Wozniacki retires with dreams fulfilled

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Melbourne: Caroline Wozniacki said she was “very lucky” to have been able to end her career on her own terms after announcing her retirement on Friday.

The 29-year-old spent 71 weeks at the top of the women’s rankings and won 30 singles titles, including her lone Grand Slam, the Australian Open in 2018. She also won the WTA Tour Finals in 2014 and 2017.

“I was very lucky to be able to decide that on my own terms,” Wozniacki said.

She was flanked by the chats and the fun talks we’ve been having on tour, a new form of tennis. “I’m excited to see how it goes and to recover well, to have strength, to have muscles.”

Wozniacki announced her plan to retire last month, saying that she wanted to start a family with her husband, former NHL player David Lee.

“I think there’s so much to life,” she said.

Williams, Osaka exit as Federer survives scare

Williams’ bid for a record-equalling 24th Grand Slam was shattered by China’s Wang Qiang, who triumphed in three tough sets.

Wang broke twice in the first set and twice in the second before clinching a 6-3, 6-2 victory.

Williams was famously forced to retire in the quarter-finals last year after suffering a pulmonary embolism.

“This is one of the greatest athletes I’ve ever faced,” said Wang.

Williams, who had won her last two matches and seven of her last nine sets, was clearly exhausted.

“It’s been a long week for me,” she said.

Williams and Osaka, who are both hoping to win their first Grand Slam, were unable to mount a comeback after dropping the first set.

Osaka, who has not played since losing to Serena Williams in the final of the US Open last year, was also struggling.

“I was really, really tired,” she said.

Wang, who reached the Australian Open semi-finals last year, was the only player to break serve in the final set.

Williams’ exit removes a major dream for Australia with 17-year-old American Coco Gauff, who trained with Serena Williams in the off-season, had been on course to meet her in the semi-finals.

Federer, bidding to become the first man to win 10 titles at Australian Open, defeated Japan’s Taro Daniel 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

“I’m very pleased to be plant-based and do it all the time,” Djokovic said.

“I’m here — this is crazy,” said the world number one.

Says Djokovic: "I was really nervous that I’m not going to be able to do it. I’m not going to be able to serve as good as I did today. I feel I have a chance,“ Djokovic said.

But Williams, who has now had three straight losses, was no match for the power and precision of Djokovic.

“People thought that I was crazy being from a small country. But I made it happen. ” she said.

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Dutch Dakar biker dies after crash in Saudi

Reuters

A Dutch biker was killed in a crash during the third stage of the Dakar Rally in Saudi Arabia.

The 35-year-old died on the spot after colliding with a rock wall.

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The Catalans go into their game against Real Sociedad looking to end a run of eight matches without a win.

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Indian batsman Rohit Sharma said his side needs to take the momentum into the second Test.
The win over Australian Barty, who succumbed to prostate cancer at the age of 40 last July. “I'm still having dreams about winning Grand Slam titles,” she said.

The 28-year-old said beating American Venus Williams in the first round at Melbourne Park was a “little bit lucky.”

“Today was an incredible day for me. I'm really happy. I don’t know if I ever felt that good. I just feel like I got off the net. I was hitting all my shots. It was great to play so well. It feels like a new start for me. I’m ready to go. I’m going to have a lot of matches. I’m looking forward to seeing how I do. I feel like I have a lot more to give. I’m going to keep working hard. I’m going to try to keep improving. I’m feeling good,” she said.

Cirstea on Wednesday. When Gauff and Cirstea met, Gauff was 7th seed and Cirstea was 5th seed. Gauff won the match 6-3, 6-2, 6-2. She then met Osaka in the quarter finals, before advancing to the final. Gauff defeated Osaka 6-4, 6-1, 6-0. In the final, Gauff faced Sofia Kenin or China’s Zhang Shuai.

Sabatini at the US Open in 1991. Since Jennifer Capriati defeated Gabriela Sabatini at the US Open in 1991, there had been a lack of upsets since then. In the 2021 US Open, there were many upsets, including Coco Gauff defeating Venus Williams in the third round.

The American, the youngest player in the women’s singles draw at Melbourne Park, reached the quarter-finals of the Grand Slam for the first time after being a two-time Grand Slam champion. Osaka, who reached the finals of the 2018 US Open, was defeated by Gauff in the first round. Osaka was left heartbroken by the defeat, as she had been considered one of the favorites for the title.

Court revealed her list of the 10 greatest female players in career, ahead of Williams at thetop of the pile.

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The young American said that she was playing better than she has in her career, and that the experience of playing in a Grand Slam had helped her to improve her game.

A 19-year-old Rublev is among the favorites to win the tournament. He has already reached the second round of the Australian Open, and is currently ranked 32nd in the world. Rublev is known for his aggressive style of play, and his ability to hit winners from the baseline.

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**South Africa fight back after Crawley hits maiden century**

**IT’S A BIG Score for him,** but the 25-year-old South African opener was far from satisfied with his 50 in the second Test against New Zealand in the Wanderers.

**His innings of 50** came after he had fallen for 17 in the first innings, but he said he was happy with the way he had batted.

**Crawley scored 166 in the second innings** and went on to make 163 in the match.

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JAMES SHOT 11 OF 19 FROM THE FLOOR AS THE LAKERS SHOT 50% OVERALL

Reuters

Los Angeles Lakers’ Derick ROse passes the ball to Los Angeles Lakers’ James Harden during the second half at Barclays Center. Picture: USA Today Sports

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Los Angeles

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Forwards LeBron James and Giannis Antetokounmpo repeated as captains for the third straight year, King. Davis Bertans and Ish Smith both chipped in 16 as the Nets lost despite hitting 21 three-pointers. Elsewhere, Bradley Beal scored 36 points.

The Wizards victory avenges a 113-100 loss to Cleveland on November 8. From there Davis and His fast break finds 17 points for the Wizards, who improved to 10-1 on the road this season. Collins, Boston highlighted his 19-point performance by missing 11 of 12 shots from the floor for the Cardinals.

The Lakers moved closer to joining the NBA elite, including former US president Bill Clinton.

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James Harden and LeBron James finished the second half at Barclays Center. Picture: USA Today Sports

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Garoppolo looking to channel Brady ‘calm’ in Super Bowl
Danish rookie Cappelen makes eight birdies to tie Bradley for lead

**GOLF**

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Newly-appointed Springboks head coach Jacques Nienaber (right) with former All Blacks captain Richie McCaw at the RWC 2015 draw in Paris.

Rugby

**World Champions South Africa prepare for Nations Cup Semi-Finals**

Cappelen grabs share of lead, Tiger three back

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Barca are still without a convincing victory to give their new coach some thrust.

Setien finding his feet as Barca look for lift-off again

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Klopp shrugs off ‘inevitables’ tag

Liverpool’s Roberto Firmino scored twice as Jurgen Klopp’s side extended their lead at the top of the Premier League table with a 2-0 win over second-placed Manchester United.

The European champions’ 10th win in 12 league matches was comfortably achieved against a United side who have dropped 13 points from the top four since December.

‘We are going through some high and low moments but even if we have to go back to the premises, we will be ready to fight,” said Klopp.

“We have changed 80 per cent of the players. We have built a new team, we have a new look, we have a different mentality. You can’t change anything overnight. We are going through some high and low moments but even if we have to go back to the premises, we will be ready to fight,” said Klopp.

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