

## RELIVING 2018



Cristiano Ronaldo scored a gravity-defying goal, but even more shocking was his move from Real Madrid to Juventus in the summer.



After becoming the first club to ever retain the Champions League Real Madrid captured Europe's greatest prize for a third time running.



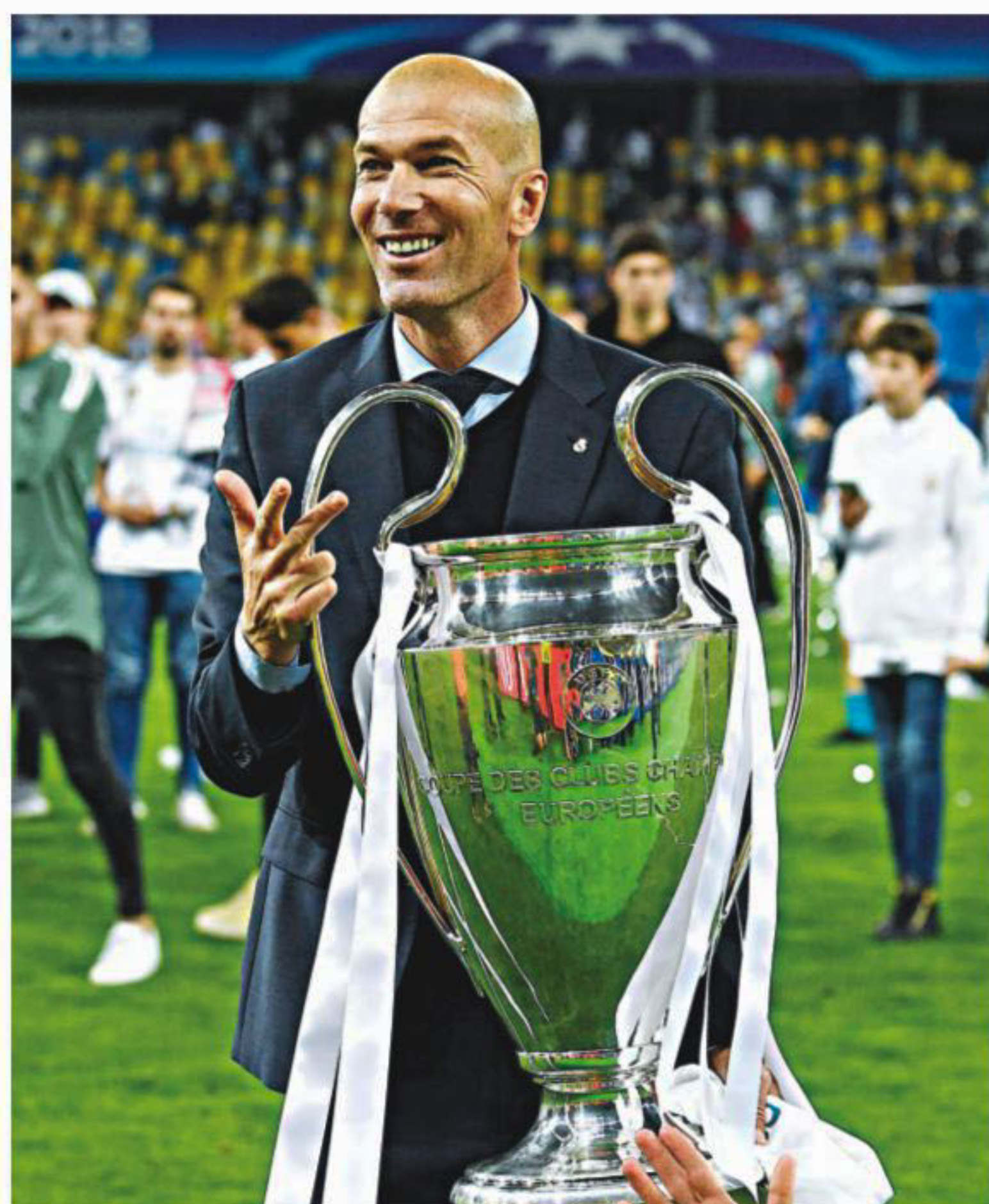
Serena Williams had a meltdown while losing to Naomi Osaka in the US Open final, launching an epic tirade against the umpires.

