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## Sports

### I. Cricket:

**World Championship of Legends (WCL) Semi-Final Called Off:** The highly anticipated semi-final clash between India Champions and Pakistan Champions in the World Championship of Legends has been officially called off. India Champions withdrew from the match, citing national sentiment following the Pahalgam terror attack. As a result, Pakistan Champions have advanced directly to the final. India had also boycotted their group-stage match against Pakistan earlier in the tournament.

**India vs England 5th Test (Oval):** The fifth and final Test of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy between India and England is set to begin today (July 31, 2025) at The Oval in London. England currently leads the series 2-1. There are reports of potential weather delays due to rain and thunderstorms.

**Playing XI Speculation:** India's head coach Gautam Gambhir and captain Shubman Gill are expected to make significant changes to the playing XI, possibly including Karun Nair, Arshdeep Singh, and Kuldeep Yadav. Jasprit Bumrah might be rested due to workload management.

**Controversy:** There was a recent spat between Indian coach Gautam Gambhir and The Oval pitch curator, which captain Shubman Gill dismissed as "unnecessary."

**Ball Controversy:** Earlier in the Lord's Test, a controversy erupted over the ball being changed twice in the morning session, with India reportedly given a "30-35 years old ball."

**India U19 Squad Announced:** India has announced its Men's U19 squad for the upcoming away series against Australia later this year, retaining several key players.

### II. Football:

**Inter Miami Victory in Leagues Cup:** Inter Miami clinched a dramatic 2-1 victory over Atlas in their Leagues Cup opener at Chase Stadium in Fort Lauderdale on July 31, 2025. Lionel Messi provided two assists, with Inter Miami scoring the winning goal in the 90+6th minute. Inter Miami will face Necaxa next on August 3.

**Liverpool FC Asia Pre-Season Tour:** Carlsberg Asia wrapped up a week-long celebration in support of Liverpool FC's 2025 Asia Pre-Season Tour, which culminated in Hong Kong where the club faced AC Milan on July 26. The campaign involved various fan engagement activities across seven Asian markets.

### III. Tennis:

**Eugenie Bouchard's Retirement:** Emotional Eugenie Bouchard played the final match of her career in her hometown of Montreal at the National Bank Open (NBO) on July 31, 2025. She lost to Belinda Bencic but received a commemorative trophy and a heartfelt farewell from the crowd, fans, and fellow players.

**ATP Toronto (National Bank Open):**





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Taylor Fritz advanced in Toronto and is set to face Gabriel Diallo in a Wimbledon rematch.

Frances Tiafoe rallied to win his match, avenging an earlier loss.

Christopher O'Connell caused an upset by shocking Stefanos Tsitsipas.

Alex de Minaur continued his strong form by winning his match.

#### IV. Athletics (Track & Field):

**2025 USA Track & Field Championships:** The championships are taking place from July 31 to August 3 in Eugene, Oregon. This event will determine the US team for the World Athletics Championships. Top athletes like Noah Lyles, Grant Holloway, Sha'Carri Richardson, Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone, Rai Benjamin, and Gabby Thomas are competing.

#### V. Golf:

**The Women's Open Golf Championship 2025:** The final major of the 2025 women's tour season is underway at Royal Porthcawl, Wales, from July 31 to August 3. This marks a historic first for Wales hosting the British major. Paris 2024 champion Lydia Ko is the defending champion.

#### VI. Chess:

**Divya Deshmukh Wins Women's Chess World Cup:** 19-year-old Divya Deshmukh from Nagpur scripted history by winning the FIDE Women's Chess World Cup in Batumi, Georgia. She defeated India No. 1 Koneru Humpy in the final, earning her the Grandmaster title, a spot in the Candidates tournament, and USD 50,000 in prize money. She received a grand homecoming

in Nagpur. This victory highlights the growing strength of Indian women in chess.

#### VII. Badminton:

**Rajasthan State Ranking Badminton Tournament:** The tournament concluded on July 31, 2025, in Jaipur.

Manish Phogat won his maiden men's singles title.

Parul Choudhary clinched the women's singles crown.

Somyaa Bhatnagar won the U-19 girls' singles title.

Jangeet Singh Kajla secured a double crown in U-19 boys' doubles and mixed doubles.

**24th Uttarakhand State Badminton Championship:** The championship commenced on July 30, 2025, in Almora, bringing together over 350 players.

**Macau Open:** Indian shuttlers Lakshya Sen, Ayush Shetty, and Tharun Manne palli progressed to the second round of the men's singles. Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty also advanced in men's doubles and recently returned to the top 10 in BWF rankings.

**Supreme Court Verdict on Lakshya Sen:** The Supreme Court quashed an FIR against badminton player Lakshya Sen, his family, and coach in a birth certificate forgery case.

#### VIII. Other Sports / Initiatives:

**JICA and Government of Assam Join Hands to Empower Women through Sports:** The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Government of Assam collaborated to







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organize the JICA-Assam Women's Leadership & Coaching program. This initiative, which concluded its second module on July 30, 2025, aimed to strengthen women's leadership and inclusive coaching practices in India's sports ecosystem, promoting gender equality and empowering women coaches and athletes.

**Asian Games 2026 Preparations:** The Sports Authority of India (SAI) has formed three committees to oversee preparations and athlete selection for three martial arts disciplines – karate, kurash, and jiu jitsu – for the Asian Games in Japan next year. This is due to the sports ministry not currently recognizing the national federations for these sports.

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## MCQS

1. Why was the World Championship of Legends (WCL) semi-final between India Champions and Pakistan Champions called off?

- a) Player injuries
- b) Scheduling conflict
- c) India Champions withdrew citing national sentiment
- d) Rain washout

**Answer:** c) India Champions withdrew citing national sentiment

The news states: "India Champions withdrew from the match, citing national sentiment following the Pahalgam terror attack."





