

Fleetwood clinches Race to Dubai crown



Tommy Fleetwood

Dubai
Tommy Fleetwood beat fellow Englishman Justin Rose to the Race to Dubai title as Spain's Jon Rahm won the season finale Tour Championship in Dubai.

Rose, 37, needed an eagle on the 18th to overtake Fleetwood in the standings but could only make a birdie to card a 70 and finish 17 under in tied fourth.

Fleetwood, 26, shot a modest closing 74 to end on 11 under but his tie for 21st was enough to clinch the money list.

Rahm's 67 saw him win by one from Shane Lowry and Kiradech Aphibarnrat.

Rose, who was aiming for a third successive victory after back-to-back wins in China and Turkey, had a one-shot lead overnight and led for much of the final day before dropping shots on the 12th, 14th and 16th.

The Olympic champion was then in a bunker on the 17th but splashed out to within inches of the hole and rescued a par that kept alive his chances of a second order of merit triumph. He then gave himself a long look at an eagle on the last but couldn't hole the monster putt that would have given him the money list title. (BBC)

Sports achievers to be rewarded: BOC

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Bahrain's sports achievers will be rewarded for their achievements in their respective sports competitions, the Bahrain Olympic Committee announced yesterday.

The decision was declared by HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Supreme Council for Youth and Sports Chairman, and BOC President, who ordered to honour sports achievers in recent sports events.

Shaikh Nasser expressed gratitude to HM the King for his support to Bahraini athletes in all sports.

On his part, Supreme Council for Youth and Sports deputy general secretary and Bahrain Olympic Committee general secretary Abdulrahman Askar extended his appreciation to



Abdulrahman Askar the Bahrain leadership for its continued support to the sports sector.

Askar added that the committee has already started the inventory procedure for Bahrain sports achievers and distribute the rewards soon in accordance with the standards of the incentive regulations used by BOC.

Rahul, Shikhar Dhawan carry India into lead

Kolkata, India

Openers **KL** Rahul and Shikhar Dhawan capitalised on vastly improved batting conditions, both overhead and underfoot, to lead India's recovery on the fourth day in Kolkata. After Rangana Herath's third Test fifty had bulked up Sri Lanka's lead to 122, there was only one likely winner in the game. But then after Dhawan struck a 116-ball 94 and Rahul hit an unbeaten 73, there would be none it seemed.

Mohammed Shami, on his home ground, rattled through Sri Lanka's middle order to finish with four wickets, while Bhuvneshwar Kumar added two wickets on the fourth day to return 4 for 88 in bowling Sri Lanka out for 294. With Umesh Yadav also taking two wickets, this was the third time India's seamers took all ten wickets in a Test innings at home, and the first such instance since 1983-84.

Rahul and Dhawan then replied with aggression that has typified their recent Test run. Sunny overhead conditions and a surface that seemed to have settled down helped drastically.

On most pitches, a slightly fuller-than-good length is ideal. But Lahiru Gamage



India's Lokesh Rahul plays a shot

bowled on either side of that, dishing out three half-volleys to Rahul in his first over, which were punched for three boundaries through mid-off. He compensated with a shorter length thereafter, erring in Dhawan's wheelhouse, who cut and pulled gleefully.

Dinesh Chandimal was quickly forced to turn his spinners. With no turn, it played nicely into the openers' hands. Rahul nudged and nudged, opening and closing

the bat face to accumulate runs, while Dhawan was more expansive, often using his feet to loft the ball straight.

Herath, more often than not Sri Lanka's second-innings star, was taken apart. In 29 overs, India had wiped out their deficit, and undone more than three days of diligence from Sri Lanka.

With Dhawan on 94 and the light fading, he committed the only two mistakes of his innings off the same delivery.

He drove loosely at Dasun Shanaka, but an inswinger found his inside edge. He reviewed immediately, and replays showed a sharp spike as ball passed bat. India finished the fourth day at 171 for 1, with a lead of 49. (espnricinfo)

results:

India 171 for 1 (Dhawan 94, Rahul 73*) and 172 lead Sri Lanka 294 (Herath 67, Bhuvneshwar 4-88, Shami 4-100) by 49 runs

Australia 'see things they like' in England

London

Australia have seen "a couple of things they like" in England's Ashes warm up games, says coach Darren Lehmann.

The tourists have played three matches before Thursday's first Test in Brisbane, only taking one wicket on Saturday against Cricket Australia XI.

And Lehmann says England have shown flaws that Australia will look to exploit.

"They have been solid," said Lehmann. "But we'll certainly target some players in that regard."

England hold the urn after a



Darren Lehmann (file pic)

3-2 win on home soil in 2015, but were whitewashed 5-0 on their last trip down under in 2013-14. On that tour, a side captained by Alastair Cook were blown away by the pace of Mitchell Johnson, who took 37 wickets in the series.

Australia's pace attack will this time be led by Mitchell Starc and Pat Cummins - both capable of bowling in excess of 90mph - and the visitors are once again likely to be tested by a barrage of short-pitched bowling.

"England have been solid and are preparing for whatever they expect us to do," said Lehmann. (BBC)