

## Arsenal go top of Premier League as Man Utd ease pressure on Amorim



Arsenal's English midfielder #41 Declan Rice  
London, United Kingdom

Declan Rice struck against his former club as Arsenal moved top of the Premier League with a 2-0 win over West Ham yesterday. In Mikel Arteta's 300th match in charge, the Gunners proved too strong, though captain Martin Odegaard was forced off injured before half-time.

Rice, signed from West Ham for £105 million in 2023, smashed home after Alphonse Areola parried Eberechi Eze's shot. Bukayo Saka then sealed victory from the penalty spot on his 200th Arsenal appearance after Jurrien Timber was fouled. Arteta praised his side's response to injuries, saying Arsenal "dominated and fully deserved to win." The Gunners sit one point above Liverpool, who play later at Chelsea. Defeat left West Ham in the relegation zone.

At Old Trafford, Manchester United eased pressure on Ruben Amorim with a 2-0 victory over Sunderland. Mason Mount scored early from Bryan Mbeumo's cross before Benjamin Sesko netted his first home goal since a £74m move from RB Leipzig. Amorim hailed his side as "competitive and adult," as United moved into calmer waters heading into the international break.

Elsewhere, Tottenham ended Leeds' year-long unbeaten league run at Elland Road with a 2-1 win, lifting Thomas Frank's side to third.

## Sinner breezes launch Shanghai title defence

Shanghai, China

World number two Jan-nik Sinner opened his Shanghai Masters title defence with a 6-3, 6-3 win over Germany's Daniel Altmaier on Saturday. The Italian, fresh from winning the China Open, broke early in both sets and saved two break points in the first. He next faces Tallon Griekspoor, with his path eased by Carlos Alcaraz's withdrawal.

Elsewhere, Alexander Zverev battled past France's Valentin Royer 6-4, 6-4 despite a foot issue, while world number seven Alex de Minaur beat Camilo Ugo Carabelli 6-4, 6-2. Daniil Medvedev cruised through, but Andrey Rublev was upset by Yoshihito Nishioka. Novak Djokovic plays Sunday.



Bahrain Boxing Federation's, Mohammed Attia, being awarded "Best Boxer"



Yusuf Baqer raises his fists in victory after his split decision win

## Test skipper Gill replaces Rohit as India ODI captain



Ahmedabad, India

Test skipper Shubman Gill has replaced Rohit Sharma as India's ODI captain, the country's cricket board said Saturday, starting with the series in Australia.

The 38-year-old batsman Rohit and fellow stalwart Virat Kohli, 36, were both named in the squad for the three-match series beginning on October 19.

Top-order batsman Gill, 26, is now Test and one-day skipper, and vice-captain to Suryakumar Yadav with India's T20 side.

Chief selector Ajit Agarkar said Gill was chosen to lead the 50-over team with the 2027 World Cup in mind.

Agarkar is eager to see how Rohit and Kohli handle playing just one format of the international game.

They have both retired from T20Is and Tests.

Gill's vice-captain for the Australia series will be Shreyas Iyer.

Suryakumar will lead the T20 team in Australia.

India will play five T20 matches after the ODIs in Australia, seen as a preparation for the T20 World Cup in February-March in India and Sri Lanka.

India currently top both the ODI and T20

## Jadeja stars as India crush West Indies in first Test

Ahmedabad, India

All-rounder Ravindra Jadeja starred with bat and ball as India hammered West Indies by an innings and 140 runs inside three days of the first Test on Saturday.

India declared on their overnight 448-5, a lead of 286, and then bundled the West Indies out for 146 in the second session at the world's biggest cricket stadium in Ahmedabad.

It was another heavy and demoralising defeat for West Indies, who are a pale shadow of the team that once ruled world cricket.

Left-handed Jadeja stood out for India with 4-54 from his spin bowling after he hit an unbeaten 104 for his sixth Test century and was named player of the match.

The second Test begins on October 10 in New Delhi.



