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# Sports

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Men in blue beat Proteas by 35 runs

## India level South Africa ODI series after Kohli ton

CHENNAI, India, Oct 22, (AFP): India's batsmen backed up a long-awaited century from Virat Kohli as the hosts defeated South Africa by 35 runs on Thursday to level the five-match one-day series 2-2.

Kohli smashed 138 off 140 balls to lift India to 299-8 after Mahendra Singh Dhoni elected to bat in the must-win international at the Chidambaram stadium in Chennai.

The tourists managed only 264-9 in reply despite a heroic 112 off 107 balls by skipper AB de Villiers even as the other batsmen folded in the stifling heat and humidity.

Seamer Bhuvneshwar Kumar claimed three wickets and off-spinner Harbhajan Singh took two to set the stage for the decisive final match at the Wankhede stadium in Mumbai on Sunday.

South Africa badly missed all-rounder JP Duminy and fast bowler Morne Morkel who were ruled out of the key game due to injuries. They were replaced by fast bowler Chris Morris and left-arm spinner Aaron Phangiso.

Kohli struck six boundaries and five sixes in his 23rd one-day century, the first after a gap of 13 innings since scoring the match-winning 107 against Pakistan in the World Cup match in Adelaide in February.



Kohli

### Scoreboard

CHENNAI, India, Oct 22, (AFP): Full scoreboard of the fourth one-day international between India and South Africa in Chennai on Thursday:

**INDIA:**  
 R. Sharma c du Plessis b Morris .....21  
 S. Dhawan c de Kock b Rabada .....7  
 V. Kohli c de Kock b Rabada .....138  
 A. Rahane c de Kock b Steyn .....45  
 S. Raina c de Villiers b Steyn .....53  
 M. Dhoni c de Villiers b Steyn .....15  
 H. Singh b Rabada .....0  
 A. Patel not out .....4  
 B. Kumar run out .....0  
 Extras: (lb3, w12, nb1) .....16  
 Total (for eight wickets, 50 overs) .....299  
 Fall of wickets: 1-28 (R. Sharma), 2-35 (Dhawan), 3-139 (Rahane), 4-266 (Raina), 5-291 (Kohli), 6-291 (Singh), 7-299 (Dhoni), 8-299 (Kumar)

**SOUTH AFRICA:**  
 Q. de Kock c Rahane b Harbhajan .....43  
 H. Amla c Dhawan b M. Sharma .....7  
 F. du Plessis c Dhoni b Patel .....17  
 AB de Villiers c Dhoni b Kumar .....112  
 D. Miller lbw b Harbhajan .....6  
 F. Behardien lbw b Mishra .....22  
 C. Morris run out .....9  
 A. Phangiso c Patel b Kumar .....20  
 D. Steyn c Rahane b Kumar .....6  
 K. Rabada not out .....4  
 I. Tahir not out .....8  
 Extras: (lb3, w5, nb2) .....10  
 Total (for nine wickets, 50 overs) .....264  
 Fall of wickets: 1-36 (Amla), 2-67 (de Kock), 3-79 (du Plessis), 4-88 (Miller), 5-144 (Behardien), 6-185 (Morris), 7-233 (de Villiers), 8-250 (Phangiso), 9-250 (Steyn).

**Bowling:** Kumar 10-0-68-3 (nb1, w4), M. Sharma 10-0-48-1 (nb1, w1), Harbhajan 10-0-50-2, Patel 10-0-40-1, Mishra 10-1-55-1.  
 India won by 35 runs, level five-match series 2-2.

### CRICKET

Left-hander Suresh Raina overcame his poor run of 3, 0, 0 in the previous three matches to score 53 off 52 balls and share a fourth-wicket stand of 127 with Kohli.

South Africa fought back towards the end of India's innings, claiming five wickets for 33 runs after the hosts were cruising at 266-3 in the 45th over.

Fast bowlers Dale Steyn and Kagiso Rabada picked up three wickets each.

Quinton de Kock hit 43 off 35 to lift South Africa to 67-1 before Harbhajan struck twice and Axar Patel took one to make it 88-4 in the 18th over. Farhaan Behardien helped his captain add 56 for the fifth wicket before he was leg-before to Amit Mishra for 22 in the 32nd over.

