# Wanted to be more consistent: Yashasvi Jaiswal

ashasvi Jaiswal wanted to be more consistent on his first tour of England but drew immense satisfaction from his second-innings ton on a "spicy" pitch at The Oval to help set a massive 374-run target in the fifth Test.

Jaiswal ended the series with 411 runs at an average of 41.10 including two centuries and as many fifties.

In the initial phase, he was peppered with plenty of short balls into the rib cage, before Jaiswal had his fair share of struggle against Jofra Archer at Lord's

The Indian opener's returns in 10 innings - scores of 101, 4, 87, 28, 13, 0, 58, 0, 2, 118 - most consistent batters but Jaiswal did leave a lasting impact after a decent run in

"I think I wanted to do more. I wanted to make my innings bigger than that. So, I could have achieved something else. But it's okay," he told the media on Saturday.

"I was trying very hard for that and I was enjoying it. Whenever I go out there, I think, as long as I can bat, I enjoy batting as well," added Jaiswal, who rode his luck to complete his sixth Test hundred on Saturday.

Jaiswal also got a word of advice from his former captain Rohit Sharma, who was watching the game from the stands at The Oval.

"He told me to hang in



the southpaw.

Talking more about his learnings from the series, Jaiswal said: "It's all about how I fight. Always, the mentality is to go out there and fight it out and enjoy."

"Because in the end, (and) as I tell myself that it's the game and we need to enjoy the game. That is very important. With that, we should

"I am proud of myself and all my teammates. We want fun. We want some battle in the middle. That is the fun. That's why you play Test

#### The wicket was spicy

Jaiswal, who was dropped thrice in his innings, said England won't have it easy on

day four chasing a record 374-run target. "The wicket was a little spicy. I was enjoying batting. I was enjoying it a lot," he said.

"I expect that in England, when you play, you play on a wicket like this. Mentally, I was ready and I was just enjoying. I knew what shot I'm going to play on this surface," said Jaiswal who shared a 107-run partnership with nightwatchman Akash Deep in the morning session. "If we can bowl the channel line, it would be good. Batting won't be easy here. We are confident of defending the target."

#### We're pretty chilled about chasing 374

England chased a record 378 against India at Edgbaston recently did not have much difficulty in chasing 371 in the

series opener at Leeds. Josh Tongue, who took a five-wicket haul in India's second innings, said the bat-

ters would be going after the

target despite losing Zak Crawley at stroke of stumps. "We are pretty chilled, not overthinking about it. I don't see why we can't chase down these runs. How we play as a batting unit, it is very positive," said Tongue adding that batting became easier

heavy roller. "The first two days it did quite a bit from good length. Ĥeavy roller made the difference. The odd ball still did something and jumped off length in the final session.

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### IZM Boys School Emerges Runner-Up in Cricket at 25th Kargil Victory **Sports Festival**

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Students of IZM Boys School, Yakutpura made their mark at the 25th Kargil Victory Sports Festival organized by the YMCA of Greater Hyderabad at Narayanguda on July 31 and August 1. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from schools across the city, with competitions held in various sports categories under the under-17 division. Three teams from IZM Boys School represented the institution in Volleyball, Kabaddi, and Cricket. While the Volleyball team put up a spirited fight but missed reaching the semifinals, the Kabaddi team advanced to the second round, displaying strong



coordination and resilience. The highlight of the event for IZM was the Cricket team, which advanced all the way to the finals and secured the Runner-Up position, earning well-deserved praise for their performance and sportsmanship. School authorities expressed their pride in the students' achievements, stating that the festival was a valuable opportunity for students to

gain inter-school exposure and demonstrate their athletic talents. "It was an excellent experience for our boys, and with this momentum, we are hopeful of clinching more titles in upcoming competitions," School Principal said. The Kargil Victory Sports Festival, held annually to commemorate the bravery of Indian soldiers, also serves as a platform to promote youth development through sports.

## Golfer Aaron Rai stays in top-3 at Wyndham Championship

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efending champion Aaron Rai shot 1under 69 to stay in the top-three while Cameron Young added a 5-under 65 to earlier rounds of 63-62 to take a five-shot lead at the Wyndham Championship here. Indo-British Rai, whose rounds have been 63-66-69, is 12-under and lying tied third alongside Chris Kirk (67) and Meissner Colombian Nico Echavarria is sole second after a round of 64 and he is 15-under and five behind Young.

