



Thrills and spills: On a day of high drama, England emerged on top of the world, riding on moments like (from top right) the fortuitous overthrow four, deflecting off Ben Stokes' bat, Boult stepping over the boundary after taking a catch off Stokes and Jos Buttler catching Martin Guptill short in the final ball of the Super Over. • REUTERS, AFP & AP



Ecstasy for England, agony for New Zealand in a humdinger

After 102 overs of intense cricket at Lord's, it boils down to boundaries after the match and Super Over are tied



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This wasn't a final for the faint-hearted. It was the kind that threatened nails, fastened hearts and quadrupled pure pressure and left both players and fans gob-smacked.

New Zealand scored 241 for eight, England, after thriving on Ben Stokes (84 n.o.), was bowled out for 241. The World Cup's summit clash was tied and a super-over was needed to break the stalemate at Lord's.

The mad over

As a tense Sunday evening waned, England scored 15 with Stokes and Jos Buttler having a biff against Trent Boult. And guess what? New Zealand replied with 15 too, with James Neesham clouting a six off Jofra Archer in a mad over that ended once Martin Guptill got run-out while going for the winning run. Yet, England prevailed as it had more boundaries (26) than what New Zealand (17) scored through the pulsating contest.

England champions, New Zealand runners-up by a hair's breadth. This was a

game for the ages, it was a glorious amalgamation of thrills, heart-break and tears, both from joy and soul-numbing grief.

In the afternoon, on a pitch that wasn't a feathered, England needed its powerful openers Jason Roy and Jonny Bairstow to lay the base. Nervous energy rippled as of his very first ball, Boult rapped Roy's pad. The lbw claim never materialised, but Boult and Matt Henry kept luring tentative willows. One such endeavour from Henry forced Roy to nibble and England lost its marauder.

Bairstow, though, had the measure of Boult and Colin de Grandhomme dropped the burly opener on 18, failing to latch onto a stinging chance in his follow-through. The seamer, however, made amends in an oblique way by finding the edge of Joe Root's bat. Bairstow soldiered on until he chopped Lockie Ferguson onto his stumps.

England moved to 73 for three in 20 overs and it's captain Eoin Morgan kept dancing down to unsettle the bowlers. Something had to crack and it did when Morgan tried to pound James Neesham on the off-side. Ferguson ran in from sweeper cover, his eyes like those of a big cat's, firmly on the prey. The ball dipped, Ferguson leapt forward and caught inches off the grass.

New Zealand was a wee-bit ahead when Buttler joined forces with Stokes. Buttler (59) stayed calm, guided Stokes and a partnership

struck roots. The duo played percentage cricket, defending well, striking hard when the opportunity arose and at times the umpires were threatened with decapitation as some shots whizzed across quivering hats.

Score-board pressure

It boiled down to 72 from 10 overs and Buttler with his scoops and stunning square-drives was in ominous form. But big games inflict bigger score-board pressure and in trying to free his arm against Ferguson (three for 50), Buttler couldn't hoodwink Tim Southee on the fence. The 110-run (133b) fifth-wicket

partnership had concluded but Stokes had other ideas. He picked his spots on the mid-wicket fence and it trickled to 15 from the last six.

Boult steamed in, Stokes not trusting a wilting tail, played two dot balls, the third he smote for six, the next he got a bonus six (ran two and an over-thrown four), off the fifth ball Adil Rashid was run out but a run was eked and the final yardstick was two from one. Stokes creamed it to long-off, Neesham fielded, rifled in a throw and Mark Wood was left stranded. By then one run was completed. The scores level at 241 and it was

time for a super over.

Delayed start

Earlier, the day stirred awake to a drizzle's whisper and inside the ground, Kane Williamson opted to bat and after a 15-minute delayed start, Guptill attempted a mighty swipe off a wide bowled by Chris Woakes.

Guptill soon punched a four off Woakes, survived a few close-calls and slashed and drilled for a six and four off Archer. However, Woakes (three for 37) nailed Guptill plumb in front and a needless review was taken and lost. Next man Williamson gingerly settled while there

was swing in the air. While Williamson tided past muffled lbw appeals, Henry Nicholls (55) flicked and pulled Liam Plunkett and a 74-run second-wicket partnership took shape. Just as stability seeped in, Plunkett (three for 42) prised out Williamson and Nicholls.

At 118 for three in the 27th over, New Zealand needed Ross Taylor to drop anchor and he nearly did until Mark Wood secured an lbw.

Later, it came to light that

the ball was missing the citadel but with Guptill having wasted a review, no life-line existed.

Morgan's men choked their rivals in a 15-over phase and southpaws Neesham and Tom Latham (47) broke the dry spell while Stokes and Plunkett felt the heat. The last-named scalped Neesham

and as the innings ebbed away, the highlights were Archer's three wides, Latham's six off Wood and three dismissals but New Zealand seemed to have had just about enough to test the home team. It did, just that the climax was a tie which underwent a metamorphosis through the super over.

