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1. Iga Świątek Secures Historic Third Consecutive French Open Title (June 9, 2024)

Iga Świątek, the World No. 1 from Poland, won her third consecutive French Open title in the women's singles final.

An Overview of the News

- Despite an early struggle, Świątek defeated Jasmine Paolini of Italy with a score of 6-2, 6-1 at Roland Garros.
- Świątek's victory makes her only the third woman in the Open era to achieve three straight French Open titles.
- Jasmine Paolini, seeded 12th, reached her first Grand Slam final and defeated notable players like Bianca Andreescu and Elena Rybakina on her way to the final.

About The French Open

- It's called Roland-Garros, happens annually in late May in Paris, France.
- It's named after French aviator Roland Garros.
- It's the foremost clay court championship and the sole Grand Slam on this surface.
- It's the second Grand Slam of the year, following the Australian Open and preceding Wimbledon and the US Open.
 - Founded:- **1891**
 - Editions:- **123 (2024)**
 - 93 Grand Slam events (since 1925)
 - Most singles titles:- **Rafael Nadal (14)**
 - Most doubles titles:- **Roy Emerson (6)**

2. Aman Sehrawat Claims Silver at Budapest Ranking Series (June 8, 2024)

Indian wrestler Aman Sehrawat won the silver medal at the Polyak Imre and Varga Janos Memorial 2024 wrestling tournament in Budapest, Hungary.

An Overview of the News

- Sehrawat lost the men's 57kg final to Japan's Rei Higuchi, a former world champion and Rio 2016 silver medallist, with a score of 11-1.
- Higuchi also secured a silver medal at the world championships last year.

- Sehwat defeated Roberti Dingashvili of Georgia 11-1 in the quarter-finals. He won against Aryan Tsiutryn, the 2021 world championships bronze medallist, 14-4 in the semi-finals.

Key Points of Aman Sehwat's Career:

- Sehwat is the 2023 Asian champion and a 2022 Under-23 world champion.
- He is the only male wrestler from India participating in this tournament.
- The 20-year-old secured a Paris 2024 Olympics quota for India through the World Olympic Wrestling Qualifiers in Istanbul, Turkiye, last month.

Other Indian Competitors:

- Antim Panghal, Vinesh Phogat (50kg), and Anshu Malik (57kg) will compete in the Budapest ranking series over the next two days.
- Antim Panghal obtained India's first wrestling quota for Paris 2024 at the world championships last year.

Tournament Significance:

- The tournament is the final wrestling ranking series before the Paris 2024 Olympics.
- Wrestlers will earn points to determine their rankings, which will influence the seeding at the upcoming Summer Games.

India's Olympic Quotas:

- India has secured a total of six quotas for Paris 2024: five in women's wrestling and one in men's freestyle.

3. Sift Kaur Samra Wins Bronze in Women's 50m Rifle at ISSF World Cup (June 8, 2024)

Sift Kaur Samra won a bronze medal in the Women's 50m Rifle 3-Position event at the ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol in **Munich**.

An Overview of the News

- Sift scored 452.9, missing the silver medal by a narrow margin of 0.1 points to China's Han Jiayu.
- The gold medal in the event was claimed by World No. 1 Seonaid Mcintosh of Great Britain with a score of 466.7.
- The competition concluded on 7 June, with India winning a total of two medals.
- **Sarabjot Singh** had previously won a **gold medal in the Men's 10m Air Pistol event**.

About ISSF World Cup

- It was introduced by the International Shooting Sport Federation in 1986.
- Its purpose is to provide a standardized system for qualification to the Olympic shooting competitions.
- The World Cup is still held in the Olympic shooting events.
- There are four competitions per year in each event.

4. India's DP Manu wins gold in javelin throw at Taiwan Athletics Open 2024 (June 1, 2024)

DP Manu from India won the gold medal in Javelin throw at the Taiwan Athletics Open 2024, achieving a distance of 81.58 meters.

