

Sports Updates

ATHLETICS

Powell Creates New 100 Metre World Record : Asafa Powell of Jamaica set new world record in 100 metres, clocking 9.74 seconds in the heats of the Rieti Grand Prix in Italy on September 9, 2007.

World Athletics Championships 2007 : The World Athletics Championships were held in Osaka (Japan) where Tyson Gay of USA won the 100 m world title in 9.78 seconds on August 26, 2007. Swedish Carolina Klüft won a record third straight World Heptathlon Gold medal.

BADMINTON

World Badminton Championship : Chinese Lin Dan won the men's singles World Badminton Championship, beating Indonesian Sony Dwi Kuncora 21-11, 22-20 in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) on August 19, 2007. In women's singles, Zhu Lin of China defeated Wang Chen of Hong Kong 21-8, 21-12. The men's doubles was won by Indonesian pair Markis Kido and Hendra Setiawan 21-19, 21-19 defeating Korean pair of Jung Jae-Sung and Lee Yong-Dae. In women's doubles, Chinese pair Yang Wei and Zhang Jiewen defeated compatriot pair of Gao Ling and Huang Sui by 21-16, 21-19. Nova Widianto and Lilyana Natsir of Indonesia defeated Zheng Bo and Gao Ling of China of 21-16, 21-14 to win the mixed doubles title.

BOXING

World Women's Championship : India emerged champion in the fourth World Women's Boxing Championship held in New Delhi by claiming 4 Gold, 1 Silver and 3 Bronze medals.

BILLIARDS & SNOOKER

Pankaj Advani Clinches IBSF Title : Pankaj Advani of India registered

victory over compatriot Dhruv Sitwala 1963-1489 to clinch the IBSF World Billiards title and received, the Arthur Walker Trophy in Singapore on September 15, 2007.

CHESS

Anand Becomes World Chess Champion : Viswanathan Anand of India became World Chess Champion for the second time after a gap of seven years when he took a short draw against Hungarian Peter Leko in the 14th and final round in Mexico City on September 29, 2007. Earlier, he beat Armenian Levon Aronian 2.5-1.5 in the best-of-four-games final of the World Rapid Chess Championship in Mainz (Germany) on August 19, 2007.

CRICKET

India Win Inaugural ICC World Twenty20 : India lifted the inaugural ICC Twenty20 Trophy defeating Pakistan by 5 runs in the final at the Wanderers in Johannesburg, South Africa on September 24, 2007.

First Indian Wicket-keeper To Record Six Dismissals In An ODI : Mahendra Singh Dhoni became the first Indian wicket-keeper to record six dismissals in an ODI. Dhoni achieved this rare feat in the 5th ODI against England at Headingley on September 3, 2007.

Sachin Scores 11,000 Runs In Test Cricket : Sachin Tendulkar, the Indian cricketing legend, crossed the 11,000 runs mark in Test cricket. He achieved this formidable feat on July 29, 2007 during the 2nd Test match played between India and England at Trent Bridge, England.

Muralitharan – Quickest To Take 700 Test Wickets : Sri Lankan off-spin wizard Muttiah Muralitharan, playing in his 113th match, became on July 14, 2007, the only second bowler in the history of Test cricket to take 700 or more wickets.

India Win Future Cup : Rahul Dravid and his team won the Future Cup 2-1 after winning the third and final ODI against South Africa in Belfast (Ireland) on July 1, 2007.

Tendulkar Crosses Another Milestone – 15,000 Runs In ODIs : Master Blaster Sachin Tendulkar became the first player to reach 15,000 runs in One-Day cricket in the second ODI against South Africa in Belfast (Ireland) on June 29, 2007.

Biggest Ever Test Win For India : India registered an innings and 239-run victory in the second and last Test against Bangladesh at the Sher-e-Bangla Stadium in Dhaka (Bangladesh) on May 27, 2007, thus winning the two-Test series 1-0.

Asia XI Win Afro-Asia Cup : Asia XI defeated Africa XI by 13 runs in the third and final ODI of the Afro-Asia Cup series at Chennai on June 10, 2007, thus wrapping up the series 3-0. M.S. Dhoni was adjudged 'Man of the Match' while Mahela Jayawardene was presented the 'Man of the Series' award.

Kumble Joins 550 Test Wicket Club : Anil Kumble, the Indian leg spinner, has become the fourth bowler in the history of international Test cricket to claim over 550 wickets (566 wickets in 118 Tests).