De Villiers reached 97 with a six off Harbhajan and brought up his 22nd one-day century — the fifth against India — with a straight six off Mishra.

But he fell in the 45th over, caught behind off Kumar, with his team still needing 67 runs off the last 33 balls. De Villiers hit 10 boundaries and two sixes.

Earlier, South Africa reduced India to 35-2 before Ajinkya Rahane (45) joined Kohli to add 104 for the third wicket.

Kohli reached his century by lofting Phangiso for a straight six in the 38th over, but he managed just 38 runs in the next 10 overs against steady bowling by the Proteas.



Indian batsman Suresh K. Raina plays a shot during the fourth one day international (ODI) cricket match between India and South Africa at The M.A Chidambaram Stadium Chepauk in Chennai on Oct 22. (AFP)

## Barca announce record 'turnover'

BARCELONA, Oct 22, (AFP): European champions Barcelona announced on Thursday a record turnover of 608 million euros (\$690 million, £447 million) for their treble-winning 2014-15 season, but saw profits fall due to player bonuses and transfer fees.

"The club made a profit, (the financial situation) is solid," said Barca vice-president Susana Monje.  
 "We are on course to reach the target we have set of reaching a turnover of one billion euros."

A second treble of Champions League, La Liga and Copa del Rey in six years saw Barca's income grow 15 percent from 530 million euros the previous season.

However, profits fell 36.5 percent from 41 million euros to just 15 million.

## NY Mets complete sweep of Cubs to reach World Series

Blue Jays force ALCS Game 6 against Royals

CHICAGO, Oct 22, (Agencies): The New York Mets completed a four-game sweep of the Chicago Cubs in the National League Championship Series with an 8-3 rout on Wednesday that put them into the World Series for the first time since 2000.

Daniel Murphy added to his spectacular postseason by belting a home run for a Major League Baseball record sixth game in a row, while first baseman Lucas Duda came out of a slump to drive in five runs in the first two innings to lift the Mets.

Murphy, who hit four home runs and drove in six during the series, was named Most Valuable Player of the league championship.

Mets captain David Wright said he and his team mates were besides themselves with excitement about having a chance to win the team's first MLB title in 29 years.

New York will play the winner of the American League Championship Series between the Kansas City Royals and Toronto Blue Jays in the best-of-seven World Series starting next Tuesday.

The loss meant the young, hard-hitting Cubs would have to wait at least one more season to carry the frustrated franchise back to the Fall Classic, which they last played 70 years ago.

Chicago swept all seven of the regular season contests between the teams, but the

### BASEBALL

Mets had the last laugh and never trailed the Cubs during any game of the series.

The Mets jumped out to a 6-0 lead after two innings, scoring four runs in the first inning off starter Jason Hammel and two more in the second with first baseman Duda supplying a three-run homer in the first and a two-run double in the second.

Murphy collected three hits before topping off his series with a flourish, belting a two-run homer in the eighth.

After three wins that featured young, dominant starting pitching by New York's Matt Harvey, Noah Syndergaard and Jacob deGrom, the Mets completed the series sweep by committee.

Rookie starter Steven Matz held the Cubs without a hit through three innings but faced threats in the fourth and fifth.

The Cubs appeared to have Matz on the ropes in the fourth when they loaded the bases with none out.

Jorge Soler led off with a single for the Cubs' first hit, Kris Bryant walked and Anthony Rizzo singled to fill the bases.

Starlin Castro then ripped a bullet line drive that looked headed for leftfield and some runs but third baseman Wright made a leaping catch.

Kyle Schwarber, who hit five post-season homers, bounced out to first and scored Soler, but Javier Baez hit a foul pop down the third base line that Mets shortstop Wilmer Flores caught on the run near the stands to end the threat.

Meanwhile, Marco Estrada allowed just one hit into the eighth inning, giving



The New York Mets celebrate after defeating the Chicago Cubs in game four of the 2015 MLB National League Championship Series at Wrigley Field on Oct 21, in Chicago, Illinois. The Mets defeated the Cubs with a score of 8 to 3 to sweep the Championship Series. (AFP)



Left-right: Chief Operating Officer Jeff Wilpon, Chief Executive Officer Saul Katz and Owner Fred Wilpon of the New York Mets pose with the NLCS trophy after defeating the Chicago Cubs in game four of the 2015 MLB National League Championship Series at Wrigley Field on Oct 21, in Chicago, Illinois. (AFP)

Toronto's tattered bullpen a rest and leading the Blue Jays over the Kansas City Royals 7-1 Wednesday to close to 3-2 in the American League Championship Series.

