

# Radwanska, Halep out of start-stop French Open

Continuing on from Sunday, No 2 & No 6 seeds ousted from Paris; Djoker's match interrupted, Quarterfinal postponed due to rain

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**Y**es, they actually managed to complete a match on this wettest of weeks at the French Open. Yes, even. And both involved surprise: Two of the top half-seeded women lost within minutes of each other. No. 2 Agnieszka Radwanska and No. 6 Simona Halep.

Radwanska, the 2012 Wimbledon runner-up, dropped 10 games in a set and got treatment for a problem with her right knee. Halep, who had been here 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 by 10:22-ranked Tsvetana Pironkova of Bulgaria in the fourth round Tuesday.

Shortly before that, Halep exited with a 7-6 (5), 6-3 defeat against No. 21 Sorana Cirstea in a contest between two past champions at Roland Garros.

Pironkova is much better known for bullies on grass than on clay, but she reached her first quarterfinal at Roland Garros after getting that far twice at Wimbledon.

The match originally began Sunday, when Halep took the opening set, but went ahead 3-0 in the second, just three games from victory, before play was suspended because of rain. They never made

it back on court Monday, when heavy showers wiped out an entire day of play at the French Open for the first time in 18 years.

It was hardly better Tuesday, when they began more than an hour later than scheduled because of more rain, played for about a half-hour, then were interrupted by a 2½-hour delay before resuming again. Through it all, with the tennis balls heavier and slower than normal as action proceeded despite the occasional drizzle, Radwanska ended the first 10 games they played Tuesday and she never recovered.

The Simona-Halep match also was suspended Sunday during the first set. And 2011 U.S. Open champion Halep, wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt against the clasp of temperatures in the 50s (about 13 degrees Celsius), was better throughout Tuesday, her hit hitting about 15-18 degrees Celsius, better than Halep's spins and angles.

"It was really tough, obviously, with the start-stop and having a day off and everything," said Simona, who lost to Roland Garros. "Once you're out there

and it's raining, it's not so nice, but that's the way it is."

She is into the quarterfinals in Paris for the fourth time.

Only one of the top 11 seeded players remain in the women's tournament: No. 1 Serena Williams, No. 4 Garbine Muguruza, No. 3 Times Baccuschi and No. 9 Venus Williams. Muguruza is already into the quarterfinals; the other three were scheduled to play in the fourth round Tuesday.

Norah Djoker's fourth-round match finally got started Tuesday, and he split the first two sets, with 14th-seeded Roberto Bautista Agut of Spain as they also went on and off court.

Djoker was leading 6-1 in the third when another delay arrived, then resuming play in fourth-round matches involving tennis legends vs. David Ferrer, David Goffin vs. Ernests Gulbis, and Dominic Thiem vs. Marcel Granollers.

If Djoker and Bautista Agut were able to complete their match, it was scheduled to be followed in the main stadium by defending champion Serena Williams against 16th-seeded Elina Svitolina.



## Fans will be entertained in Olympics: Raghunath



**W**ith over 200 camps under his belt for the Indian national hockey team, VR Raghunath is one of the most experienced veterans to take part in the 2016 Summer Games. After finishing a disappointing 12th in 2012 London, Raghunath — part of that side — will be going to improve on that record. The 27-year-old Raghunath told KARTHI RAMAN how he and his teammates are going to do about their business in the Rio Olympics.

"You have made over 200 international appearances, which means you've been playing for a long time," he said. "I have been playing my best hockey compared from the days when I started playing, many senior players have also left now, so the ones on the line are me and my teammates. I believe I have been playing my best for the past five years. I have been playing at high intensity level during that period."

Next week, he will be playing in the 2016 Rio Olympics and then we will participate in the first nine tests. We will have beaten some of the best teams in the world."

## singles

**Indian enters race to WC in opening encounter**  
**INDONESIA (AUSTRALIA):** Indian women's hockey team started its campaign in the 10-nation tournament on a disappointing note, losing 1-4 against New Zealand, here on Tuesday. New Zealand came out and showed its intent from the start. India's goalkeeper, Pooja, was the only player to be in the goal in the 10th minute. In the fourth and final quarter, Pooja's goalkeeper, Pooja, was the only player to be in the goal in the 10th minute. In the fourth and final quarter, Pooja's goalkeeper, Pooja, was the only player to be in the goal in the 10th minute.

**Pole to auction off his memorabilia**  
**LONDON:** David Beckham signed Polo is set to be auctioned off at a one-off collection of memorabilia accumulated throughout his illustrious career. The Polo shirt was worn by Beckham on his 2003 debut for the England national team. It was a special occasion to mark his 10th date after a properly set in the archives. Polo was presented to the player by the BBC on Tuesday. "I will be able to do much more than just playing the game with this shirt, as well as helping my country to qualify. Something is not expected to be sold. I will be able to do much more than just playing the game with this shirt, as well as helping my country to qualify. Something is not expected to be sold. I will be able to do much more than just playing the game with this shirt, as well as helping my country to qualify. Something is not expected to be sold."

