



A group photo of the dignitaries, officials and guests taken during the His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sixth Shooting Grand Prix

Kuwaiti nat'l team win gold in women's trap; Al-Anezi tops 10m air-rifle

Kuwait's champion Al-Ajmi wins gold in 6th Shooting GPrix

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 29: Kuwaiti sharpshooting champion Saad Maneec Al-Ajmi won the gold medal in the 50m pistol shooting competition, recording 197.2 points. Two Omanis — Jamal Al-Haitali and Sulaiman Al-Rahbi — won the silver and bronze medals after scoring 177.6 and 156.3 points respectively in the ongoing His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sixth Shooting Grand Prix which kicked off last Saturday at Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad International Shooting Complex.

According to a press release, Kuwaiti national team managed to score 125 points, winning the gold medal, in the women's trap (75 targets) competition, followed by Qatari national women's team in the second place with a score of

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115 points which qualified them to win silver medal. The bronze medal went to Morocco's national women's team after scoring 114 points.

In the 10m air-rifle competition for men, shooter Fayez Al-Anezi scored 203.1 points to win the gold medal, followed by his compatriot Abdullah Awadh Al-Harbi who won the silver medal by scoring 201.1 points and Saudi Arabia's Hussein Al-Harbi in third place with a score of 180.7 points. Meanwhile, His Highness the Amir of Kuwait



Sixth Shooting Grand Prix continues today with scheduled competitions, which include



10m air rifle shooting competition for women and trap (50 targets) competition for



men. There will also be official training sessions for the men's 10m pistol competition as

well as men and women's skeet competitions.

Nehra & Bumrah help India level T20 series

England restrict hosts to 144-8

NAGPUR, India, Jan 29, (AFP): Fast bowler Ashish Nehra claimed three wickets as he combined with Jasprit Bumrah to choke the England batting and set up India's series level-ling five-run win in the second Twenty20 international in Nagpur on Sunday.

Chasing 145 for victory, England needed eight off the final over but Bumrah claimed two wickets and gave away just two runs to help the hosts even out the three-match series at 1-1.

Joe Root, who looked like anchoring the chase with a run-a-ball 38, was given out lbw off Bumrah on the first ball of the 20th over as replays suggested the batsman got an inside edge before the ball hit his pads.

Bumrah (2-20) bowled Jos Buttler (15) on the fourth delivery and never allowed Chris Jordan and Moeen Ali to score the remaining runs on the final two balls as England ended on 139 for



India's Lokesh Rahul plays a shot during the second T20 match between India and England at the Vidarbha Cricket Association's Jamtha Stadium in Nagpur, on Jan 29. (AFP)

Rahul kept his composure and his end busy with runs despite England spinners, Adil Rashid and Moeen Ali, getting a wicket each to reduce the hosts to 69 for three.

The third match is slated in Bangalore on Feb 1.

