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## Sports

Sports news on August 18, 2025, is dominated by developments in cricket and tennis, with a major focus on the Asia Cup and the ongoing Cincinnati Open.

### Cricket

The upcoming Asia Cup 2025 is generating significant headlines, particularly regarding India's squad selection. The selectors are meeting on August 19 to finalize the T20 team. There is intense speculation that Test captain Shubman Gill might be dropped from the squad, with the selection committee reportedly preferring the opening pair of Abhishek Sharma and Sanju Samson. This decision stems from a belief that Gill doesn't fit into the T20 plans, despite his strong performance in the recent Test series in England. Meanwhile, former players like Kedar Jadhav have made bold claims that the highly anticipated India vs Pakistan match in the tournament will not happen.

### Tennis

The Cincinnati Open 2025 is nearing its climax, with a highly anticipated men's final set between world No. 1 Jannik Sinner and Carlos Alcaraz. Sinner, the defending champion, is set to face Alcaraz after the Spaniard defeated an injured Alexander Zverev in the semifinals. In other news, the draw for the revamped US Open mixed doubles tournament has been revealed. The event, which will be played over two days, features some exciting pairings, including Gael Monfils and Naomi Osaka, and the top-seeded team of Jack Draper and Jessica Pegula.

### Other Sports

Neeraj Chopra, the two-time Olympic medallist, has officially qualified for the Diamond League Final in Zurich, Switzerland, at the end of the month.

In football, East Bengal and Diamond Harbour FC have both qualified for the semifinals of the Durand Cup 2025.

Indian shuttler Devika Sihag has clinched her first-ever international title by winning the women's singles event at the Malaysia International Challenge 2025.

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C. Jessica Pegula.  
D. Carlos Alcaraz.

**Answer: D.**

The article explicitly mentions "a highly anticipated men's final set between world No. 1 Jannik Sinner and Carlos Alcaraz."

**3. What is the latest achievement of Indian shuttler Devika Sihag?**

- A. She won the women's doubles title at the Malaysia International Challenge.
- B. She qualified for the Diamond League Final.
- C. She won her first-ever international title at the Malaysia International Challenge 2025.
- D. She was a runner-up in the Durand Cup.

**Answer: C.**

The article states that Devika Sihag "has clinched her first-ever international title by winning the women's singles event at the Malaysia International Challenge 2025."

## MCQS

**1. Based on the article, who are the two players reportedly being considered as India's preferred opening pair for the Asia Cup 2025?**

- A. Shubman Gill and Sanju Samson.
- B. Shubman Gill and Abhishek Sharma.
- C. Abhishek Sharma and Sanju Samson.
- D. Kedar Jadhav and Shubman Gill.

**Answer: C.**

The text states that the selection committee is "reportedly preferring the opening pair of Abhishek Sharma and Sanju Samson," while speculating that Shubman Gill might be dropped.

**2. Who is Jannik Sinner scheduled to face in the men's final of the Cincinnati Open 2025?**

- A. Alexander Zverev.
- B. Jack Draper.

**4. What two football teams have qualified for the semifinals of the Durand Cup 2025?**

- A. Neeraj Chopra and East Bengal.
- B. East Bengal and Diamond Harbour FC.
- C. Diamond Harbour FC and Neeraj Chopra.
- D. Carlos Alcaraz and Jannik Sinner.

**Answer: B.**

The text directly states that "East Bengal and Diamond Harbour FC have both qualified for the semifinals of the Durand Cup 2025."

**5. For what event has Neeraj Chopra officially qualified?**

- A. The US Open mixed doubles tournament.
- B. The Cincinnati Open.
- C. The Asia Cup.
- D. The Diamond League Final in Zurich.

**Answer: D.**





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The article clearly states that Neeraj Chopra "has officially qualified for the Diamond League Final in Zurich, Switzerland."

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