

*Coco Gauff, Jessica Pegula, Jasmine Paolini, and Barbora Krejckova Advance to Third Round of WTA Cincinnati Open*

Ohio (News Desk) – World No. 2 and event second seed Coco Gauff, American tennis star Jessica Pegula, Italy’s Jasmine Paolini, and Czech star Barbora Krejckova have all made winning starts in the women’s singles at the WTA Cincinnati Open, advancing to the third round. In the second-round women’s singles matches, Gauff defeated China’s Xinyu Wang, while Pegula overcame Australian Kimberly Birrell. Paolini beat Greek player Maria Sakkari, and Krejckova ousted Ukraine’s Elina Svitolina. The WTA event is underway at the Lindner Family Tennis Center in Mason, Ohio, attracting tennis fans with thrilling contests. Twenty-one-year-old American star Coco Gauff produced a commanding performance to defeat Xinyu Wang in straight sets 6-3, 6-2, securing a place in the third round. Thirty-one-year-old home favourite and fourth seed Jessica Pegula also cleared the second hurdle with a straight-sets victory 6-4, 6-3 over Birrell. Italy’s Jasmine Paolini overcame Maria Sakkari in a tie-break battle, winning 7-6(7-2), 7-6(7-5), to move into the next round. In another second-round match, Czech star Barbora Krejckova defeated Ukraine’s Elina Svitolina 2-6, 6-4, 6-3 to reach the third round.

*Alcaraz, Zverev, Shelton, and Rublev Advance to Third Round of ATP Cincinnati Open*

Ohio (News Desk) – Spain’s world No. 2 and second seed Carlos Alcaraz, Germany’s Alexander Zverev, America’s Ben Shelton, and Russia’s Andrey Rublev have all made winning starts in the men’s singles at the ATP Cincinnati Open, advancing to the third round. Twenty-two-year-old Alcaraz defeated Bosnia and Herzegovina’s Damir Dzumhur in the second round 6-1, 2-6, 6-3 to set up a third-round clash against Serbia’s Hamad Medjedovic. In another match, 28-year-old Alexander Zverev overcame American wild card Nishesh Basavareddy in straight sets 6-3, 6-3 to book a meeting with fellow American Brandon Nakashima in the next round. Other second-round matches saw American Ben Shelton beat Argentina’s Camilo Ugo Carabelli, while Russia’s Andrey Rublev triumphed over American Learner Tien to secure their spots in the third round. The tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio, continues to offer thrilling contests for tennis fans.

*Saudi Students to Compete in 20th International Standards Olympiad in South Korea*

JEDDAH (News Desk) – A Saudi student team will actively participate in the 20th International Standards Olympiad 2025, scheduled to be held in South Korea from August 12 to 14. According to the Saudi Press Agency (SPA), around 40 teams are expected to compete in the event. The Saudi contingent consists of four teams from middle and high schools, selected after rigorous training and evaluation. The initiative was jointly organized by the King Abdulaziz and His Companions Foundation for Giftedness and Creativity .

*Cristiano Ronaldo Gets Engaged to Georgina Rodriguez After Eight Years of Dating*



Lisbon (News Desk) – Portuguese football star Cristiano Ronaldo has become engaged to his girlfriend Georgina Rodriguez after dating for eight years. The 40-year-old Ronaldo proposed to Georgina with a precious diamond ring, which she accepted. Georgina shared a photo of the ring on her Instagram, showing her hand resting on Ronaldo’s, wearing a large diamond ring. In her post caption, Georgina said, “I said yes, to this life and all our lives to come.”The love story of the star footballer and Georgina began eight years ago when she was an employee at a fashion brand outlet in Madrid, and they were first seen together in 2017. Ronaldo and Georgina have five children, including twins, one of whom sadly passed away in April 2022.

*Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan Record Lowest ODI Strike Rates Among ICC Full Member Batsmen in 2024*



his scoring pace has also slowed significantly. In the second ODI against the West Indies, he was dismissed for a duck — the fifth time in his ODI career. His previous duck came against Afghanistan in August 2023, followed by two consecutive fifties and then his century against Nepal, which remains his last in international cricket. Since then, in 28 ODI innings, Babar has scored 929 runs at an average of 37.16 and a strike rate of 79.53 — well below his career average of 54.62 and strike rate of 87.78 — including nine fifties with a highest score of 78. Before this slump, he had scored 19 centuries and 37 fifties in 102 ODI innings. Since that Nepal century, his form has declined not only in ODIs but also in Tests and T20Is. In his last 10 Test matches, he has averaged just 23.15 with no centuries and only three fifties, while in 24 T20Is during this period, he has scored 738 runs at an average of 33.54. This period has also seen Babar lose the national team’s captaincy, get dropped from the Test side before making a return, and lose his place in the national T20 squad.



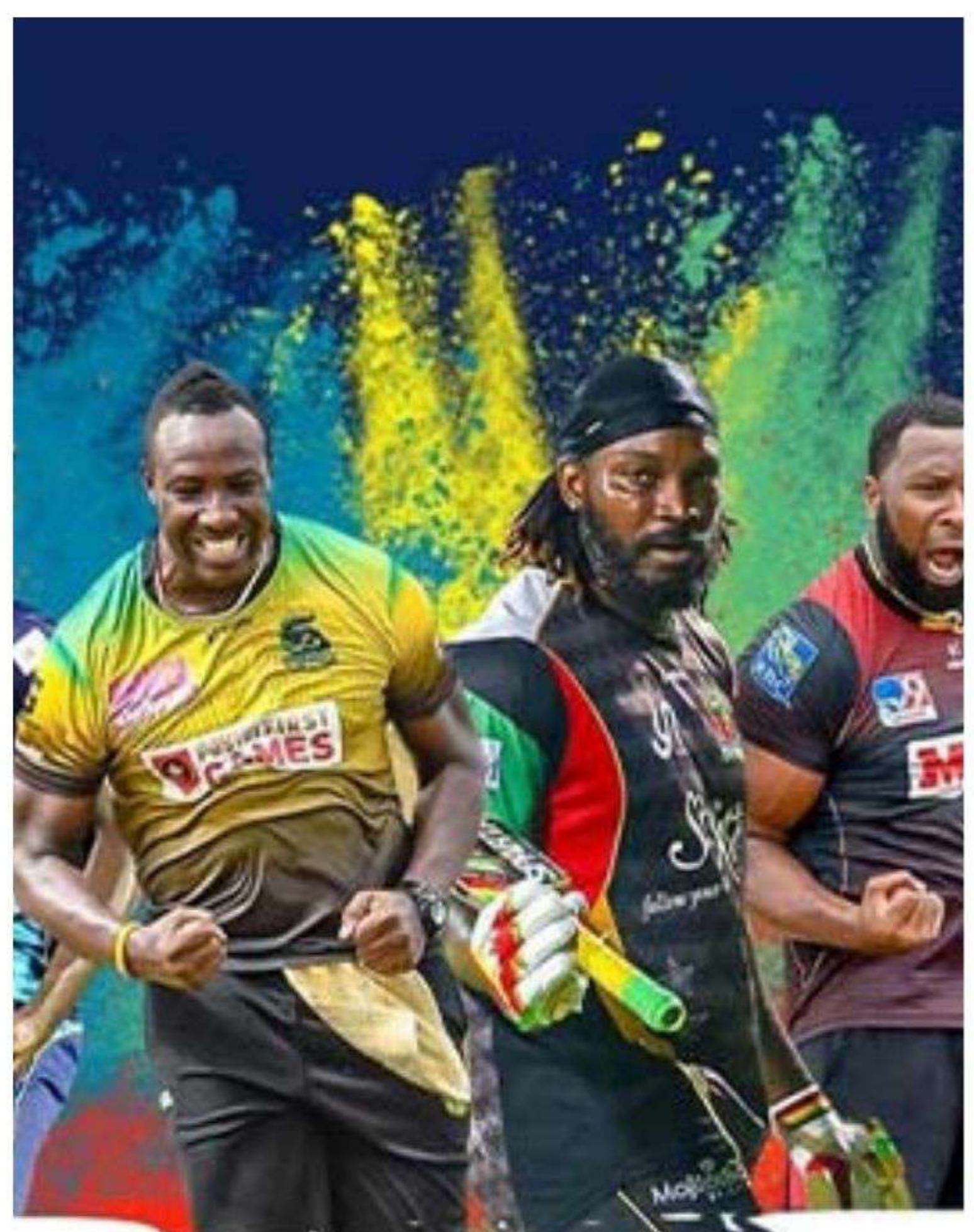
*Rohit Sharma Buys ₹4.57 Crore Lamborghini With Special Number Plate, Announces Retirement from Test Cricket*

