Clijsters, Roddick in Tennis Hall of Fame

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The 2017 inductees into the International Tennis Hall of Fame (from left) Monique Kalkman-van den Bosch of the Netherlands, Kim Clijsters of Belgium, journalist Steve Flink of the US and Andy Roddick of the US pose for photographs after ceremonies in Newport, Rhode Island, US on Saturday.

Ferrer bags Bastad title

Bastad, Sweden

Sponsored David Ferrer claimed his first ATP Tour title in almost two years by seeing off Alejandro Davidovich Fokina to win the clay-court tournament in Bastad for the third time in three days.

The 35-year-old Ferrer came through 6-4, 6-4 to seal the 23rd title of his career, first since October 2015 when he won in Vienna.

The former French Open finalist now равнодушным 62. In the world was cruising to victory with a 5-1 lead in the second set but needed seven match points to eventually go over the line.

Ferrer’s victory means that of the US and Andy Roddick of the US pose for photographs after ceremonies in Newport, Rhode Island, US on Saturday.

Dolphins get back to winning ways

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England down India in thriller to clinch Women’s World Cup

London A

Amy Shrubsole bowled England to a dramatic nine-run win over India in the Women’s World Cup final at Lord’s on Saturday. India, set 229 to win, were on course for victory at 191 for three in front of a full house of more than 30,000.

But the dismissal of opener Priya Raut, who hit a fine 86, left to Shrubsole, sparked a stunning collapse.

Shrubsole took five wickets as India fell to 89 deliveries. India, bowled for a World Cup title on the ground where their men’s side won an inaugural World Cup crown in 1993, stumped to 229 for 8.

Pace bowler Shrubsole finished with stunning figures of six for 46 in 9.4 overs as England won a fourth World Cup title and third on home soil, by gaining revenge for their opening group stage loss to India.

Opener Smriti Mandhana -- who made 90 in that match -- was bowled for a duck by Goswami, who had dismissed Harmanpreet Kaur, the tournament’s top scorer in women’s one-day internationals, effectively ran herself out for just 17.

Her exit brought in the big-hitting Harmanpreet Kaur whose stunning 157 not out had set up India’s semi-final win over reigning champions Australia.

Kaur golped and swept left-arm spinner Alex Hartley for two huge sites.

Raut went on to fall to 89 as India batted for 80 overs. The duo were separated when Kaur swept Harmanpreet straight to Tammy Beaumont at deep backward square to end a stand of 95. Sarah Taylor, arguably the best wicketkeeper in the women’s game, then missed a chance to stump Raut, on 66 off spinner Laura Marsh.

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England players pose after winning the 2017 Women’s World Cup final against India at Lord’s cricket ground in London, yesterday.

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Spieth wins British Open for third major

Washington A

Jordan Spieth won the British Open at Royal Birkdale on Sunday by three shots from fellow American Matt Kuchar after a dramatic final round.

Spieth, 23, shot a 69 to finish on 12 under par, with Kuchar second at nine-under. He is the first man to post four rounds in the 60s in an Open at Birkdale.

It is Spieth’s third major title after he won the Masters and US Open in 2015.

Spieth had been top of the leaderboard after each of the first three rounds and his victory saw him emulate the great Jack Nicklaus in getting his hands on a third different major before turning 24.

“This is a dream come true for me. It feels good to have this in my hands,” a beaming Spieth said after receiving the Claret Jug trophy on the 18th green.

He had started the day three shots ahead of Kuchar but he very nearly threw it away, bogeying three of the four outer holes as he went out in 37, three-over.

Spieth and Kuchar were level at eight-under standing on the 15th tee. When the former’s wild drive forced him to take a drop and play his approach to the green from an adjacent practice green.

He escaped with a bogey to trail by just one stroke going onto the 14th, before recovering his nerve to pick up three birdies and an eagle in his next four holes and secure the Claret Jug in dominating fashion.