STAT SPHERE

1 Wood's 154 kph delivery in the final is the joint fastest bowled in this WC along with Starc and Archer

1 Woakes bowled England's first, and only, no ball in this edition, in the final against New Zealand

57 ODI wickets taken by Plunkett since April 2015 when he has bowled between overs 11-40, the highest by a bowler. Pakistan's Hasan Ali is second with 46

74 The association between Nicholls and Williamson, NZ's highest stand for the second wicket in this WC, beating its previous best by the same pair (68 vs India)

2.50 de Grandhomme's economy rate in the final (two for 25 in 10 overs) is the second best since Derek Pringle (2.20) in 1992 (full quota of 10 overs). It is also the second best in a final against England after Michael Holding (2.00 in 1979)

3 Consecutive maidens bowled by New Zealand against England (overs 10-12) in the final. No team in CWC 2019 managed to bowl three in an entire innings against England!

4 Buttler is the fourth keeper after Gilchrist, Sangakkara and Dhoni to score a half-century in a final England!

8 Wickets taken by Henry in the first PowerPlay (overs 1-10), the highest in this WC

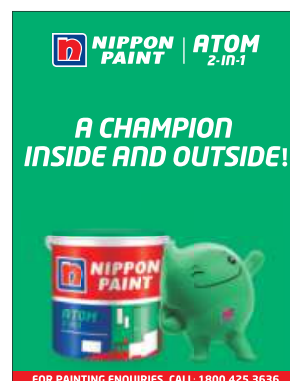
13 Number of wickets taken by Ferguson between overs 11-40, the most in this WC. Root has taken the most catches (13, by a fielder) in a tournament

20 Archer's wicket tally, the most in a WC campaign by an England bowler

34 Plunkett, at 34y 99d, is the oldest to take three or more wickets in a final, beating Pringle's record (33y 189d)

England is the sixth country to lift the World Cup after Australia (5), West Indies (2), India (2), Pakistan (1) and Sri Lanka (1)

578 Runs scored by Williamson, the most by a captain in a single edition



SCOREBOARD ENGLAND VS NEW ZEALAND

NEW ZEALAND
Martin Guptill lbw b Woakes 19 (18b, 2x4, 1x6), Henry Nicholls b Plunkett 55 (77b, 4x4), Kane Williamson c Buttler b Plunkett 30 (53b, 2x4), Ross Taylor lbw b Wood 15 (31b), Tom Latham c sub (Vince) b Woakes 47 (56b, 2x4, 1x6), James Neesham c Root b Plunkett 19 (25b, 3x4), Colin de Grandhomme c (sub) Vince b Woakes 16 (28b), Mitchell Santner (not out) 5 (9b), Matt Henry b Archer 4 (2b, 1x4), Trent Boult (not out) 1 (2b); Extras (lb-12, w-17, nb-1): 30; Total (for eight wkts. in 50 overs): 241.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-29 (Guptill, 6.2 overs), 2-103 (Williamson, 22.4), 3-118 (Nicholls, 26.5), 4-141 (Taylor, 33.1), 5-173 (Neesham, 38.6), 6-219 (de Grandhomme, 46.5), 7-232 (Latham, 48.3), 8-240 (Henry, 49.3).

ENGLAND BOWLING
Chris Woakes 9-0-37-3, Jofra Archer 10-0-42-1, Liam Plunkett 10-0-42-3, Mark Wood 10-1-49-1, Adil Rashid 8-0-39-0, Ben Stokes 3-0-20-0.

ENGLAND
Jason Roy c Latham b Henry 17 (20b, 3x4), Jonny Bairstow b Ferguson 36 (55b, 7x4), Joe

Root c Latham b de Grandhomme 7 (30b), Eoin Morgan c Ferguson b Neesham 9 (22b), Ben Stokes (not out) 84 (98b, 5x4, 2x6), Jos Buttler c (sub) Southee b Ferguson 59 (60b, 6x4), Chris Woakes c Latham b Ferguson 2 (4b), Liam Plunkett c Boult b Neesham 10 (10b, 1x4), Jofra Archer b Neesham 0 (1b), Adil Rashid (run out) 0 (0b), Mark Wood (run out) 0 (0b); Extras (b-2, lb-3, w-12): 17; Total (in 50 overs): 241.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-28 (Roy, 5.4 overs), 2-59 (Root, 16.3), 3-71 (Bairstow, 19.3), 4-86 (Morgan, 23.1), 5-196 (Buttler, 44.5), 6-203 (Woakes, 46.1), 7-220 (Plunkett, 48.3), 8-227 (Archer, 48.6), 9-240 (Rashid, 49.5).

NEW ZEALAND BOWLING
Trent Boult 10-0-67-0, Matt Henry 10-2-40-1, Colin de Grandhomme 10-2-25-1, Lockie Ferguson 10-0-50-3, James Neesham 7-0-43-3, Mitchell Santner 3-0-11-0.

