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1. Novak Djokovic won the Australian Open 2023 title (Jan. 29, 2023)

Novak Djokovic won the Australian Open title for the 10th time by defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-3, 7-6, 7-6 in the first Grand Slam Australia Open of 2023.

An overview of the news

- With this victory, **Novak Djokovic has equaled Spain's Rafael Nadal's record of winning 22 Grand Slam titles.**
- Djokovic won the first Australian Open title in the year 2008. After that he has won this title in the years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2023.
- In addition to 10 Australia Open, Djokovic won the French Open in 2016 and 2021, a total of 7 Wimbledon between 2011, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022 while the US Open in 2011, 2015, 2018.

Women's singles winner

- In the Australian Open 2023, **Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus has won the women's singles title by defeating Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan.** Sabalenka has won a Grand title for the first time.

Women's Doubles Winner

- **Barbora Krejckikova and Katarina Siniakova of Czech Republic defeated Japanese pair Shuko Oyama and Ina Shibahara** to win the women's doubles title at Australian Open 2023.

2. Arina Sabalenka won the Australian Open title (Jan. 28, 2023)

In the **Australian Open 2023, Arina Sabalenka of Belarus** has won the **women's singles title** by defeating **Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan.** Sabalenka has won a Grand title for the first time.

An overview of the news

- Sabalenka defeated Elena Rybakina 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the final match played at **Rod Laver Arena in Melbourne** on 28 January.
- Sabalenka has won the Grand Slam title for the first time, while Rybakina missed out on winning the Grand Slam for the second time.
- 22nd seed Rybakina won the **Wimbledon title** last year.
- It was Sabalenka's 11th win since the start of 2023, meaning the Belarusian player will now reach a **career-best No. 2 ranking.**

- Rybakina and Sabalenka met face to face for the fourth time in their tennis career.
- Earlier, there was a match between Rybakina and Sabalenka in the fourth round of the 2021 Wimbledon Championship.
 - Sabalenka had won all the three matches before this.

3. Australian Open: Brazilian duo of Luisa Stefani and Rafael Matos won the Mixed Doubles title (Jan. 27, 2023)

Australian Open: Brazilian duo of Luisa Stefani and Rafael Matos won the Mixed Doubles title

In the **Australian Open Tennis**, the **Brazilian duo** of **Luisa Stefani and Rafael Matos** won the **Mixed Doubles title** on 27 January.

An overview of the news

- The Brazilian pair defeated the **Indian pair of Rohan Bopanna and Sania Mirza** 7-6, 6-2 at the **Rod Laver Arena in Melbourne**.
- The 36-year-old Mirza, regarded as India's greatest female tennis player, reached the decider at Melbourne Park.
- But he and the 42-year-old Bopanna could not win and lost to Brazilian pair of Luisa Stefani and Rafael Matos.
- Mirza was the **first Indian to win a WTA singles title** in her hometown Hyderabad in 2005.
- She reached the fourth round of the US Open as early as 2005, and by 2007 was in the **women's top 30**.
- She will retire from tennis next month after a tournament in Dubai, where she has spent more than a decade and recently launched a **tennis academy**.

4. England's Ben Stokes and Nat Sciver win ICC annual awards (Jan. 26, 2023)

England's Ben Stokes and Nat Sciver win ICC annual awards

England Test captain **Ben Stokes** and all-rounder **Nat Sciver** have won **ICC cricketer of the year 2022** awards.

An overview of the news

- All-rounder **Stokes** was named the **Men's Test Cricketer of the Year**, while **Sciver** won the **Rachael Hayhoe Flint Trophy for the ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year**.
- Sciver, 30, is also named Women's **one-day international (ODI) Cricketer of the Year**.

- The 31-year-old Stokes took over the Test captaincy from Joe Root in **April 2022** and has **won nine of his 10 Tests** in charge.
- Stokes previously won the **overall Men's Cricketer of the Year award in 2019**.
- **Babar Azam** has been given the **Men's ODI Player of the Year award (Sobers Trophy)**, before Pakistan's **Shaheen Shah Afridi** won the award for 2021.

ICC awards winners for 2022

- **Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy:** Babar Azam (Pakistan)
- **Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy:** Nat Sciver (England)
- **Men's Test Cricketer of the Year:** Ben Stokes (England)
- **Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year:** Babar Azam
- **Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year:** Nat Sciver
- **Men's T20 International Cricketer of the Year:** Suryakumar Yadav (India)
- **Women's T20 International Cricketer of the Year:** Tahlia McGrath (Australia)
- **Men's Emerging Cricketer of the Year:** Marco Jansen (South Africa)
- **Women's Emerging Cricketer of the Year:** Renuka Singh (India)
- **Men's Associate Cricketer of the Year:** Gerhard Erasmus (Namibia)
- **Women's Associate Cricketer of the Year:** Esha Oza (India)
- **David Shepherd Trophy:** Richard Illingworth (England)
- **Spirit of Cricket Award:** Aasif Sheikh (Nepal)

5. India becomes No 1 ODI team in ICC Rankings after 3-0 series win over New Zealand (Jan. 26, 2023)

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In cricket, **India climbed to the top** of the **ICC Men's ODI rankings** after winning the series 3-0 against New Zealand at the Holkar Stadium in Indore.

