

What to WATCH

SONY SIX
Australian Open Men's Final
Live from 2:30 pm
STAR SPORTS 3
ICC U-19s World Cup
9th Place Play-off
Sri Lanka v England

Live from 2:00 pm
STAR SPORTS SELECT 1
India v New Zealand
Fifth T20I
Live from 1:00 pm
English Premier League
Tottenham v Man City

Live from 10:30 pm
SONY ESPN
Serie A
Atalanta v Genoa
Live from 8:00 pm
TEN 2
Serie A

Juventus v Fiorentina
Live from 5:30 pm
Lazio v SPAL
Live from 8:00 pm
Udinese v Inter Milan
Live from 1:45 pm (Monday)

DAY'S EVENT

Bangladesh Cricket League
Four-day Match, Day 3
North Zone v South Zone

Time: 9:30 am
Venue: ZACS, Chattogram
Central Zone v East Zone

Time: 9:30 am
Venue: SNBS, Dhaka

SETIEN WANTS UCL ON HIS TOMBSTONE

Quique Setien may have landed the job of his life when he was appointed Barcelona coach last month - but he is already thinking about how he wants to be remembered in death. "I want my tombstone to say that I won the Champions League with Barca," the 61-year-old said in an interview with Catalan newspaper L'Esportiu on Saturday. "I have already told the players that I am getting on and I don't have much time to lose," added Setien.

--- REUTERS



Can Thiem topple 'king' Novak?

AFP, Melbourne



"King" Novak Djokovic has won all seven Australian Open finals he has contested, he is on a 12-match winning streak and will become world number one if successful in the Melbourne Park decider on Sunday.

Against those overwhelming odds, few are giving Dominic Thiem much of a chance to wrench the title from his iron grip and clinch a maiden Grand Slam.

But the Austrian, remarkably, is the one with the recent edge.

Djokovic is 6-4 in their career head-to-heads, but Thiem has won four of the last five.

Three of those were on his favoured clay, but he also came from a set down to beat the Serb on hardcourts at the ATP Finals in November.

Djokovic is the first to admit that the slick 26-year-old has successfully refined his game over the past 12 months to compete on all surfaces.

And he acknowledges it is just a matter of time before Thiem wins a Slam.

"I don't think he's really anymore 'next

feeling and playing. I thought ATP Cup went really well for me, got a lot of hours spent on the court, singles and doubles," said the 16-time Grand Slam winner.

"Obviously got a lot of positive energy from that competition. I dropped only one set so far up to the finals. Hopefully I'll be able to perform as well as I always have in the Australian Open finals."

Thiem, who has beaten four seeds to make the grade, including Rafael Nadal in the last eight, is no stranger to Grand Slam finals, making the last two at Roland Garros.

But this is his best effort outside of the French Open.

He lauded Djokovic as the "king of Australia" and insisted his recent successes favour him counted for little at the Serb's favourite tournament.

"It's true, I won I think more of the last encounters than he did. But I think it doesn't count so much. It's absolutely his comfort zone here," he said.

"He always plays his best tennis in Australia since many, many years. So I'm expecting that as well in the finals."

"All I can do is my best again, play great tennis again, and of course take a look at



Sofia Kenin of the US kisses the Australian Open trophy after beating Spain's Garbine Muguruza 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 in the final at Melbourne Park on Saturday.

PHOTO: AFP

Kenin stuns Muguruza in final

AFP, Melbourne

America's Sofia Kenin stunned two-time Major champion Garbine Muguruza to win the Australian Open on Saturday, completing a surprise run where she has come from nowhere to win her first Grand Slam title.

Despite making her debut in a Major final Kenin, 21, showed all her trademark aggression as she fought back from a set down to win 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 in 2hrs 3mins against the shellshocked Spaniard.

The 14th seed, who will now jump as high as seventh in the world and usurp Serena Williams as America's number one, was in tears at the end and headed straight for her father Alexander, who is her coach.

It was the final twist in a tournament of upsets, after Williams went out in the third round and Kenin upset Australia's world number one Ashleigh Barty in the semifinals.

"My dream officially came true, I can't describe this feeling," said Moscow-born Kenin. "It's amazing, dreams come true. If you have

dreams, go for it, it's going to come true."