Toss: New Zealand.

Man-of-the-Match: Stokes.

Player-of-the-tournament: Williamson.

INNINGS SCAN

NZ	ENG
1	Maidens 4
14	Fours 22
2	Sixes 2
74 (2nd)	Best stand 110 (5th)
4.82	RR 4.82

PROGRESSION

NZ	10 overs	ENG
33/1	10 overs	39/1
91/1	20 overs	73/3
126/3	30 overs	115/4
179/5	40 overs	170/4
241/8	50 overs	241/10

TOP SHOWS

For	Batting	Bowling
New Zealand	Nicholls 55 (77, 4x4)	Neesham 3/43 (7) Ferguson 3/50 (10)
England	Stokes 84* (98b, 5x4, 2x6)	Woakes 3/37 (9) Plunkett 3/42 (10)

Final over of England's chase (Target 15)

1	2	3	4	5	6
0	0	6	6	1+W	1+W

Super Over

ENG	Ball Number	NZ
3	1	1wd+2
1	2	6
4	3	2
1	4	2
2	5	1
4	6	1+W
15	Total	15

Batsmen: Stokes and Buttler
Bowler: Boult

Batsmen: Neesham and Guptill
Bowler: Archer

Note: If the scores are tied even after the Super Over (SO), the team which had scored more boundaries (fours and sixes put together in their innings and Super Over) will be the winner. England scored 26 (22x4, 2x6, and 2x4 in SO) compared to New Zealand's 17 (14x4, 2x6, and 1x6 in SO)

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Djokovic leaves Federer heart-broken after epic finale

The Swiss squanders two match points on his serve in the fifth set, loses for the third time to the Serbian in a summit clash at SW19



Baby, you're mine: Novak Djokovic cradles the coveted trophy after his fantastic victory over Roger Federer. • REUTERS



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Novak Djokovic, despite having been a four-time champion, has never quite felt loved at Wimbledon. All he had earned was grudging admiration. On Sunday, he gave the crowd at SW19, and the world at large, another chance to reassess that relationship with a performance for the ages to defeat eight-time winner Roger Federer 7-6(5), 1-6, 7-6(4), 4-6, 13-12(3) and clinch his fifth crown and 16th Major overall.

In the battle of wills that lasted four hours and 55 minutes, Djokovic rose from the dead during the nearly two-hour final set, saving two match points with Federer serving at 8-7. The first was a great forehand pass while the second was a Federer error off a deep Djokovic forehand.

Then at 11-11, he fended off two break points – the second with a daring charge to the net – to drag the set to the newly introduced fifth-set tiebreaker. Once there, it seemed like familiar territory, for he had won the two earlier tiebreakers, as he scampered home losing just three points.

Line of the evening

Djokovic may have edged the on-court duel, but Federer had the line of the evening. “We will never forget this match,” he was told. “I would try and forget,” he replied. For Federer, the defeat will surely hurt. For the first four sets, the Swiss was clearly the better player. Yet, he was magnanimous in his praise for Djokovic.

“I had my chances. So did he,” he said. “I am very happy with the level of my performance. Novak... Congrats man. That was crazy! Now it's back to being a dad and husband. It's all good.”

It was, however, a match Djokovic should have wrapped up long before when he had broken to 4-2 in the fifth set. But Federer clawed his way back to 4-4 and kept up the pressure throughout. Once he had lost the opportunity to serve it out at 8-7 though, there was a sense of inevitability about the tie-break.

Cat and mouse

Earlier in the afternoon, the first set was cat-and-mouse. Federer was brave, hitting ever so closer to the lines, especially on Djokovic's backhand side, to take the ball well beyond the Serb's strike-zone. Whenever under duress though, Djokovic came



Taste of success: Djokovic takes his customary sampling of the grass from the hallowed turf. • CLIVE BRUNSKILL/GETTY IMAGES



Despondent: Roger Federer ponders on what could have been. • MATTHIAS HANGST/GETTY IMAGES

Match stats		
Djokovic		Federer
10	Aces	25
9	Double faults	6
62	First serve %	63
24/38	Net points won	51/65
3/8	Break points	7/13
54	Winners	94
52	Unforced errors	62
204	Total points won	218

I think that if this is not the most exciting final then it's definitely in the top two or three of my career against one of the greatest players of all time

DJOKOVIC

up with some clutch serving. It required a tie-break to settle the opening set and Federer, who until then had shaded the tennis, cracked first, missing two uncharacteristic forehands. But the Swiss was quick to shed the lethargy. He went 5-3 up and with a serve still in the bag, it was his to lose. But the 37-year-old pulled two forehands wide, on both occasions trying to find the extreme angle.

