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Neeraj feels Zelezny's tweaks will help breach 90m mark

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Two-time Olympic medal-winning javelin throw star Neeraj Chopra has revealed that his new coach Jan Zelezny has figured out mistakes in his technique and he would now make some adjustments to his throwing routine to achieve the 90m mark that the Indian star is pursuing for a while.

"I believe a 90-plus throw is happening soon. He (Jan Zelezny) has made some technical adjustments in my game," said Neeraj.

"He (Zelezny) feels that his tweaks would help me. I've been able to understand what he expects from me. One of the mistakes that he told me about was how I was throwing very low even in Paris and that I was leaning towards the left."

"If I am able to incorporate those changes, I think I will get a lot better," he said.

Medals more important
But the 26-year-old insisted that the milestone is still not as important as winning medals for the country. "I want to do it myself. But, going to a competition and winning a medal against people who have previously thrown 90 metres is even more important. There's no point in throwing 90 metres and not winning."

AROUND THE CITY

Giants triumphs

Giants defeated Royals 8-3 in the final of the Chennai Premier Clubs league table tennis tournament held here.

The results (final): Giants bt Royals 8-3 (Vivek Baid bt CHKS Prasad 7-11, 11-9, 11-5; A.L.K. Natraj bt K. V. Suresh Kumar 6-11, 11-8, 11-9; Vivek Baid & Aadith Prasad bt Praveen Koduri & CHKS Prasad 11-5, 11-6; Vishal Dadha bt Rashmi Bothra 11-6, 6-11, 11-5; Devendra Mehta & Praveen Koduri bt Vivek Baid & Ramachandra Reddy 11-6, 11-4).

Roopan and Samyutha take the honours

SK Academy's Roopan Santosh and Samyutha clinched the men's and women's titles respectively in the Chennai District table tennis championships, conducted by SK-DAT-ATK TTA, here recently.

The results (finals):
Chennai District championships: Men: Roopan Santosh (SK Academy) bt G. Vinodh (Vinnin) 12-10, 9-11, 11-6, 11-5; **women:** Samyutha (SK Academy) bt N. Kaviya (Vinnin) 11-6, 13-11, 11-11.

U-11: Boys: Adhirith (MST) bt Arham Chordia (RTA) 6-11, 12-10, 13-11, 11-6; **girls:** S. Mamathi (ITTC) bt Ujjayini Niyagi (RTTHPC) 10-12, 11-9, 11-7, 11-5.

U-13: Boys: Lokith Gandhi (Jawahar) bt Ashvagh (SK Academy) 11-6, 11-7, 12-14, 11-8; **girls:** Harjani (SK Academy) bt V. Swetha (SK Academy) 11-6, 8-11, 13-11, 11-9.

U-15: Boys: A.B. Tharoon (Jawahar) bt M. S. Gujan (Vinnin) 11-6, 8-11, 11-13, 11-5; **girls:** T. Satvika (SK Academy) bt S. Amirtha (Chandrika) 11-5, 11-9, 7-11, 11-3, 11-5.

U-17: Boys: T. Nithin (CTTF) bt A.B. Tharoon (Jawahar) 11-3, 11-8, 11-7; **girls:** Samyutha (SK Academy) bt N. Kaviya (Vinnin) 11-6, 12-10, 11-9.

U-19: Boys: Vibhav Shankar (MST) bt Immanuel Richard (SPN) 11-5, 11-6, 11-6; **girls:** D. Christian Fiona (SK Academy) bt Samyutha (SK Academy) 14-12, 11-8, 13-11.

SK Academy Open schools tournament: Boys: Upto 5th std.: T.K. Abishah (Shiksha) bt G. Siddesh (Chettinad) 11-6, 11-8, 11-3; **girls:** V. N. Ananya (Doveton) bt R. Shashika (Anita) 11-5, 11-2, 9-11, 11-3.

Upto 7th std.: Boys: H. Akashgiri (PSBB, T Nagar) bt H. Sriharith (Vivekananda) 11-8, 13-11, 11-7; **girls:** N. Srihith (Vidya Mandir) bt D. Deshma (Doveton)



Victorious bunch: The Giants squad with its reward.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT



Champions all: The various winners in the Chennai District table tennis championships & the SK Academy Open schools TT tournament. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT



Shining stars: Bhuvaneshwar (Chengalpattu, 5/21); Dinesh (Kancheepuram, 5/23).

Joseph's College of Engineering emerged third.

Bhuvaneshwar and Dinesh scalp five-fors
V. Bhuvaneshwar's five for 21 paved the way for Chengalpattu's four-wicket win over Tiruvannamalai in a Zone-H match of the TNCA inter-district men's under-25 tournament in Tiruvannamalai on Tuesday. Similarly, R. Dinesh Kumar's five for 23 highlighted Kancheepuram's five-wicket victory over Vellore in a Zone-B match.

The scores: At Tiruvannamalai: Zone-H: Tiruvannamalai 64 in 23.1 overs (V. Bhuvaneshwar 5/21) lost to Chengalpattu 65/6 in 15.2 overs (H. Dinesh 3/20).

At Vellore: Zone-B: Vellore 123 in 42.4 overs (V. Prabhakaran 44, R. Dinesh Kumar 5/23) lost to Kancheepuram 124/5 in 29 overs (S. Yathin 38 n.o., M. Abisek 30 n.o.).

At Dindigul: Zone-G: Tiruvallur 227 in 46.5 overs (V. Thanun Kumar 69, B. Bharathi 58, R. Abisek, Jensen Jayaraj 4/48, P. Robin Manoj 3/28) bt Thoothukudi 116 in 28.4 overs (R. Sashang Srinivas 4/54).

Rebecca wins chess title

Rebecca Jesumariam of Holy Cross, Nagercoil, won the college title in the VASPO State-level women's chess tournament being held here.

M. Divya Bharathi of SRM IST came second while Acharya Vijayan (St.

SNAPSHOTS

Mary Kom denies quitting IOA panel

NEW DELHI: The Indian Olympic Association's athletes commission chairperson and boxing

legend M.C. Mary Kom, on Tuesday, denied reports that she has resigned from her position, insisting that she has been misunderstood and will

complete her tenure in the panel. The 42-year-old had travelled to Haldwani for the National Games closing ceremony last week where she expressed

her displeasure at being lodged at an "inferior hotel". She said her outburst has been misconstrued as resignation.

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