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1. India won the title of SAFF Championship 2023 (July 5, 2023)

South Asian Football Federation Championship (SAF) 2023

India won the final of the South Asian Football Federation Championship 2023.

An Overview of the News

- The Indian men's football team beat **Kuwait 5-4 in a thrilling penalty shootout.**
- The win secured India's **9th title in the SAFF Championship out of 14 editions.**
- The final took place at the **Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bangalore.**
- At that time **India's FIFA ranking was 100th.**
- This victory follows their previous victory in the Intercontinental Cup.

India's journey in SAFF Championship 2023

- India served as the host of the tournament.
- India remained undefeated throughout the championship.
- **Group Stage Performance:**
 - Defeated Pakistan and Nepal.
 - Draw against Kuwait.
- **Semifinals:**
 - Defeated Lebanon in the penalty shootout.
- **Final:**
 - Defeated Kuwait in a thrilling penalty shootout.

SAFF Championship 2023 Prize Winners:

- Fairplay Award: Nepal Football Team
- Best Goalkeeper: Anisur Rahman Zico
- Top goal scorer: Sunil Chhetri (6 goals)
- Most Valuable Player (MVP) Sunil Chhetri
- Runner-up: Kuwait football team

About SAFF (South Asian Football Federation Championship)

- The SAFF Football Championship is a biennial international football tournament in South Asia.
- It aims to promote and develop football in the region.
- The inaugural edition took place in **1993 in Lahore, Pakistan**.
- India became the champion by defeating Pakistan in the final.
- This tournament is **held every two years**.
- Participating countries include **Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka**.
- Its primary objective is **to enhance the development of football in South Asia**.

2. Yuki Bhambri wins maiden ATP doubles title in Spain (July 4, 2023)

Yuki-Bhambri-wins-maiden-ATP-doubles-title-in-Spain

Indian tennis player Yuki Bhambri won his maiden ATP doubles title at the Mallorca Championships in Spain.

An Overview of the News

- Yuki Bhambri stitched a partnership with **South African player Lloyd Harris to seal the victory in the final match**.
- The pair **won 6 - 3, 6 - 4** over the **Dutch-Austrian pair of Robin Hasse and Philipp Oswald**.
- The tournament took place on **grass courts**.
- The 30-year-old Indian Bhambri, who has reached the **58th spot in the ATP doubles tennis rankings**.

Important Points

- Yuki Bhambri is the **first Indian to win the Junior Australian Open title**.
- **Lloyd Harris** is ranked **world number 31 in singles** by the **Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP)**.
- **Andrea Gaudenzi**, an Italian former tennis player, is the **current president of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP)**.

About Spain

- It is located on the **Iberian Peninsula of Europe and consists of 17 autonomous regions**, each with its own geography and culture.
- The capital of Spain is **Madrid**, home to the **Royal Palace and the Prado Museum**.

- **Segovia, a city in Spain**, has a mediaeval palace called the **Alcázar and an intact Roman aqueduct**.
- **Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia in Spain**, is known for its modernist landmarks designed by Antoni Gaudí. The Sagrada Familia Church is one of the most famous examples.
- Prime Minister - **Pedro Sánchez**
- King - **Felipe VI of Spain**

3. Max Verstappen wins Austrian Grand Prix 2023 (July 3, 2023)

Max Verstappen took a stunning victory in the Austrian Grand Prix 2023.

An Overview of the News

- The Austrian Grand Prix victory marked Verstappen's fifth consecutive victory and seven from nine races in the current season.
- The previous year's winner at this circuit, Charles Leclerc, finished second at the Austrian Grand Prix, crossing the finish line 5.2 seconds behind Verstappen.
- Sergio Pérez, driving for the Red Bull team, finished third, 17.2 seconds behind the race leader.

List of Previous Race Winners:

1. Canadian Grand Prix 2023: Winner - Max Verstappen
2. Spanish Grand Prix 2023: Winner - Max Verstappen
3. Monaco Grand Prix 2023: Winner - Max Verstappen
4. Bahrain Grand Prix 2023: Winner - Max Verstappen
5. Saudi Arabian Grand Prix 2023: Winner - Sergio Perez
6. Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2023: Winner - Sergio Perez

About Austria

- Chancellor - **Karl Nehammer**
- Capital - **Vienna**
- Currency - **Euro**

4. 132nd Durand Cup tournament organized in Kolkata (July 3, 2023)

132nd-Durand-Cup-tournamen

The "**Trophy Tour**" of the **132nd edition of Durand Cup**, India's oldest football tournament, was flagged off on 30 June 2023 at a function held at **Manekshaw Centre, Delhi Cantt.**

Important Points:-

- It was flagged off by Chief of Army Staff **General Manoj Pandey**, Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal **VR Chaudhary** and President of All India Football Federation (AIFF) **Kalyan Choubey**.
- This tournament will be organized from 03 August to 03 September 2023 in **Kolkata, Guwahati, Kokrajhar and Shillong**. While its final will be held in **Kolkata** on September 3.

Foreign teams in Durand Cup:

- 24 teams including teams from **Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh** will participate in the 132nd edition of the tournament.
- Foreign teams are participating in the tournament after a gap of **27 years**. The tournament is open to all club teams.
- It is organized by the Durand Football Tournament Society (DFTS) under the aegis of the All India Football Federation (AIFF).
- Basically the tournament has always been a symbol of excellence, sportsmanship and high point of competitiveness in the field of sports.

