

Serena makes history

AFP, London

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THE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Serena Williams won a sixth Wimbledon title on Saturday as the world number one became the oldest woman to win a Grand Slam crown with a 6-4, 6-4 victory against Garbine Muguruza in Saturday's final.

At 33 years and 289 days, Serena surpasses Martina Navratilova as the oldest player to win Wimbledon, and any of the other three Grand Slams, in the Open era.

Serena's sixth Wimbledon crown brought with it a slew of other remarkable landmarks that underline her credentials as one of the greatest female athletes of all time.

The American's 21st Grand Slam crown and 68th tour-level title earned her a cheque for £1.8 million (\$2.7 million, 2.5 million euros).

But it is her legacy rather than her bank balance that concerns Williams these days and she now holds all four Grand Slam titles at the same time -- the rare 'Serena Slam' she last achieved in 2002-03.

"It feels so good. Garbine played so well. I didn't even know it was over because she was fighting so hard at the end. She will be holding this trophy very, very soon. I am happy it was such a great match," said Williams.

"I can't believe I am standing here with another Serena Slam. It is so cool. It has been a pleasure and an honour to give so many years in this unbelievable place."

Serena is the first woman to land the French Open and Wimbledon back-to-back since she last won that difficult double in 2002.

Lifting the Venus Rosewater Dish for the first time since 2012 also leaves Serena needing only to defend the US Open to become the first woman since Steffi Graf in 1988 to

claim a calendar Grand Slam.

She is just one major title behind Graf on the Open era leaderboard and within three of all-time record holder Margaret Court's tally of 24.

She is the first player since Graf in 1988 to win Wimbledon and the Australian and French Opens in the same year.

Given Serena's 39-1 record in 2015 and her astonishing streak of 28 consecutive Grand Slam match victories, few would bet against the American making more history in New York in August.

Regardless of her defeat, Muguruza, 21, has emerged as one of the brightest young stars on the women's tour after a bravura display in her first Grand Slam final appearance that often left Williams rattled.

"I enjoyed it a lot. I don't have words to say how I feel. I'm very proud and happy to

LEADERBOARD PAST WINNERS

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22	Steffi Graf (GER)	2015: Serena Williams (USA)
21	Serena Williams (USA)	2014: Petra Kvitova (CZE)
18	Chris Evert (USA), Martina Navratilova (USA)	2013: Marion Bartoli (FRA)
11	Margaret Court (AUS)	2012: Serena Williams (USA)
09	Monica Seles (USA)	2011: Petra Kvitova (CZE)
08	Billie Jean King (USA)	2010: Serena Williams (USA)
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be here," said Muguruza.

"A Grand Slam final for me is a dream come true and I also want to say congrats to Serena, showing that she's world number one."

Williams' thunderous serve was strangely out of sync in a nervous start to the first set and, after serving a double fault on the first point, she threw in two more to gift Muguruza a surprise break.

Muguruza had more than enough power to trade blows from the baseline and she came out on top so often in the early stages that the frustrated American screamed "that's so bad" after losing another point.

Muguruza, born in Venezuela and raised in Barcelona, had insisted facing Serena was a task to be relished rather than feared.



World number one Serena Williams of USA celebrates with the Venus Rosewater Dish trophy after winning the women's singles final against Spain's Garbine Muguruza in Wimbledon yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

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England lead Ashes 1-0

AFP, Cardiff

England beat Australia by 169 runs to win the first Test at Cardiff's Sophia Gardens on Saturday.

Australia, set what would have been a new Ashes fourth-innings record winning total of 412, were bowled out for 242 after tea as England went 1-0 up in the five-match series with more than a day to spare.

Stuart Broad led England's attack with three for 39 as Ashes-holders Australia, who had been 97 for one, collapsed either side of lunch on the fourth day.

England made 430, with Joe Root top-scoring with 134 after being dropped on nought, before dismissing Australia for 308 to establish a first-innings lead of 122.

Their second innings 289 left Australia, who whitewashed England 5-0 on home soil during the last Ashes campaign in 2013/14, with a mammoth run chase.

No side have made more in the fourth innings to win an Ashes Test than Australia's 404 for three at Headingly back in 1948 when Arthur Morris scored 182 and Donald Bradman, widely regarded as cricket's greatest batsman, an unbeaten 173.

But the highest individual scores Australia, looking to win their first Ashes series in Britain in 14 years, managed on Saturday were No 8 Mitchell Johnson's 77 and opener David Warner's 52.

Root, appropriately, ended the match when he caught Josh Hazlewood at long-off from the bowling of off-spinner Moeen Ali.

England captain Alastair Cook has often been criticised for being excessively cautious in the field. Not only did Cook recall Ali into the attack, he also clung on one-handed at the second attempt at short mid-wicket to a stunning catch off a full-blooded slog-sweep against the spinner by Haddin.

The second Test at Lord's starts on Thursday, with Australia fast bowler Mitchell Starc struggling to be fit for that match after suffering an ankle injury in Cardiff.

SCORES IN BRIEF

ENGLAND: 1st Innings 430 (Root 134, Ali 77, Ballance 61, Stokes 52; Starc 5-114, Hazlewood 3-83)

AUSTRALIA: 1st Innings 308 (Rogers 95; Anderson 3-43)

ENGLAND: 2nd Innings 289 (Bell 60, Root 60; N Lyon 4-75)

AUSTRALIA: 2nd Innings 242 (Warner 52, Johnson 77; Broad 3-39, Ali 3-59)

Result: England won by 169 runs

Player-of-the-match: Joe Root

Schweinsteiger joining MU

AFP, Berlin

Germany captain Bastian Schweinsteiger brought the curtain down on his hugely successful career at Bayern Munich on Saturday as it was announced he is joining English Premier League giants Manchester United subject to passing a medical.

