

boundaries in his mammoth knock of 155 to help Bharat CC amass 395 runs in their first innings against Silver CC in their three-day encounter of the Gordhandas Cup - Major (2011-12) at MG Science College ground. Bharat CC won the match on the basis of first innings lead on Saturday. Electing to bat first after winning the toss, Jaydeep Kapadia and Rakesh Paladiya contributed 63 and 59 respectively to boost Bharat CC's first innings total. For Silver CC. Saumil Patel chipped in with four wickets conceding 90 runs. In reply, Abhishek Yadav's 95 laced with nine hits to the fence and Harish Rajput's 43 and Manish Shah's 36 weren't enough to secure Silver CC a first innings lead as they were bowled out for 259. Dipak Ravat bowled an incisive spell to scalp 6 wickets for 96 runs. The match was a mere formality now and Bharat CC, in their second essay, were 161/7 when stumps were drawn for the last time.

#### Spandan CC win by 6 wkts

In the Indian Bank - Minor One Day (2011-12), Spandan CC beat Modi CC by 6 wickets at the CN Vidyalay ground on Saturday. Batting first after winning the toss, Modi CC were bowled out for 115 with Rushi Panchal top scoring with 41 runs. Jeshal Shah and Kishan Sarvaiya of Spandan CC ripped apart Modi CC's batting order with figures of 3/11 and 2/23. The latter chased down the title with aplomb losing only four wickets in reaching the target. Mohit Shah and Manthan Patel scored 36 not out and 25 respectively to take their team home.

#### SBI, Chandkheda Sports Club draw 2-2

The pendulum of fortune fluctuated throughout the match between Chandkheda Sports Club and SBI in their Transtadia ADFA junior League match. The match ended 2-2. Chandkheda snatched the initiative in fourth minute when Vikas Parmar got one past SBI goalkeeper. The celebrations were short lived as Amar equalised for SBI. It remained 1-1 at halftime. Parth once again gave Chandkheda the lead but within span of seven minutes Parth made it 2-2. No goal was scored in the last 20 minutes and the encounter finished a draw. In contrast was the Kahaani-SMVM FC tie. Nilesh Dodia scored thrice and Naren contributed a brace as Kahaani recorded a thumping 7-0 win. Karan and Suchak were the other contributors. Old Manchester also blanked their opponents ARC Ahmedabad. They won 5-0. In the senior division, RBI tamed Youth Club Soccer Academy 'B' 4-2. YCSA opened the account in 18th minute but a defensive error saw Suman Dwivedi making it 1-1. At half time, the bankers team was leading 2-1 thanks to Rajiv Karir, who also scored after the interval. Vinish netted RBI's fourth goal before YCSA got one back in the 52nd minute. The final score was 4-2.

# SHORT STORIES Bharat CC prevail Kapur slips, Gangjee holds slender lead

Defending champion is tied at 11th spot with final round of Gujarat Kensville Challenge to be played on Sunday

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Golf is not only physical but a mental game. And it was best illustrated in Shiv Kapur's game in the third round of the Gujarat Kensville Challenge here at Kensville on Saturday.

Kapur, who was the joint leader with compatriot Rahil Gangjee at the end of the second round with seven under par, slipped to tied 11th with one-under and only the final round to go.

Everything was moving smoothly for Kapur till a strong breeze took his ball away from the greens on the eighth, which resulted in a double bogey. Though he recovered on the ninth with a birdie, the incident seemed to have had disturbed him on the back nine. Kapur hit three bogeys and ended his day with a double, making way for his rivals to leapfrog him.

Meanwhile, another overnight leader Rahil Gangjee managed to keep the Indian flag flying high with his slender one-stroke advantage over Dodge Kemmer and Maximilian Kieffer. both of whom climbed four places. Gangiee had a roller-coaster ride in



the last four holes, but in the end emerged with a one-shot lead on a tightly packed leaderboard at the end of the third round of the Gujarat Kensville Challenge 2012.

His one over 73 on a difficult scoring day brought him down from his overnight seven under to six under 210 for 54 holes.

Like Kapur, Gary Lockerbie also suffered a dramatic fall. He shot 80 and from six under he was placed two over and tied 22nd after being tied third overnight.

one win on the Asian Tour dating back to his rookie year in 2004, has not won since. But he has held the lead either all alone or a share of it, once each on the European Tour (Avantha Masters 2010) and the Nationwide (Albertsons Boise 2011).

"I know what it is like to go in the lead on the last day. I have also learnt from it. Sure there will be some nervousness," Gangjee said.

On his plan for the final day he added, "But I'm still going to play positively on the last day, because it's the only way I know. If it's going to be as firm as it was today, someone's going to have to go really low to come through the field and overtake me. So, the winner will probably come down to the top four or five players, and hopefully I can come out on top.'

He added, "I've been in the lead a few times going into the final round, and I think you learn every time. As Gary Player said, 'you have to get comfortable being uncomfortable'. I'm probably going to have some nerves, because you're not human if you don't. But I'm now much more confi-

The 33-year-old Gangjee, who has dent of controlling them." Meanwhile, Oskar Henningson had six birdies in the last 10 holes during the course of his four-under 68, the day's best card and the same as Philip Archer.

