli and Devdutt Padikkal came good with 53 and 70 respectively.

The previous match against MI, however, gave them their first win after the IPL's resumption with Kohli hitting his second consecutive fifty -- 51 -- and Maxwell also coming good (37-ball 56).

Kohli, who is stepping down from RCB captaincy after this season, would look to continue his good form. South African legend AB de Villiers, on the other hand, needs a big one after scores of 0, 12, 11 while Maxwell will be keen to stay in good touch with the T20 World Cup not far.



Patel is the star with six wickets from three matches, including a hat-trick in the last match, and Yuzvendra Chahal is also in fine form with five dismissals. A bit of worry is New Zealand fast bowler Kyle Jamieson, who has not taken any wicket from the two matches he has played so far. Rajasthan, on the other hand, have been outplayed by their respective opponents in their last two matches after winning their first game by two runs. Except for captain Sanju Samson and Yashasvi Jaiswal, most of the RR batsmen are struggling. Lone ranger Samson hit 70 and 82 after scoring four runs in the first match but other batsmen have let the team down.

In Monday's match against Sunrisers Hyderabad, it was Samson again who took his side to 164 for 5 with a well-calculated 82 on a sticky wicket where stroke-making was difficult.

However, the score proved insufficient as RR lost by seven wickets, which dented their play-off chances as they remained at the sixth spot with eight points. Among bowlers, Kartik Tyagi

(3 wickets), Chetan Sakariya (4 wickets) and Mustafizur Rahman (3 wickets) have done reasonably well for the side.

The Teams (From): Royal Challengers Bangalore: Virat Kohli (captain), AB de Villiers, Navdeep Saini, Glenn Maxwell, Dan Christian, Rajat Patidar, Dushmantha Chameera, Pavan Deshpande, Mohammed Siraj, Harshal Patel, Mohammed Azharuddeen, Sachin Baby, Wanindu Hasaranga, George Gordon, Yuzvendra Chahal, Shahbaz Ahmed, Devdutt Padikkal, Kyle Jamieson, Suyash Prabhudessai, KS Bharat, Tim David, Akash Deep.

Rajasthan Royals: Sanju Samson (captain), Liam Livingstone, Evin Lewis, David Miller, Chris Morris, Oshane Thomas, Mustafizur Rahaman, Tabaiz Shamsi, Glenn Phillips, Chetan Sakariya, Riyan Parag, Rahul Tewatia, Akash Singh, Anuj Rawat, KC Cariappa, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shivam Dube, Shreyas Gopal, Kartik Tyagi, Mayank Markande, Jaydev Unadkat, Kuldeep Yadav, Mahipal Lomror.

Olympic campaign has taught us glory comes at a price: Forward Gurjant

NEW DELHI: Indian men's hockey forward Gurjant Singh, who scored three goals at the Tokyo Olympic Games, said on Tuesday that the historic bronze-winning campaign had taught the team that glory comes at a price. He said that participating and fighting for a medal at the Olympics is an altogether different ball game.

"Participating and fighting for a medal is altogether a different ball game. Every team wants to win, and they also come fully prepared, they had also worked hard like us, so it's not easy to win a medal at Olympics, and I reckon that was our biggest learning as well," said Gurjant.

"The whole journey from preparation to competing and winning a medal at the Olympics taught us that glory comes at a price, and the price was hard work. We had worked day and night, we worked on our physical fitness and mental fitness as well, we made a lot of sacrifices, and I think that paid off," he added.

On whether he was nervous playing his first Olympic Games, the 26-year-old forward said, "I think the confidence and excitement level was more than the nervousness. That feeling of representing your country, which has a very rich Olympics history in hockey, gives you extra confidence



on the field. "Yes, there was a bit of pressure in the quarterfinal match, but we managed it exceptionally well. We went on to win an Olympics medal after 41 years. I am fortunate that I was

a part of it and could contribute to the team's historic campaign." The Amritsar-born player added that the team's aim will be to maintain consistency and build on the historic campaign. "It also doesn't mean that things will become easy for us, and we will win medals easily in the future tournaments. Hence, our main aim will be to maintain consistency and build on this historic campaign. We have raised our standards, and it's time to change the colour of this medal. However, we will have to approach step-by-step, there will certainly be more challenges ahead, and we need to be fully prepared for whatever comes our way," he said.

