

Current Sports Affairs- May-June 2015

Rahul Dravid named coach of India 'A', U-19 cricket teams

The decision to appoint Dravid as the coach was taken at the first meeting of BCCI's advisory committee in Kolkata.

Stanislas Wawrinka won Men's single title of French Open

This was second grand slam title for Wawrinka after Australian Open 2014.

Justin Gatlin finished 100m race at Rome Diamond League in record time

With this, he has become the fastest man in the history of Rome Diamond League in 100m discipline having broken the track record held by Usain Bolt of Jamaica.

AIFF signed an agreement with French Football Federation

The agreement was signed by Praful Patel, President, AIFF in the presence of Kushal Das, General Secretary of AIFF.

AB De Villiers conferred with South Africa Cricketer of the Year Award for 2015

Having received the annual award for 2014 also, he joined Makhaya Ntini who received the award in successive years- 2005 and 2006.

Sundaram Ravi inducted into Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Umpires for 2015-16

Sunder Ravi has become the first Indian after S Venkataraghavan who was inducted into the elite panel in 2004.

Inderjeet won gold in shot put at 21st Asian Athletics Championships

Inderjeet heaved the iron ball to a new championship record of 20.41 metres, which he achieved in his fourth attempt.

Ravi Shastri re-appointed as Director of Indian Cricket team

Team India's tour to Bangladesh will start from 10 June 2015. During the tour, India will play one Test and three One-Day Internationals matches.

Footballer Rio Ferdinand announced his retirement

Ferdinand last played for Queens Park Rangers (QPR) in March 2015.

Tendulkar, Ganguly, Laxman inducted in BCCI's Cricket Advisory Committee

This Cricket Advisory Committee will advise the BCCI on various progressive steps needed to enable Indian Cricket to be better prepared for the challenges of the future.

Mohun Bagan won I-League title of football after 13 years

In the final clash at Kanteerva Stadium in Bengaluru, Mohun Bagan managed a 1-1 draw against the defending champions Bengaluru FC.

Barcelona Football Club won King's Cup title for 27th time

This was 27th Copa del Rey title for Barcelona and second of the season after La Liga.

Gurpreet Singh became 5th Indian to get quota place in shooting for 2016 Rio Olympics

Singh became the fifth Indian shooter to win a quota place for the Rio Olympics after Gagan Narang, Jitu Rai, Apurvi Chandela and Abhinav Bindra.

Sepp Blatter re-elected as FIFA President

79-year-old Blatter won another four-year term as FIFA President after he secured 133 votes in 209 (206 were valid votes) FIFA member federation.

Five women suspended for anti-doping rule violations named for TOP Scheme

The five women who were suspended for anti-doping rule violations and named under TOP Scheme are Priyanka Panwar, Ashwini Akkunji, Jauna Murmu, Sini Jose and Mandeep Kaur.

Sevilla FC won Europa League title

With this, Sevilla, the Spain's oldest club solely devoted to football practice, became the first side to win the Europa League four times.

Abhinav Bindra became 4th Indian shooter to qualify for 2016 Rio Olympics

Bindra became the fourth Indian shooter to win a quota place for the Rio Olympics and the other three in the list are Gagan Narang, Jitu Rai and Apurvi Chandela.

Seven FIFA Officials arrested on bribery charges in Zurich by Switzerland authorities

The arrested officials include Jeffrey Webb, FIFA vice-president and all the officials are awaiting extradition to USA.

Union Sports Ministry gave nod for creation of RSFs by recognising federations of indigenous sports

The decision is aimed at promoting sports having only regional spread.

Trevor Bayliss appointed as head coach of England Cricket Team

The New South Wales coach has succeeded Peter Moores, whose second spell ended in first week of May 2015 after he was sacked.

CS Santosh presented with 2014 FMSCI Motorsport Man of the Year Award

The award was presented at a ceremony held in Bangaluru.

Kumar Sangakkara named CEAT International Cricketer of the Year 2015

The middle order batsman Ajinkya Rahane was named as the CEAT Indian Cricketer of the Year 2015 while former Indian captain Kapil Dev was conferred with the International Lifetime Achievement Award at the 19th edition of the awards.

