

Sports Update!

India to play for the series vs Sri Lanka in Pune: After a clinical performance vs Sri Lanka in the 2nd T20 in Indore on Tuesday, Team India will be hoping to finish the series on a high as they play the Lankans in Pune on Friday. The match is scheduled for 7 pm but slight rain is expected which might disrupt the proceedings. After winning the 2nd match of the series, the hosts lead 1-0 and have taken an unbeaten lead but expect no leniency from the Men in Blue in Pune.

Italian football club fined for racist chants: Italian football club Lazio has been fined 20,000 Euros by the national football body for failing to curb the racist chants during their Series A game against Brescia. Brescia's striker Mario Balotelli had earlier complained of the abuse by the home fans on Sunday and the Italian Football Association finally took some action. The club apart from the fine narrowly escaped a stadium ban which could have meant that the future matches would have been played in front of empty stands.

Anderson ruled out of the South Africa Test series: Visitors England were dealt with a major blow as their most experienced fast bowler James Anderson was ruled out of the last two Test matches of the ongoing series vs South Africa. Anderson who has 584 Test wickets to his credit played a major role in England's win over South Africa in the 2nd Test and picked up 7 scalps. Anderson was ruled out due to an injury in his ribs and will fly back to England soon.

Major honour for Indian sprinter Hima Das: Celebrated Indian sprinter Hima Das will be torch bearer at the opening ceremony of the Khelo India Youth Games in Assam on Friday. Around 8,600 athletes from 37 states will compete at the youth games in 20 disciplines. While Prime Minister Narendra Modi has decided to skip the opening ceremony, Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju and Assam's CM Sarbananda Sonowal are expected to be present at the inauguration.

Russia's Olympic ban case to be heard this week: Russia's Olympic ban case will be heard at the Court of Arbitration for Sports this week. The highest court in the world for sports-related issues will hear the case as presented by the World Anti-Doping Agency which has accused Russia of state-sponsored doping. Russia is currently suspended from all Olympic related sports events for doping and manipulation of data. This is very important as it will have an impact on Russia's participation at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.



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