



India's Test specialist Hanuma Vihari, who had left Hyderabad to play for Andhra to further his international prospects, is back "home" after five seasons for the upcoming domestic season. Vihari, pupil of India's fielding coach R Sridhar, had left Hyderabad in the 2015-16 season after MSK Prasad, the then chairman of selectors had offered him Andhra captaincy

Prime league launched, VFI says not recognised

VIVEK KRISHNAN @Chennai

ON a day when Prime Volleyball League (PVL) — an initiative of Baseline Ventures — was formally launched in Hyderabad with the announcement of the six teams taking part, the Volleyball Federation of India (VFI) attempted to throw a spanner in the works by stating that it could penalise the players who participate in the private league.

The Prime Volleyball League is a rechristened version of the Pro Volleyball League, which was held in February 2019. Five of the six teams remain the same while a new team from Bengaluru—Bengaluru Torpedoes — will replace the team from Mumbai, UMumba. Chen-

nai Spartans, meanwhile, will now be known as Chennai Blitz. The other teams are Calicut Heires, Kochi Blue Spikers, Ahmedabad Defenders and Black Hawks Hyderabad. The team from Chennai had won the PVL two years ago. The players' auctions are set to be held in December.

"Those who play in PVL will be disqualified by the federation. The people organising PVL have selfish interests. We won't allow the players to play in a private league," VFI secretary Anil Choudhary told this daily on Wednesday.

Choudhary said that the national federation will start its own league for the players soon.

"The inaugural season of

Our own event by January: Jakhar

THE Volleyball Federation of India (VFI) says the Prime Volleyball League (PVL) won't be recognised by the governing body for the sport in the country. No federation official will be associated with it. The VFI has also said it will not give permission to the league. This is because, according to Ramavtar Singh Jakhar, the federation has already announced its own league, the Indian Volleyball League (IVL). It is set to begin by January. **Indraneel Das** reports

Pro Volleyball League was held in 2019. After that, we realised that they don't have the right

intentions, which is why the second season was not held," Choudhary claimed.

The organisers of PVL, though, are confident that the league will face no hiccups. Joy Bhattacharya, CEO of PVL, insisted that there is no legal ground for the federation to prevent players from exercising their right to earn a living. "When Ramavtar Singh Jakhar was secretary of VFI, he made a statement to the Competition Council of India in a court of law where he stated that the federation has no objections to anyone starting a volleyball league. Legally, they have no ground to stand on. Nobody can stop a player from exercising his right to make a living," Bhattacharya said.

The players, according to Bhattacharya, are tired of the federation's ways. "Without taking the players into confidence, we wouldn't start something like this. Among our owners, we have people who are intimately associated with the players. Five of the teams have returned. Even the international players are delighted that the league is starting and are ready to return. If the VFI wants to start its own league, then go ahead. The more leagues there are, the better it is for volleyball. No player we have spoken to is worried about the federation because they are sick of the federation," he explained.

For the players, it is a tricky situation to wriggle out of.

India ready for Finland

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

THE Espoo Metro Arena, located in the city of Espoo, is well known across Finland. The venue used to play host to Espoo Blues, one of the country's ice hockey clubs. The Arena also conducts concerts. Over the last week or so, the venue has undergone a transformation. The goalposts have been removed and the ice has been transported out. In its place, a wooden plank has been installed, a carpet has been positioned and a net has been placed. The venue is now ready to host the two-day Davis Cup 1st Round tie between India and Finland, beginning on Friday.

While the venue was being given a cosmetic makeover, India had a few practice sessions at a private club earlier in the week. "We have been practicing here at a private club in Helsinki because the match courts

were not ready." All-India Tennis Association joint-secretary Sunder Iyer, who has travelled with the team, told this daily. "We started practicing at the venue from Tuesday. We will all be in a bubble for the duration of the tie (Tuesday to Saturday). The whole team has assembled here, they are in good spirits, we had a great official dinner too. They are all fit, fine and hitting well at this moment."

When they shifted to the match courts on Tuesday, the team were surprised, in a good way, about the way the surface was behaving.

"The bounce is pretty slow and low so that's good for us," team captain Rohit Rajpal told this daily. It's good from an Indian point of view because both Prajneesh Gunnswaran and Ramkumar Ramanathan, the country's lead singles players, 'hit the ball flat', Rajpal explained.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Young Boys defeat Manchester Utd

AFP @ Paris

MANCHESTER United slumped to a shock 2-1 loss at Young Boys despite a goal from Cristiano Ronaldo in their Champions League opener on Tuesday, while Chelsea kicked off their title defence by beating Zenit.