An unforced error gave Djokovic the first shy at the set and he duly forced a

Novak's nerves of steel

- Djokovic has beaten Federer in every third set tie-breaker the two have been involved in (Montreal 2007, Australian Open 2008, Indian Wells 2014, Wimbledon 2014, French Open 2018 and Wimbledon 2019)
- Federer has now lost nine Grand Slam finals after being 1-2 down in sets. Djokovic now has an 8-0 win-loss record in Slam finals after being 2-1 up
- Federer vs Djokovic is the longest Wimbledon final (four hours 57 minutes). It had 422 points, 68 games and 35 aces
- It is the first summit clash at SW19 to be decided on a tie-break after being 12-12 in the fifth set
- The last four Slam finals to go to the decider have all featured Federer (Wimbledon 2014 vs Djokovic, Australian

- Open 2017 vs Nadal, Australian Open 2018 vs Cilic and Wimbledon 2019 vs Djokovic)
- Djokovic's win extends the streak of Slam titles won by men's players aged 30-plus to 12. The previous longest streak was 4 when Rod Laver won all 4 Grand Slams in 1969
- The Serbian is the first man to win a Wimbledon final after being down match points since 1948 when Bob Falkenburg saved three match points to beat John Bromwich
- This is the third time Djokovic has saved match points to upstage Federer in a Grand Slam (2010 and 2011 US Open semifinals and 2019 Wimbledon final)

backhand error to clinch it. **Switching off** The defending champion, however, switched off completely in the second, going down two breaks to lose 6-1. Djokovic took a break, as if to clear his thoughts. He didn't necessarily come out with a spring in his step, but composed himself enough to arrest the slide. The contest was reset and for the first eight games of the third set Djokovic and Federer seemed like two boxers feeling out each other in

the opening rounds of a heavyweight bout. In the ninth, however, the level lifted. Federer earned a set point with a majestic pick-up volley, which could have left the great John McEnroe teary eyed. The crowd erupted, but by the time they settled Djokovic had fought his way back in and eventually took the set in a tie-break. Play in the fourth vacillated before Federer broke in fifth and seventh games. Djokovic got one break back but Federer held on to drag it to a fifth. But it was not his day.

There is no stopping Vijender Singh

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEWARK



Vijender Singh. • FILE PHOTO: DAVE THOMPSON/GETTY IMAGES

Indian boxing star Vijender Singh remained an unstoppable force, clinching a Technical Knockout over the more experienced Mike Snider on his debut on the US professional circuit here on Saturday.

In what was to be an eight-round super middleweight contest, the 33-year-old from Haryana prevailed in four rounds for his 11th consecutive victory on the circuit.

Winning debut

“It was excellent getting back in the ring after a long time off. It's great to be here in the USA and to get the win. It was really exciting. I am really happy for my winning debut in USA,” Vijender said.

The triumph came in the second minute of the fourth round when Vijender cornered Snider with a flurry of straight punches, prompting the referee to stop the bout in the Indian's favour.

“It took me about four rounds to get back in the swing of things. I expected it to take two or three rounds, but it took me four. I felt good,” said Vijender.

This was Vijender's eighth knockout overall.

The 38-year-old Snider was flailing his arms without any significant force in his punches for most of the bout. Vijender, on the other hand, was sharp as ever despite fighting his first bout in more than a year.

The Indian never looked threatened by the local favourite and thwarted his feeble attacks quite easily. Snider came into the fight with a 13-5-3 record.

Vijender would be aiming to compete in two more fights this year after signing up with Hall of Famer Bob Arum's Top Rank Promotions.

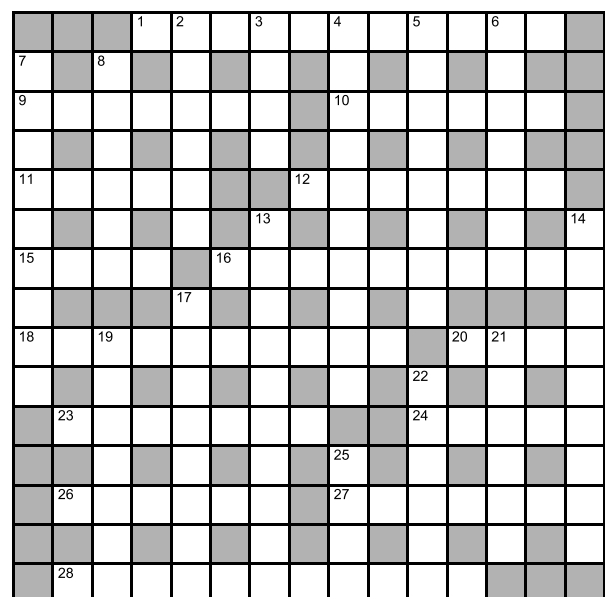
“Top Rank has a bigger plan for me, and whatever they say is next, I'm fine with it,” Vijender said.

Vijender's British trainer Lee Beard too lauded his commitment.

Good fighter

Commenting on his defeat, Snider said, “Vijender is a good boxer and I believe I underestimated his experience and technique. It was his day and he won. I had never thought that I would lose in early rounds.”

