

Double delight for Bahrain Victorious!

Bahraini cycling team's elite riders clinch pair of stage victories in top European road races

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● **Gino Mader clinches fine win in eighth and concluding stage of the Tour de Suisse**

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Team Bahrain Victorious had twice the reason to celebrate yesterday after two of their riders claimed stage victories in their respective road races held in Europe.

Phil Bauhaus sprinted to success in the fifth and final stage of the Tour of Slovenia, while Gino Mader clinched a fine win in the eighth and final stage of the Tour de Suisse.

The Slovenia event was part of the 2021 UCI Europe Tour, while the Switzerland race was part of this year's UCI World Tour calendar.

His Majesty the King's humanitarian work and youth af-



Phil Bauhaus pumps his fist in celebration after winning the final stage in the Tour of Slovenia

fairs representative His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa lauded Team Bahrain Victorious' success.

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In Slovenia, Bauhaus claimed

a victory for the second time on the tour. The German was led out superbly by his teammates to the final sprint and made no mistake winning by a clear margin.

Teammate Matej Mohoric was also rewarded for his strong per-

formances throughout the five-stage race, securing the points jersey for Team Bahrain Victorious.

Bauhaus was quoted as saying: "It's incredible. The team did a fantastic job once again today.



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We did the last two km pulling on the front, and then it was a perfect one into the finish...Happily, it was a good one!"

Mohoric added: "We are delighted to conclude the Tour of Slovenia like that, with Phil's win and my red jersey. I think we can look forward to the Tour de France, where I will target the stage wins."

In Switzerland, Mader won what was the event's queen stage. He put in a perfectly timed move over the final climb to break away from the general classification group and beat his closest rival to the finish line.

The Swiss rider said: "I was looking forward to this stage. I wanted to finish off my home race with a win, and I achieved it. The team worked well from the beginning, with Wout Poels in the breakaway, then Hermann Pernsteiner jumping across to him and having two riders in the front was perfect.

"All the other teammates were helping me behind, bringing food and water and mental support as well. They positioned me perfectly into the last climb. It was incredible teamwork from everybody."

Eriksen 'was gone' before being resuscitated: Denmark team doctor



Denmark's players gather as paramedics attend to midfielder Christian Eriksen (not seen)

AFP | Copenhagen

Denmark's team doctor said yesterday that Christian Eriksen's heart stopped and that "he was gone" before being resuscitated with a defibrillator at the European Championship.

Eriksen collapsed during Denmark's opening Euro 2020 group game against Finland on Saturday and was given lengthy medical treatment before regaining consciousness.

"He was gone. And we did cardiac resuscitation. And it was cardiac arrest," said team doctor Morten Boesen, who led the work in giving Eriksen treatment on the field. "How close were we? I don't know. We got him back after one defib. That's quite fast."

Eriksen was in stable condition at a Copenhagen hospital and had spoken to teammates via video link yesterday, team officials said. Boesen said it was still unclear what caused the midfielder's collapse.

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experts," he said.

He also said the 29-year-old Eriksen may not have survived had the game not been played at a major soccer tournament with top-class medical equipment at hand.

"That was completely decisive, I think," Boesen said. "The time from when it happens to when he receives help is the critical factor, and that time was short. That was decisive."

Denmark coach Kasper Hjulmand said when he spoke to Eriksen, the Inter Milan midfielder was more concerned about his teammates' well being than his own.

Djokovic fights back to win second French Open title

Novak Djokovic rallies to beat Stefanos Tsitsipas in epic French Open final

● **Djokovic claims 19th grand slam title with Paris win**

AP | Paris

Novak Djokovic claimed a 19th Grand Slam title and became the first man in 52 years to win all four majors twice when he came from two sets down to beat Stefanos Tsitsipas in a gripping French Open final yesterday.

The world number one triumphed 6-7 (6/8), 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 over the Greek 22-year-old who was playing in his first Slam final.

Djokovic is now just one major away from equalling the all-time record of 20, jointly held by Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal.

It was a second French Open crown for Djokovic after his 2016 victory and adds to his nine Australian Opens, five Wimbledon titles and three at the US Open.

The 34-year-old is the first man since Rod Laver in 1969 to win all four Slams on multiple occasions and just the third in history.

Djokovic had also spent more than four hours on court on Friday to knock out defending champion Rafael Nadal.

"It was an electric atmosphere. I want to thank everyone



Novak Djokovic celebrates with the trophy after winning the French Open against Stefanos Tsitsipas

who has been with me on this journey," said Djokovic after the four-hour 11-minute final.

"I have played almost nine hours over the last 48 hours against two great champions, it was really tough physically over the last three days, but I trusted in my capabilities and knew I could do it."

Djokovic is the first man ever to win a Slam title by twice coming back from two sets down in same the tournament.

"I can relate to what Stefanos is going through but he will come back stronger and win many Grand Slams."

Djokovic now has 84 career titles in total while yesterday's win pushed him to the brink of \$150 million in prize money.

"I had good run here so I am happy with myself," said Tsitsipas.

"Novak has shown what a great champion he is and I hope one day have half of what he has achieved.

"I tried my best. I had a good run and I'm happy with myself."

Tsitsipas survived a nervy opening service game, having to save two break points.

Djokovic, by contrast, didn't concede a point in his first three service games.

But suddenly he faced a set point in the 10th game courtesy of an ugly shank but saved it after a 26-shot rally.

Fired-up Djokovic

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Djokovic broke for the first time for a 6-5 lead but was unable to serve out the opener as a series of razor-sharp returns put Tsitsipas back on level terms.

In a dramatic tiebreaker, Tsitsipas saw a 4/0 and 5/2 lead disappear. He had to save a set point before claiming the opener after 70 minutes when Djokovic fired a forehand wide.

Dropping the opening set at this year's Roland Garros was familiar territory for Djokovic.

He had to recover from two sets down to beat Lorenzo Mussetti in the last 16 and lost the opener against Nadal on Friday.

Tsitsipas, 12 years the world number one's junior, broke again in the first game of the second set as the 2016 champion looked increasingly weary in the 30-degree afternoon heat.

The Greek edged ahead 5-2 and pocketed the second set with his eighth ace of the contest.