Spain's Muguruza, 26, was unseeded for the first time at a Slam since 2014 having suffered a marked loss of form in the last 18 months.

She was resurgent in Melbourne over the past fortnight, but after grabbing the first-set lead, her serve failed her spectacularly.

She totted up eight double-faults in all, three of them in the final game -- including one on the second championship point, handing the title to her younger opponent.

Muguruza drew first blood at Rod Laver Arena, where the roof was closed for rain in Melbourne, getting the first break of serve.

Moscow-born Kenin, who ended the fairytale run of 15-year-old Coco Gauff on her way to the final, bounced her American stars-and-stripes racquet on the hardcourt in irritation.

The 2016 French Open and 2017 Wimbledon winner Muguruza took the first set in 52 minutes when the young American planted her forehead out.

But the aggressive Kenin upped the ante in the second set, breaking

Kenin vs Muguruza	
2020 Australian Open women's final, February 1	
Sofia Kenin	Garbine Muguruza
21	26
USA	Spain
1.85 m	1.82 cm
175 cm	182 cm

Head-to-head match record

Year	Round	Score
2017	1st round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	2nd round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	3rd round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	4th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	5th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	6th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	7th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	8th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	9th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	10th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	11th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	12th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	13th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	14th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	15th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	16th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	17th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	18th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	19th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	20th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	21st round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	22nd round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	23rd round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	24th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	25th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	26th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	27th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	28th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	29th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	30th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	31st round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	32nd round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	33rd round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	34th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	35th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	36th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	37th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	38th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	39th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	40th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	41st round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	42nd round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	43rd round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	44th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	45th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	46th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	47th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	48th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	49th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	50th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	51st round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	52nd round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	53rd round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	54th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	55th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	56th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	57th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	58th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
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2017	69th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
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2017	73rd round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	74th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	75th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
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2017	79th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	80th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	81st round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	82nd round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	83rd round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	84th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	85th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	86th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	87th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
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2017	89th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	90th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	91st round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	92nd round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	93rd round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	94th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	95th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	96th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	97th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	98th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2
2017	99th round	Kenin 6-4, 6-2
2017	100th round	Muguruza 6-4, 6-2

her more experienced opponent in the fourth game and easily holding to sprint into a 4-1 lead.

Kenin, who won their only previous encounter in three sets,

grabbed the second set in an emphatic 32 minutes. A rattled Muguruza was seen briefly by a physio for what appeared to be a lower-back problem.

Into the deciding set and the gutsy Kenin saved three game points in a pivotal fifth game, tossing the ball back over her head by way of celebration.

Kenin, who was overshadowed in the build-up to Melbourne by the likes of Williams, Osaka and Barty, adds by far the biggest title of her fast-burgeoning career to the three WTA crowns she won last year.

"The past two weeks have been the best of my life," she told Rod Laver Arena, as her father -- who left the Soviet Union in 1987 to give the family a better life -- filmed her victory speech on his phone.

"I love you guys from the bottom of my heart, thank you so much," she told the crowd.

At 21 years and 80 days, Kenin is 22 days younger than Japan's Naomi Osaka when she won the title last year.

Kenin is the youngest Australian Open champion since Maria Sharapova -- her idol -- won aged 20 in 2008.

German clubs lead way in January window

AFP, Paris



While Premier League clubs have been relatively subdued in the January transfer window, Germany has led the way on the continent with a record spending spree in the Bundesliga, including Borussia Dortmund's signing of Erling Braut Haaland.

German clubs set a new record of 196 million euros (\$217 million) on transfers in this window, smashing the previous best mark of 100 million euros set in the 2016/17 season.

Like in England and Scotland, the transfer window closed in Germany, Spain, Italy and France on Friday evening, but the most notable deals in Europe happened before January began.

Haaland, the 19-year-old Norwegian prodigy, agreed his move from RB Salzburg in late December. He has scored five goals in just two appearances for his new club.

Dortmund got their man for an initial transfer fee of around 20 million euros (\$22 million), not including other payments built into the deal.

Fellow German title contenders RB Leipzig have also splashed out on a promising young talent, recruiting Spanish under-21 star Dani Olmo from Dinamo Zagreb for a similar fee.

