

Balaji has explosive game, we can't be written off just like that: Bopanna

PTI ■ PARIS

Asing like a fine wine, Rohan Bopanna is all fired up for his last hurrah at the Olympic Games. Not the one who would rail against circumstances or crib about not having the strongest of partners, the veteran Indian tennis player says his comrade N Sriram Balaji has enough firepower and the scratch pairing is potent enough to test the big teams in Paris. Had Bopanna been ranked outside the top-10, India would not have any representation in the men's doubles event at the Paris Olympics, starting July 26. The 44-year-old had to make a choice between Balaji and Yuki Bhambri and after consulting his coaches -- Scott Davidoff and Balachandran Mannikath -- he eventually settled for the more "athletic and agile" Balaji. "I really believe that when we go out there, we genuinely have a chance to win every match, whoever we play against. It's not like we're just going to be written off, I feel," Bopanna told PTI in an exclusive interview. Bopanna has reason to have



that confidence in Balaji's ability to rise to the occasion. He had a chance to test Balaji at the French Open where Bopanna was pushed along with Matthew Ebden by the Tamil Nadu player and his Mexican partner Miguel Reyes-Varela. Not only this, Balaji had a consistent run on the ATP Tour where he scalped a few

big names such as Americans Rajeev Ram and Austin Krajicek -- both top-10 players -- at the Houston ATP 250 event on clay. With his German partner Andre Begemann, Balaji also defeated Austria's top-50 players Alexander Erler and Lucas Miedler. Balaji also showed that he can quickly adapt to

conditions when he was asked to do the singles duty during the Davis Cup tie against Pakistan on grass. The rival was not of the highest quality but Balaji showed that he was willing to come out of his comfort zone if the team demands. "The idea is to go prepared, at least believe in as a team. That is what we're trying to

do. With Bala, he definitely has the firepower to do well," Bopanna said. He also gave his reason for picking Balaji over Bhambri. "I felt Balaji, depending on the surface we're playing with, which is the clay, would have been the ideal partner. Currently, even if you look at (Matthew) Ebden, who I'm playing with, he's somebody

who's more agile, more explosive on that surface. "And for clay, especially, I need a partner who would suit me better in terms of going by the surface. If it was a hard court or a grass court, maybe Yuki would have been the preferred choice." Bopanna though admitted that it was not an obvious but a difficult choice since he has not played with either of them on the Tour. "Balaji can move well on both flanks? I think he is, given on the clay court, he's definitely more athletic, given the two of us. Between me and Bala, I definitely need a partner who's more athletic, more agile. "Bala has similar capabilities as Matthew. Bala would be fast, quick, swift like Ebden. But Ebden comes with a lot of experience and Bala hasn't played at that level much." It also means that Bopanna has to be leader of the team all the time. On the Tour he has Ebden to pull the team out of the pit if Bopanna is having an off day. In the past Olympics, he had illustrious teammates like Leander Paes, Mahesh Bhupathi and

Sania Mirza. In Paris, it will Bopanna, who has to do the heavy lifting. But did he have any choice? "There is nobody currently in the country who has played that kind of experience as Matthew Ebden. So, no matter who I played with on the country, it would be the same scenario." Due to the considerable gap in their rankings in the past, Bopanna could never play with Balaji on the Tour. But they have planned to compete in a couple of ATP events, starting with Hamburg Open, to prepare for the Olympics. "This is my time at home basically to rest, recover and then come back into the circuit. But I thought it'll be nice to get to know whoever the partner I'm playing with. Try and work and at least try and prepare better than what we have done before maybe." As the discussion veered over Balaji's game and how he compliments him, Bopanna had a good things to say about his partner. "His serve is definitely a big

strength. He's got a powerful shot there. Which definitely helps in the doubles game. No question on it." Bopanna also said that they don't just want to show up and get back. They consider themselves worthy of a medal. "Every athlete who goes into Olympics wants to win a medal, right? There is 100 percent that belief. Everybody wants to do better than the previous time. There's no question on it, right? That's how life is. You want to do better. You want to keep going higher and higher. "Nobody can tell you what can happen. But the preparation going into the games is what really matters. "This time I was even listening that they have a fantastic medical team there to help the recovery, help the sports science, which is the first time ever, which is amazing. This is what is the progress already for what athletes can get and really see and make a difference," he signed off. Tennis events at Paris Olympics start on July 27.