Gurjant was a part of the India Colts team that clinched the 2016 FIH Junior Men's World Cup. On the upcoming FIH hockey men's junior World Cup Bhubaneswar 2021, the forward said, "I am really delighted that the next edition of Junior World Cup is being organised in Bhubaneswar, the place which is home of Indian hockey. Odisha government has been really supportive to Indian hockey, and the fans are really passionate about the sport, it will be a good experience for the junior players."

Ali's decision to retire from Test cricket leaves a hole in England team: Hussain

LONDON : Former England captain Nasser Hussain believes that all-rounder Moeen Ali's decision to retire from Test cricket leaves a hole in England team. He added that he was not surprised at the timing of the announcement and reminded of sacrifices modern cricketers make for playing cricket in all three formats. On Tuesday, Ali announced his retirement from Test cricket, ending a career of 64 Tests starting from his debut against Sri Lanka at Lord's in 2014. Ali scored 2914 runs at an average of 28.29, including five centuries and 14 half-centuries. He also scalped 195 wickets at an average of 36.66 with his off-spin. "I am not surprised at the timing of this announcement. Moeen is 34 and we can't forget the sacrifices modern cricketers have to make to play all three formats. England players have to put their families first this winter, not just Mo, because they have had enough of bubble life over the last 18 months or so," wrote Hussain in his column for Daily Mail on Tuesday. "Moeen has clearly looked at his situation and what happened to him in Australia last time and decided this is his time to concentrate on white-ball cricket. No one should begrudge him that. But it does leave a hole in the England Test team. Moeen balances the side in the absence of Ben Stokes and, if both are missing this winter, that old problem of trying to get five bowlers in the side without having a long tail re-emerges," added Hussain. Hussain opined that lack of trust in other spin options after Ali's retirement could mean that England will go in the Ashes without a specialist spinner. "England do not appear to be massive fans of Jack Leach, so this increases the chances of what has been whispered during the summer, that England will go into the Ashes without a specialist spinner. And that is a dangerous road to travel in Australia." The 53-year-old Hussain concluded by saying that people will be fully appreciative of Ali once he is gone from the format. "We will probably only fully appreciate Moeen when he has gone. We will never be sure quite how good he was because with his raw talent he could have done even better, certainly with the bat. Above all Moeen is a top, top bloke, a pleasure to deal with as a broadcaster and he can be bloody proud of all he has achieved in Test cricket and for the game."



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Messi leads Argentina squad for World Cup qualifiers

BUENOS : Lionel Messi will spearhead Argentina's squad for the next triple-header of South American World Cup qualifiers, the Argentine Football Association said on Monday.

The 34-year-old was named on the Albiceleste's 30-man list despite having missed Paris Saint-Germain's last two matches because of a knee injury.

Manager Lionel Scaloni also included Paulo Dybala, who left the pitch in tears during Juventus' 3-2 win over Sampdoria on Sunday with an apparent thigh injury. Meanwhile, Scaloni recalled Bayer Leverkusen forward Lucas Alario and Monterrey goalkeeper Esteban Andrada. Argentina will meet Paraguay in Asuncion on October 7 before hosting Uruguay and Peru in Buenos Aires on October 10 and 14. Xinhua reports. Scaloni's men are currently second behind



MANAGER LIONEL SCALONI ALSO INCLUDED PAULO DYBALA, WHO LEFT THE PITCH IN TEARS DURING JUVENTUS' 3-2 WIN OVER SAMPDORIA ON SUNDAY WITH AN APPARENT THIGH INJURY.

Brazil in the 10-team South American group with five wins and three draws from their eight matches so far. The top four teams will earn an automatic spot in next year's World Cup in Qatar while the fifth-ranked side will advance to an intercontinental playoff.

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