Hertha Berlin, who have ambitions under head coach Jurgen Klinsmann, spent around 41 million euros in the last few days on Polish striker Krzysztof Piatek from AC Milan and Brazil under-20 forward Matheus Cunha from RB Leipzig.

The capital club also splashed 25 million euros at the start of the week on French midfielder Lucas Tousart

from Lyon. In Spain, meanwhile, the window has proved something of a damp squib for La Liga's leading clubs.

Real Madrid and Barcelona stayed relatively quiet, and the more interesting deals were done elsewhere, including Paco Alcacer moving to Villarreal from Dortmund, and maverick former France international Hatem Ben Arfa surprisingly arriving at Valladolid.

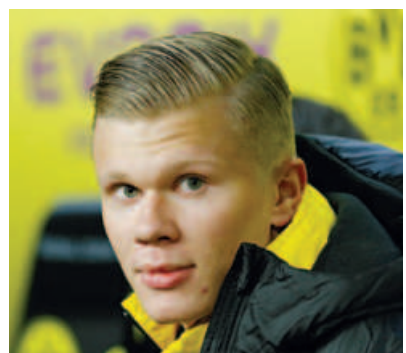


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"We never wanted to sell him but there was a time when we were studying offers," PSG sporting director Leonardo said on Friday.

"I don't think six and a half years at a club can be wiped out in just two weeks of talks."

Cavani signed for PSG in 2013 and has gone on to become their all-time leading scorer with 198 goals, but he has played second fiddle this season to on-loan Inter Milan striker Mauro



ERLING BRAUT HAALAND

Icardi. PSG, for once, have not spent any money in this transfer window, with Lyon and Monaco -- both off the pace in Ligue 1 -- the busiest clubs in France.

In Italy, Inter's recruitment strategy has raised eyebrows, with Antonio Conte's side raiding the Premier League to sign Christian Eriksen from Tottenham Hotspur and bringing in both Ashley Young and Victor Moses on short-term deals.

But the really eye-catching move was confirmed in late December, when Zlatan Ibrahimovic, now 38, made his return to AC Milan as a free agent on an initial six-month deal.

Man Utd sign Ighalo

AFP, London

Manchester United signed Nigerian international Odion Ighalo on loan until the end of the season from Shanghai Shenhua in a last-minute move before the January transfer window closed on Friday.

Ighalo, 30, moved to China in 2017, joining Changchun Yatai from Watford, before moving to Shanghai last year.

United are short on striking options due to a back injury suffered by top scorer Marcus Rashford, with the England international expected to be sidelined for at least another month.

Ighalo scored 40 goals in 100 appearances for Watford in his previous spell and United will hope he will be just as prolific as they try to chase down Chelsea for a place in the Premier League top four.

However, the dash to provide Ole Gunnar Solskjaer with another forward with seconds to spare before the deadline has provided more ammunition for fans critical of the club's recruitment policy.

United's executive vice-chairman Ed Woodward's home was targeted by disgruntled supporters with flares and graffiti earlier this week.

An attempt to bring Bournemouth forward Josh King back to Old Trafford was rejected earlier on Friday.



Leicester City's Harvey Barnes hides his face with his shirt in frustration after missing a gilt-edged chance during a 2-2 draw against Chelsea at the King Power Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Leicester, Chelsea share spoils

AFP, Leicester



Antonio Rudiger rescued Chelsea as the German defender's second goal of the game earned a 2-2 draw against top-four rivals Leicester on Saturday.

Rudiger put Chelsea ahead early in the second half at the King Power Stadium before Harvey Barnes and Ben Chilwell scored in quick succession to give Leicester the lead.

A thrilling second half climaxed when Rudiger became the first defender to score a brace for Chelsea in the Premier League since John Terry against Fulham in 2013. Third-placed Leicester could be more

sanguine about the result as they sit eight points clear of fourth-placed Chelsea, who have now won just one of their last five league games.

Frustrated that Chelsea failed to make any signings during the window, Blues boss Frank Lampard claims his team are now underdogs in the race to qualify for next season's Champions League via a top-four finish.

Depending on Manchester United and Tottenham's results, Lampard's prediction could look prescient by the conclusion of the weekend's action.

Lampard dropped Kepa Arrizabalaga after some error-prone displays, with 38-year-old Willy Caballero making his first league appearance since May.