An Overview of the News

- Initially, he started with a throw of 78.32 meters, then improved to 80.59 meters in the third attempt.
- However, he clinched the top position in the competition during his sixth and final attempt, surpassing his previous mark.
- His final throw of 81.58 meters secured him the gold medal.

Medal Distribution:

- Chao Tsun Cheng of Chinese Taipei earned the silver medal with a throw of 76.21 meters.
- Chao-Hong Huang, also from Chinese Taipei, clinched the bronze medal with a throw of 71.24 meters.
- DP Manu was the sole foreign participant among the 12 competitors in the event.

About Taiwan

- Taiwan, formally known as the Republic of China, resides in East Asia.
- Positioned where the East and South China Seas meet in the northwestern Pacific Ocean.
- Borders the People's Republic of China to the northwest, Japan to the northeast, and the Philippines to the south.
 - Capital:- Taipei City
 - Currency:- New Taiwan dollar
 - Premier:- Cho Jung-tai
 - President:- Lai Ching Te

5. Praggnanandhaa Beats Carlsen, and leads Norway Chess 2024 (May 30, 2024)

Praggnanandhaa defeated Magnus Carlsen in a classical chess event for the first time.

An Overview of the News

- The match took place during the 3rd round of Norway Chess 2024.
- Praggnanandhaa, an 18-year-old Indian chess prodigy, played with the White pieces.
- He gained an early advantage in the game and converted it into a victory.
- With this win, Praggnanandhaa now leads the tournament with 5.5 points.

Norway Chess:

- It is an annual closed chess tournament, typically held between May and June each year.
- The inaugural edition of the tournament occurred in the Stavanger area, Norway, from May 7 to May 18, 2013.
- The 2013 tournament featured ten participants, including seven of the top ten highest-rated players in the world according to the May 2013 FIDE World Rankings.
- Sergey Karjakin emerged as the winner of the 2013 edition, while Magnus Carlsen and Hikaru Nakamura shared the second-place position.
- Norway Chess 2015 took place in mid-June 2015 and was included in the inaugural Grand Chess Tour.
- Subsequently, the tournament opted to withdraw from the Grand Chess Tour.

6. Wang Zhi Yi Clinches Malaysia Masters Title, P.V. Sindhu Settles for Runner-Up (May 29, 2024)

Two-time Olympic gold medallist and world No. 15 in women's singles badminton, PV Sindhu was the runner-up in the women's singles category at the Malaysia Masters 2024.

An Overview of the News

- She lost the final match to Wang Zhi Yi of China, who is ranked world number 7, at the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Malaysia Masters 2024.
- The tournament took place from May 21st to May 26th, 2024, at the Axiata Arena in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- In the Men's Singles category, world number 1 Viktor Axelsen clinched the title, marking his first World Tour victory of 2024. Axelsen defeated Malaysian badminton player Lee Zii Jia in the final match.
- The total prize money allocated for the Malaysia Masters 2024 BWF Super 500 badminton tournament amounted to USD 420,000.

About P.V. Sindhu

- She claimed victories at the Singapore Open and Commonwealth Games (held in Birmingham) in 2022.
- She secured the women's singles title twice before, in 2013 and 2016, distinguishing herself while Saina Nehwal took the title in 2017.
- Additionally, she achieved the runner-up position at the Madrid Spain Masters in 2023.

