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1. “Winning the Inner Battle” Book by Shane Watson (Nov. 11, 2022)

“Winning the Inner Battle”

In November 2022, **Shane Watson** wrote a new book titled **"Winning the Inner Battle Bringing the Best Version of You to Cricket"**.

Important Facts

- Shane Watson's new book, Winning the Inner Battle, explores the mental side of the game through his own experiences revitalising his career after contemplating retirement in 2015.
- Shane Watson is one of the finest all-rounders in Australian cricket, having represented his country 298 times.

Shane Robert Watson

- Shane Watson is an Australian former international cricketer. He has been a right-handed batsman and a right-arm medium-fast swing bowler.
- He played international cricket between 2002 and 2016.
- He was the world's No. 1 T20I all-rounder for a record 150 weeks.
- Shane Watson was born on 17 June 1981 in Ipswich, Queensland, Australia. At the age of 21, he made his international debut on 24 March 2002, playing an ODI against South Africa at Centurion.
- In his ODI career, he scored 5757 runs in 190 matches at an average of 40.54 and took 168 wickets.
- Watson played the first Test match of his career on 2 January 2005 against Pakistan in Sydney.
- Watson holds many records in T20I, ODI and T20. According to Forbes, Watson was the highest paid non-Indian cricketer in the world for five consecutive years between 2011 and 2015.
- On 2 November 2020, he announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
- In 2017, Watson launched Let's Activate, a sports clinic for children. Watson has his own podcast called Lessons Learned with the Greats.

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- **Manu Bhaker, Mehuli Ghosh, Arjun Babuta and Divyansh Singh Panwar** are some of the prominent players in the 36 Indian players participating in the championship.
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Important facts

- In the inaugural match, hosts Qatar will take on South American country **Ecuador** at the **Al Bayt Stadium** on the 20th November.
- 28 teams have been placed in eight groups, the final will be played at the Lusail Stadium on the 18th of December.
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About FIFA World Cup

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- It was started in the year **1930**, after that it is organised **every four years**.
- The defending champions are the **France** national football team that won the 2018 tournament in France.
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6. Caroline Garcia of France beats Aryna Sabalenka to win the WTA Finals 2022 title (Nov. 8, 2022)

WTA Finals 2022 title

Caroline Garcia of France won the **WTA (Women Tennis Association)** Finals 2022 with a straight-sets victory over **Aryna Sabalenka** on 7 November 2022.

The season ending WTA tournament in which the top ranked women players participate, was held at **Forth Worth, Texas** in the United States of America from 31st October -7 November 2022.

Caroline Garcia is the second Frenchwoman to win the tournament after Amelie Mauresmo in 2005.

Sabalenka was not playing under the Belarus flag as the WTA has suspended the players from Belarus and Russia to participate under their national flags due to the Ukraine war.

Iga Swiatek of Poland finished the 2022 tennis year as the top ranked women player.

Women Tennis Association (WTA)

It was founded by the legendary women Tennis player Billie Jean King in 1973 as an association of professional women tennis players in the world.

The WTA organises women's tennis tournaments called Tour comprising over 50 events and four Grand Slams. The Tour culminates with the WTA Finals.

The WTA's corporate headquarters is in **St. Petersburg, Florida**, with its European headquarters in London and its Asia-Pacific headquarters in Beijing.

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Important facts

- The match ended with a **4:1 victory** for Thapa, who has now become the **most successful male boxer at the Asian Championships**, with 6 competition medals to his name.
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Important facts

- Suryakumar Yadav scored an unbeaten **61 off 26 balls** against **Zimbabwe at the Melbourne Cricket Ground** and achieved this feat.
- In 28 innings this year, Suryakumar has scored **1,026 runs at an average of 44.60**.
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- He has scored these runs at a strike rate of **186.24**.
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