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# Second Slam for Li

AFP, Melbourne



China's Li Na battled past Dominika Cibulkova at the Australian Open Saturday to storm to her second Grand Slam title, giving another huge boost to Asian tennis and earning glowing praise in her home country.

The 31-year-old fourth seed's 7-6 (7/3), 6-0 win crowned her the champion on her third attempt after losing the 2011 and 2013 finals, adding to the French Open title she won three years ago.

In doing so, she became the oldest winner of the women's title, surpassing Margaret Court who was 30 when she became champion in 1973.

The Chinese star also joins an exclusive list of just seven other players to win a Grand Slam at 30-plus, with her name now in the history books alongside greats such as Martina Navratilova, Billie Jean King, Chris Evert and Serena Williams.

While it was Li's fourth Grand Slam final, it was the first for Cibulkova and that crucial experience was put to good use to take out the Slovak after a tight first set lasting 70 minutes.

"I would like to say age is nothing. I can still win a Grand Slam," Li said. "So I'm pretty happy about my age. I got more experience on the court."

## My hubby also now famous

AFP, Melbourne

Li Na had fans roaring with laughter during her Australian Open victory speech Saturday as she thanked her agent for making her rich and gave damningly faint praise to her long-suffering husband.

The Chinese star, who secured her second Grand Slam title in her third Australian Open final, fired out the jokes after overcoming a tense first set to beat Slovakia's Dominika Cibulkova 7-6 (7/3), 6-0.

"To Max my agent, you made me very rich. Thanks a lot," was her first line, directed at agent Max Eisenbud in her players' box.

She also thanked her coach Carlos Rodriguez and her physio before finally turning to her husband Jiang Shan, her former coach and often the butt of her jokes.

"And of course, my husband. He's even famous in China," she said.

"So thanks for him giving up everything, travelling with me to be my hitting partner, fix the drinks and fix my racquets."

## Jadeja earns thrilling tie

AFP, Auckland

Ravindra Jadeja kept India's one-day series against New Zealand alive as the tourists took 17 off the final over to tie an epic third match in the series at Eden Park Saturday.

New Zealand were on the verge of sealing an historic series win over the world champions, after making 314 and then removing the cream of India's batting talent to have the tourists at 184-6 with less than 15 overs remaining.

But Jadeja, who finished unbeaten on 66, and Ravi Ashwin who posted a career-best 65, ensured India stayed in the game.

Between them they put on 85 runs in 55 balls for the seventh wicket.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**  
**NEW ZEALAND:** 314 all out in 50 overs (Guptill 111, Williamson 65, Ronchi 38, Southee 27; Jadeja 2-47, Shami 2-84, Ashwin 1-47)  
**INDIA:** 314 for 9 in 50 overs (Jadeja 66 not out, Ashwin 65, Dhoni 50, Sharma 39, Raina 31, Dhawan 28; Anderson 5-63, Bennett 2-41)  
**Result:** game tied.  
**Toss:** India.  
**Player-of-the-match:** Ravindra Jadeja.

The win pushes her one place higher in the world rankings to three, just 11 points adrift of Victoria Azarenka in second place behind Serena Williams.

It was a gutsy effort by the Chinese star, who overcame the pressure of having lost twice before while bearing the weight of expectation from her homeland of 1.3 billion people.

After her win, the state-run Xinhua news agency led the praise in China for a player affectionately known as "big sister" by her adoring fans.

"Congratulations sister Na!" it said on its Weibo microblog.

Li's 2011 French Open victory, the first Grand Slam win by an Asian player, dramatically raised the profile of tennis in China and she has become the figurehead for a push into Asia by women's tennis.

"Tough," she said when asked to sum up the fortnight at Melbourne Park, where she had to battle searing heat and rally from a match point down in her third round clash with Lucie Safarova.

While the diminutive Cibulkova, nicknamed the "pocket rocket" has been in the best form of her life, Li was always the favourite and the Slovak said it had been a learning curve.

"This has been a fantastic two weeks of my life and I think I'm going to cry," said a tearful Cibulkova, 24, the first person from her country to make a Grand Slam final.



China's Li Na poses with the Australian Open trophy after her victory against Slovakia's Dominika Cibulkova in the women's singles final in Melbourne yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

# Arsenal stroll into last 16 Bayern go 10 clear

AFP, London



Lukas Podolski struck twice as Arsenal eased into the FA Cup fifth round with a comfortable 4-0 victory over League One side Coventry at the Emirates Stadium on Friday.