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ACROSS

- Contestant to trip captain perversely (11)
- Substance belongs to me? Really odd! (7)
- Coats for decapitated actors (6)
- Antelope begins new year amidst lazy asses (5)

- Fall out, quarrel with bird (7)
- Encounter, on return, swarm (4)
- Glow strangely since dance (10)
- At a loss due to unsold pens? Dreadful! (10)
- Olive Ridley somewhat inactive (4)
- Mind accepts levy in United Kingdom (7)
- Neckwear worn at English racecourse (5)
- Disguised at first, nun leaves disunited (6)
- Unbounded lacy hair of thespian (7)
- In a riot, saddled king escaping (11)

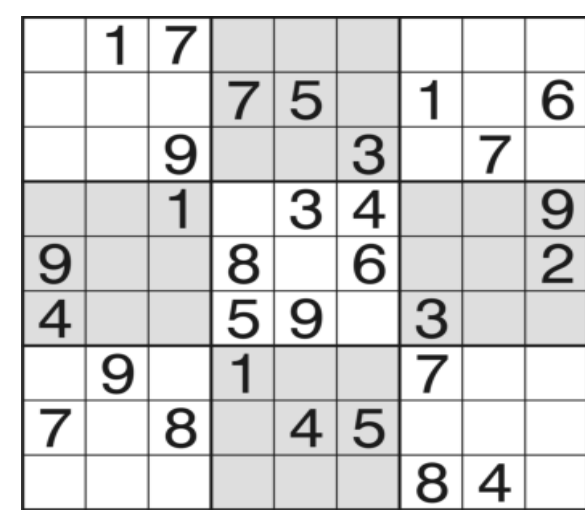
DOWN

- Sailor trio, regular, now overseas (6)
- Charge for ring (4)

(set by Anon)

- Special hat destroyed in kingdoms (10)
- Talk back to, somehow drag Oriental of rank (8)
- Limits direction of darts (7)
- Discharging man in dining (9)
- Convict, dear, loses sex appeal on return (6)
- Singlehandedly, doctor sustains regular lead (10)
- Negativist freethinker without accomplishment (9)
- Apartment supervisor has fish (8)
- Part-Nordic people at US city (7)
- Shorten alien's schedule (6)
- Tycoon introduces tea into farmyard (6)
- Initially retreating from fight? Yell! (4)

SUDOKU



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

DESCRIPTION	SCHEMA	9 1 6 7 8 2 4 5 3
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K E G H A T E P	8 3 7 9 2 6 5 4 1	
O R G A N D I S M I S S A L	1 4 5 8 3 7 9 2 6	
N U G G E D E Q U I N O X	6 9 2 1 5 4 8 3 7	
J R E E L S W E R V E	2 8 9 4 7 1 3 6 5	
O R D I N A L D I A R I E	5 6 1 3 9 8 2 7 4	
Y U E T A E	4 7 3 2 6 5 1 9 8	
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I N S T E P I N V E N T O R		
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K A R A T E D E A D L I N E		

FAITH

Preceptor and Protector

A true preceptor illumines the disciple with the truths of life and death and of the purpose of human existence. Who better than the Lord incarnate to transform each spiritual seeker from a 'listener' of the eternal Truth He expounds to a 'seer' in whom the goal becomes clear? Krishna as the Jagad-guru clearly shows that the objective of spiritual quest is to seek Him and the greatest wonder is that He alone can guide the seeker successfully to reach the goal, pointed out Srimati Prema Pandurang in a discourse.

His incarnations are for establishing dharma, protecting the good and for vanquishing evil. Interpreters have explored the far reaching implications of the famous Gita verse 'Ananayas chintayanto mam,' as the Lord's reassurance of His responsibility to be always with every one who seeks refuge in Him. The term 'Yoga Kshemam' in this verse is shown to signify that He grants all the daily needs of His devotees and also firmly sustains what is granted. The story of a poor couple who trust God for their living is often quoted to illustrate the subtle ways by which God reveals and fulfills His role as protector. The husband is inspired by this verse which he chants daily with great fervour, believing implicitly that his family is sustained by God alone. But once the family goes hungry and unable to bear the taunts of his wife he goes to the river bank and in a fit of disappointment and rage, scratches away this verse from the book with a sharp nail. In the meanwhile, food is brought to the family by a young man who claims that He is a servant of her husband. When the grateful wife wishes to know His name, He merely puts out his tongue that is badly bruised. On coming to know of the truth, the husband is ashamed of his lack of faith.

