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Wimbledon 2026: History, Significance and Major Winners

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The **Wimbledon Championships 2026** concluded at the **All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, London**, with **Jannik Sinner** defending the Gentlemen's Singles title and **Linda Noskova** winning her first Grand Slam in Ladies' Singles. The 2026 edition was played from **29 June to 12 July 2026** and continued Wimbledon's identity as the world's oldest and most tradition-rich tennis tournament.

PRELIMS FACTS

- Wimbledon began in **1877**.
- It is held at the **All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club**, London.
- It is one of the four **Grand Slam** tennis tournaments.
- The four Grand Slams are **Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon and US Open**.
- Wimbledon is the only Grand Slam played on **grass courts**.
- The first Wimbledon tournament had only **Gentlemen's Singles**.
- **Spencer Gore** was the first Wimbledon champion in **1877**.
- Wimbledon is associated with **SW19**, the postal area of Wimbledon in London.
- Important traditions include white dress code, Centre Court, Royal Box, strawberries and cream, and historic trophies.
- Wimbledon 2026 was played from **29 June to 12 July 2026**.
- The total prize money for Wimbledon 2026 was **£64.2 million**.
- The Gentlemen's and Ladies' Singles champions each received **£3.6 million**.
- **Gentlemen's Singles 2026**: Jannik Sinner defeated Alexander Zverev **6-7(7), 7-6(2), 6-3, 6-4**.
- Jannik Sinner became the **10th player** to successfully defend the Wimbledon men's singles title.
- It was Sinner's **second consecutive Wimbledon title** and **fifth Grand Slam title**.
- **Ladies' Singles 2026**: Linda Noskova defeated Karolina Muchova **6-2, 5-7, 6-3**.
- Linda Noskova won her **first Grand Slam title** and became the youngest Wimbledon women's champion since **2011**.
- The Ladies' Singles final was an **all-Czech final** between Noskova and Muchova.
- **Gentlemen's Doubles 2026**: Harri Heliövaara and Henry Patten defeated Marcelo Arévalo and Mate Pavić **7-6(4), 7-6(3)**.
- **Ladies' Doubles 2026**: Guo Hanyu and Kristina Mladenovic defeated Gabriela Dabrowski and Luisa Stefani **6-3, 7-5**.
- **Mixed Doubles 2026**: Marcelo Arévalo and Jelena Ostapenko defeated Storm Hunter and Marc Polmans **4-6, 7-5, 6-2**.
- **Gentlemen's Wheelchair Doubles 2026**: Alfie Hewett and Gordon Reid defeated Tokito Oda and Gustavo Fernández **2-6, 6-1, 6-2**.

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Linda Noskova Wins First Grand Slam Title at Wimbledon 2026

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Czech tennis player **Linda Noskova** defeated fellow Czech player **Karolina Muchova 6-2, 5-7, 6-3** in the **Wimbledon 2026 women's singles final** to win her first **Grand Slam** title. The 21-year-old ninth seed became the youngest Wimbledon women's champion since **2011**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Linda Noskova** won the **Wimbledon 2026 women's singles title**.
- She defeated **Karolina Muchova 6-2, 5-7, 6-3** in the final.
- Both finalists were from the **Czech Republic**.
- Noskova was the **ninth seed**.
- She was **21 years old** at the time of the win.
- She became the youngest Wimbledon women's champion since **2011**.
- This was Noskova's **first Grand Slam title**.
- Karolina Muchova saved **five championship points** and fought back from a set and a break down before losing in the decider.
- Britain's **Henry Patten** and Finland's **Harri Heliövaara** won doubles success earlier.
- Great Britain's **Alfie Hewett** and **Gordon Reid** also recorded doubles success.

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India-Australia Sports Collaboration Roadmap

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Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and Australian Prime Minister **Anthony Albanese** jointly released the **India-Australia Sports Collaboration Roadmap** at the **Melbourne Cricket Ground** on **10 July 2026**. The roadmap aims to deepen cooperation in sports training, capacity building, sports science, technology, sports industry, investment, women's participation and youth exchanges.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The **India-Australia Sports Collaboration Roadmap** was jointly released on **10 July 2026**.
- It was released by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and Australian Prime Minister **Anthony Albanese** at the **Melbourne Cricket Ground**.
- The roadmap builds on the **2023 Sports Cooperation Agreement**.
- The roadmap looks ahead to the **2030 Commonwealth Games in Ahmedabad** and the **2032 Olympics and Paralympics in Brisbane**.
- It identifies cooperation areas such as capacity building, sports science and technology, major sports events, sports industry and investment, and women's participation.
- It proposes cooperation in high performance sports centres in India.
- Para sports are recognised as a key priority, including cooperation in para classification, coaching and performance support.
- It promotes coach exchanges and a **train-the-trainer** approach.
- It proposes physical education exchange programmes between India and Australia.
- It encourages cooperation in yoga and yogasana in Australia.
- The roadmap mentions the **India-Australia High Performance Coach Development Programme** with the Australian Sports Commission.
- It encourages India-Australia university partnerships in sports science, sports curriculum and research.
- It mentions cooperation between **Sport Integrity Australia** and India's **NADA** in anti-doping capacity-building.
- It encourages exhibition matches and youth events in sports such as **kabaddi, kho kho, Australian football, basketball and cricket**.
- The first **Big Bash League match in India** is welcomed for **Chennai in December 2026**.
- An Australia-funded **Sports Industry Summit** is proposed in **Mumbai in December 2026**.
- The roadmap supports increasing India's exports of high-quality and competitively priced sports goods to Australia.
- It promotes women's leadership, health, high performance and participation in sports, including bilateral tournaments for women athletes.
- PM Modi visited the **Melbourne Cricket Ground** with PM Anthony Albanese and Victorian Premier **Jacinta Allan**.
- Australian sports personalities including **Steve Waugh** and **Lisa Sthalekar** attended the event.