With 54 league places separating the two clubs, an upset was unlikely and late goals from substitutes Olivier Giroud -- his 13th of the season -- and Santi Cazorla confirmed Arsenal's superiority.

Gunners manager Arsene Wenger had spoken of his determination to add to his haul of four FA Cup successes in the build-up to the game.

Arsenal's last triumph in the competition came in 2005 when they beat Manchester United in the final, the last time the north London club won silverware of note.

And Wenger's intention to avoid any risk of a shock was reflected in his team selection with Germany's Mesut Ozil, the club's record signing, included in a strong starting line-up.

It soon became clear the Premier League leaders would prove too hot to handle for their third tier opponents.

While the Gunners have spent much of the campaign fending off challengers at the head of the top flight, Coventry started the season with a 10-point penalty after falling into administration and forced to play their home games at Northampton Town, 31 miles away.

The way they have overcome the odds to climb to within 10 points off the League One play-offs has drawn praise for the efforts of the players and manager Steven Pressley.

But while this meeting provided the 1987 FA Cup winners with a taste of what life used to be like before the club's decline, it was never going to deliver a place in the next round.

Arsenal dominated from the open-

ing moments, moving the ball around freely and giving a clear signal this would be a longevening for the visitors.

Jack Wilshere had already fired wide and Podolski missed a glaring opportunity by firing over from six yards before the German found the target to give Arsenal a 13th minute lead.

This time the forward showed much more composure, collecting a pass from Ozil and rounding Coventry goalkeeper Joe Murphy before slotting home left-footed.

The visitors' response was impressive with skipper Carl Baker drawing a fine save from Lukas Fabianski with a long range effort four minutes later.

But it was largely one-way traffic and there was little surprise when the Gunners doubled their lead in the 28th minute.

Serge Gnabry whipped in a corner from the left towards Nicklas Bendtner, who was allowed to flick on towards the unmarked Podolski who headed home from close range.



Arsenal striker Olivier Giroud (L) celebrates his goal with teammate Kieran Gibbs during their FA Cup fourth round encounter against Coventry City at the Emirates Stadium on Friday.

PHOTO: AFP

# Pep a fan of Ter Stegen

AFP, Berlin



Bayern Munich coach Pep Guardiola has recommended his old club Barcelona should snap up German goal-

keeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen as a replacement for Victor Valdes. Guardiola is a big fan of Borussia Moenchengladbach's 21-year-old goalkeeper and has said Barcelona should sign him at the end of the season when Valdes's contract expires.

"Ter Stegen is one of the best goalkeepers in the world," said Guardiola after Bayern's 2-0 win at Gladbach on Friday night.

Guardiola, who won 14 trophies with Barcelona in four years at the helm, has steered Bayern 10 points clear in the Bundesliga on his first season in charge.

Ter Stegen had a busy night in the Gladbach goal against Guardiola's side with Bayern firing in 24 shots.

He produced a string of good saves and admitted he was pleased by Guardiola's praise as rumours of his end-of-season transfer to Barca grow stronger.

"That's great praise from a great coach. This is an honour for me and is immensely pleasing," he said after team training on Saturday.

Born and raised in Moenchengladbach, Ter Stegen has made it clear he does not want to extend his Borussia contract which

expires in June 2015.

Gladbach would need to sell him at the end of the season or lose him on a free transfer.

Despite the rumours linking him to Barcelona, he received warm praise from Gladbach fans against Bayern.

"The way the fans received me was world class, that's important for me," said Ter Stegen, who made three appearances for Germany last year.

"I come from Moenchengladbach and have always given my all for the club.

"It's nice that the fans respect my decision."

Ter Stegen only said he is "looking forward to whatever happens now", when asked directly about a move to Barcelona once his contract expires.

AFP, Berlin



Bayern Munich went 10 points clear in the Bundesliga on Friday with a convincing 2-0 win at third-placed Borussia Moenchengladbach to extend their record unbeaten run to

42 matches.

Germany midfielder Thomas Mueller created Bayern's first for Mario Goetze after just seven minutes then netted a second-half penalty as the Bundesliga resumed after the winter break.

With their main rivals all playing on Saturday, the European champions took the chance to tighten their stranglehold on the title as they played the first of three league games in 10 days.

Bayern coach Pep Guardiola sprang a surprise before kick-off at Borussia Park as striker Mario Mandzukic was left out of the squad for "poor performances in training" with midfielder Goetze starting up front.