TV PICKS

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IN BRIEF



Neymar says he is almost fully fit

SAO PAULO
Neymar says he has recovered "almost 100 percent" from the ankle injury that ruled him out of Brazil's victorious Copa America campaign. The world's most expensive player was speaking here on Saturday ahead of his belated return to Paris Saint-Germain on Monday. PSG was upset at Neymar's no-show at the resumption of training last week, an absence that fuelled speculation of his possible return to Barcelona. But both the player and his father had insisted he had prior agreement from PSG to stay in Brazil to help his foundation, the Neymar Institute. AFP

Impey wins ninth stage, Alaphilippe still in lead

BRIOUDE
South African Daryl Impey of the Mitchelton-Scott team won stage nine of the Tour de France on Sunday as the home fans had to settle for Julian Alaphilippe staying in the yellow jersey on Bastille Day. The Frenchman kept hold of the overall lead while Thibaut Pinot, defending champion Geraint Thomas and the big guns all finished together around 16 minutes behind a mass breakaway. AFP

Sourabh also bows out of US Open

FULLERTON (USA)
India's campaign at the US Open badminton tournament ended after Sourabh Verma lost his men's singles semifinal match to Tanongsak Saensomboonsuk of Thailand 21-9, 21-18 here on Saturday. Sourabh struggled in the first game but put up a tough fight in the second. Other Indians in the fray — P. Kashyap, H.S. Prannoy, Ajay Jayaram and Lakshya Sen — had bowed out earlier. PTI

Ankita finishes runner-up in doubles

VERSMOOLD (GERMANY)
Ankita Raina and Bibiane Schoofs of the Netherlands were beaten 0-6, 6-3, [10-8] by Amina Anshba and Anastasia Detiuc in the doubles final of the \$60,000 ITF women's tennis tournament here on Sunday. The Indo-Dutch pair had beaten Serbia's Natalija Kostic & USA's Chiara Scholl 6-2, 6-0 in the semifinal.



LA Lakers unveils Anthony Davis

LOS ANGELES
Los Angeles Lakers is capable of challenging for the NBA championship next season, said six-time All-Star Anthony Davis as he was formally unveiled on Saturday. The 26-year-old superstar is set to form a potent strikeforce alongside LeBron James after joining Lakers following a blockbuster trade deal with New Orleans Pelicans last month. Davis believes Lakers can make an instant impression as they attempt to re-establish the team as a force in the NBA. Lakers general manager Rob Pelinka said Davis' acquisition could be a "history-shifting" chapter for the franchise. AFP

India u-19 to play Oman, Jordan

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI
The Indian under-19 football team will play against Jordan and Oman national U-19 sides during an exposure tour to Turkey in preparation for the AFC U-19 Championship Qualifiers later this year. India U-19 will face Oman U-19 and Jordan U-19 and also play a friendly against local club Kocaelispor between July 19 and 27.

No place like home for Hamilton!

Streaks to a record-breaking sixth win as Mercedes notches up another 1-2 finish

BRITISH GP

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE SILVERSTONE

Lewis Hamilton made the most of a favourable safety car intervention on Sunday to claim a record sixth British Grand Prix victory at a packed Silverstone.

The defending five-time World champion clocking fastest lap on his final lap to finish 25 seconds clear of Mercedes teammate and nearest title-rival Valtteri Bottas after an action-packed contest.

The Briton moved 39 points clear of the Finn behind in the title race, but Bottas was unlucky with the timing of the safety car which effectively gave Hamilton a free pit stop.

Unlucky Verstappen

Charles Leclerc of Ferrari was third. Pierre Gasly finished fourth ahead of his Red Bull teammate Max Verstappen, whose race was compromised by a late collision when Sebastian Vettel of Ferrari drove into him, and Carlos Sainz of McLaren.

It was Hamilton's seventh win in 10 races this year and the 80th win of his career. He had shared the British Grand Prix record of wins, on five, with fellow-Briton Jim Clark and Frenchman Alain Prost.

Daniel Ricciardo was seventh for Renault ahead of Kimi Raikkonen of Alfa Ro-



Cashing in: Lewis Hamilton made good of a fortuitous pit stop to delight the locals. • REUTERS

meo, Daniil Kvyat and his Toro Rosso teammate Alex Albon. "What a day," said Hamilton. "To all the crowd, thank-you so much for coming out."

Hamilton, who stopped on his slow-down lap to collect a British 'Union Jack' flag, added: "I love you Sil-

verstone. I appreciate everything and the opportunity to be a part of this. I couldn't have done this without these guys or without my team."

A glum Bottas said: "Congrats to Lewis... It wasn't my day." A much happier Leclerc said "It's probably the race I've enjoyed the most in

my career."

The safety car was deployed when Antonio Giovinazzi spun into a gravel trap in his Alfa Romeo — gifting Hamilton a 'free' first, and only, pit stop. The luckless Bottas, on a two stop strategy, had already pitted before the incident.

Williams celebrates a special 50

Former Race Director Charlie Whiting remembered

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE SILVERSTONE

Frank Williams enjoyed another special event to celebrate his 50th year as a Formula One team boss on Sunday when he took part in the drivers' parade ahead of the British Gp.

In a classic MG sports car driven by former Williams driver David Coulthard, Williams joined all of the drivers' taking part in Sunday's race, including defending five-time World champion Lewis Hamilton.

'Hot lap'

Hamilton had been at the wheel on Thursday when he gave the veteran team owner a 'hot lap' of the Silverstone track in a Mercedes high-speed road car, the pair disobeying instructions from Claire Williams, his daughter and deputy team chief, to do only one lap.