Messi loses fitness battle at Copa America, puts goal of playing 6th World Cup on hold

AP ■ BUENOS AIRES

Lionel Messi cried uncontrollably after he exited from a Copa America final before fulltime for the first time in his career. Beyond the severe pain in his right ankle on Sunday night in Miami Gardens, the tears on the face of Argentina's captain showed a deeper anguish. Despite winning the title in one of his "last battles," as Messi described this Copa, the 37-year-old superstar did not pass the fitness test that could have opened the way for him to play his sixth World Cup in 2026. Argentina successfully defended its South American title with a hard-fought 1-0 extra-time win against Colombia. Messi left the pitch in Hard Rock Stadium in the 64th minute, breaking down without being touched. The Copa was Messi's first major tournament since leaving European soccer to play in the less competitive Major League Soccer in the US. Still, he has missed several games over the last year for his Inter Miami club and Argentina due to muscle issues. Messi felt muscular pains in his right leg in the second group match against Chile, which sidelined him from the



following game against Peru. He did not deliver an impressive performance in the quarterfinals against Ecuador and missed his chance in the penalty shootout. In the semifinal victory over Canada, he scored his only goal in the tournament in the 2-0 win. With a limp, Messi celebrated his second Copa title in modest fashion on the field. The injury still hurt the star on Monday. "One more," he said on his social media

channels. Messi did not speak to the media after the injury, and Argentina did not give details about the damage. Messi's farewell to the national team is still on hold, but there's other players aged above 35 who are likely to have played their last major international tournament; winger Angel Di Maria (36), defender Nicolas Otamendi (36), and substitute goalkeeper Franco Armani (37).

Argentina does have up-and-coming players and a squad averaging 28 years of age when the veterans are not counted. That is partly why it held strong against Colombia despite the absence of its star for 56 minutes of play. "I don't know whether we marked an era, but this team never ceases to surprise. It recovers from difficulties," Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni said. "When (Messi) leaves, the team multiplies with the one that comes in and we play better in a different way." Young talents such as Alejandro Garnacho, Valentin Carboni, Thiago Almada, Claudio Echeverri and Valentin Barco are not to be compared with the eight-time Ballon d'Or winner, but they can help Argentina remain competitive when it defends the World Cup in 2026. Key squad members such as goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez, defender Cristian Romero, midfielder Rodrigo de Paul and striker Lautaro Martinez are likely to remain. Argentina will return to action in September in World Cup qualifying against Chile and Colombia. The Argentines lead South America. That international window will give more hints about whether Messi's legend will go on or stop at Sunday's title.

Olympic tennis players return to red clay of Paris' Roland Garros after Wimbledon's grass

AP ■ PARIS

The competition surface doesn't change for most Olympic sports. A pool's a pool. A track's a track. A wrestling mat's a mat. And so on. Tennis? That's a whole other story, with tournaments contested on clay, hard or grass courts - and now there's a shift for the Paris Games. For the first time in more than 30 years, the tennis competition at an Olympics will be held on red clay, which means players who recently made the adjustment from the dirt at the French Open in early June to grass at Wimbledon in early July will need to reverse course again in short order. The "terre battue" at Roland Garros used for the French Open hosts Olympic matches starting on July 27 - two weeks after Wimbledon wrapped up with singles titles for Barbora Krejickova of the Czech Republic and Carlos Alcaraz of Spain - and the transition back to that site is more concerning to some athletes than others. "That'll definitely be interesting. But everyone's kind of doing it. We'll all be in the same boat," said Jessica Pegula, an American ranked in the top 10 who is expected to play singles, women's doubles with U.S. Open champion Coco Gauff and perhaps mixed doubles, too. "I usually don't struggle too much with switching. And I like how the courts play there. It might be easier than some other places we play on clay.



