

French give belated challenge

Top seed Commander Mahesh proved his and his team's mettle after winning eight straight matches out of eight at the **ISS Mumbai** International Match Race '09 in the waters off Chowpatty.

Nitin Mongia's team, who, had a dramatic win despite a gash in his boat after the opposition rammed into him was second. But the French team, led by Skipper Francois Morvan is all set to give this year's host country of the international match races a good chase. TNN