On a storm-delayed second round in the morning, Rai had five birdies, three of them in a row from the 13th to the 15th and he also dropped four bogeys. Sahith Theegala had earlier missed the cut while the other Indian American Akshay Bhatia withdrew with five holes to go. When play was suspended, Bhatia had no chance of making the cut. Following the Wyndham Defending champion Aaron Rai

Championship, the top 70 players in the FedExCup standings will qualify for next week's FedEx St Jude Championship, the first of

three events in the FedExCup Playoffs. Rai and Bhatia are assured of a start at the FedEx St Jude Championship.

Young, who is chasing a

As part of the remembrance

of Hazrat Imam Hussain

(A.S) during the days of

mourning (Ayyam-e-Aza),

sion and majlis programs

year, the Majalis are sched-

uled from August 10 to 16,

Kunwa will continue this

year as well. For the past

the annual Chehlum proces-

maiden PGA Tour title, had four straight birdies on the front nine and stretched his lead to eight shots at one stage Saturday before a series of pars

Participation Appeal by Syed Sarwar Hussain for Chehlum Procession and Majlis at Jaora

Hussain Tekri, Madhya Pradesh

saw him finish 5-under 65. Young capped off a bogey free 65 in the storm-delayed second round in the morning. Then he stretched his lead with his four straight birdies, including a 30-footer on Number 4 and a two-putt birdie from 20 feet on the par-5 fifth.

Young is widely considered

as the best player to have never won on a main TOUR. He was runner-up seven times since his rookie season in 2021. That includes a World Golf Championship and more notably the 2022 Open Championship at St Andrews.

Young, who is 20-under 190, is also chasing a place on the Ryder Cup team at Bethpage Black. He was No. 9 in the Ryder Cup standings in 2023 and left off the team.

Kirk is at Number 73 in the FedExCup standings.

Championship is the final event in the regular season and determines the top 70 who advance to the lucrative PGA TOUR postseason that starts next week in Memphis, Tennessee.

## West Indies hold their nerves to beat Pakistan in T20 thriller

**ASSOCIATED PRESS** Lauderhill (US)

ason Holder took four wickets and then smashed a boundary off the final ball of the game to lift West Indies to a thrilling two-wicket victory over Pakistan and level the three-match Twenty20 cricket international series.

veteran bowled an inspired spell to take 4-19 off four overs, as Pakistan struggled to 133 for nine after it won the toss and batted in Florida. The West Indies reply also stumbled as Pakistan's spinners kept scoring difficult but late cameos by Gudakesh Motie and Romario Shepherd kept West Indies just about in the contest before Holder's heroics off Pakistan talisman Shaheen Shah Afridi's final delivery clinched it.

It is the first T20 victory for West Indies in seven matches, a span that includes a heavy 5-0 series defeat to Australia, on top of a test series sweep last



out Pakistan's Sahibzada Farhan during the second Twenty20 cricket match Saturday

weeks for us," captain Shai a lot of hard work. Hope said. "We always try to

"Hopefully today is the turn-

month. "Been a tough couple of get better, the guys have put in around we are looking for." Earlier, Hasan Nawaz's 40 from 23 balls and captain

deliveries led Pakistan from a precarious 53-4 in the 10th over, but 133 looked a vulnerable target at the innings break. Fresh from taking three

Salman Agha's 38 from 33

wickets in Pakistan's 14-run win in the opening game at the same venue on Thursday, Mohammad Nawaz took another three Saturday, return-

Like Thursday's game, West Indies found scoring more than five-an-over difficult on the spin-friendly pitch and lost regular wickets. When Roston Chase was teased into a big shot by Saim Ayub (2-20), West Indies had sunk to 70-5 in the 14th over and looking at a steep mountain to climb.

#### West Indies rally

Motie got the innings moving with his quickfire 28 from 20 balls before Shepherd chipped in with 15 from 11 balls, including taking 10 runs off Hasan Ali in the second-to-last over to give West Indies a glimpse.

17th, and 18th Safar 1447 AH, featuring three special majalis The long-standing tradition of the Chehlum Khooni Matam Juloose at Mehndi