**Swimmers invited to be part of World Soccer Congress**  
**NEW DELHI:** Indian Soccer League team Delhi Dynamos FC has been invited to be a part of the World Soccer Congress in Shanghai, China. Delhi Dynamos FC President Prashant Puri has been invited to be a part of the team in the presence of representatives from FC Barcelona, FC Inter Milan, Manchester United, etc. World Soccer Congress is scheduled to take place in Shanghai from June 1 to 3.

**Madrid ahead on his tax fraud trial opens in Spain**  
**MADRID:** Lionel Messi's tax trial began on Tuesday with the player appearing in court to face charges of tax evasion. Messi is facing a sentence of nearly four years on charges he failed to properly pay taxes for part of the earnings from Barcelona from 2007 to 2010. The Argentine international is not obligated to appear in the Barcelona court until Thursday, when he is scheduled to testify before a judge. Sentencing is not expected until next week. Messi and his father, Jorge Horacio Messi, have been charged with fraud on the basis of allegedly diverting Messi's tax of €1.1 million euros (US\$1 million).

## Health - Happiness - Harmony

**Dubai Yoga calling - Towards building healthy nations! International Yoga Day - Dubai, 2016.**



**Y**oga is the most popular practice and fastest growing exercise trend of all, says a social media study. Just take a walk along any busy main street and you are bound to see someone carrying a yoga mat. In fact you can't even open a magazine or newspaper without finding an article about yoga and its benefits. Studies have also shown that the practice of Yoga contributes immensely to one's physiological and psychological growth. Over the last few years this form of therapy has really taken off and more and more people are choosing it among all other forms of fitness regimes to manage the occupational health. This age-old Indian science of seers and sages has been brought down to us through the contemporary yoga exponents and Swami Ramdev who has taken nationwide initiative for anti-obesity campaign in India is now going to Dubai, in UAE, to mark the International Yoga Day (IYD) celebrations.

**The Fact Is That Yoga Can Have A Rejuvenating Effect On All Body Systems: The Circulatory, Glanular System, Digestive, Nervous, Musculoskeletal, Reproductive And Respiratory Systems**

The best way to understand yoga's popularity, they say, is to go right to the people who practice it. The most common benefits experienced are muscular flexibility, increased energy, improved concentration, reduction of stress disorders and an overall joyous feel throughout the day. The fact is that yoga can have a rejuvenating effect on all body systems including the circulatory, glanular system, digestive, nervous, musculoskeletal, reproductive and respiratory systems. "Our aim is to bring the people of UAE to experience the benefits of yoga themselves, hence the celebration of IYD, Dubai under the patronage of Council General of India, Dubai, to spread the message of Health - Happiness - Harmony."

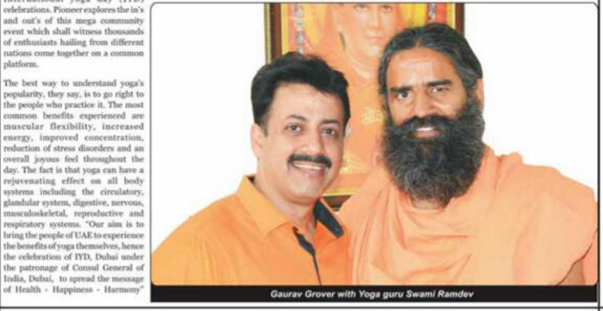
joined with his wife Padma Grover in his venture. Gaurav says that International Yoga Day Dubai is one such endeavor towards building healthy society in which his team is working heading to support and make the event a grand success.

Speaking to the Pioneer, Swami Ramdev, founder of Patanjali Yogpeeth in Haridwar said, "On the invitation of Council General of India to Dubai, Among Bhushan and by the love of all yoga practitioners, we shall be gathering on 16 June at the trade center in Dubai. When yoga shall be our lifestyle then the lifestyle diseases shall remain at bay naturally. For a powerful life nothing can be better than this yoga lifestyle. I welcome and invite one and all to this most awaited event in Dubai to unite the yoga forays."

At its base level, yoga calms the mind and opens the body, setting the stage for withdrawing deeper inside oneself — to a place of Health, Happiness and Harmony. It is here where the potential divine within us awakens, adds Grover.

When asked about the yoga and its benefits at the celebration of IYD, Grover said, "To incarnate Yoga as a way of life, a practice towards filtering of thoughts for a healthy mind body and soul", for which Swami Ramdev will talk at IYD, Dubai will be the easiest poise and fitness regimes for the common ailments which we confront in day today life."

The take home point from the mega event says Gaurav Grover who himself is a yoga practitioner since last few



Gaurav Grover with Yoga guru Swami Ramdev