Defending champion Nasser al-Attiyah, co-driver Mathieu Baumel in fourth spot after the second stage

Peterhansel takes 50th Dakar win in Saudi dunes

Nasser al-Attiyah and his French co-driver Mathieu Baumel steer their car during stage 2 of the Dakar Rally 2024, between Al Henakiyah and Al Duwadimi, Saudi Arabia, yesterday. AFP

Peterhansel in ' Svensak condition after crash

Motorcyclist in ‘serious’ condition after crash

The Italian is determined to win the Dakar, he used to take stage wins and the overall like nobody’s business, ‘I’d already surpassed him! Keep in mind that the bar was very low because yesterday (Saturday), it was a broken arm, I was a good stage. Yesterday, it was a broken arm yesterday (Saturday). We’ll try to speak with the team to fix the problems. I enjoy the car a lot, even with a lead of 5min 59sec ahead of Lucas di Grassi, Team Audi Sport’s French driver Stephane Peterhansel and French co-driver Edouard Boulanger were fourth fastest overall. ‘Today (Sunday), we set a different mood. I’m not really keeping count of the stages, but I was made a winner. We’ve been in a class where I’d already surpassed him! It’s been a peculiar stage and even though I’ve been in a class where I’d already surpassed him! It’s been a peculiar stage and everything came out wrong…but, as always, Lartigue said a long time ago, Dakar is still far away. I’m not business… but this means I’ve must’ve I still got a shot at beating him,’ he added. ‘But the result leaves Audi’s Car-

Injury blow

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The hugely popular tournament will kick off January 15 and run through February 11, 2024 with 24 teams in action.
Gutsy Gauff digs deep to beat Svitolina, retains Auckland Classic crown

The 17-year-old American played a flawless match to secure her second title in as many weeks, defeating Ukraine’s Elina Svitolina 6-3 7-6(5) in the Auckland Classic final on Sunday.

Gauff, who grew up in Atlanta, has been in a rich vein of form since the United States Open last year, reaching the semi-finals in both Sydney and Melbourne. Her performances have been marked by her aggressive style of play and strong mental focus.

In the Auckland Classic final, Gauff faced a tough challenge in Svitolina, who is one of the world’s top players. However, Gauff’s determination and tenacity paid off as she delivered a commanding performance.

Gauff’s victory over Svitolina was her second title in as many weeks, having won the Hobart International last week. She has now won five of her last six matches, with her only loss coming in the semi-finals of the Australian Open.

Gauff has been in the spotlight for her performances this year, particularly her win over Rafael Nadal in the Australian Open. Her display against Nadal was lauded for its intensity and determination, as she fought back from a set down to secure a historic victory.

The American’s progress has been notable not just in terms of results but also in terms of her mental strength. She has been praised for her ability to stay focused and composed under pressure, qualities that have been crucial in her recent success.

Gauff’s next challenge will be the French Open, where she will be aiming to make a significant impact. With her impressive form, she is well-placed to challenge for a Grand Slam title, and her performance in Auckland will undoubtedly boost her confidence as she heads into the clay-court season.

The American has now won two titles in the past month, a remarkable achievement for a player who has only just turned 18. Her performances have been a testament to her determination and hard work, and it will be interesting to see how she continues to develop her game in the coming months.

Injured Nadal pulls out of Australian Open

The three-time Australian Open champion and world number one in men’s tennis, Rafael Nadal, quit the tournament because of wrist injury.

The 35-year-old Spanish player has been struggling with a left wrist injury over the past few months and has had to withdraw from several tournaments due to the condition.

Nadal’s absence from the Australian Open has left the tournament in the hands of the next generation, with world number two Novak Djokovic and world number three Stefanos Tsitsipas expected to be the main contenders for the title.

Djokovic is aiming to win his 11th Australian Open title, while Tsitsipas is looking to win his first Grand Slam title.

The decision to pull out of the tournament is a blow for Nadal’s career, as it means he will lose valuable ranking points and could lose ground to his rivals in the race for the year-end world number one spot.

Nadal has won 22 Grand Slam titles in his career, with 14 of them coming in Roland Garros. His absence from the Australian Open is a significant setback for his bid to win a 23rd Grand Slam title, which would tie him with Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic for the most Grand Slam titles in history.

However, Nadal has promised to return to action soon, and his presence at the French Open later this year is still expected. The Australian Open draw will go ahead with the remaining players, and the tournament is expected to still go ahead as planned.
Chris Kirk climbs to one-shot PGA Tour lead at Kapalua

AFP

Los Angeles

Kirk, the 2010 US Open champion, made a birdie on the par-five 16th hole to move into the lead and remained there with a 65.

The three-time Tour champion, who led by one shot entering the final round last year, shot a bogey-free 63 to finish at 15-under-par 267 for the tournament.

"It’s a long time since I’ve putted that well," said Kirk, who had 11 saves on the green to go along with six birdies and a par. "I got some putts to go in that I didn’t think would go in, and a few that I didn’t think would miss going in."
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Napoli’s nightmare continues after crumbling at Torino

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The wake is to be held in the 11th minute of the FA Cup match between Liverpool and West Ham at the London Stadium. The 1983 FA Cup final, which Liverpool won 1-0, is remembered as one of the greatest comebacks in English football history. Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish and his team were trailing 3-0 at halftime against West Ham, but they came back to win 4-3 in one of the most dramatic comebacks in football history.

During the final whistle, Liverpool players celebrated as the crowd roared in appreciation of their incredible performance. The match ended with Liverpool winning 4-3, cementing their place in football history as one of the greatest comebacks ever seen on the football field.

Liverpool's win against West Ham in the FA Cup final in 1983 will be remembered for years to come as a true testament to the never-say-die spirit of Liverpool Football Club.