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**2. Which trophy is being contested in the 5th Test between India and England starting on July 31, 2025?**

- a) Border-Gavaskar Trophy
- b) Ashes Urn
- c) Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy
- d) Pataudi Trophy

**Answer:** c) Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy

The news states: "The fifth and final Test of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy between India and England is set to begin today (July 31, 2025) at The Oval in London."

**3. What was the core of the "Ball Controversy" that occurred during the Lord's Test between India and England?**

- a) The ball was too new and swinging excessively.
- b) The ball was replaced twice with an "old" ball.
- c) The ball was tampered with by a player.
- d) The ball was lost during play.

**Answer:** b) The ball was replaced twice with an "old" ball.

The news states: "a controversy erupted over the ball being changed twice in the morning session, with India reportedly given a '30-35 years old ball.'"

II. Football

**4. Which player provided two assists for Inter Miami's dramatic 2-1 victory in their Leagues Cup opener on July 31, 2025?**

- a) Cristiano Ronaldo
- b) Neymar Jr.
- c) Lionel Messi
- d) Kylian Mbappé

**Answer:** c) Lionel Messi

The news states: "Lionel Messi provided two assists, with Inter Miami scoring the winning goal..."

**5. The Liverpool FC 2025 Asia Pre-Season Tour culminated in which city where they faced AC Milan?**

- a) Singapore
- b) Tokyo
- c) Hong Kong
- d) Bangkok

**Answer:** c) Hong Kong

The news states: "...which culminated in Hong Kong where the club faced AC Milan on July 26." III. Tennis

**6. Which tennis player, playing her final career match, received a commemorative trophy and a heartfelt farewell in Montreal on July 31, 2025?**

- a) Serena Williams
- b) Simona Halep
- c) Eugenie Bouchard
- d) Maria Sharapova

**Answer:** c) Eugenie Bouchard

The news states: "Emotional Eugenie Bouchard played the final match of her career in her hometown of Montreal at the National Bank Open (NBO) on July 31, 2025."

**7. Which player caused an upset by shocking Stefanos Tsitsipas at ATP Toronto (National Bank Open)?**

- a) Taylor Fritz
- b) Frances Tiafoe
- c) Christopher O'Connell
- d) Alex de Minaur

**Answer:** c) Christopher O'Connell

The news states: "Christopher O'Connell caused an upset by shocking Stefanos Tsitsipas."

IV. Athletics (Track & Field)







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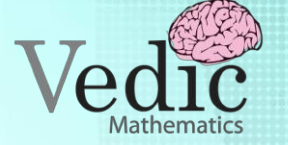
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**8. The 2025 USA Track & Field Championships, taking place from July 31 to August 3 in Eugene, Oregon, will determine the US team for which upcoming event?**

- a) Olympic Games 2028
- b) Pan American Games
- c) World Athletics Championships
- d) Diamond League Finals

**Answer:** c) World Athletics Championships

The news states: "This event will determine the US team for the World Athletics Championships."

V. Golf

**9. Where is The Women's Open Golf Championship 2025, the final major of the women's tour season, being held?**

- a) St Andrews, Scotland
- b) Evian-les-Bains, France
- c) Royal Porthcawl, Wales
- d) Pebble Beach, USA

**Answer:** c) Royal Porthcawl, Wales

The news states: "The final major of the 2025 women's tour season is underway at Royal Porthcawl, Wales, from July 31 to August 3."

VI. Chess

**10. Who recently won the FIDE Women's Chess World Cup in Batumi, Georgia, earning the Grandmaster title?**

- a) Koneru Humpy
- b) Humpy Koneru
- c) Divya Deshmukh
- d) Harika Dronavalli

**Answer:** c) Divya Deshmukh

The news states: "19-year-old Divya Deshmukh from Nagpur scripted history by winning the FIDE Women's Chess World Cup in Batumi, Georgia."

## VII. Badminton

**11. Who won the men's singles title at the Rajasthan State Ranking Badminton Tournament that concluded on July 31, 2025?**

- a) Jangjeet Singh Kajla
- b) Lakshya Sen
- c) Manish Phogat
- d) Ayush Shetty

**Answer:** c) Manish Phogat

The news states: "Manish Phogat won his maiden men's singles title."

**12. The Supreme Court quashed an FIR against which Indian badminton player in a birth certificate forgery case?**

- a) Kidambi Srikanth
- b) Sai Praneeth
- c) Lakshya Sen
- d) Chirag Shetty

**Answer:** c) Lakshya Sen

The news states: "The Supreme Court quashed an FIR against badminton player Lakshya Sen his family, and coach in a birth certificate forgery case."

VIII. Other Sports / Initiatives

**13. Which two entities collaborated to organize the "JICA-Assam Women's Leadership & Coaching program" aimed at empowering women through sports?**

- a) Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Government of Assam
- b) Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Government of Assam
- c) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and UNICEF
- d) International Olympic Committee and Indian Olympic Association





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**Answer:** b) Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Government of Assam  
The news states: "The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Government of Assam collaborated to organize the JICA-Assam Women's Leadership & Coaching program."

**14. Why has the Sports Authority of India (SAI) formed committees for martial arts disciplines like karate, kurash, and jiu jitsu for the Asian Games 2026?**

- a) To introduce new martial arts to India.
- b) Due to the sports ministry not recognizing their national federations.
- c) To host a world championship in India.
- d) To select a completely new coaching staff.

**Answer:** b) Due to the sports ministry not recognizing their national federations.  
The news states: "This is due to the sports ministry not currently recognizing the national federations for these sports."



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