Malaysia Masters 2024 Winners and Runners-up List:

Category	Men's Singles	Women's Singles	Men's Doubles	Women's Doubles	Mixed Doubles
Winner	Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)	Wang Zhi Yi (China)	Kim Astrup and Anders Skaarup Rasmussen (Denmark)	Rin Iwanaga and Kie Nakanishi (Japan)	Goh Soon Huat and Shevon Jemie Lai (Malaysia)
Runner-up	Lee Zii Jia (Malaysia)	P. V. Sindhu (India)	Jin Yong and Na Sung-seung (South Korea)	Lee Yu-lim and Shin Seung-chan (South Korea)	Rinov Rivaldy and Pitha Haningtyas Mentari (Indonesia)

Malaysia Masters 2024 Highlights

- Viktor Axelsen clinched his second Malaysia Masters men's singles title, marking his 29th overall victory on the World Tour.
- Denmark's Kim Astrup and Anders Skaarup Rasmussen emerged victorious in the men's doubles, defeating South Korea's Jin Yong and Na Sung-seung.
- Rin Iwanaga and Kie Nakanishi of Japan secured the women's doubles title by defeating South Korea's Lee Yu-lim and Shin Seung-chan.
- Malaysia's Goh Soon Huat and Shevon Jemie Lai claimed the mixed doubles championship by defeating Indonesia's Rinov Rivaldy and Pitha Haningtyas Mentari.

Malaysia Masters 2024:

- The 2024 Malaysia Masters was the 13th tournament on the BWF World Tour 2024.
- Commencing in 2009, the event was initially categorized as a Grand Prix Gold tournament by the Badminton World Federation (BWF).
- Since 2018, it has been classified as a BWF World Tour Super 500 tournament.

About BWF:

- President: Poul-Erik Høyer Larsen
- Headquarters: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

7. Indian Arm Wrestlers Triumph with Seven Medals at Asian Championship 2024 in Tashkent (May 29, 2024)

The Indian arm wrestling contingent excelled at the Asian Championship 2024 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, securing a total of seven medals.

An Overview of the News

- Indian arm wrestlers won a total of seven medals including one gold and six bronze at the Asian Championship 2024.

Individual Performances:

- **Shrimant Jha's Triumph:** Shrimant Jha emerged as the standout performer, clinching gold in the left-hand para category and bronze in the right-hand para category.
- **Laxman Singh Bhandari:** Laxman Singh Bhandari contributed significantly, earning two bronze medals in the Masters category.
- **Sachin Goyal:** Sachin Goyal made his mark by winning bronze in the competitive right-hand Senior category.
- **Ibi Lollen:** Ibi Lollen from Arunachal Pradesh showcased her talent by securing bronze medals in both the Women's Right and Left-hand categories.

Representation and Leadership:

- The Indian contingent competed under the banner of the People's Armwrestling Federation of India (PAFI), highlighting the organization's role in fostering arm wrestling talent.
- PAFI is the sole Indian organization affiliated with both the Asian Armwrestling Federation (AAF) and the World Armwrestling Federation (WAF), ensuring representation at the international level under the leadership of President Preeti Jhangiani.

8. Dipa Karmakar Clinches India's First-Ever Gold Medal In Women's Vault At Asian Championships (May 27, 2024)

Dipa Karmakar secured India's inaugural gold medal in the women's Vault event at the Asian Championships held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

An Overview of the News

- The victory marks a significant milestone in Indian gymnastics history, as it is **the first gold medal won by an Indian gymnast in any event at the Asian Championships.**

Record-breaking Performance:

- With an average score of 13.566, the 30-year-old Olympian demonstrated exceptional skill and precision in the women's Vault final.
- North Korean gymnasts Kim Son Hyang and Jo Kyong Byol claimed the silver and bronze medals, respectively.
- This triumph adds to **Dipa Karmakar's illustrious track record of pioneering feats in Indian gymnastics.**

Dipa Karmakar's Leading Career:

- She was the **first Indian female gymnast to compete in the Olympics, showcasing her talent at the Rio 2016 Games.**
- At Rio, she impressed by **securing fourth place in the women's vault, earning global acclaim.**
- Prior to her recent triumph, she made history by winning **gold at the 2018 FIG World Cup in Mersin, Turkey, marking the first such victory by an Indian gymnast in an international competition.**

About Asian Gymnastics Championships

- **The Asian Gymnastics Union (AGU)** hosts senior editions of the Asian Gymnastics Championships for various disciplines.
- These disciplines include men's and women's **artistic gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics, acrobatic gymnastics, aerobic gymnastics, and trampoline gymnastics.**
- Junior Asian Artistic Gymnastics Championships began in 1971, with the senior edition **starting in 1996.**
- Similarly, Junior Asian Trampoline Championships were held in 2010 and 2012, with the **senior edition introduced in 2014 alongside the junior event.**

9. KKR Wins IPL Trophy for Third Time (May 27, 2024)

Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) secured their third Indian Premier League (IPL) title.

