



Novak Djokovic caught up with Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal with three Grand Slam titles this year.



Italy found their feet again among footballing giants with an impressive Euro 2020 triumph.



New Zealand spinner Ajaz Patel became only third bowler in history to take 10 wickets in an innings in a Test.



Golfing great Tiger Woods surviving a horrific car crash was no short of a miracle.



Christian Eriksen's collapse on the pitch at Euro 2020 was one of the saddest scenes of the sporting calendar.



Lamont Marcell Jacobs winning the 100m sprint in Tokyo Olympics was arguably the most outstanding sporting achievement this year.

PICTURES THAT CAPTURED 2021

The world of sports somewhat recovered from the pandemic in 2021, escaping the gloom of empty arenas, and even as Covid-19 continues to impact the world of sports, there were significant accomplishments of note. The Olympics, Euro 2020, Copa America and the T20 World Cup were significant tournaments that recaptured imaginations. Christian Eriksen's collapse at the Euro 2020 had fans holding their breath while Lionel Messi got his hands on an ever-illusive first international trophy. Australia won their first World T20 title and as sports continued to flourish, yet to be unriden of the bubble that exists, the mark left by sports talismans continues to inspire.

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Max Verstappen unseated seven-time Formula 1 champion Lewis Hamilton in an epic final race in Dubai.



New Zealand claimed the inaugural Test Championship title beating India in the final.



Simone Biles came to Tokyo with the spotlight on her, but left in tears.



Inspired by Lionel Messi, Argentina ended their 23-year wait for a Copa America title.



Australia finally ended their long wait for an elusive World T20 title.



Messi's move from Barcelona to Paris was the talk of sporting world for a long time.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



Former BCB vice-president Raisuddin Ahmed passed away on January 20 at the age of 82.



Former BCB president and a pioneering sports organiser, KZ Islam, breathed his last on May 3 in Dhaka at the age of 86.



Cricketer-turned- ICC umpire, Nadir Shah passed away on September 10 at the age of 57.



One of the international at the age

great international goalscorers in history, Germany and Ballon d'Or winner Gerd Muller died on August 15 of 75 after prolonged illness.



The Flying Sikh, Milkha Singh, who took Indian athletics to the global stage, passed away on June 18 at the age of 91.



Ray Illingworth, Former Ashes-winning England skipper, died at the age of 89 on December 25.



Legendary hockey administrator Shamsul Bari passed away on May 18 at the age of 74.



A graceful batter and later a cricket organiser and journalist, Ted Dexter passed away on August 25 at the age of 86.



Hockey-player-turned-organiser Anvir Adel Khan died at a hospital on August 28 at the age of 68.



Amit Hasan, Bangladesh Football Federation's head of media communication, died on June 30 at the age of 43.



Three-time Olympic sailor and former IOC president, Jaques Rogge, 79, died on August 29.



England's Eileen Ash, a pioneer in women's cricket, died at the age of 110 on December 3.



Renowned cricket coach and writer Jalal Ahmed Chowdhury, 74, died on September 21.