Bayern chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge said Bayern and United have agreed an undisclosed transfer fee -- though German daily Bild reported it would be between 18 and 20 million

euros (\$20-22.31m) -- for the 30-year-old defensive midfielder, who has made 536 appearances for Bayern since his senior debut in 2002.

Schweinsteiger informed the German champions on Friday he wanted a change of scenery and is expected to sign a three-year contract with the Red Devils.

"Bastian and I had a serious conversation on Friday. He told me he has been thinking about his career and wants to try something new," said Rummenigge.

"He asked me to find a way and things between Manchester United

and Bayern Munich have been clarified, we have agreed on a fair transfer fee.

"We have taken into account that Bastian is a very deserving player.

"We tried to convince him to stay with Bayern Munich, but I completely understand that after 17 years with us, he wants to experience something new.

"Other figures in German football like Franz Beckenbauer to New York, Gunter Netzer to Real Madrid and myself to Inter Milan, have taken the step in their careers to move abroad and I can understand his desire to do the same."



PHOTO: BFF

Zahid Hossain (2nd from R) is the toast of Sheikh Russel after he scored one goal and set up three others during their 5-1 drubbing of Muktijoddha Sangsad at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Wijnaldum joins Magpies

AFP, Newcastle

PSV Eindhoven midfielder Georginio Wijnaldum has joined Newcastle on a five-year deal for a fee reportedly worth around 20 million euros (£14.4million), the club announced Saturday.

The 24-year-old Holland international becomes Newcastle's third most expensive signing of all time after Michael Owen and Alan Shearer.

Wijnaldum, who joins compatriots Tim Krul, Daryl Janmaat, Vurnon Anita and Siem de Jong at St James' Park, said: "There are a few players here who are from Holland - I know them well and they will help me feel at home in Newcastle."

"I know the club has a great stadium with great fans. I want to play here as soon as possible - I want to feel the atmosphere and hear the crowd. I cannot wait to get started."

Wijnaldum's arrival is a major boost to head coach Steve McClaren, who insisted on Thursday that he was not frustrated by the apparent lack of action in the transfer market.

McClaren said: "This signing is a real statement for the club. It is a big transfer for a very good player and I am delighted to have Gini here at the club."

"He has lots of energy and a great tempo to his game. He is very skilful, but is also capable of playing box-to-box, and - importantly - he can score goals."

RVP a done deal

AFP, Istanbul

Turkish top flight club Fenerbahce said the transfer of Manchester United's Robin van Persie is a done deal and the Dutch striker will arrive in Istanbul on a private flight late on Sunday.

"We worked very hard, until midnight. We received five faxes, sent six faxes and finally it was finished," Yildirim was quoted as saying by the Fanatik sports daily and Hurriyet newspaper.

"The van Persie transfer is done and one more star has joined the Fenerbahce constellation," he added.

After arriving Sunday at Istanbul's Sabiha Gokcen airport, van Persie will officially sign his contract at the club's stadium on Monday, Turkish press reports said.

According to press reports, his transfer fee will be 4.7 million euros (£3.4m, \$5.2m).

Fenerbahce -- runners up to hated Istanbul rivals Galatasaray last season in the championship -- have gone on a spending spree in a bid to dominate the Super Liga and be a real contender in Europe.

The win took the 2012-13 league champions to 29 points, four behind the defending champions Sheikh Jamal, having played a game less. It was also the third straight victory for the former champions since Maruful Haque took the charge and their biggest victory of the league so far.

Sheikh Russel, however, didn't have the best start to the match. They conceded an eighth minute goal when national striker Enamul Haque used his chest to get the ball past the goalline to get his 10th goal

of the league after being set up with a cross from Senegalese forward Camara Sarba.

If that goal gave any hope to the All Reds of breaking their three match winless streak, Zahid soon extinguished that with an exquisite performance. Within the next nine minutes, the nippy winger earned two penalties for his side, first of which was blasted wide by his namesake Zahid Hasan Emily before Jean Jules Ikanga duly dispatched the second to bring parity.

MUKTIJODDA 1-5 SK RUSSEL

ABAHANI 3-1 TEAM BJMC

Cameroonian striker Paul Emile gave Sheikh Russel the lead in the 22nd minute, taking full toll of a defensive lapse from Muktiyoddha defender Anisul Islam Sweet. Zahid, who missed a number of matches towards the end of the first leg due to illness, made it 3-1 in the 56th minute with a solo effort, dancing past four opposition players before slotting the ball at the back of the net. The winger then up Emile with a square pass for his second goal in the

61st minute before setting up substitute forward Rummon Hossain with a perfectly weighted cross for the fifth and final goal in the 86th minute of the match.

"The past is past and you don't have much hand over injuries or illness," said a satisfied Zahid after the match. "But when I am fit and play for my club or the national team, I try to give my best."

Abahani ride on Sunday

Sunday Chizoba scored a first-half double as Abahani beat Team BJMC

3-1 in the second match of the day to regain the third spot. The Nigerian, who joined the four-time champions from India's Churchill Brothers in the mid-season transfer window,

scored in the fourth and 33rd minutes of the first half to give Abahani a 2-0 lead within the first half, and took his tally to seven goals in four matches. Sunday's compatriot Eleta Kingsley reduced the margin for Team BJMC in the 55th minute, but right-back Nasirul Islam scored five minutes later to confirm Abahani's 3-1 victory, which took them to 27 points from 14 matches as they stay six points behind leaders Sheikh Jamal DC.

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