An Overview of the News

- They clinched victory with an emphatic eight-wicket win over Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in the final.
- Despite losing the toss, KKR displayed a clinical effort with the ball.
- They restricted SRH to a mere 113 runs, marking the lowest-ever total in an IPL final.
- KKR efficiently chased down the target of 114 runs with 57 balls to spare.

- Venkatesh Iyer led the charge with an unbeaten 52 runs, supported by Rahmanullah Gurbaz's 39 runs.

SRH's Struggle:

- Sunrisers Hyderabad struggled with the bat, being all out for 113 runs in 18.3 overs.
- **Skipper Pat Cummins** was the **highest scorer for SRH with 24 runs.**

Key Performers:

- Andre Russell starred for KKR, scalping 3 crucial wickets.
- **Mitchell Starc's** impactful performance earned him the **Player of the Match award.**

About IPL :

- Establishment: **Founded by BCCI in 2007.**
- Teams: **Ten franchise teams based on states or cities.**
- Timing: **Annual event running from March to May.**
- Format: **Men's Twenty20 cricket league.**
- Headquarters - **Cricket Centre, Churchgate, Mumbai, Maharashtra**
- Most successful Team - **Chennai Super Kings; Mumbai Indians; (5 titles each)**

10. Simran Sharma Triumphs with Gold at Para-Athletics World Championship (May 26, 2024)

Simran Sharma of India clinched the gold medal in the Women's 200 meters T12 category at the Para-Athletics World Championship in Kobe, Japan.

An Overview of the News

- Sharma achieved a Personal Best time of 24.95 seconds, securing not only the gold but also the Paralympics quota.

Bronze Medals for Preethi Pal and Navdeep

- Preethi Pal, representing India, secured bronze in the Women's 100 meters T35 category, adding to her earlier bronze in the 200 meters.
- Navdeep, another Indian athlete, won bronze in the Men's Javelin Throw F41 category with a season-best performance of 42.82 meters.

Other Indian Medal Winners

- **Sachin Sarjerao Khilari** clinched the **gold medal** in the men's shot put event.
- **Deepti Jeevanji** won her first **gold medal** in the women's 400m T20 event.
- **Ekta Bhyan** clinched the **gold medal** in the women's F51 club throw competition. Bhyan achieved her victory with a season's best throw of 20.12 meters.
- **Kashish Lakra** secured the **silver medal** with a throw measuring 14.56 meters.
- **Yogesh Kathuniya** achieved a season's best mark of 41.80 meters, earning **silver** in the Men's Discus Throw F56 Final.
- **Nishad Kumar** grabbed **silver** in Men's High Jump T47 with a season-best jump of 1.99 meters.

India's overall medal tally

- India's total medal tally at the Para-Athletics World Championships reached 17, the highest in its history.
- The medal haul includes **six gold, five silver, and six bronze medals**, showcasing India's growing prowess in para-athletics.

World Para Athletics Championship:

- The 11th World Para Athletics Championship is underway in Kobe, Japan, spanning from May 17 to May 25, 2024.
- More than a thousand athletes from over one hundred nations are participating, contesting in 168 medal events, consisting of 92 male, 75 female, and one mixed event.
- The championship is hosted at the Kobe Universiade Memorial Stadium.
- This marks the inaugural occasion of the World Para Athletics Championships taking place in East Asia.