Indian boxer won four Gold Medals at Doha International Boxing tournament 2015

Commonwealth Games silver medallist L Devendro Singh (49kg), Shiva Thapa (56kg), Manish Kaushik (60kg), and Manoj Kumar (64kg) won the gold medals.

Indian boxers won three Gold at World Junior Women's boxing Championship

Savita (50kg), Mandeep Sandhu (52kg) and Sakshi (54kg) struck gold for the country, while Soniya (48kg) and Niharika Gonella (70kg) settled for silver medals.

BCCI recommended Contract system for Indian women cricket team

The recommendations were released at the finance committee meeting held in Delhi.

Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg of Germany won Monaco Grand Prix of Formula One

For him, it is the tenth overall championship title and the second title in the 2015 season.

Mumbai Indians won IPL 2015 title by defeating Chennai Super kings

Mumbai Indians after being invited to bat first posted a score of 202 for five, while batting second, Chennai Super Kings were able to score just 161 for eight.

Shuttler Saina Nehwal of India ranked No.1 in single rankings released by BWF

The ranking was topped by Ace shuttler Saina Nehwal. She was followed by Li Xuerui of China.

British magazine SportsPro released World's 50 Most Marketable 2015 report

According to SportsPro's listing of the top 50 most marketable athletes in the world for 2015, Eugenie Bouchard, Tennis player from Canada, topped the list.

Joe Root and Charlotte Edwards named England cricketers of the year 2014-15

Joe Root was recently appointed vice-captain of England's Test team, while Charlotte Edwards is the women's captain of England cricket team.

Maria Sharapova of Russia won the women's single of Italian Tennis Open for third time

She defeated Spain's Carla Suarez Navarro by 4-6 7-5 6-1.

Brad Haddin, the Australia wicketkeeper retired from ODI cricket

Haddin, a right-handed batsman and wicket-keeper played his debut ODI match on 30 January 2001 against Zimbabwe at Hobart.

Novak Djokovic won 4th Rome Masters Tennis title

In the summit clash, Novak Djokovic defeated Roger Federer 6-4, 6-3. Besides, Maria Sharapova defeated Carla Suarez Navarro 4-6, 7-5, 6-1 to win the women's title.

Gagan Narang Won Bronze in 50m Rifle Prone Men Event at ISSF Rifle/Pistol World Cup in Fort Benning

With the present win, Narang became the third Indian shooter to earn a quota place for the 2016 Rio Olympics after Jitu Rai and Apruvi Chandela.

Lee Alan Johnson named Head Coach of U-19 football team of India

Johnson was also an FA Learning Tutor for the Football Association besides being the academy coach at Crystal Palace Football Club and Chelsea Football Club.

Discus thrower Vikas Gowda won Gold at Jamaican International Invitation meet

He came up with an effort of 65.14m to win his event.

Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg of Germany won Spanish Grand Prix of Formula One

This is the ninth championship title in his Formula 1 career and the first victory in the 2015 season.

Andy Murray of Britain won the men's singles title of Madrid Tennis Open

He won the title for the second time by defeating Spain's Rafeal Nadal 6-3, 6-2.

Petra Kvitova of Czech Republic won the women's singles title of Madrid Tennis Open

She won the title for the second time by defeating Russia's Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-1, 6-2.

Rohan Bopanna, Florin Mergea won Men's Doubles title of Madrid Tennis Open

The Indo-Romanian Men pair of Tennis defeated the Serbian-Polish pair of Nenand Zimonjic and Martin Matkowski 6-2, 6-7(5), 11-9 in the summit clash held in Madrid, Spain.

Indian Army emerged champions in 19th Federation Cup National Athletic Championships

Inderjeet Singh of team Haryana won the best athlete award in the men's category for his stupendous toss in the shot put event, which helped him qualify for the Rio Olympics in 2016.

Floyd Mayweather Jr. defeated Manny Pacquiao to win Fight of the Century of Boxing

The bout termed as Fight of the Century was held at iconic MGM Grand, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Roger Federer won the inaugural Istanbul Open Tennis Men's Singles Title

The Swiss player won the TEB BNP Paribas Istanbul Open Men's singles title by defeating Pablo Cueves of Uruguay 6-3 7-6.