> Scores: 210 R Gangjee (Ind) 68 69 73, 211 D Kemmer (USA) 69 72 70, M Kieffer (Ger) 70 71 70, 212 J Dantorp (Swe) 70 68 74, A Hart (Den) 73 70 69, L Goddard (Eng) 71 71 70, P Archer (Eng) 73 71 68, 213 O Henningson (Swe) 73 72 68, C Macaulay (Sco) 74 70 69, 214 S Benson (Eng) 70 68 76, 215 Shiv Kapur (Ind) 69 68 78, P Dwyer (Eng) 71 72 72, Bjorn Akesson (Swe) 70 73 72, 216 J Gibb (Eng) 72 72 72, R Russell (Sco) 73 69 74, C Doak (Sco) 74 70 72, C Lloyd (Eng) 72 70 74, C Brazillier (Fra) 72 70 74,

#### **OTHER INDIANS**

219 Ashok Kumar (Ind) 75 70 74, 220 Digvijay Singh (Ind) 72 73 75, Kapil Kumar (Ind) 73 73 74, 221 Gaganjeet Bhullar (Ind) 71 75 75, M Singh Pathania (Ind) 75 72 74 222 Ranjit Singh (Ind) 71 73 78, Shamim Khan (Ind) 72 75 75, Vijay Kumar (Ind) 76 72 74, 223 Mukesh Kumar (Ind) 72 73 78. Abhinay Lohan (Ind) 72 73 78. 224 Manay Jaini (Ind) 70 77 77 227 Vinod Kumar (Ind) 75 71 81.



# Tiger roars in Abu Dhabi

**Abu Dhabi:**A host of pinpoint golf shots and a deadly touch with the putter helped Tiger Woods to move within sight of his first victory in a full-field event for more

than two years at the Abu Dhabi Championship on Saturday. The former world No 1 was kitted out in grey shirt and trousers but there was nothing grey about his game as he fired a sizzling six-under-par 66 to join Britain's Robert Rock (66) in a tie for the lead on 11-under 205.

Swede Peter Hanson returned the best round of the week, a 64, giving him a share of third place on 207 with world No 3 Rory McIlroy (68), fellow Briton Paul Lawrie (68) and Italian Francesco Molinari (66). There was a logjam at the top, with the leading 14 players separated by four shots. Woods, who ended a two-year title drought by winning last month's Chevron World Chal-

lenge limited-field event in California, refused to get carried away with his six-birdie display at the European Tour event.

With hardly any wind on another hot day at the Abu Dhabi Golf Club, scoring improved and at one point there were eight players tied for the lead. Woods went to the top of the leaderboard on his own by rolling in a 15-foot birdie putt at the 14th.

He kept his errors to a minimum throughout, a feature of his performances this week, and has now carded just two bogeys in 54 holes.

### Now ask what Sachin can do for the team From p1

From the team's point of view too, Sehwag is a more dangerous proposition for the opposing team these days than Sachin. It's strange that a batsman who has two triple centuries to his name, and recently hit the highest ever one-day score, is exposed to the new ball instead of being given the pride of place in the batting order which is surely overdue for him. For Sachin too, the opening slot may not be a bad thing even though it will require some adjustment.

He does open in ODIs and for Mumbai Indians, he has better defensive technique than Sehwag, and he might be better off coming out to bat straightaway instead of sitting in the dressing room and brooding over his milestone. So, even though there is now finally a clamour for Laxman and Dravid to make way for new talent in the middle order, and a review of the selection, captaincy and coaching, there also needs to be a fundamental shift in mindset from a star fixation to what is practical and good for the team both in the current scenario and in the future. India does not play an away series of Tests for two years after this. It would be easy to fall back to our familiar ways because there

is little doubt that Sachin, Dravid and

even Laxman will do well enough against New Zealand on home soil six months down the line.

The point is that unless the seniors are really setting the stage alight, India would do better to give opportunities to new talent in the middle order to develop as Test batsmen, because surely Raina, Rohit, Puiara and others too can notch up the fifties that Sachin scored in the recent series at home against the Windies.

Whatever 'corrective measures' the board and selectors might take following the debacle in Australia will not work unless they also address the core problem that is Sachin and his milestone, which is becoming a millstone around the neck of the Indian middle order. For years, Sehwag has been the one making sacrifices; he would probably have had a few more triple centuries and a sixty plus Test batting average if he had played in the middle order. Now the time has come for Sachin to return the compliment, and give Sehwag what's his due: the prime No.4 slot in the batting order. Proven talent like Kohli and Rohit can play either side of Sehwag, while the No.6 position can be used to try out new talent. And perhaps a year down the line, Sachin can make way for a c\_sumit@dnaindia.net

## **Corporate Cricket** from today

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The eighth edition of the Samvedana Trust's Sahyog -Corporate Cricket 2012 will kick-start on Sunday. More than 30 companies will be fighting for the top honours in the innovative contest played on the field of 100x30ft and covered by polypropylene net. Champions for last two years, Vodafone India Services Private Limited, will once again fancy their chances.

"This is an annual fund-raising event and here we facilitate the corporate to contribute for a social cause. The funds that we raise from this contest help in educating more than 600 children," said Janki Vasant of Samvedana. "This year 33 corporates are participating in the competition," she confirmed.

Not only the area but a few rules are also interesting. For example, each pair of batsman faces 4 overs. In case a batsman is out, he doesn't leave the ground but 5 runs will be deducted from the total score.