Troy Tulowitzki broke open the game with a three-run double off Kelvin Herrera in the sixth, giving him seven RBIs in the series. Edwin Encarnacion had walked with the bases loaded against Edinson Volquez, who seemed flustered

by close calls against the Royals.

Kansas City had 30 hits in the first two games in Toronto, but Estrada faced the minimum 20 batters before Lorenzo Cain walked with two outs in the sixth. Closer Roberto Osuna was perfect in the ninth.

"It's the start that we needed," Tulowitzki said of Estrada's effort. "They're a great team over there. We know that. But this guy kept them off balance and allowed the offense to settle in

and get some runs."

Toronto forced the series back to Kansas City, where Yordano Ventura will start for the defending AL champions on Friday against David Price, the Game 2 loser.

Estrada, a 32-year-old free-agent to be, enabled his bullpen to rest, a day after Kansas City romped 14-2 in a game that saw infielder Cliff Pennington pitch in the ninth.

Legislation more advance than those of other countries: info min

## 'Kuwait in compliance with int'l sports laws'

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 22, (KUNA): Minister of Information and Minister of State for Youth Affairs, Sheikh Salman Sabah Salem Al-Hmoud Al-Sabah on Thursday asserted that Kuwaiti laws are in full compliance with the independence of the sports movement, the Olympic Charter and the laws of international sports.

The Minister called, in a letter of thanks to the International Olympic Committee (IOC), for convening a meeting between the official authorities and representatives of the (IOC) and the Kuwaiti Olympic Committee (KOC) in Kuwait to discuss the reservations raised by the KOC and the IOC during the meeting in Lausanne regarding the lack of compliance of some Kuwaiti legislation with the Olympic Charter.

The minister commended in his letter of thanks the IOC for the meeting that was arranged between the Kuwaiti parliamentary and government delegations and representatives of the KOC and the IOC in Lausanne, Switzerland, on Oct 12th. The letter included an explanation of the concept of the independence of the sports movement in accordance with the provisions of the Olympic Charter and a comparison of the Kuwaiti laws adopted in neighboring

countries and the world, confirming Kuwait's respect for international sports legislation and its commitment to the adoption of advanced laws in the area of respect for the independence of the sports movement.

Meanwhile, in a pre-departure statement ahead of his visit to Lausanne, the Minister reaffirmed Kuwait's "unequivocal respect" for the Olympic Charter and the international sports regulations.

"The Kuwaiti legislation are more advanced than those of other countries in the region; they are on par with the international standards.

He voiced hope that everybody will work for the interests of Kuwait and refrain from any measures that could have negative impacts on the progress of the sports movement in the country.

On the other hand, the majority of the local sports clubs renewed commitment to the regulations, approved by the sovereign legislative authorities of the state, and respect for the guidelines set forth in the Olympic Charter.

In a joint statement after their meeting at Al-Salmiya SC on Thursday night, representatives of nine, out of the 15, sports clubs said the legislative authorities are always keen on non-interference in

the technical and administrative affairs of the clubs.

In a related story, President of the Kuwait Karate Federation (KKF) Sheikh Khaled Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah has urged the Kuwait Olympic Committee (KOC) to take an action against a cunning campaign launched by international sports bodies against Kuwaiti sports.

In a press statement Thursday, Sheikh Khaled said that the KOC should put an end to the crisis and bring justice to local laws which are compatible with the Olympic Charter.

Sports in Kuwait is going through a hard time and requires the public to stand behind Kuwait's "wise leadership" which backs sports and athletes and affirms the respect of local laws and international regulations, he added.

He revealed that the KKF submitted a proposal to the KOC General Assembly, calling for its immediate approval in order to send it to the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Sheikh Khaled said that the proposal affirms the respect of all local sports federations and laws, and the independence of Olympic movement from any pressure imposed by the government.

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