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India and New Zealand Mark 100 Years of Sporting Ties

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India and New Zealand are celebrating **100 years of sporting ties in 2026**. The relationship began in **1926**, when the **Indian Army Hockey Team** became the first Indian sports team to tour New Zealand. Hockey continues to act as a bridge of friendship between the two countries.

PRELIMS FACTS

- India and New Zealand are celebrating **100 years of sporting ties in 2026**.
- The sporting relationship began in **1926** through hockey.
- The **Indian Army Hockey Team** was the first Indian sports team to tour New Zealand.
- **Major Dhyan Chand** was part of the historic 1926 team.
- The Indian Women's Hockey Team won the **FIH Women's Nations Cup** in **Auckland**.
- India defeated host **New Zealand** in the final of the FIH Women's Nations Cup.
- Former Hockey New Zealand CEO and **1976 Olympic Gold Medallist Ramesh Patel** highlighted the importance of sports cooperation.

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JIM&WS Team Summits Mount Khyam Tso Massif in Ladakh

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Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering and Winter Sports (JIM&WS), Pahalgam conducted a **22-member mountaineering expedition** to the **Mount Khyam Tso Massif** in the **Rumtse Phu region of Ladakh**. The team successfully climbed multiple peaks between **2 July and 5 July 2026**, despite adverse weather conditions.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **JIM&WS, Pahalgam** conducted a **22-member expedition** to Mount Khyam Tso Massif.
- The expedition was flagged off by team leader **Col Hem Chandra Singh** on **26 June 2026**.
- The massif is located in the **Rumtse Phu region of Ladakh**.
- On **2 July 2026**, the team made the first ascent of **Mount Peak Point 5901 m**.
- The team leader made the first paragliding flight from **5600 m** from the same peak.
- On **3 July 2026**, the team climbed a technically challenging **6090 m peak** and **Mount Peak Point 5944 m**.
- On **5 July 2026**, the team climbed **Mount Khyam-III, 6018 m**.
- The expedition highlighted adventure capability, teamwork and India's growing presence in lesser-explored mountain ranges of Ladakh.

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Australia Win ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026

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Australia defeated **England by 7 wickets** at **Lord's, London**, to win the **ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026**. Chasing England's **150/4**, Australia reached **153/3 in 17.1 overs**, with **Beth Mooney** scoring **64** and **Phoebe Litchfield** scoring **48**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- Australia defeated England by **7 wickets** to win the **ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026**.
- Venue of the final: **Lord's, London**.
- England scored **150/4 in 20 overs**.
- Australia scored **153/3 in 17.1 overs**.
- **Beth Mooney** scored **64 runs** for Australia.
- **Phoebe Litchfield** scored **48 runs** for Australia.
- England captain **Nat Sciver-Brunt** scored **58 not out**.
- **Freya Kemp** scored **44 runs** for England.
- **Player of the Match**: Beth Mooney.
- **Player of the Tournament / Man of the Series**: Beth Mooney.
- Australia won its **seventh** ICC Women's T20 World Cup title.
- The first ICC Women's T20 World Cup was held in **2009** in **England**.
- Women's T20 World Cup title count: **Australia 7, England 1, West Indies 1, New Zealand 1**.

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FIFA World Cup Interesting Facts

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A FIFA World Cup quiz highlighted important facts related to tournament records, mascots and memorable football moments. It covered the fastest World Cup goal, the oldest World Cup-winning player, FIFA World Cup 2026 mascots, Morocco's semi-final record, the Mexican Wave and the first-ever World Cup Golden Goal.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Hakan Şükür** of Türkiye scored the fastest goal in FIFA World Cup history in **11 seconds** against South Korea in **2002**.
- **Dino Zoff** of Italy is the oldest player to win the FIFA World Cup; he captained Italy to victory in **1982** at the age of **40**.
- The official mascots of **FIFA World Cup 2026** are **Maple the Moose, Zayu the Jaguar** and **Clutch the Bald Eagle**.
- The three FIFA World Cup 2026 host countries are **Canada, Mexico** and the **United States**.
- **Morocco** became the first African team to reach a FIFA World Cup semi-final in **2022**.
- The **Mexican Wave** became globally popular during the **1986 FIFA World Cup** in Mexico.
- **Laurent Blanc** scored the first-ever World Cup **Golden Goal** for France against Paraguay in **1998**.