Scoreboard

INDIA	
V. Kohli c Dawson b Jordan	21
L. Rahul c Stokes b Jordan	71
S. Raina c Jordan b Rashid	7
Y. Singh lbw b Ali	4
M. Pandey b Mills	30
M.S. Dhoni b Jordan	5
H. Pandya run out (Jordan)	2
A. Mishra run out (Ali/Jordan)	0
J. Bumrah not out	0
Extras (b 1, w 3)	4
Total (8 wickets; 20 overs)	144
Fall of wickets: 1-30 (Kohli), 2-56 (Raina), 3-69 (Yuvraj), 4-125 (Rahul), 5-139 (Pandey), 6-143 (Pandya), 7-144 (Mishra), 8-144 (Dhoni)	
Bowling: Chahal 4-0-33-0, Nehra 4-0-28-3, Bumrah 4-0-20-2, Mishra 4-0-25-1 (1nb), Raina 4-0-30-0 (2w)	
Did not bat: L. Dawson, A. Rashid, T. Mills	
ENGLAND (target 145)	
J. Roy c Raina b Nehra	10
S. Billings c Bumrah b Nehra	12
J. Root lbw b Bumrah	38
E. Morgan c Pandya b Mishra	17
B. Stokes lbw b Nehra	38
J. Buttler b Bumrah	15
M. Ali not out	1
C. Jordan not out	0
Extras (b1, lb2, w4, nb1)	8
Total (6 wickets; 20 overs)	139
Fall of wickets: 1-22 (Billings), 2-22 (Roy), 3-65 (Morgan), 4-117 (Stokes), 5-137 (Root), 6-138 (Buttler)	
Bowling: Chahal 4-0-33-0, Nehra 4-0-28-3, Bumrah 4-0-20-2, Mishra 4-0-25-1 (1nb), Raina 4-0-30-0 (2w)	
Did not bat: L. Dawson, A. Rashid, T. Mills	
Result: India won by 5 runs	
Series: Three-match series level at 1-1	
Umpires: Anil Chaudhary (IND) and Chetithody Shamsuddin (IND)	
TV umpire: Nitin Menon (IND)	
Match referee: Andy Pycroft (ZIM)	

Shevchenko, Masvidal stop foes in UFC wins

DENVER, Jan 29, (AP): Valentina Shevchenko stopped Julianna Pena with an armbar late in the second round Saturday night, establishing herself as the top contender for the UFC bantamweight title.

Welterweight Jorge Masvidal also stopped Donald "Cowboy" Cerrone with strikes early in the second round of their fight at a UFC show in Denver.

Shevchenko (14-2) likely earned a rematch with 135-pound champion Amanda Nunes by beating Pena (10-2), who appeared to win a competitive first round with a few extra strikes.

Shevchenko dramatically ended the fight a few minutes later with an armbar, once the submission move of choice for Ronda Rousey.

Rousey, the formerly dominant bantamweight champion, lost to Nunes in Las Vegas last month. Nunes attended Shevchenko's victory over Pena, and the champion stepped into the cage afterward to trade barbs with Shevchenko.

Nunes beat Shevchenko by unanimous decision last March at UFC 196, but a rematch seems likely. It was only the second loss in the mixed martial arts career of Shevchenko, a Kyrgyzstan-born fighter who lives in Peru and moves her training camp before each fight. Pena had won four straight bouts since joining the UFC in 2013.

Masvidal (32-11) pulled an upset with his persuasive victory over hometown favorite Cerrone (32-8), who had lost only once in his previous 13 bouts since August 2013.

Masvidal, who was 3-3 in his last six fights, brutalized Cerrone in the first round and nearly ended it shortly before the bell. He increased his onslaught in the second round, forcing referee Herb Dean to stop it 60 seconds in.

Big goalie, little kid dominate All-Star Skills Competition

Weber defends hardest shot title

LOS ANGELES, Jan 29, (Agencies): Shea Weber won the hardest shot competition for the third straight year as the Atlantic Division captured Saturday night's Skills Competition as part of the build up to the 2017 NHL All-Star Game.

The Montreal Canadiens defenseman blasted a shot 165.4 kilometres per hour (102.8 mph) to defend his title against runner-up Patrik Laine, who let one fly 163.7 km/h.

The Atlantic Division defeated the Pacific Division 9-7 in points as the skills competition determined the matchups for Sunday's All-Star game at Staples Center arena.

This is the third time Los Angeles has hosted the mid-season exhibition with the others taking place in 1981 and 2002.

The exposure to the NHL has also fuelled a growth of the sport in California as the number of registered

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hockey players has rocketed from 3,400 in 1981 to 28,000 in 2016, NHL president Gary Bettman said Saturday.

Edmonton's rising star Connor McDavid won the fastest skater event while Pittsburgh Penguins superstar Sidney Crosby claimed the title of most accurate shooter.

Crosby had to hit four targets, strategically placed in the corners of the goal, and he completed the task in just 10.73 seconds.