36 consecutive years, this procession has been held at 8:00 PM during the Chehlum period. The main Arbaeen Khooni Matam procession will commence on 19th Safar (August 14 2025) at 1:00 PM from Mehndi Kunwa and conclude at the shrine of Hazrat Abbas (A.S) by 3:00 PM.In connection with the peaceful organization of these events, Syed Sarwar Hussain, General Secretary of Anjuman-e-Haideriya Al-Hind Khooni Matam Juloos will be held at Hussain Tekri, (Registered, MP) and BJP Jaora, Madhya Pradesh. This Minority Wing Spokesperson (Hyderabad City), submitted a formal representation to:Dr. 2025, corresponding to 16th, Sanwar Patel, Administrator, Madhya Pradesh State Waqf BoardMr. Mohammad Ahmed Khan, CEO and Assistant Secretary, MP State Waaf BoardOther senior officials in Bhopal, MPIn the letter, he humbly requested

instruct their administrative departments to ensure proper arrangements and support for the peaceful conduct of the programs. Syed Sarwar Hussain also mentioned that a representation was made to Union Minister Shri G. Kishan Reddy regarding the same matter. He appreciated last year's effective and commendable police arrangements and expressed heartfelt gratitude to the concerned officers, members of the Hussain Tekri Committee, Jaora Police Station staff, senior police officials, and the local community for their wholehearted cooperation. Finally, Syed Sarwar Hussain appealed to all Momineen across India to participate in large numbers in these Majalis, especially the Chehlum/Arbaeen procession at Hussain Tekri, Jaora, to honor the memory of Imam Hussain (A.S).

### Diksha slips on back nine as Yamashita leads AIG Women's Open

Porthcawl (Wales)

iksha Dagar went through a roller coaster third round and carded a second straight 1-over 73 that saw her slip from T-28 to T-42 after 54 holes in the AIG Women's Open here. The 24-year-old, making her second cut at the Open, had a round that included three birdies, an eagle, two bogeys and two double bogeys.

against one bogey on the front nine but dropped a bogey and two doubles in a span of four holes from the 13h to the 16th and closed the day with an eagle, her second one of the week.

With rounds of 71-73-73, she was 1over after being two-under for the tournament at the end of the front and she seemed in sight of a top-10 at that stage. Then came the dropped shots on the back as it happened on the second day.

21 in 2023 and she is looking for a third LET win, which she is aiming for in the second half of the season that includes an event at home in the Hero Women's Indian Open. Meanwhile, Miyu Yamashita carded a two-over-par 74, but that was enough to stay at the top on nine-under. It was also her 24th birthday but the lead was trimmed down from three to one shot.

Lim Kim heads the chasing pack just

Andrea Lee a shot further back having recorded the same score.

Charley Hull was another to mount a charge, carding a 66 to the delight of the sizable crowds following her every move — a number which will only swell if she stays in the hunt. Hull is part of a quartet on six-under, alongside Megan Khang, Minami Katsu and Rio Takeda, while a glut of talent lies slightly further afield but still within reach.

### **Telangana police complaint authority** office inaugurated in Hyderabad

the concerned authorities to

Retired judge B Shiva Shankar Rao, who will lead the body, inaugurated the office at the D block of BRKR Bhavan. He said that the institution will play a crucial role in maintaining the integrity of the police force.

# Abhishek Nayar: Want to create culture of winning trophies at UP Warriorz

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¬ormer India assistant **⊣** coach Abhishek Nayar sees his new role as head coach of the Women's Premier League side UP Warriorz more as an opportunity than a challenge, as he aims to build a trophy-winning culture.

Nayar was appointed as the head coach of the franchise

after a disappointing last-place finish in the WPL earlier this year, which followed their fourth-place finish in 2024 and third-place finish in the inaugural edition in 2023.

"I've always looked at anything as opportunities and and this is an opportunity, which I'm very, very excited for in that regard," Nayar said in an exclusive interview organised by

"The opportunity is to create a culture where everyone who enters this franchise understands that this franchise plays to win trophies, and try and bring that mentality into this franchise and into our

ecosystem," he said. Unfazed with how the last three seasons in WPL have gone for his new franchise, Nayar said the only challenge for them is to move up.



"If I have to be brutally honest, I'm not sure yet what challenges (are that) I'm about to face. I really don't know and

that's the exciting part," he said. "I don't look at the challenges, for I look at the opportunities. Now the opportunities with our team this year is that we've obviously been last, last year, so there's only one way up. That's the opportunity," he said.

As he gears up to take up a big role in the WPL, Nayar pointed out specific changes that he has observed in women's cricket in India.

"When you saw the England Women's team facing up against the Indian Women's team, you could see a stark difference in power in shots and in variety of shorts; the bowlers as well," he said.

"It's not often that an Indian

women's team travels abroad and wins with such conviction. When that happens, you know that Indian cricket is in the right hands. They're moving in the right direction.

"WPL will impact not only Indian cricket, but also Indian domestic cricket. While I'm talking to you, I'm in Chennai, we're having this small tournament cum trial for a lot of

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