# Gulf's rising talent ignites Dilmun ring

Open-air boxing returns ahead of Asian Youth Games

### ● Bahrain hosts regional boxing event

### ● National coach outlines youth development plans

### ● Next up: Asian Youth Games

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The GCC Open Air Boxing Event returned to the Dilmun Club yesterday night, featuring nearly 30 fights. Boxers from Bahrain and across the Gulf competed in youth, junior, and elite divisions, with decisions and knockouts highlighting the night.

Approximately 160 participants entered, marking a record for the GCC Open Air programme and reinforcing Bahrain's position as a focal point for regional amateur boxing.

### Davis on Progress

Bahrain's head coach, Tony Davis, told the Daily Tribune the event was "fantastic" and the closest realization of his Gulf Golden Gloves concept. Bahrain's role as host allows young fighters vital experience ahead of the Asian Youth Games later this month. "We've got Qatar's national team here, boxers from the UAE, and our youth using this as preparation," Davis said.

Reflecting on six years as coach, Davis noted Bahrain's transformation: "When I arrived, there wasn't much structure. With guidance from His Highness Shaikh Khalid, we've built something sustainable. It's unrecognizable from where it began."

### Results Round-Up

The night opened with Mohammed Sohaib (Red F Boxing Club, Bahrain) claiming a unanimous decision over Turki Hussain Al Ihsan (AlQadsia Club, Saudi Arabia). Abdulrahman Mukhlej (Aldoy, Bahrain) followed with a points victory

against Rayan AlTayyar (Kick-off, Saudi Arabia), while Morgan Barr (Britain Boxing Club, Dubai) forced a referee stoppage against Fahad Al Doseri (Qatar National Team) in the junior 63kg division.

Home fighters impressed throughout. James Inghan (BBF - Bahrain Boxing Federation) edged Saleem Al Jreemi (UFC Bahrain), and Muath Bin Ahmed Al Doseri (Qhot Gym, Saudi Arabia) narrowly defeated Said Abraham Younis (Qhot Gym, Bahrain) via split decision. Max Finch (DKR Boxing Club, Dubai) scored a knockout over Issa Hussain (Spartan Gym, Bahrain), while Ziyad Arnolov (Hashtag Gym, UAE) dominated with a unanimous points win.

In the women's 57kg elite division, Sara Alqasser (Alqadsia Club, Saudi Arabia) earned a unanimous decision over Suha Alsaud (Muhammad Alifar Gym, Bahrain), and Rawan Abdulrahman (UFC Bahrain) recorded a stoppage victory over Zoe Ella (Alqadsia Club, Saudi Arabia). Youth categories also shone, with Mohamad Mehdi Sahak (Bahrain National Team) defeating Mohamed Jifry (Qatar National Team) and Salman Rafique (Al Hussan School, Bahrain) overcoming Ali Hussain (Bahrain) at 38kg.

First time competitive bouts added excitement. Selene Bastaki (Round One Boxing, Bahrain) defeated Layla Al Ali in the girls' 60kg category, and Noah

Local fighter makes his way to the ring

Iyer (Round One Boxing, Bahrain) beat Dawood Alshammari (Saudi Arabia) in the boys' 60kg division.

Other highlights included Mohammed Attia (Bahrain Boxing Federation), earning Best Fighter of the Night for a polished win over Ali Halaik (Spartans, Dubai), and George Fletcher (On Boxing Club, UK) closing the night with a clear unanimous decision over Abraham Alyad (Bahrain).

### Post-Fight Reflections

At the programme's conclusion, Davis thanked visiting teams and local clubs. He also announced, as reported by TDT last week, that he will step down after Bahrain's upcoming commitments, ending six years as national coach.

"It's seeing the kids come out, the look on their faces — that's what gets us in the gym every morning. You give them

discipline, structure, and when they step in here, you see it all come together," he said.

He acknowledged Bahrain's growth: "97 years ago, there was no boxing here. Look at it now." The event now sets the stage for Bahrain's athletes, including Abdulrahman Mudahki and Mohammed Attia, as they prepare for the third Asian Youth Games, featuring over 4,300 athletes from 45 National Olympic Committees across Asia.



The event was originally coach Tony Davis' idea, launched as the Gulf Golden Gloves