Sandeep Jajodia removed as the president of Boxing India (BI)

A Special Genral Meeting (SGM), which was attended by 64 members of the BI, passed a No Confidence Motion in this regard.

Chelsea won Barclays Premier League 2014-15 title with 1-0 win over Crystal Palace

This is their first premier league title in five years since winning the 2009-10 season title by defeating Manchester United.

Railways won the 5th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2015

In the final match played at the Master Chandgi Ram sports stadium at Saifai, Uttar Pradesh, Railways defeated Hockey Jharkhand by 12-2.

Union Sports Ministry recognised Motor Sports as a Sports under NSF

Motor Sports is one of the 59 sports recognised by the Ministry during the review of categorization of various sports discipline into 'High Priority', 'Priority' and 'Others'.

China won the World Team Chess Championship in Tsaghkadzor

China emerged champion, with 15 points. Ukraine finished runner-up with 12 points, while host Armenia was third with 11.

Georgia won Women's World Team Chess Championship held at Chengdu

The championship was held at Chengdu, China from 18 April 2015 to 29 April 2015 under the aegis of FIDE.

Railways won 5th Senior Men's National Hockey championship

In the final match played in Pune, Maharashtra, Railways defeated Uttar Pradesh Hockey (UPH) by 5-3.

Magnus Carlsen of Norway won Shamkir Chess Tournament

With this, Carlsen not only retained the title for the second year in succession but also earned 13 ELO points to top the world ranking with 2875 points.

Lin Dan of China won men's title of Badminton Asia Championships 2015

With this he won the Asian championship for the fourth time. Lin, the No. 2 seed, is a five-time world champion and twice Olympic gold medallist.

India crowned champions for the first time at 22nd President's Cup Boxing Tournament

This is for the first time that India was crowned champions at the President's Cup which was held at Palembang, South Sumatra, Indonesia.

India won a Gold and a Bronze at 2015 Asian Indoor Rowing Championship

Dushyant Singh and Succha Singh Tomar won the gold in the 2000m men's light weight pair category, clocking 6:26.50.

Wladimir Klitschko defeated Bryant Jennings to defend heavyweight title of Boxing

In the title-clash, at Madison Square Garden in New York, Klitschko defeated his American challenger Bryant Jennings with a lopsided 12-round unanimous point decision.

Union Sports Ministry suspended recognition of Paralympic Committee of India

Union Government action came a week after PCI was indefinitely suspended by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) for infighting and poor treatment of the para-athletes during the event.

Bangladesh won 3-match ODI series against Pakistan, 3-0

Both teams will play a T-20 match on 24 April 2015, which will be followed by a 2-match Test series from 28 April 2015 to 10 May 2015.

Cricket South Africa launched Africa T20 Cup

The tournament that will run from 4 September to 4 October 2015 will feature Zimbabwe, Kenya, Namibia, hosts South Africa and 12 CSA affiliates.

Archana, Anezka won cadet girls' doubles title at the French Junior and Cadet Open

In the title clash, Archana and Ilcikova defeated the French pair of Lucie Gauthier and Leili Mostafavi 10-12, 7-11, 11-8, 11-9, 11-5 and clinched the gold medal.

Neeraj Kumar appointed as Chief Adviser of Anti-Corruption & Security Unit of BCCI

Neeraj Kumar is a 1976 batch IPS officer of the AGMU cadre. Earlier, he has served as the Delhi Police commissioner for 13 months i.e. from June 2012 to July 2013.

Novak Djokovic won Monte Carlo Masters title of Tennis

With this win, Djokovic also became the first player to sweep the opening three ATP World Tour Masters 1000 events of a season. The previous two titles were won at Indian Wells and Miami.

Three Indian race walkers Khushbir, Manish, Sandeep qualified for 2016 Rio Olympics

They qualified for the Rio Olympics after completing their race in stipulated qualification time during the IAAF Race Walking Challenge at Rio Maiorin Portugal.

Laureus World Sports Awards for the year 2015 conferred

Sachin Tendulkar was inducted, along with four other exceptional athletes, namely Yao Ming, Tegla Loroupe, LiXiaopeng and Yang Yang