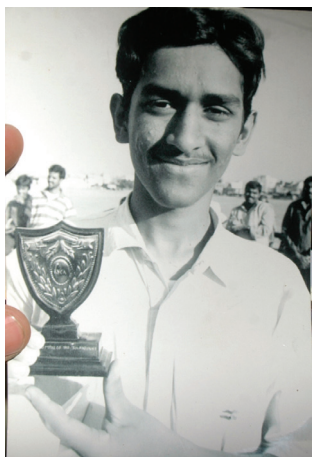




*Sporting spirit: Mahi, the kid, enjoys
'horse riding' in 1983*



*Once the best, always the best:
Winner of the inter-school best
player trophy*



*Winning single-handedly: Playing
with a fractured hand, he pulled
off a victory for his team*



32 all out: Sitting with his father Paan Singh, mother Devki Devi, brother in-law Gautam Gupta and sister Jayanti, he just can't stop smiling

Rising son: Sitting inside their old MECON Colony home, his parents watch their son with bated breath



Perfect all-rounder: He still cannot resist playing carrom, an indoor sport he is very good at



Catching practice: About to catch the cell phone of one of his fans who had requested for an autograph on it during a local tournament in Ranchi



Different ball game: He gets ready for a football match at Silli near Ranchi



Dreams come true: The Indian skipper on his Harley Davidson in his hometown



One among many: Always passionate about bikes, he flaunts one of the several he owns



He plays, he prays: At the Deori Mata temple in Ranchi



Reaching out for God: He offers his prayers to the Almighty



Couple at the temple: Along with his wife Sakshi at the Deori Mata temple



Jharkhand's most wanted: The newly married Dhonis attend a party hosted by the Chief Minister of the state



*At home with games: During the 34th National Games
at the Mega Sports Complex in Ranchi*



*Bowling on a different
pitch: Trying his hand
at bowling at the R K
Anand Lawn Bowls
Stadium in Ranchi*



Security first: Escorted by the cops after his arrival at the Birsa Munda Airport in Ranchi



Look at that!: Dhoni offers a picture perfect moment during his inspection of the Mega Sports Complex in Ranchi