New Delhi (News Desk) – Indian cricket team captain Rohit Sharma has stunned fans with the purchase of his new luxury car and the story behind its unique number plate. According to reports, Rohit recently bought a red Lamborghini Urus SE in Mumbai, priced at approximately ₹4.57 crore (ex-showroom). The car’s number plate “3015” has caught fans’ attention, as it represents the birthdays of his children — “30” for daughter Samaira’s birthday on December 30 and “15” for son Ahan’s birthday on November 15. Interestingly, adding 30 and 15 makes 45, which is Rohit’s jersey number. His previous car had the number “264,” signifying his highest ODI score. The Lamborghini Urus SE boasts an engine power of 800 horsepower and 950 Nm of torque, accelerating from 0 to 100 km/h in just 3.4 seconds. Meanwhile, Rohit Sharma has announced his retirement from Test cricket. In a message posted on social media, he said, “I just want to let everyone know that I am retiring from Test cricket. It has been an honour to represent my country.” He thanked fans for their love and support over the years, adding that he will continue representing India in the ODI format. It is noteworthy that following a 3–0 whitewash at home against New Zealand last year, his captaincy came under criticism, which was followed by a 3–1 defeat to Australia in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

*Third-Seeded Taylor Townsend and Shuai Zhang Suffer Shock Exit in Cincinnati Open Women’s Doubles First Round*

Ohio (News Desk) – The third-seeded pair of American tennis star Taylor Townsend and her Chinese partner Shuai Zhang was knocked out of the Cincinnati Open women’s doubles in the opening round after a shock defeat. American tennis player Nicole Melichar-Martinez and her Russian partner Liudmila Dmitriyevna Samsonova delivered an outstanding performance to upset the higher-ranked duo. The Cincinnati Open, organized under the WTA, is currently underway in the U.S. state of Ohio. Nicole Melichar-Martinez and Liudmila Dmitriyevna Samsonova showcased brilliant play in the first-round women’s doubles match, defeating Taylor Townsend and Shuai Zhang in straight sets 6-3 and 7-5. With this victory, they not only caused a major upset but also made a winning start to the tournament, securing their place in the second round.

*13th Caribbean Premier League to Begin on August 15 in West Indies, Defending Champions Saint Lucia Kings to Protect Title*



Jamaica (News Desk) – The 13th edition of the Caribbean Premier League (CPL) will commence on August 15 in the West Indies, with preparations in full swing for its successful staging. Star cricketers from various countries will feature in the tournament. Last year, the Saint Lucia Kings defeated the Guyana Amazon Warriors by six wickets in the final to claim the championship and will now defend their title. Six teams will compete for the trophy: defending champions Saint Lucia Kings, Guyana Amazon Warriors, Antigua & Barbuda Falcons, St Kitts & Nevis Patriots, Barbados Royals, and Trinbago Knight Riders. In the 12th edition, Antigua & Barbuda Falcons replaced Jamaica Tallawahs. The tournament will feature 34 matches, including the final. The opening match on August 15 will see Antigua & Barbuda Falcons face St Kitts & Nevis Patriots at Warner Park Sporting Complex, St Kitts. The Caribbean Premier League began in 2013, and so far, 12 editions have been played. Trinbago Knight Riders hold the record with four titles, followed by Jamaica Tallawahs with three, Barbados Royals with two, and Guyana Amazon Warriors, St Kitts & Nevis Patriots, and Saint Lucia Kings with one title each.