Australia Win ICC Cricket World Cup 2007 : Australia lifted the World Cup 2007 trophy for a record third successive time after claiming a 53-run victory over Sri Lanka in the final at Bridgetown (Barbados) in Kingston Oval on April 28, 2007.

India Win ODI Series Against West Indies : The Indian team captained by Rahul Dravid defeated West Indies in the final match at Vadodara (Gujarat) on January 31, 2007 to clinch the four-match ODI series 3-1.

Mumbai Regains Ranji : Mumbai Captain Amol Muzumdar proudly lifted the Ranji Trophy after defeating Bengal in the final played in Mumbai on February 5, 2007. This was the 37th victory for the home team in the history of Ranji Trophy.

FOOTBALL

Germany Win Women's World Cup Football Title : Germany defeated Brazil 2-0 to become the first nation to successfully defend the Women's World Cup Football title in Shanghai on September 30, 2007.

India Clinch Nehru Cup : The Indian Football team clinched the ONGC Nehru Cup tournament title in New Delhi on August 29, 2007. The Indian team beat Syria 1-0.

GOLF

Tiger Woods Wins World Bridgestone Invitational Golf Championships : Tiger Woods of US won the World Bridgestone Invitational Golf Championships on August 5, 2007 to become the first player in the US PGA Tour history to claim two hat-trick wins in the same event.

Jeev Milkha Singh – Asian Player Of The Year : India's ace golfer Jeev Milkha Singh was named Asian Player of the Year at Phuket (Thailand) on March 3, 2007 after a successful season where he lifted four titles including Volvo China Open and Volvo Masters besides the two consecutive titles on the Japanese Tour. He also topped the Asian Tour Order of Merit.

HOCKEY

India Retains Asia Cup : India defeated South Korea with an incredible score of 7 goals to 2 in the final of the

Asia Cup 2007 played in Chennai (Tamil Nadu) on September 9, 2007.

Miscellaneous

33rd NATIONAL GAMES : (February 9 – 18, 2007) : The 33rd National Games concluded with a grand ceremony at the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium in Guwahati (Assam) on February 18, 2007. Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh gave away the championship trophy to Services, the overall Champion with 59 Gold, 46 Silver and 37 Bronze medals.

TABLE TENNIS

World Table Tennis Championship : The World Table Tennis Championship finals were held in Zagreb on May 26, 2007. **Men's Singles :** Wang Liqin of China beat his compatriot Ma Lin. **Women's Singles :** Guo Yue of China beat Li Xiaoxia of China. **Men's Doubles :** Chen Qi and Ma Lin (China) beat Wang Liqin and Wang Hao (China). **Women's Doubles :** Wang Nan and Zhang Yining (China) beat Guo Yue and Li Xiaoxia (China). **Mixed Doubles :** Wang Liqin and Guo Yue of China beat Ma Lin and Wang Nan of China.

TENNIS

Wimbledon 2007 : Men's Singles : Roger Federer of Switzerland defeated Rafael Nadal of Spain to win the Wimbledon men's singles title, in

London (UK) on July 8, 2007. **Women's Singles :** Venus Williams of USA defeated Marion Bartoli of France, to claim the title. **Men's Doubles :** French duo Arnaud Clement and Michael Llodra defeated Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan, both from USA. **Women's Doubles :** Cara Black of Zimbabwe and Liezel Huber of South Africa defeated Katarina Srebotnik of Slovenia and Japan's Ai Sugiyama. **Mixed Doubles :** Jamie Murray of UK and Jelena Jankovic of Serbia beat Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden and Alicia Molik of Australia.

US Open Championship 2007 : Men's Singles : World's No. 1 tennis player Roger Federer of Switzerland won his fourth consecutive US Open men's singles title overwhelming Novak Djokovic of Serbia 7-6, 7-6, 6-4 in the final in New York (USA) on September 9, 2007. **Women's Singles :** Justine Henin of Belgium won the US Open women's singles title defeating former champion Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia 6-1, 6-3 in the final on September 8, 2007. It was the seventh Grand Slam of her career. **Men's Doubles :** Simon Aspelin (Sweden) and Julian Knowle (Austria) defeated Lukas Dlouhy and Pavel Vizner (both of Czech Republic). **Women's Doubles :** Nathalie Dechy of France and Dinara Safina of Russia defeated Chuang Chia-Jung and Chan Yung-Jan (both of Taiwan). **Mixed Doubles :** Max Mirnyi and Victoria Azarenka (both of Belarus) beat Leander Paes (India) and Meghann Shaughnessy (USA).