Robert Lewandowski struck twice for Bayern Munich as the German heavyweights inflicted a 3-0 defeat on Barcelona at Camp Nou in their first European game since the departure of Lionel Messi. Ronaldo, the leading scorer in Champions League history, bagged his 135th goal in the competition after 13 minutes in Bern, but Swiss champions Young Boys hit back after the sending-off of Aaron Wan-Bissaka.

Results: Group E: Barcelona 0-3 Bayern Munich, Dynamo Kiev 0-0 Benfica. Group F: Young Boys 2-1 Manchester United, Villarreal 2-2 Atalanta. Group G: Sevilla 1-1 Salzburg, Lille 0-0 Wolfsburg. Group H: Malmo 0-3 Juventus, Chelsea 1-0 Zenit Saint Petersburg.

No Manika for Asian C'ship

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY @New Delhi

THE squad for the Asian Championships to be held in Doha from September 28-October 5 was announced by Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) Wednesday. And it was mainly along expected lines with the omission of India's top woman paddler, Manika Batra, set to be the major talking point.

The men's team will be spearheaded by Sharath Kamal, the country's highest-ranked paddler at World No 33. G Sathiyan (World No 38), Harmeet Desai (71), Manav Thakkar (134) and Sanil Shetty (247) are the other members. Among women, World No 97 Sutirtha Mukherjee will lead the women's team and she will be accompanied by Aiyhika Mukherjee (131), Archana Kamath (132) and Akula Sreeja (143).

The federation had already intimated to all paddlers post the Tokyo Olympics that for a player to be eligible for selec-

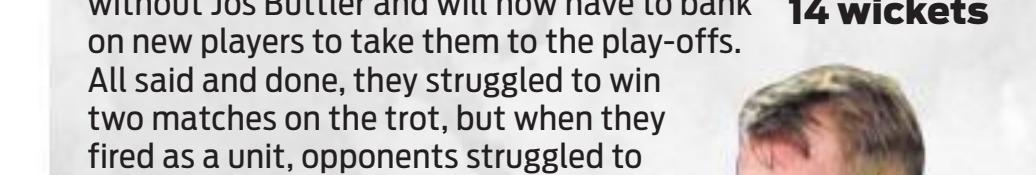
tion, they will have to attend national camps. Despite the notice, Manika chose to stay behind in Pune and train with her personal coach. Sathiyan and Harmeet had also initially opted out due to European league commitments but ultimately joined at a later date while Sutirtha recovered from fever and joined up with the group.

The Asian Championships might be a great chance for India to medal as China has opted out of the tournament due to the event clashing with their own National Games. This effectively puts Team India at fourth spot among the seeds, up from fifth. And with both semifinalists earning a bronze, it means if Indian paddlers can play to their potential, a medal is a definite possibility.

In men's doubles, India will have two pairs, Sathiyan-Sharath and Manav-Harmeet, while among women, the combinations will be Sutirtha and Aiyhika, Sreeja and Archana.



STORY SO FAR: Lacked consistency in the first-half. Despite beating the likes of Mumbai Indians and Royal Challengers Bangalore, they were not able to click as a unit. They have used 18 players so far, which tells how they struggled to identify their right combination. While the likes of KL Rahul, Mayank Agarwal and Chris Gayle, it is the middle-order that needs attention. If Deepak Hooda and Shahrukh Khan can give them stability, then they can dream of a top-four finish. In the bowling front, wickets have been hard to come by with Mohammed Shami's eight being the highest. The arrival of Adil Rashid should bolster their attack.



STORY SO FAR: Already without Ben Stokes and Jofra Archer, they are going to be without Jos Buttler and will now have to bank on new players to take them to the play-offs. All said and done, they struggled to win two matches on the trot, but when they fired as a unit, opponents struggled to stop them. Much will now depend on their new imports: Evin Lewis, Tabraiz Shamsi will perform. In Liam Livingstone they have a big-hitter in the middle-order who can make heads turn in the IPL, like he did in the Hundred. The likes of Sanju Samson, Chris Morris and David Miller have to deliver.

EXPRESS READ

Handball to get ₹240Cr | Sumit advances

NEW DELHI: The upcoming Premier Handball League license-holders, Bluestop Entertainment Pvt Ltd, have promised to invest ₹240 crore to bolster the sport in the country, a proposal that has been welcomed by the national federation.



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