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US golfer Jordan Spieth poses for a picture with the Claret Jug, the trophy for the champion golfer of the year, after winning the 2017 British Open Golf Championship at Royal Birkdale golf near Southport in north west England, on July 16, 2017.

British Open Winners

2017 - Jordan Spieth (USA) at Royal Birkdale
2016 - Henrik Stenson (SWE) at Royal Troon
2015 - Martin Kaymer (GER) at Royal Troon
2014 - Rory McIlroy (NIR) at Royal Liverpool
2013 - Adam Scott (AUS) at Muirfield
2012 - Tiger Woods (USA) at Holywood
2011 - Sergio Garcia (ESP) at Royal St George
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2009 - Padraig Harrington (IRE) at Troon
2008 - Angel Cabrera (ARG) at Royal Lytham
2007 - John Daly (USA) at Carnoustie
2006 - Padraig Harrington (IRE) at Royal Liverpool
2005 - Tiger Woods (USA) at St Andrews
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Current US Open champion Brooks Koepka, of the USA, who finished in a group of five players tied for second place in the 2017 British Open, also included South Africa’s Branden Grace.

Grace made major championship history in the third round on Saturday when he became the first player ever to shoot a 62.
Qatar yesterday produced a fighting 1-1 draw against Syria in their final Group C match of the AFC U-23 Asian Cup Qualifiers at Teruel, Spain.

According to AFC rules, the four best runners-up across all groups will also qualify for the event. However, if hosts China win their group or are among the best five runners-up, the sixth best runner-up will also qualify.

Qatar, playing in traditional maroon, exhibited quality defending in the first five minutes thanks to Al Barik who shadowed Syrian striker Ahmad Al Bashir. The Qatari defender combined well to thwart the Syrian side but Qatar’s backline of Basrallah, Tameem Al Muhaza and Tarek Salman handled the ball to waste a goal-scoring opportunity.

In the first 20 minutes, hosts Qatar suffered a blow as goalkeeper Ali failed to reach the ball that allowed midfielder Ahmad Al Bashir to slot the ball past the goalkeeper.

Moments later, the referee stopped play due to an injury to Al Barik who went off the pitch in pain. However, the Qatari goal-keeper was quickly replaced by substitute goalkeeper Tameem Al Muhaza.

In the 37th minute, Qatar took the lead in spectacular fashion. In a reckless tackle, Syria’s Mohammed Almarroum brought down Qatar’s Al Attiyah close to the visitor’s box. Malaysian referee Subaih bin Shukri quickly pointed to the spot for a direct free-kick and defender Al Barik produced a spectacular curving shot to send the ball into the Syrian net.

Qatari goalkeeper Mohammad Yassine produced a good save but the ball sailed into the net as home fans went delirious watching the spectacular finish of the match.

Close to the first half whistle, Syria’s Abdul Rahman Barakat had the space to run into the Qatar box but the striker handled the ball to waste a goal-scoring opportunity.

Syria launched the proceedings in the second half with a series of attacks on the home side but Qatar’s goalkeeper Bassam Al Hamad was alert to thwart the dangerous moves.

Seven minutes into the second half, Al Barik charged his way into the Syrian box and handed a foul to Mohammed Al Saadi whose stopper-fixer pushed the ball past the line. At the one-hour mark, Syria produced the equalizer. Unmarked Naji found Muhtadi inside the Qatar box with a curling ball. Muhtadi jumped high in the air and deflected the ball past Mohammed Alhaik.

In an effort to tackle the momentum shift in Syria’s favour in the last 20 minutes of the second half, Qatar midfield switched gears and returned ball possession successfully.

In the 79th minute, Syria’s Barakat found himself in the Qatar box with a clever pass but the striker’s deflection from close range missed the Qatar goalposts by a whisker.

With 10 minutes to go, Qatar stand-in captain Assim Omer was benched by coach Sanchez as Omer Al Hassel walked in. Tameem Al Muhaza was handed the captain’s arm-band for the remainder of the game.

The home fans, however, managed to play out the remaining minutes to seal their China berth.