



SHUTTLE'S SUCCESS

LAKSHYA SEN OCCUPIES 6TH SPOT IN BWF RANKINGS

On the most recent BWF World Rankings for men's singles, Lakshya Sen climbed to a career-high position of number six. The gold medalist from the Commonwealth Games has moved up two spots to take the job. In addition to placing second at the German Open and All England Open, Lakshya won the India Open Super 500 championship in January. He was also a key contributor to India's victory in the Thomas Cup team tournament in Bangkok during the Commonwealth Games, however, he had since withdrawn for medical reasons from the forthcoming 2022 Australia Open. He will not participate in the World Tour Finals.



TENNIS TALKS

CAROLINE GARCIA WINS WTA FINALS IN TEXAS

In order to win the WTA Finals in Fort Worth, Texas, France's Caroline Garcia defeated Aryna Sabalenka 7-6(4) 6-4 and displayed exceptional serving technique. In a match when she served 11 aces and never had a break point, Garcia maintained her pressure by breaking to start the second set and surviving a difficult deuce game to secure the victory. The 29-year-old Garcia, who was outside the top 70 in mid-June, has since won four titles, advanced to the U.S. Open semifinals, and will now reach a career-high ranking of number four.



WORLD MEN'S SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP

INDIA'S PANKAJ ADVANI REACHES KNOCKOUT ROUND

At the World Men's Snooker Championship in Antalya, Turkey, India's top cueist Pankaj Advani won all of his group matches to reach the knockout round. Last month, after defeating fellow countryman Sourav Kothari in the billiards final of the Global Championships in Kuala Lumpur, he had won his 25th world championship. Advani overcame local player Abdurrahman Yilmaz in group K's opening match with two breaks of 64 and 51 in the second and third frames, respectively, to win 3-0 (62-2, 117-8, 75-15). The Indian defeated Ahmed Samir of Egypt 3-0 (57-23, 80-34, 61-22) in the second game after scoring a break of 62 in the second frame. The Dutchman Marko Reijers was the opponent in his third game. Advani limited Marko to single-digit scoring despite there being no break to win 3-0 (73-01, 78-03, 66-01).



IN THE RING

BRONZE FOR GOVIND KUMAR, SUMIT AT ASIAN BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sumit and Govind Kumar Sahani, the 2022 Thailand Open champion team, were defeated in their semifinal matches at the 2022 ASBC Asian Elite Boxing Championships in Amman, Jordan. They will take the bronze medals home with them. Govind faced off Sanzhar Tashkenbay of Kazakhstan in the 48 kg category. The boxer from Gorakhpur suffered a 0-4 loss at the hands of his gold-medal-winning Kazakh opponent at the 2021 Youth World Championship. Despite his best efforts, Sumit (75 kg) was unable to gain the upper hand in his showdown with the incumbent Asian Champion Jafarov Said Jamshid of Uzbekistan and ultimately lost 0-5 by unanimous decision.



IT'S A LANDMARK!

INDIA'S VIRAT KOHLI BECOMES 1ST TO CROSS 4K-RUN MARK IN T20IS

Scripting history, India's Virat Kohli became the first batter in world cricket to cross the 4,000-run mark in T20Is. He made the record during the T20 World Cup semi-final match against England at the Adelaide Oval. When India chose to bat first, it witnessed early blows by losing the wickets of KL Rahul and Rohit Sharma. It was at this moment when Kohli put his best foot forward and steadied the ship. Along the way, he went past the 4,000-run mark.

He had come out to bat in the second over after India lost KL Rahul's wicket to Chris Woakes. Kohli played a knock of 50 runs against England in the semi-final. His innings was ended by Adil Rashid in the 18th over. The right-handed batsman is the leading run-scorer in men's T20Is, followed by Rohit Sharma with a tally of 3,853 runs. During the tournament, he churned out three memorable knocks, including a magi-

cal 82* against Pakistan. He has also made half-centuries against the Netherlands and Bangladesh in the same tournament.

India was in a critical situation when Pakistan reduced them to 31/4 while chasing 160 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. But, there again, Kohli had steered the chase with an outstanding knock of 82* from just 53 deliveries. According to reports, Kohli had said that it was a great honour for him to have been voted the ICC Men's Player of the Month for October. "I want to pay tribute to the other nominees who performed so well during the month and also to my teammates, who continue to support me to perform to the best of my ability," he reportedly added.



IN A FIRST

KABADDI WORLD CUP TO MOVE OUT OF ASIA

Over the years, the Indian men's Kabaddi team has dominated the game of Kabaddi, winning nine of the ten World Cups that the International Kabaddi Federation has primarily hosted in Asia (IKF). But, there's a bit of a change. The Kabaddi world cup will be hosted outside Asia for the first time. At least 16 teams (men and women), including ones from Pakistan, Iran, and India, will compete in the tournament, which is being organised by England Kabaddi, Scottish Kabaddi, and the British Kabaddi League. It will take place in the West Midlands in the first quarter of 2025. In 2003, the World Kabaddi Federation was established.



HOST COUNTRY

INDIA TO HOST WOMEN'S WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 2023

India has been selected as the host nation for the 2023 IBA Women's World Boxing Championship. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the International Boxing Association (IBA) and the Boxing Federation of India (BFI). A groundbreaking bout review system will be implemented at the Championships by the BFI and IBA. The competition's overall prize money would be around INR 19.50 crore (\$2.4 million), while gold medalists will receive about INR 81 lakh (\$100,000).



VIOLATION OF ETHICS

Italian Swimming Federation president banned for 2 years

The independent ethics tribunal of FINA, which cited violations of the organization's constitution and code of ethics, suspended Paolo Barelli, the president of the Italian Swimming Federation (FIN), for a period of two years on Tuesday. Barelli had already received a provisional ban from FINA, the world's governing organisation for swimming, in September. An inquiry for comment was not immediately answered by the Italian federation. FIN claimed 495,587.22 euros in expenditures from the Italian Olympic committee, "despite these previously having been reimbursed by the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance," according to claims of fraud that its ethics commission looked into.



REWARD BOOST

RECORD PRIZE POOL ANNOUNCED FOR 2023 MEN'S WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2023 men's world championships, which will be held in Tashkent in May, will pay medalists record prize money, according to IBA president Umar Kremlev. The major competition's prize pool will be triple from the previous edition. For the first time, the competition will include a record prize pool of USD 5.2 million.