When the weather is warm in Paris, it plays pretty true. There's a good speed. There's not a lot to get used to." For her, maybe. "It's going to be the first time for me, going from grass to clay," said Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan, the 2022 Wimbledon champion and a semifinalist there this month. "It's not easy. Physically, it's not easy, (or) mentally." One additional factor on some players' minds: There will be another brief turnaround after the Olympics to prepare for the move to the hard courts ahead of the U.S. Open, which starts in late August. That's less than a month after the medals are awarded in France. "It's awful for the schedule," said Taylor Fritz, Pegula's teammate for the United States and someone who just reached the quarterfinals at the All England Club. "It makes absolutely no sense. It screws everything up, for sure." Tennis becomes a different

sport, in some key ways, depending on where it's being played. "You have to adapt to it. ... It's going to be weird, obviously, going back on the clay quickly," said Cam Norrie, who will represent Britain at the Olympics, "but we're changing surface and changing variables all the time. Clay is softer and slower, which can dull the power on serves and groundstrokes and create longer exchanges, putting a premium on stamina, while the grittiness can magnify the effect of heavy topspin. Grass is speedier and balls bounce lower. Hard courts tend to produce truer, midrange bounces and generally will reward those who go for point-ending shots. The biggest difference among them might be the footwork. Clay requires sliding. Grass is more about choppy steps, to avoid slipping. Hard courts generally do not cause as many falls as either of the others.



Gareth says he will step down as England manager

AP ■ LONDON

After eight years, four tournaments and two finals, Gareth Southgate announced he was stepping down as England manager on Tuesday, saying it was "time for change." Sunday's 2-1 loss to Spain in the European Championship final proved to be his last game in charge of the national team. "As a proud Englishman, it has been the honour of my life to play for England and to manage England. It has meant everything to me, and I have given it my all," he said. "But it's time for change, and for a new chapter." Southgate's contract was due to expire this year and his announcement comes after months of uncertainty surrounding his future. Mikel Oyarzabal's 86th-minute winner in Berlin was a painful way to end his reign after he transformed the fortunes of England's underperforming national team. Hired in 2016, he led England to back-to-back finals at the Euros and to the semifinals of the World Cup in 2018. But, ultimately, he was unable to end the nation's decades-long wait for a first major trophy since the World Cup in

1966. "Gareth has made the impossible job possible and laid strong foundations for future success. He is held in the highest regard by the players, the backroom team, by everyone at the FA and across the world of football," said Mark Bullingham, chief executive of the English Football Association. Southgate said before the European Championship that it would likely be his last tournament if England did not win. During it, he faced fierce criticism for the team's early performances and some fans throw plastic beer cups towards him at the end of the 0-0 draw with Slovenia in the group phase. But he achieved what no other England manager has by leading his team to two finals, including the first final on foreign soil. "We look back at Gareth's tenure with huge pride - his contribution to the English game, including a significant role in player development, and in culture transformation has been unique. However, it is his record of winning tournament games which is most extraordinary," Bullingham said.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

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The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Pradeep Sharma/ Rajesh Kumar Sharma/ S L Sharma/ Shikshit Negar Charoda Bus Stand B. M. Y. Charoda Ward No. 20, District Durg Chhattisgarh Bhilai- 490023/ LBDRG0005436483	Flat No. 04, First Floor, Block A 01, "Chouhan Green Valley", Phase III, Junwani Inner Part, Smriti Nagar Ward, Chouhan Town, Khosra No. 41/4, 41/6, 41/7, P.H. No. 15, Ward No. 02, R.N.M. Durg 01, Mouza Junwani, Tahasil and District Durg, Chhattisgarh (Admeasuring An Area of 595 Sq. Ft. E. E. 55.29 Sq. Mtr./ Date of Symbolic 12.07.2024	March 28, 2024 Rs. 15,73,739/-	Durg

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Date: July 17, 2024 Place: Durg Sincerely Authorised Signatory For ICICI Bank Ltd.

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APPENDIX IV (Rule 8(1)) POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with [rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notices calling upon the Borrower/ Co-borrowers and Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the demand notice appended below within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice together with further interest and other charges from the date of demand notice till payment/realization.

The Borrower/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors and public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this notice.

