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1. Italian Open: Elena Rybakina clinches women's singles title (May 21, 2023)

In **Italian Open Tennis**, **Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan won the women's singles title** defeating **Ukraine's Anhelina Kalinina** 6-4, 1-0, on 20th May at the **Internazionali BNL d'Italia in Rome**.

An overview of the news

- It was Rybakina's **second title** of the year.
- With this, Rybakina won the **fifth singles title of her career**.
- **7th seed Rybakina** defeated 30th seed Kalinina to win the trophy.
- Kalinina was ruled out of the final due to a left thigh injury.
- The men's singles final of the tournament will be played between **Denmark's Holger Rune and Russia's Daniil Medvedev in Rome**.

About Italian Open

- The Italian Open has a rich history dating back to its **inception in 1930**.
- It is one of the **most prestigious events** on the tennis calendar.
- It consists of five main draw events: **Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles**.
- The tournament is held at the **Foro Italico sports complex in Rome**.
- The Italian Open hosts both **ATP** (Association of Tennis Professionals) and **WTA** (Women's Tennis Association) tournaments simultaneously.

2. India bags 16 gold medals at the South Asian Youth Table Tennis Championship 2023 (May 18, 2023)

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An overview of the news

- In this event more than 100 athletes from six countries **Bhutan, Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Nepal** participated.
- **Arunachal Pradesh Governor, Lt. General KT Parnaik, (Retd.)** attended the closing ceremony as Chief Guest at **Dorjee Khandu Indoor Stadium, Itanagar**.
- The hosts India won all the gold medals on offer on the last day at the Dorjee Khandu Indoor Stadium on 17th May.
- Besides, the Indians also bagged four silver medals in the singles.

- **Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Maldives** were also among the medals, while Bhutan, who participated only in the singles events, drew a blank.
- On the second day of the championships, the Indians won three gold medals in the U-15 Boys, U-19 Girls and U15 Girls, while Nepal claimed the U-19 Boys gold.
- In the Under-19 Boys singles, Ankur Bhattacharjee defeated Payas Jain 4-2 to claim the gold.

Results (All Finals)

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An Overview of the News

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- Praneeth clinched his first GM-norm and **International Master (IM) title at the tournament in March 2022**.

- He earned his second **GM-norm at the Biel MTO in July 2022**, followed by his final GM-norm nine months later at the **second Chessable Sunway Formentera Open 2023**.
- **The first Indian Grandmaster was Viswanathan Anand**, who held the title in 1988.
- **Anand is a five-time world champion** and is considered one of the greatest chess players of all time.

Important Points:

- 16-year-old chess player **Pranesh M became India's 79th Grandmaster** after winning the **Rilton Cup in Stockholm, Sweden**.
- Chennai-based chess player **Vignesh NR became India's 80th Grandmaster** after winning the **24th Nordwest Cup 2023** held at **Bad Zwischenahn, Germany**.
- Sayantan Das became India's 81st Grandmaster after his victory at the International Festival des Jeux in Cannes, France.

About Telangana

- It is a state located in **south-central India** on the **high Deccan Plateau**.
- It is the **eleventh largest state of India** by area.
- Telangana is bordered by **Maharashtra to the north, Chhattisgarh to the northeast, Karnataka to the west, and Andhra Pradesh to the east and south**.
- As of 2019, the state of Telangana is divided into **33 districts**.

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An Overview of the News

- The championship took place from 5 May to 13 May and featured teams from five different countries.
- Sumit Mukherjee was the only railway staff member in the **24-member Indian contingent.**
- The games were divided into four categories: **Open, Women's, Mixed and Senior, and Sumit represented India in the Open category.**
- Sumit Mukherjee had earlier won a **bronze medal** at the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games and the 4th Asia Cup Bridge Championships to be held in **Jakarta in 2022.**

Pakistan Bridge Federation (PBF):

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An Overview of the News

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- Hriday Hazarika qualified for the **men's 10m air rifle final**, where he won the silver medal.

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10. Yashasvi Jaiswal scores fastest IPL 50 (May 12, 2023)

Yashasvi Jaiswal

Rajasthan Royals opener **Yashasvi Jaiswal** etched his name in history by **becoming the fastest fifty in the Indian Premier League** against Kolkata Knight Riders on 12 May.

An overview of the news

- **Chasing 149**, Jaiswal created history by **scoring 50 off just 13 balls**, surpassing **KL Rahul's 14-ball fifty in 2018**. He also went past KKR's Pat Cummins, who scored a **14-ball fifty in 2022**.
- Yashasvi hit **three sixes and seven fours** in the first 50 runs.
- Batting first after losing the toss, **Kolkata scored 149 runs** losing eight wickets in 20 overs.
- The record of scoring the most runs in the first over of the innings is in the name of **Mumbai Indians**. He scored 27 runs in the very first over against **Royal Challengers Bangalore in 2011**. These include seven extras. Rajasthan is at number two.