

DAVIS CUP

FELIX AUGER-ALIASSIME, DENIS SHAPOVALOV GIVE CANADA ITS FIRST TITLE

Canada won its first Davis Cup title, beating Australia. Thanks to victories by Denis Shapovalov and Felix Auger-Aliassime, the country could bag its first title. Felix Auger-Aliassime won by beating Alex de Minaur 6-3, 6-4 after Denis Shapovalov opened the day beating Thanasi Kokkinakis 6-2, 6-4. Seven years after leading Canada to the pinnacle of junior tennis, Auger-Aliassime, Shapovalov and their teammates have finally lifted the biggest team trophy in their sport.



HONOUR FOR TABLE TENNIS PLAYER

ACHANTA SHARATH KAMAL RECEIVES INDIA'S KHEL RATNA

Indian table tennis player Achanta Sharath Kamal was presented with Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna by President of India, Draupadi Murmu. It is the country's highest sporting honour. The award was presented during National Sports Awards Ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. While Sharath was the only recipient of the Khel Ratna award, 25 athletes, including shuttlers Lakshya Sen, HS Prannoy, boxer Nikhat Zareen, track and field athletes Eldhose Paul and Avinash Sable received the Arjuna award.



PRO-KABADDI LEAGUE

PARDEEP NARWAL ANCHORS UP YODDHAS **TO WIN OVER BENGAL WARRIORS**

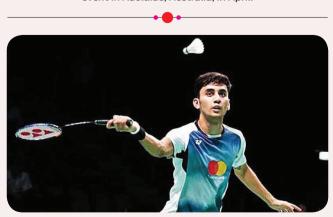
UP Yoddhas have put themselves in a great position to qualify for the playoffs after beating the Bengal Warriors 33-32 in the Pro Kabaddi Tournament of India. Team UP is currently in third place with 60 points from 18 matches. Yoddhas were comfortably leading for most of the game, but the Warriors fought admirably in the final minutes and nearly claimed victory.



LIV GOLF SERIES

2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS ANNOUNCED

The Saudi-backed LIV Golf Series has announced three new venues for its 14-event tour in 2023. Tournaments will be held in Mexico, Singapore and Spain. The circuit, which finished its first season last month, will play at Mayakoba's El Camaleon Golf Course in February, Singapore's Sentosa Golf Club in April and Spain's Real Club Valderrama in June. LIV Golf, which is funded by oil-rich Saudi Arabia's giant Public Investment Fund (PIF), had announced an event in Adelaide, Australia, in April.



AGE FRAUD CHARGES

FIR FILED AGAINST INDIAN SHUTTLER

Star badminton player Lakshya Sen was the subject of a First Information Report (FIR) for age fraud that was submitted in Bengaluru. The Indian Penal Code charges Lakshya, his mother Nirmala, father Dhirendra Kumar, brother Chirag, and instructor U Vimal Kumar with cheating (Section 420), forgery (468), using a counterfeit document as genuine (471) and crimes committed by multiple people with a common aim (34) (IPC). Since 2010, the complainant claims that the Sen family and Kumar allegedly faked Lakshya and Chirag's birth certificates so that they could compete in age-category badminton events.



he group matches of the FIFA World Cup 2022 have concluded. It's now time for the round of 16 stage. In the first phase, eight groups were created out of the 32 participating teams. They spanned from Group A to Group H. As per the tournament norms, the top two teams from each group will qualify for the FIFA World Cup 2022 Round of 16. This marks the beginning of the knockout stages. It features a single-headed round robin format. France, the defending champions, became the first team to reach the Round of 16 after winning both their group matches. They defeated Australia 4-1. Les Bleus defeated Denmark.

The Netherlands' campaign has emerged as the highly rated team from Group A, making its place in the round of 16. Thanks to the efforts of Cody Gakpo, Netherlands gained success in the initial

The winner of Group B, England, won the top spot in group. It has two victories and a draw to its credit. Next, Christian Pulisic's goal in the key championship match against Iran has been of immense help top the USA men's football team, which

has also progressed to the next level. Brazil won its opening two games to qualify for the next stage. The success came to Brazil despite the team playing without its star player Neymar, who is out due to injury. After defeating Ghana 3-2 and Uruguay 3-2, Portugal—spearheaded to success by Cristiano Ronaldo—has also progressed from Group G. Lionel Messi-led Argentina recovered from a shocking loss to Saudi Arabia and managed to move ahead from Group C. Poland came in second place in Group C. It managed to hold off a serious challenge from Mexico.

IT'S THE END **OF GROUP MATCHES AND TIME FOR THE KNOCKOUTS** IN ROUND OF 16 STAGE

	EAMS QUALIFIED F	
16 OF FIFA WORLD CUP 2022		
	TEAMS QUALIFIED (1ST POSITION)	TEAMS QUALIFIER (2ND POSITION)
Α	Netherlands	Senegal
В	England	USA
C	Argentina	Poland
D	France	Australia
E	Japan	Spain
F	Morocco	Croatia
G	Brazil	Switzerland
Н	Portugal	South Korea





FIFA WORLD CUP 2022 ROUND OF 16 SCHEDULE Match: Group A 1st (Netherlands) vs Group B 2nd (USA)

Match: Group C 1st (Argentina) vs Group D 2nd (Australia)

Match: Group E 1st (Japan) vs Group F 2nd (Croatia)

Match: Group G 1st (Brazil) vs Group H 2nd (South Korea)

Group B 1st (England) vs Group A 2nd (Senegal) Match:

Match: Group D 1st (France) vs Group C 2nd (Poland)

Group F 1st (Morocco) vs Group E 2nd (Spain) Match: Match: Group H 1st (Portugal) vs Group G 2nd (Switzerland)





Italian cyclist Rebellin no more Italian cyclist Davide Rebellin, 51, passed away after being struck by a truck while training close to Vicenza, according to local media. Rebellin won the Amstel Gold Race, La Fleche Wallonne, and Liege-Bastogne-Liege in a successful 2004 season. According to the local newspaper Il Gazzettino, the incident occurred at Montebello Vicentino just before midday. Rebellin, who also won an individual stage in the 1996 Giro d'Italia, died on the spot. Following a retroactive drug test, Rebellin was required to return his silver medal in the road race from the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, and he resigned from professional cycling earlier this year.



BADMINTON

Shuttler Unnati enters the quaterfinals of **Badminton Asia Junior Championships**

Rising Indian shuttler Unnati Hooda made it to the U-17 women's singles quarterfinals at the Badminton Asia U-17 and U-15 Junior Championships 2022. She had a comfortable victory in Nonthaburi, Thailand. The Odisha Open champion beat 14th seed Nutchavee Sittiteeranan of Thailand 21-11, 21-19 in the round of 16. Unnati started the match confidently and easily pocketed the first set, but was pushed hard in the second. But the junior shuttler showed a knack for keeping her cool in the 18-18 match, completing sets and ultimately playing to her advantage.