



Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli poses with the trophy after winning the Twenty20 international cricket match

Kohli fires India to 7-wicket win

Colombo

Skipper Virat Kohli hit a blazing half-century as India completed their rout of Sri Lanka on this tour, winning the one-off Twenty20 by seven wickets in Colombo yesterday.

The visitors remained unbeaten in their nine matches against Sri Lanka as they won the Test and one-day series 3-0 and 5-0 respectively.

Chasing 171 for victory, India rode on a 119-run second-wicket stand between Kohli (82) and Manish Pandey (51 not out) to achieve their target with four balls to spare.

Kohli remained calm in a tricky chase with Pandey for company after India lost their openers for 42 runs in the sixth over.

Rohit Sharma fell to veteran paceman Lasith Malinga for nine and Lokesh Rahul was done in by a superb catch by Dasun Shanaka at short cover off Seekkuge Prasanna.

But Kohli took the attack to the opposition with 7 fours and a six during his 54-ball knock before falling to Isuru Udana with India requiring 10 runs to win.

Pandey finished off the game with a boundary that brought his maiden T20 fifty in 36 balls.

Earlier leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal played his part by claiming three wickets to restrict Sri Lanka to 170-7 after being put into bat first.

Dilshan Munaweera hit a 29-ball 53 before Ashan Priyanjan scored a run-a-ball 40 not out to lift the Sri Lankan total after a middle-order collapse.

New York

CoCo Vandeweghe reached the US Open semi-finals yesterday, knocking Karolina Pliskova off her world number one perch as Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer plotted a dream New York match-up for the first time.

American 20th seed Vandeweghe claimed a 7-6 (7/4), 6-3 win over the Czech Republic's Pliskova, whose brief eight-week stay as world number one ends with Wimbledon champion Garbine Muguruza taking over.

Vandeweghe's victory means that the US Open will have an all-American semi-final line-up for the first time since 1981 if Madison Keys defeats Estonia's Kaia Kanepi later Wednesday.

"I won the juniors here when I was 16 and dreamed of playing on the real stage," said 25-year-old Vandeweghe, who also made the semi-finals at the Australian Open, beating then world number one Angelique Kerber in the process.

Venus Williams and Sloane Stephens had already set-up another

American semi-final.

The last time four US women were in the semis was 36 years ago when eventual champion Tracy Austin, Chris Evert, Martina Navratilova and Barbara Potter all made it.

"Let's make it four from four," said Vandeweghe.

Pliskova, who had to save a match point to beat China's Zhang Shuai in the second round, needed to fight back from breaks down in both sets to keep her challenge alive.

But a final break from the American for a 4-2 lead in the second set proved decisive and the match was hers when Pliskova buried a return into the net.

Later Wednesday, Nadal faces Russian 19-year-old Andrey Rublev with plenty on the line.

Should Nadal lose and Federer defeat Juan Martin del Potro, then the veteran Swiss will reclaim the world number one spot.

It would make 36-year-old Federer the oldest men's number one since the rankings were introduced in 1973.

'Lot of regrets'

Federer faces del Potro for the first time in New York since the towering Argentine rallied from a set and a break down to shock the Swiss legend in the 2009 final.

That thrilling five-set triumph ended Federer's five-year reign as champion as well as his 40-match win streak.

Del Potro had also crushed Nadal in straight sets in the semi-finals.

"I felt like that I left that match with a lot of regrets. Probably feels like one of those matches I would like to play over again," said Federer.

Del Potro, who saved two match points to defeat sixth seed Dominic Thiem from two sets down in a fourth-round thriller, has been plagued by injury ever since his moment in the New York spotlight eight years ago.

CoCo stuns Pliskova



CoCo Vandeweghe of the United States falls to her knees

Czech Republic's Karolina Pliskova leaves the court



Abdulrahman Janahi and Ali Khonji were crowned winners in the Super Doubles of the August edition of the Bahrain Tennis Club (BTC) Members Circuit following a 6-3, 6-0 win over top seeds Ali Al Asfoor and Roy Boutagy at the Bahrain Tennis Club (BTC) premises in Juffair. Janahi had previously won the singles title in July. In the doubles competition final, Mahmood Janahi and Mohammed Al Mosawi defeated Ahmed Oman and Sayed Mohammed 6-4, 6-3. After the final matches, BTC President, Khamis Al-Maqla and BTC Vice-President Mirza Samak, Vice President and BTC Chairman of Sport Activities, Khalid Nass presented trophies to the winners.