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 14:15 thailand vs qatar bein sports 1 hd
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Barca fight back to win Spanish Super Cup



Barcelona players celebrate after beating Sevilla to win the Spanish Super Cup. (AFP)

Dembele hits sensational winner

TANGIERS, Morocco, Aug 13, (AFP): Barcelona battled back to defeat Sevilla 2-1 and win the Spanish Super Cup with French World Cup winner Ousmane Dembele hitting a sensational winner to help give Lionel Messi a winning start as captain.

It was Barcelona's 13th Super Cup and sixth in the last nine seasons.

However, Sevilla squandered a golden chance to send the match into extra-time when Wissam Ben Yedder missed a last-minute penalty.

Pablo Sarabia gave Sevilla the lead after just nine minutes on a counter-attack.

Gerard Pique, who announced his international retirement with Spain on Saturday, leveled three minutes before the interval for Barcelona

after he was fastest to respond to a loose ball following a Messi free-kick.

That set the stage for French star Dembele to take the headlines with a 78th minute screamer from 25 yards and again Messi played a crucial role with the key pass.

There was still time for late drama when Barca goalkeeper Marc-Andre Ter Stegen brought down Aleix Vidal in the area as the Sevilla youngster

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closed in on an equaliser.

But Ben Yedder hit a weak penalty which was easily saved by Ter Stegen.

The match had endured a controversial build-up when Sevilla threatened to file a complaint against Barcelona if the La Liga champions fielded more than three non-EU players.

The Spanish football federation (RFEF) said on Saturday that there

would be no restrictions on players from outside the EU for the Super Cup, despite only three being allowed in squads for league matches.

Sevilla said they could file a complaint if Barca name an "improper lineup" in Tangier.

New signings Malcom, Arturo Vidal and Arthur were expected to be Barca's three non-EU players on Sunday, although Brazilian center-back Marlon also travelled with the squad.

In the end, 21-year-old winger Malcom, signed from Bordeaux in the summer, was left out of the match day line-up.

Philippe Coutinho has reportedly acquired a Portuguese passport through his wife in the last week, while his fellow South Americans Messi and Luis Suarez are already EU citizens.

Sevilla qualified for the match as last season's Copa del Rey runners-up, after Barcelona won the league and cup double.



Sevilla goalkeeper Tomas Vaclik (right), leaps for a save during the Spanish Super Cup soccer match between Sevilla and Barcelona in Tangiers, Morocco, on Aug 12. (AP)

Halep beats Stephens in repeat of French Open final

Nadal topples Tsitsipas for Rogers Cup

TORONTO, Aug 13, (RTRS): Rafael Nadal ended the red-hot run of Greek upstart Stefanos Tsitsipas with a ruthless 6-2, 7-6(4) win on Sunday that gave the Spanish top seed his fourth Rogers Cup championship.

Tsitsipas, who was contesting the Masters 1000 final on his 20th birthday after four consecutive wins over top-10 players in Toronto, threw all he had at Nadal but was ultimately unable to beat the world number one.

Tsitsipas did well to serve out at love in the first game but Nadal took over as he broke back in each of his next two chances before sealing the opening set in 34 minutes when the world number 27 sent a routine forehand into the net.

The second set looked to be going much the same way until Tsitsipas mounted a late charge that briefly shifted momentum in his favour.

Nadal, serving for the match at 5-4 and having dropped only three points on serve the entire match up to that point, suddenly looked tight as Tsitsipas broke him and then held serve to pull within one game of levelling the contest.

Nadal, much to the dismay of the many flag-waving Greek supporters in attendance, forced a tiebreak where he rallied back from a mini break and clinched the win with a crosscourt forehand winner for a

record-extending 33rd Masters title.

The win made the 32-year-old Spaniard, who also won the Rogers Cup in 2005, 2008 and 2013, the fourth player in the professional era to win 80 titles, joining a club that includes Jimmy Connors (109), Roger Federer (98) and Ivan Lendl (94).

Meanwhile Nadal has withdrawn from the Cincinnati Masters as he adjusts his schedule to retain fitness ahead of his US Open title defence.

"I am very sorry to announce that I won't be playing in Cincinnati

this year," Nadal wrote on Twitter late on Sunday.

World number one Simona Halep turned back American Sloane Stephens 7-6(6), 3-6, 6-4 to win the Rogers Cup women's title in a rematch of their French Open finale in Montreal.

Romanian Halep, who had beaten Stephens in Paris in June, claimed her second Montreal title in three years and third for the 2018 season.

She closed out the hard-fought match with her third ace of the day.

"It's an amazing feeling to be able to talk again at this ceremony as a winner," Halep said.

Halep fended off four set points to claim a back-and-forth first set in a tiebreak after storming to a 4-1 lead before US Open champion Stephens fought back to level.

Halep broke the third-seeded Stephens with a crosscourt winner to take a 5-4 lead and serve for the set. But the American broke Halep with a forehand winner and held two set points on the Romanian's serve at 6-5. A crosscourt backhand saved one and Stephens netted a return on the second.

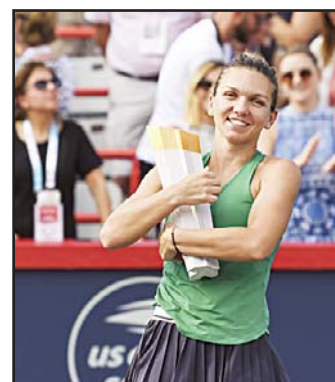
Numerous forehand errors by Halep gave Stephens a 4-0 lead in

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the tiebreak and the American went up 6-4 before Halep rallied, crushing a backhand down the line to earn her first set point, which she converted.

Stephens led throughout the second set, breaking Halep twice, but the Romanian took control of the third set, turning a break into a 5-2 advantage.

Stephens rallied to within 5-4 before Halep, on her fourth match point, slammed her third ace of the match and dropped to her knees in triumph.



Simona Halep of Romania hugs the trophy during the post game ceremony after defeating Sloane Stephens 7-6, 3-6, 6-4 in the final on day seven of the Rogers Cup at IGA Stadium on Aug 12 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. (AFP)



Rafael Nadal of Spain celebrates after defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece during the championship men's finals Rogers Cup tennis action in Toronto on Aug 12 in Montreal. (AP)

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