McDavid earned two points for the Pacific Division by posting the best time -- 13.02 seconds, in the fastest skater competition.

Phoenix Coyotes goaltender Mike Smith was the lone player to shoot the puck the full length of the ice and score in the Four Line Challenge.

Smith's feat brought back memories of a goal he scored in an NHL game two years ago when he beat the buzzer with an empty-netter against the Detroit Red Wings to seal a 5-2 win.

Meanwhile, Big Mike Smith and little Ryker Kesler stole the show at the NHL All-Star Skills Competition.

The towering Arizona goalie scored a 188-foot goal during the Four Line Challenge on Saturday night, and the 5-year-old son of Anaheim Ducks center Ryan Kesler scored on Montreal



Japan's Ipppei Watanabe acknowledges cheers from spectators during an awarding ceremony after setting a world record in the men's 200-meter breaststroke final at the Tokyo metropolitan championships in Tokyo, Jan 29. (AP)

Akihiro mark broken

Japan's Watanabe sets world record

TOKYO, Jan 29, (AP): Japan teenager Ipppei Watanabe set a world record in the men's 200-meter breaststroke with a time of 2 minutes, 06.67 seconds.

The 19-year-old university student improved on the previous mark of 2:07.01 set by compatriot Akihiro Yamaguchi in 2012. Watanabe set the record time in the final of the 200 breaststroke at the Tokyo metropolitan championships on Sunday.

"I'm very surprised, I didn't think I

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could break a world record," Watanabe said. "I want to become a swimmer who can keep breaking records."

Watanabe competed in the men's 100-meter breaststroke at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics but didn't qualify for the final.

He also broke the Olympic record for the men's 200-meter breaststroke during the semifinal in Rio before finishing sixth in the final.

Star Game, which was changed last year to a 3-on-3 tournament among teams from each of the NHL's four divisions. NHL scoring leader Connor McDavid won the Fastest Skater competition, and Montreal defenseman Shea Weber had the hardest shot in the All-Star field for the third consecutive season, albeit with his lowest speed yet. Pittsburgh captain Sidney Crosby won the Accuracy Shooting competition, and he joined Weber and Boston's Brad Marchand as the only adults to score in the shootout.

The event ended with a shootout competition between the Atlantic and Pacific teams, but just four of the 20 skaters scored. One of them was Ryker, who beat the grinning Price five-hole and celebrated with a two-fisted pump while his All-Star dad filmed him on his phone.

IOC nominates Al Musallam to represent it in Oman Oly Committee



Director General of Olympic Council Asia (OCA) Hussain Al Musallam.

MUSCAT, Oman, Jan 29: Efforts continue within Oman Olympic Committee (OOC) to prepare for the OOC's Elective General Assembly meeting scheduled to be held on Jan 31, 2017 at the City Seasons Hotel in Khuwair.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has nominated Hussain Al Musallam, Director General of Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), to represent it at the meeting. The meeting programme includes an opening address by Sheikh Khalid bin Mohammed Al Zubair, OOC Chairman, followed by review of the agenda items, reports on OOC's activities and events, balance sheet and final accounts for the past period.

It is noteworthy that the election supervisory committee announced in December 2016 the

final list of candidates to the Board for the upcoming term of office. Sheikh Khalid bin Mohammed Al Zubair is nominated for the position of Chairman, Sheikh Saif bin Hilal Al Hosni for the position of Vice-chairman, Taha bin Sulaiman Al Kishry for the position of Secretary General, Khalid bin Ali Al Aadi, Chairman of Oman Tennis Association, for the position of Treasurer. Candidates for the Board membership are Fared bin Khamis Al Zidjali, Chairman of Basketball Association; Mohsin bin Hamad Al Masroori, First Vice-Chairman of Oman Football Association; and Sheikh Badr bin Ali Al Rawas, Chairman of Oman Volleyball Association. Mrs. Saadah bint Salim Al Ismailiyah is nominated for the position of representative of Oman Women's Sport Committee.