Injured France winger Franck Ribery sat out the game while Dutch star Arjen Robben

only came on in the dying stages after recovering from a cut leg, but the Bavarians had few problems.

Goetze clipped the 'Gladbach post with just five minutes gone, but the Germany star was not to be denied two minutes later.

A superb long ball down the right flank from wing-back Rafinha found Mueller, who then flicked his cross to Goetze to fire home with barely seven minutes played.

Moenchengladbach barely got a look in until the closing stages of the first-half.

First Germany striker Max Kruse snapped up a throw-in, turned Bayern's Dante inside-out before unleashing a fierce shot which beat goalkeeper Manuel Neuer, but thundered off the post.

On the stroke of half-time, Juan Arango forced Neuer into a good save as the hosts finally found their form.

Munich put the result beyond doubt after a goalmouth scramble as Goetze had a shot blocked, only for the ball to clip Gladbach midfielder Granit Xhaka on the arm and referee Peter Gagelmann signalled for a penalty.

# Real atop

AFP, Madrid



Real Madrid moved clear at the top of La Liga for the first time since May 2012 thanks to a 2-0 win over Granada at the Santiago Bernabeu on Saturday.

Cristiano Ronaldo opened the scoring on 57 minutes, as set up by Luka Modric, he rifled home his 31st goal of the season.

Karim Benzema sealed Los Blancos' ninth consecutive win 12 minutes from time when he slotted home Marcelo's low cross.

However, it was not a great afternoon for Gareth Bale as he was on the end of a rough challenge from Jeison Murillo early on and was eventually substituted at half-time.

Madrid lead Barcelona and Atletico Madrid by two points, but both can move back to the top with wins over Malaga and Rayo Vallecano respectively on Sunday.

The afternoon started in celebratory mood for the hosts as Ronaldo paraded the Ballon d'Or in front of the home fans.

Ronaldo nearly got off to a blistering start as he cut inside onto his right foot and blasted a shot wide of the target on six minutes.

Bale was then involved in an unfortunate clash with Murillo as the Colombian clattered the Welshman between the legs and was booked.

Manuel Iturra nearly gifted Madrid the opener moments later as he deflected Dani Carvajal's cross onto his own crossbar.

From the resulting corner, Sergio Ramos also should have given Carlo Ancelotti's men the lead as he headed over after Roberto had flapped at Angel di Maria's cross.

After a bright start, though, Madrid's intensity dropped and it wasn't until first-half stoppage time that they threatened again as Roberto made a brilliant save to parry Ronaldo's sweetly struck overhead kick.

Bale's unfortunate day continued as he was replaced by Jese Rodriguez at half-time.

Madrid's tempo was immediately lifted by the Spanish under-21 international and Roberto had to be alert to deny early efforts from Di Maria and Modric.

The goal did finally arrive just before the hour mark as Ronaldo worked space for himself inside the area before firing a low left-footed shot beyond Roberto into the far corner.

Roberto did well to prevent Ronaldo doubling his tally with a low drive 10 minutes later and the Portuguese then saw a deflected free-kick come back off the bar.

Madrid finally got the breathing space they craved on 78 minutes when a lovely move involving Ronaldo and Marcelo was finished off by Benzema for his fifth goal in his last six games.

## MU agree Mata deal

REUTERS, Manchester

Manchester United have agreed a deal to sign Spain playmaker Juan Mata from Premier League rivals Chelsea.

"MUFC has reached agreement with Chelsea for the transfer of Juan Mata for a club record fee," United said on their Twitter feed on Friday.

"The deal is subject to a medical and the agreement of personal terms. A further announcement will be made in due course."

According to media reports, the 25-year-old will cost league champions United 37 million pounds (\$61.06 million).

The transfer fee breaks the previous record of 30.75 million pounds the club paid Tottenham Hotspur for Bulgaria striker Dimitar Berbatov in 2008.

United do not have a game this weekend but Mata, a skilful attacking midfielder, could make his debut in Tuesday's league game against Cardiff City at Old Trafford.

The Spaniard joined Chelsea from Valencia for 23.5 million pounds in August 2011.

Mata won the Player of the Year award in his first two seasons, helping the Londoners win the 2012 Champions League and 2013 Europa League, but has been out of favour this term under manager Jose Mourinho.

The Portuguese has preferred Brazilian internationals Oscar and Willian and Belgium's Eden Hazard in the three creative roles behind the lone striker in Chelsea's 4-2-3-1 system.