An overview of the news

- Team India, led by Rohit, defeated the New Zealand team by **90 runs** in the third match.
- Two-time world champions India have scored 5,010 points in 44 matches.
- World Champions **England are second** with 3,400 points from 30 ODIs.

- Former world champions **Australia are third** with 3,572 points (112 rating points)
- while **New Zealand are now placed fourth** in the latest ICC Team Rankings.

6. Suryakumar Yadav named ICC "T20 Cricketer of the Year" (Jan. 25, 2023)

Suryakumar Yadav named ICC "T20 Cricketer of the Year"

Indian batsman **Suryakumar Yadav** has been selected as the **ICC T20 Cricketer of the Year for the year 2022** for his stellar performance.

An overview of the news

- Suryakumar Yadav beat Zimbabwe all-rounder Sikander Raza, Pakistan wicket-keeper batsman Mohammad Rizwan, England all-rounder Sam Curran to win the award.
- **Suryakumar Yadav scored 1164 runs in 31 T20 matches played in 2022** and also became only the **second batsman in T20 history to score more than 1000 runs in a calendar year.**
- Yadav hit **68 sixes in 2022**, the **most by any batsman in a single year in the history of the format.**

In the Women's Section

- **Australia's Tahlia McGrath** has been awarded the **ICC T20 Women's Cricketer of the Year award.**
- McGrath left behind India's Smriti Mandhana, New Zealand's Sophie Devine and Pakistan's Nida Dar for the award.
- Tahlia McGrath scored 435 runs and 13 wickets in 16 T20 matches in 2022.

7. Thailand's shuttler Kunlavut Vitidsarn won men's singles title at India Open Badminton (Jan. 24, 2023)

Thai shuttler **Kunlavut Vitidsarn** won the **India Open title** on 22 January.

An overview of the news

- He defeated **World No.1 Denmark's Viktor Axelsen** in the **men's singles final** of the **India Open Badminton Championship** 22-20, 10-21 and 21-12 at **K. D. Jadhav Indoor Stadium** in New Delhi.
- Earlier, Korean sensation **An Seyoung** won the **Women's singles final**. She beat **World No.1 Japanese Akane Yamaguchi** 15-21, 21-16, 21-12.

Other winners (doubles)

- **Men's** : Liang Weikeng and Wang Chang (China)
- **Women's** : Nami Matsuyama and Chiharu Shida (Japan)

8. Sports Ministry holds its first Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) meeting outside Delhi (Jan. 23, 2023)

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) organised its **first Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) meeting** on January 19 and 20 outside Delhi and during the Hockey World Cup in **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**.

An overview of the news

- The MOC members met to discuss the major agenda of India's Olympic program and proposals for the **Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)** athletes.
- The Indian men's and women's hockey teams are the only teams that are funded under MYAS's TOPS Scheme and get an annual expenditure of **Rs 24 cr** under **Sports Authority of India's (SAI)** Annual Calendar for Training and Competitions (ACTC) scheme.
- Normally, MOC members from all over India visit Delhi every month to discuss agenda related to TOPS.
- During the outbreak of COVID-19, the meetings were conducted through a video conferencing so that the athletes do not suffer due to the delay.
- After the lockdown, the meetings have adopted a hybrid approach where one meeting a month is held virtually, while the other is held as a physical meeting.

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**.
- It is a flagship program of the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**.
- 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**.

9. India Open Badminton: Korean sensation An Seyoung wins Women's singles final (Jan. 22, 2023)

Korean sensation An Seyoung wins Women's singles final

In the **India Open Badminton Championship**, Korean sensation **An Seyoung** wins **Women's singles final** on 22 January at **K D Jadhav Indoor Stadium in New Delhi**.

An overview of the news

- In the finals, An Seyoung beat World No.1 **Japanese Akane Yamaguchi** 15-21, 21-16, 21-12.
- In the semifinal on 21 January, **Viktor Axelsen** defeated **Indonesia's Jonatan Christie** 21-6, 21-12.
- Axelsen has earlier won the India Open in 2017 and 2019.
- In other semifinal, former world junior champion **Thailand's Kunlavut Vitidsarn** defeated **Anthony Sinisuka Ginting of Indonesia** 27-25, 21-15 to reach the final.

10. National Sports Club of India Snooker Open Crown 2023 (Jan. 22, 2023)

Petroleum Sports Promotion Board (PSPB's) **Laxman Rawat 'Boulkline'** emerged **winner** at the NSCI All India Snooker Open, **defeating fellow PSPB challenger Aditya Mehta** 9-6 in a best-of-17-frame final.

An overview of the news

- Laxman Rawat had finished runner-up in the previous edition of the tournament, losing to Sourav Kothari.
- This is Rawat's first major title after two-three years.

NSCI Snooker Open Crown

- The NSCI Snooker Open Crown is a snooker tournament organised by the National Sports Club of India (NSCI).
- The tournament is open to players from all over India and consists of a best-of-17-frames final.
- The tournament is considered a major title in Indian snooker and the champion of the tournament is awarded the NSCI Snooker Open Crown.