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## CONTRASTING EXITS

Former Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho was left smashing bottle containers towards the end of his reign at Old Trafford before a 3-1 loss to archrivals Liverpool saw him promptly sacked as his third season meltdown proved correct for the third time. On the other hand, former Real Madrid manager Zinedine Zidane announced his resignation after three seasons that saw him win three Champions League and other titles. Los Blancos crumbled and next manager, Julen Lopetegui, lasted just 14 games.



Roger Federer started the year in fine fashion, winning the Australian Open and extending his record haul of Grand Slam triumphs to 20.



Rafael Nadal was no slouch either, complementing the 2017 that saw him win two Grand Slams, with a record-extending 11th French Open title.



After 22 years at the helm of Arsenal, manager Arsene Wenger decided to step down from his role and leave the club, having left an ever-lasting impact on English football.



Pep Guardiola's Manchester City broke numerous records on way to the Premier League title.

## 2018'S

## BEST



NOVAK DJOKOVIC

After a dismal 2017, Djokovic had a career renaissance and finished the year with both Wimbledon and US Open titles. He was also the oldest to be No. 1 at year's end.



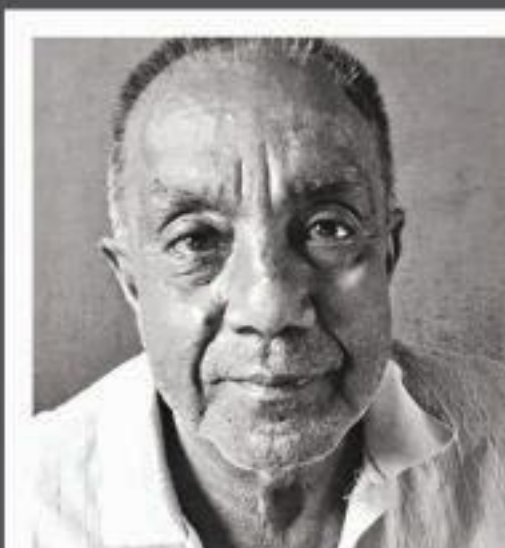
VIRAT KOHLI

With 11 centuries in the year -- five in Tests and six in ODIs -- Kohli cemented his place as the best batsman in every format of the game. A 149 against England and 123 against Australia were his best Test knocks.



LUKA MODRIC

An often overlooked player at Real Madrid, Luka Modric displayed his talents at the 2018 FIFA World Cup, leading Croatia to the final. Although his side lost to France, Modric accomplished the greatest feat of the past decade, breaking Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi's duopoly on the Ballon d'Or.



WAZED GAZI  
1938-2018

One of the finest football coaches Bangladesh produced passed away this year. He did not win a title but was crucial in moulding budding players into household names.

## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



AJIT WADEKAR  
1941-2018

Former India Test and ODI captain Ajit Wadekar died at the age of 77.



AZEGLIO VICINI  
1933-2018

Azeglio Vicini, who led Italy to third place at the 1990 World Cup, died at the age of 84.



VICHAI SRIVADDHANAPRABHA  
1958-2018

Leicester City owner Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha died in a tragic helicopter crash.



ABDUR RAZZAK SHONA MIA  
1949-2018

Legendary hockey player and later an organiser, Abdur Razzak Shona Mia died in February.



AFZALUR RAHMAN SINHA  
1950-2018

One of few who spent money for sport with an open heart Afzalur Rahman Sinha died in August.



MONIR HOSSAIN MONU  
1960-2018

Former national team footballer and Mohammedan star Monir Hossain Monu passed away.



DAVIDE ASTORI  
1987-2018

Fiorentina captain and Italy international Davide Astori died of a 'sudden illness' in March.



RAY WILSON  
1935-2018

England's World Cup winner Ray Wilson, one of his day's best left-backs, died of Alzheimer's.



TANVIR CHOWDHURY  
1977-2018

A national footballer in the 90s and early 2000s, Tanvir died of injuries from a 2015 accident.