Instead, they did two with Williams, 77, admitting it was a thrilling experience that would live long in his memory.

On Sunday morning, however, Hamilton was a passenger during the parade in another classic sports car driven by his father Anthony with his brother Nic in the passenger seat.

The parade was a centrepiece of the build-up



The patriarch: Sir Frank Williams in the Williams garage at Silverstone. • CHARLES COATES/GETTY IMAGES

to the race, started by 12-year-old Justin Whiting, son of the sport's former Race Director Charlie Whiting who died suddenly, aged 66, shortly before this year's season-opening Australian Grand Prix in Melbourne.

Whiting was remembered and his life celebrated on Thursday evening at a ceremony here, where four-time champion Sebastian Vettel delivered an emotional and

poetic speech on behalf of all the drivers.

"In the name of all the current drivers, and for the drivers that worked with you, we finally want to say: You were a true racer. You were our Race Director. You were our guard. You were our friend.

"And you shall stay around because one is alive until the last one forgets about you. We will remember you. Take care, Charlie," Vettel said.

Salahuddin takes the honours with an impressive jump

Inderjeet wins shot put; Indians come up with a rich haul

ATHLETICS

SPORTS BUREAU BISHKEK

A week after producing his personal best (16.64m) at Almaty, Mohammed Salahuddin came up with another big one on Sunday to win the men's triple jump gold at the Tatyana Kolpakova memorial international athletics meet here.

The 25-year-old's 16.53m in the second round brought him an easy gold. The silver went to a Kazakh athlete who measured 15.06m.

Inderjeet Singh, the 2015 Asian champion who had run into doping trouble a year after that, took the shot put gold with 18.67m. He has been in that range for a major part of this year though he has a personal best of 20.65m which came in 2015. Tunlay Narzary won the wo-

men's shot put with 13.83m. Gajanan Mistry (200m, 21.50s) and Mohammed Afsal (800m, 1:51.39s) also won golds while Beant Singh, who had shown a lot of promise a couple of years ago, took a bronze in the two-lapper.

Personal best

Vipin Kasana had a personal best 82.51m as he won the



Mohammed Salahuddin. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

men's javelin gold while Asian and Asian Games shot put champion Tajinderpal Singh Toor produced 20.36m as he finished third at the Kladno international meet in the Czech Republic on Saturday. And Hima Das clocked 23.43m for the women's 200m gold.

The results (Indians only): At Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan): Men, 200m: 1. Gajanan Mistry (21.50s). **800m:** 1. Mohammed Afsal (1:51.39s). 3. Beant Singh (1:52.18). **5,000m:** 2. Ajith (14:46.41s). 3. Rahul (14:49.61). **Triple jump:** 1. Mohammed Salahuddin (16.53m). **Shot put:** 1. Inderjeet Singh (18.67m). **Women, shot put:** 1. Tunlay Narzary (13.83m). **200m:** 2. Revathi (23.54s). **At Kladno (Czech Republic): Men, javelin:** 1. Vipin Kasana (82.51m). 2. Abishek Singh (77.32). 3. Davinder Singh Kang (76.58). **Shot put:** 3. Tajinderpal Singh Toor (20.36m). **Women:** 1. Hima Das (23.43s).

Vinesh grapples to another gold

WRESTLING

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Star India grappler Vinesh Phogat won her second consecutive gold in 53kg, winning the Yasar Dogu International with a commanding victory over Russia's Ekaterina Poleshchuk, here.

The Indian wrestler, who stood atop the podium at Grand Prix of Spain last week, beat her Russian opponent 9-5 in the final of the UWW ranking-series tournament.

Vinesh's was third gold in

the women's competition for India after Seema (50kg) and Manju (59kg) triumphed in their respective categories.

Divya Kakran (68kg), who won a gold in Madrid, and Pooja Dhandra (57kg), who won a silver, did not reach the medal rounds. While Divya could not clear the qualification round, Pooja lost in the quarterfinals. Sakshi Malik, who was making a comeback after a minor injury, did not reach the medal rounds.

In men's freestyle, Rahul Aware (61kg) had clinched his first career ranking-series title with a tactical 4-1 victory over Munir Aktas of Turkey.



Vinesh Phogat. • FILE PHOTO

Utmarsh Kale had won bronze in the same category.

'Maradonas in training, but disappear in games'

Stimac wants to get the balance right

AMITABHA DAS SHARMA AHMEDABAD

India's poor showing in the ongoing Intercontinental Cup has not left coach Igor Stimac disappointed.

Rather, the two matches have helped him figure out the National team for the future. With the 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifiers scheduled in September, the Croatian gaffer is focused on getting the balance right.

"Now it is very clear to me about whom to count on and whom not to consider. Everybody got a chance and not a single player can complain of being left out," said Stimac after the team's loss against DPR Korea.

