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SPORT



Bruno Soares of Spain and Sania Mirza, teaming up for the first time, won the US Open 2014 mixed doubles title. It is Sania Mirza's third Grand Slam title.

Australian Open 2014

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Marin Cilic^^ (Croatia)	Kei Nishikori (Japan)**
Women's Singles	Serena Williams# (USA)	Caroline Wozniacki (Denmark)
Men's Doubles	Mike Bryan^ (USA)	Marcel Granollers (Spain)
	Bob Bryan^ (USA)	Marc Lopez (Spain)
Women's Doubles	Ekaterina Makarova (Russia)	Martina Hingis (Switzerland)
	Elena Vesnina (Russia)	Flavia Pennetta (Italy)
Mixed Doubles	Sania Mirza * (India)	Abigail Spears (USA)
	Bruno Soares (Brazil)	Santiago Gonzalez (Mexico)

Note:

* → This win has helped Sania to claim her maiden US Open and career's third Mixed Doubles Grand Slam title. Previous two mixed titles for Sania were with Mahesh Bhupathi. The duo won the Australian Open in 2009 and French Open in 2012.

^ → It is Bryan Brother's 100th Doubles title and fifth US Open title;

→ It is Serena's 18th Grand Slam title and third consecutive US Open title. With this, Williams joins Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert in the record books of winning maximum Grand Slam titles (18 titles) by any player.

** → First Asian to reach the final of Grand Slam

^^ → Cilic brought Croatia a second Grand Slam singles title after his coach Goran Ivanišević triumphed in 2001 at Wimbledon.

Leander Paes and Marcin Matkowski won Malaysian Open doubles title of tennis

Leander Paes and Marcin Matkowski won the ATP Malaysian Open men's doubles title. The fourth seeded Indo-Polish duo defeated the second seed Briton-Australian partner, Jamie Murray and John Peers 3-6, 7-6(5), 10-5 in the summit clash played at Kuala Lumpur. This was the first title of the season for India's tennis ace Paes and 54th ATP title of his career. The win gave 250 ranking points to Paes and 25065 US dollars as prize money. For Matkopwski, this was second Malaysian Open crown. He first lifted the trophy in 2009 with Mariusz Fyrstenberg.

Matkowski is the 98th different doubles partner for Paes, who helped him to clinch the 54th ATP title of his career.

National Academy for Athletics and National Golf Academy

The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated two Sports Academies – National Academy for Athletics and National Academy for Golf at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Sonowal urged the youth and sports enthusiasts to make sports a part of their daily life. Quoting Swami Vivakananda, the Minister said, “*playing football will make you understand the meaning of Bhagavat Geeta*”.

The National Academy for Athletics will give training for sub junior, junior and senior athletes, selected across the Country with the help of expert coaches including foreign ones. The Academy has been established as the first Academy in Sports in the country under Public-Private Partnership with M/s. JSW.

For National Golf Academy, Sports Authority of India has initially selected 20 children in the age group of 8 to 14 from various schools in Kerala who will be the first batch of Golfers in the Academy. As golf has become an Olympic discipline from the next Olympics in Rio in Brazil from 2016 onwards it is a great opportunity for India to participate in Golf.

HS Prannoy won Indonesian masters title

HS Prannoy, the young Indian shuttler won Indonesian Masters Grand Prix Gold. He defeated Indonesian Firman Abdul Kholik 21-11, 22-20 to grab his maiden Grand Prix (GP) title in the finals played at GOR Jakabaring stadium, Indonesia.

With this win at 125000 US dollar Indonesian Masters Grand Prix, Prannoy **became the third Indian shuttler to win a GP Gold title in 2014** after Saina Nehwal and Arvind Bhat. Saina Nehwal won the India GP Gold in January 2014 and Arvind Bhat win at the German Open GP Gold in March 2014.

Earlier, Prannoy finished as runners-up at the Vietnam Grand Prix in Hochiminch city. In 2010 Summer Youth Olympics, he secured a silver medal in Boys' singles category.

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