Loan A/c. No.	Borrower(s)/ Co-borrower(s) & Guarantors Name	Description of the Mortgaged Properties	Demand Notice		Date and Type of Possession Taken
			Date	Outstanding Amount (Rs.)	
41273484	1. Kamal Kishor Kashyap 2. Gurbari Bai Kashyap	All Piece and Parcel of Property Area 0.06 Acr./ 0.024 Hec. (243 Sq. Mtrs.), Part of Old Khosra No. 2635/3, New Khosra No. 2635/5, Situated at Village: Katakud, Ph.No. 27, R.N.M.-Shivnaryayan, Old Tehsil: Nawagarh, New Tehsil: Shivnaryayan, District: Janjgir-Champa, Chhattisgarh-495557 and Bounded As: East: Mohan's Farm West: Road North: Seller's Land South: Income Tax Department	30.03.2024	Rs. 7,07,349.27/-	11-07-2024 Symbolic Possession
77996153	1. Santosh Sahu 2. Savitri Bai 3. Savitri Bai 4. Tulmati Sahu	All That Piece and Parcel of Property Area 0.025 Hec. Situated at Khosra No. 542/1, Village: Bilaspur, Ph.No. 40, Old RNM-Bhatgaon, New RNM-Bilaspur, Tehsil-Bilalgarh, Distt. -Balodabazar Bhatapara, Chhattisgarh-493559, and Bounded As: East: Main Road West: H/o Lekham North: H/o Rameshwar South: H/o Kartik Ram	29.12.2023	Rs. 12,13,388.77/-	11-07-2024 Symbolic Possession

The Borrower/ Co-borrowers/ Guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited) for an amount mentioned in the demand notice together with further interest and other charges from the date of demand notice till payment/realization.

Date: 11th July, 2024 Place: Chhattisgarh Sd/- Authorised Officer IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)

JM FINANCIAL Corporate Identity Number: U67190MH2007PLC74287 Registered Office: 7th Floor, Cnergy, Appasaheb Marathe Marg, Prabhadevi, Mumbai- 400025 Contact Person: 1. L Hari Babu- 9303166116 2. Vishal Ketele- 958496653 3. Jyoti Sawant- 022 - 6224 1676 E-Auction Sale Notice - Fresh Sale

That Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Ltd (formerly known as Dewan Housing and finance corporation Ltd) have assigned a pool of Loan (including below mentioned Loans) together with underlying security interest created thereof along with all the rights, title and interest thereon under Section 5 (1) (b) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("SARFAESI ACT") vide an assignment agreement dated March 29, 2023 ("the Assignment Agreement") in favour of JM Financial (JM) (herein referred as Assignee) acting in its capacity as trustee of JM Financial - Aranya - Trust. It is to notify that PCHFL is authorized and appointed to act as Service provider / Collection agent to facilitate all operational and procedures processes vide Assignment / Service Agreement. Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Secured Creditor under the SARFAESI Act, 2002 for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the physical possession, on 'As Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What is Basis' and 'Whatever is There is Basis', Particulars of which are given below:

Loan Code/Branch/ Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Property Address_final	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)	Outstanding Amount (09-07-2024)
Loan Code No.: 03900003614, Raipur (Branch), V Venu (Borrower), Vanka Malika (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 21-06-2022, Rs. 44,57,837/- (Rs. Forty Four lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Seven Only)	All The Piece and Parcel of The Property Having An Extent : Khn 515/3, Ph.No. 19, Na Mouza-kurud Bhilai Dist Durg, Mouza-kurud Bhilai Dist Durg, Beside To Runnga College Durg, Chhattisgarh in- 490026	Rs. 24,53,600/- (Rs. Twenty Four lakh Fifty Three Thousand Six Hundred Only)	Rs. 2,45,360/- (Rs. Two lakh Forty Five Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Only)	Rs. 59,52,526/- (Rs. Fifty Nine lakh Fifty Two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Six Only)
Loan Code No.: 03900003613, Raipur (Branch), V Venu (Borrower), Vanka Malika (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 21-06-2022, Rs. 44,46,802/- (Rs. Forty Four lakh Forty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Two Only)	All The Piece and Parcel of The Property Having An Extent: Khn 515/3, Phn 19A Na Mouza-kurud, Bhilai Dist Durg, Beside To Runnga College Durg, Chhattisgarh in- 490026	Rs. 24,53,600/- (Rs. Twenty Four lakh Fifty Three Thousand Six Hundred Only)	Rs. 2,45,360/- (Rs. Two lakh Forty Five Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Only)	Rs. 59,39,490/- (Rs. Fifty Nine lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Only)

DATE OF E-AUCTION: 22-08-2024, FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 02:00 P.M. (WITH UNLIMITED EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES EACH), LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF BID: 21-08-2024, BEFORE 04:00 P.M.

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STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT TO THE BORROWER/GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

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Date: 17-07-2024 Place: East Sd/- (Authorised Officer) (Aranya - Trust)