The coach has tried out 27 players for the King's Cup in Thailand and the Intercontinental Cup. In the course of the two tournaments, nine made their debut.

The thought process

Revealing the thinking behind the exercise, Stimac said, "It was essential to give them minutes on the pitch as it not possible to judge a player properly in training. Some players are (Diego Maradonas in training, but when the games come, they disappear."

"I wouldn't be naming the players, as it is not my way. But you cannot hide the truth and the evidence is there for you to see.

"When I changed the players (after the first session), the new combination started playing, started taking responsibility and start-



Stimac. ed creating chances," said the coach.

Backing youngsters

Stimac is clearly backing the younger crop of players — Anirudh Thapa, Lallianzuala Chhangte, Sahal Abdul Samad, Kuman Udanta Singh — who were second-half substitutes against DPR Korea.

"Of course, it is not possible to keep the shape and go up and down all the time, but I was proud by the way they played. I won't mind losing a game if you play like that," said Stimac, referring to the two second-half goals India scored in the 5-2 reverse.

"I always have the selection of the first team in my mind, but five or six among them are in the post-operation treatment period or are injured," said Stimac.

He revealed that he would love to get the likes of defenders E. Anas, Sandesh Jhingan (who limped off the pitch clutching his left thigh) and attackers like Ashique (Kurunjan) and Jeje (Lalpekhlu) back in the squad in order to get the right balance.

Indian teams off to a bright start

Go to the top of the medals table with four gold, five silver and two bronze

JUNIOR WC

The Indian pistol shooters were bang on target to warm up for the tough challenges ahead, as the team jumped to the top of the medals table with four gold, five silver and two bronze medals on the second day of the Junior World Cup here on Sunday.

Udhayveer Sidhu and Gaurav Rana won the individual gold in the 25-metre standard pistol and the 50-metre free pistol events.

The Indian shooters also won the team gold medals to boost the tally.

In the rifle prone events, however, India was not at its best, except for Kinnori Konar shooting 621.6 for the ninth place in the junior women's section.

Russia and Norway followed India on the medals table with two gold medals each, while China and Thailand were in the fourth and fifth spots with a gold medal each.

In junior men's trap event, Khelo India Youth Games champion Manavadiya Singh Rathore shot 72 following rounds of 25, 22, 25, the third best score behind leader Thomas William Betts (74) of Britain.

Bhowneesh Mendiratta (70), Vishwa Kundu (68), Vivaan Kapoor (65) were the other Indians in the field.

In junior women's trap,

Deepak Punia settled for silver in 86kg after losing the final to Azerbaijan's Aleksandr Gostiyev 2-7. Sumit added to India's tally by winning a bronze in the 125kg.

In the absence of Bajrang Punia, it was Sonba Tanaji Gongane who competed in the 65kg, but lost his bronze medal bout to Turkey's Cengizhan Erdogan by Technical Superiority.

Rajneesh (70kg) and Viky (92kg) too lost their bronze medal bout while Amit Dhankar (74kg) and Styawart Kadiyan (97kg) could not even cross their qualification rounds.

Kirti Gupta shot 68, following rounds of 24, 21 and 23.

Two more rounds will be followed by the final for the top six on the morrow in the trap competition.

The results: Junior men: 50m free pistol: 1. Gaurav Rana 553; 2. Arjun Singh Cheema 551; 3. Ihor Solovoi (Ukr) 550; 4. Vijayveer Sidhu 547; 22. Sachin Bhati 516.

Team: 1. India 1651; 2. Belarus 1610; 3. Russia 1608.

25m standard pistol: 1. Udhayveer Sidhu 575; 2. Adarsh Singh 568; 3. Anish Bhanwala 566; 6. Vijayveer Sidhu 564; 9. Rajkanwar Singh Sandhu 560; 28. Dilshan Kelley 560.

Team: 1. India 1707 WRJ; 2. India-A 1676; 3. Czech Republic 1673.

50m rifle prone: 1. Stefan Wadlegger (Austria) 623.4; 2. Grigorii Shamakov (Russia) 622.8; 3. Zhang Changhong (China) 622.3.

20. Abid Ali Khan 616.1; 24. Harshrajinsihji Gohil 615.3; 54. Fateh Singh Dhillion 606.3.

Team: 1. Germany 1861.7; 2. Norway 1852.5; 3. Austria 1852.3.

Junior women: 50m rifle prone: 1. Jeanette Duestad (Nor) 627.9 WRJ; 2. Sara Karasova (Cze) 627.6; 3. Sheileen Waibel (Austria) 627.2

9. Kinnori Konar 621.6; 23. Bhakti Bhaskar Khambkar 618.1; 27. Ayushi Podder 616.5; 43. Zenab Hussain Bandookwala 612.9; 55. Nischal 610.1; 73. Shirin Godara 603.9.

Team: 1. Norway 1865.5 WRJ; 2. China 1864.2; 3. Czech Republic 1659.1; 8. India-A 1847.5; 14. India 1835.6.