Durand Cup Tournament:

- The Durand Cup, the world's third oldest and Asia's oldest football tournament, was first held in the year **1888 at Dagshai** (Himachal Pradesh).
- It was named after **Mortimer Durand**, who was then the Foreign Secretary in charge of India.
- The tournament was initially held for British soldiers, but was later opened to civilians.
- **Mohun Bagan and East Bengal** are the most successful teams in the history of the Durand Cup having won it **sixteen times**.

5. India ranked 100th in FIFA men's football rankings (July 1, 2023)

'**World Men's Football Ranking**' released by '**FIFA**' in June 2023; In which FIFA World Cup 2022 winner **Argentina** (with 1843.73 points) has topped the list.

Important Points:

- **India** has been ranked **100th** (with a total score of 1204.90) in the 'World Men's Football Ranking' by 'FIFA'.

Top 10 teams in FIFA rankings:

- Argentina
- France
- Brazil
- England +1
- Belgium -1

- Croatia +1
- Netherlands -1
- Italy
- Portugal
- Spain (2023 UEFA Nations League Winner)

Indian men's football team in FIFA rankings:

- The Indian men's football team has leapfrogged teams like Lebanon and New Zealand to reach the 100th spot in the latest FIFA world rankings.
- It is after five years that the Indian men's football team entered the top 100 club after slipping from the 96th position in 2018.
- This is the fourth best ranking achieved by the Indian men's football team in history.
- The team's rank came from 94th rank in 1996, 99th rank in 1993 and 96th rank from 2017 to 2018.

South Asian football teams in FIFA rankings:

- Nepal 175
- Bangladesh 192
- Pakistan 201
- Sri Lanka 207

Record of SAF Games India:

- Since 1993, India has appeared in all the finals of the tournament at the SAFF Games except in 2003.
- The Indian men's football team has won the championship a record 8 times and has been performing exceptionally well in search of its 9th title.

Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA):

- It is also the international governing body of football, futsal and beach soccer.
- Establishment: **1904**
- Headquarters: **Zurich (Switzerland)**
- Currently **211 member countries**
- Qatar World Cup 2022 Winner: **Argentina (by defeating France)**

6. Neeraj Chopra won the Lausanne Diamond League 2023 (July 1, 2023)

Neeraj-Chopra-won-the-Lausanne-Diamond-League-2023

Olympic gold medalist Neeraj Chopra topped the Lausanne Diamond League 2023.

An Overview of the News

- Neeraj Chopra achieved the best throw of 87.66m during the competition.
- He has recently recovered from a hamstring injury sustained during training.
- Due to injury, he had to withdraw from three events in June: **FBK Games, Paavo Nurmi Games and Ostrava Golden Spike.**

Men's javelin throw results at 2023 Lausanne Diamond League

1. **Neeraj Chopra (IND) - 87.66m**
2. Julian Weber (GER) - 87.03m
3. Jakub Vadlejch (CZE) - 86.13m
4. Oliver Helander (Fin) - 83.50m
5. Anderson Peters (GRN) - 82.23m

About Diamond League

- It is an annual series of elite track and field athletic competitions.
- It consists of the fourteen best invitational athletics meets.
- The series is regarded as one of the top-level one-day meeting competitions organized by World Athletics.
- The Diamond League was **established in 2010** as a replacement for the **International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) Golden League**.
- The IAAF Golden League has been held **annually since 1998**.
- The Wanda Group entered into a sponsorship deal with the Diamond League, which resulted in the series being renamed the **Wanda Diamond League**.
- The sponsorship deal with Wanda Group was announced in **December 2019**.

7. India won the title by defeating Iran in the Asian Kabaddi Championship (June 30, 2023)**Kabaddi-Championship**

India emerged victorious in the final of the Asian Kabaddi Championship 2023 held in **Busan, Korea** on 30th June defeating Iran with a **score of 42-32**.

An overview of the news

- This victory marks **India's eighth title** out of nine editions of the championship, highlighting their dominance in the sport.
- **Pawan Sehrawat**, the captain of the Indian team, played a crucial role by securing a **super 10**, leading the team to success.
- In the earlier league stage of the tournament, India showcased their prowess by defeating **Hong Kong with a comprehensive scoreline of 64-20**.
- Six teams, including **India, Iran, Japan, Korea, Chinese Taipei, and Hong Kong**, participated in the championship.

- India finished the league stage undefeated, winning all five matches and securing the **top position in the points table**.
- Iran, having only lost to India during the league stage, secured the second position and advanced to the final.
- The Indian kabaddi teams will now focus on the upcoming **Asian Games in Hangzhou, China**, scheduled from September 23 to October 8, where they will face a tough challenge from defending champions Iran, who defeated India in the semi-finals in Jakarta in 2018.

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9. TOPS clears Wrestlers Vinesh Phogat and Bajrang Punia training in Kyrgyzstan and Hungary (June 30, 2023)

Wrestlers-Vinesh-Phogat-and-Bajrang-Punia

The **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** has given its approval to wrestlers **Vinesh Phogat** and **Bajrang Punia** for their training proposals under the **Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)**.

An overview of the news

- The proposals were submitted by the wrestlers to the **Ministry and the TOPS team**, and they were cleared within 24 hours of the request.
- **Bajrang Punia**, an Olympic medalist, will participate in a **36-day training camp in Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan**.
- **Vinesh Phogat**, a medalist in world championships, will first undergo a week of training in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, followed by an **18-day training camp in Hungary**.
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Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)

- It was created in **July 2014** under the auspices of the **National Sports Development Fund (NSDF)** with the objective of identifying and preparing potential medal prospects for the **Olympic and Paralympic Games**.
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- The idea of the scheme is to look to the future and fund a developmental group of athletes who have the potential to bring medals to the Olympic Games in **Paris in 2024 and Los Angeles in 2028**.

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