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Froome claims historic Giro win

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BBC | Rome

Team Sky's Chris Froome became the first Briton to win the Giro d'Italia as he coasted home in yesterday's professional stage in Rome.

The 33-year-old is the seventh man to complete a Grand Tour hat-trick after adding Italian success to the 2017 Vuelta and four Tour de France wins.

"For any cyclist this is the dream to have all three leaders jerseys in the 10 months," Froome told Eurosport.

"To have finally won this race, I can't quite believe it myself."

Froome finished 46 seconds ahead of Dutch defending champion Tom Dumoulin in the overall standings. His victory echoes that of Welsh Olympic gold medallist Nicole Cooke, who won the women's equivalent - the Giro Rosa - in



Britain's Chris Froome celebrates with the trophy

2004. Britain's Simon Yates, who led for most of the race and claimed three stage wins, finished 22nd in the general classification, with Ireland's Sam Bennett claiming the sprint finish for a third stage win of his own.

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The traditional leisurely pace of the final stage dropped even lower as the peloton, unimpressed by the route over Rome's historic cobbles, succeeded in getting the stage neutralised for general classification purposes.

Riders only needed to complete the 115km, 10-lap, loop of the city centre to maintain their place in the overall standings.

The stage was a sedate end to a dramatic campaign for Froome.

Benzema to attend Nasser 11 final

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Real Madrid star and French international, Karim Benzema, has announced, through a video post, that he will attend the final of the HH Nasser bin Hamad Ramadan Football Tournament "Nasser 11" on Thursday.

Real Madrid star, who is HH Shaikh Nasser's friend, expressed pride in attending the tournament and meeting football fans in Bahrain.

The video clip was posted by



Karim Benzema

HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative

of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, on his official Instagram account following Real Madrid's big win over Liverpool FC in the UEFA Champions League final 3-1.

HH Shaikh Nasser congratulated Real Madrid for its victory, and expressed pride in the Egyptian international and Liverpool FC star, Mohammed Salah.

Pakistan crush England at Lord's

Reuters | London

Pakistan wrapped up a crushing nine-wicket victory over England yesterday to inflict the hosts' first defeat in a May test match at Lord's.

England's last four wickets tumbled in 27 minutes and Pakistan knocked off the 64 runs they needed in less than an hour on the fourth day to put the touring side 1-0 up in the two-match series.

"We were not good enough if I'm being brutally honest, we have been outplayed in all three departments," England captain Joe Root said at the presentation ceremony. "Pakistan's bowlers exploited the conditions well but we played some poor shots and you can't afford to do that." England resumed on 235 for



Pakistan's Imam-ul-Haq (R) and Haris Sohail celebrate after winning the match

six after Jos Buttler and debutant Dom Bess had shared an unbroken partnership of 125 in

the final session on Saturday to save their team from a humiliating innings defeat.

Eric Carlsson confident of Selwady taking the bait

Carlsson to face middle eastern sensation Al Selwady

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Eric Carlsson is two weeks away from facing the Middle Eastern Lightweight sensation, Abdul Kareem Al Selwady in the edition of Brave Combat Federation on 9th June at Belfast, North Ireland. Carlsson is among the first European fighters to have signed with the promotion.

"He is a well conditioned and serious athlete. He has a good all around game which always pressurises his opponents. He always come to fight. However I don't think it was a smart move from him. May be he didn't have other options. Many people don't want to fight him. And I think he took the bait. I am focusing on every element of the game plan", responded Carlsson.



Eric Carlsson

Carlsson had fought all his three fights at Brave Combat Federation in UAE, Kazakhstan and Bahrain respectively.

The event also provides a tactical advantage since Carlsson will be fighting in a venue closer to his home in a climate which is similar to what he has used to while his opponent will fight for the first time in Europe.

Carlsson is also confident that the scene of MMA is changing in a large scale in his nation.

"Sweden has a lot of good amateurs coming up right now, there's a lot of competitions for them, and the standard is high."

MMA has grown a lot over the years but also dipped down a bit, in my hometown Gothenburg fans are great, cage warriors was just there and it wasn't still sold out and had a great atmosphere. But it is not enough. Local pro-shows and the regulations interfere to much that athletes are affected", opined Carlsson.

Currently 'The Last Viking' is undergoing the final phase of his preparations at the Tiger Muay Thai Gym in Phuket, Thailand.

MMA legend compares Brave to Pride

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Brave Combat Federation is gaining amazing reviews from the all time greats in mixed martial arts ahead of the upcoming edition in Europe.

Bertrand Amoussou, President of the French MMA sanctioning body, compared Brave Combat Federation to Pride Fighting Championships.

This was followed by overwhelming support from major fighters who were a part of Pride FC.

Former Pride champion and MMA legend, Wanderlei Silva



Mohammed Shahid with Wanderlei Silva

recently said that the focus of Brave Combat Federation upon fighters and the sport itself is a reminiscent of Pride FC.

Wanderlei Silva was closely associated with Brave Combat Federation attending the events held in Brazil and Bahrain.

Silva has also visited and trained in the KHK MMA Gym during his stay in Bahrain.

"Brave Combat Federation doesn't really rely on wins and losses to measure the value

of an athlete. It's more about who leaves everything inside the cage, those who fight with a lot of heart. If a fighter has a good performance, leaves it all in the cage but doesn't win, still he'll be back for Brave. That's what it was like in Japan, and that's why fighters always gave everything they had there. That's what is setting Brave apart from other events," claimed Former Pride champion and MMA legend Silva.

Chennai Super Kings crowned IPL champions

BBC | Mumbai

Shane Watson struck an unbeaten 117 off 57 balls as Chennai Super Kings beat Sunrisers Hyderabad by eight wickets in the Indian Premier League final.

The Australian, who did not score off his first 10 deliveries, hit 11 fours and eight sixes as Super Kings reached a target of 179 with nine balls left.

Kane Williamson, the tournament's leading run-scorer, made 47 in Sunrisers' 178-6 in Mumbai.

Victory gave Super Kings a record third IPL title.

They returned to the tournament this season after a two-year ban for their part in a corruption scandal.

"To do it in such a big game that means so much to the franchise is pretty special," said 36-year-old Watson, who was unable to run more than singles for much of his innings because of a hamstring injury.

"Towards the back end of the tournament I was hanging on for dear life."

The IPL is the most lucrative domestic cricket competition in the world, after Star India paid £1.97bn for the television rights for five years starting this season.

Chennai also won the competition in 2010 and 2011 and were runners-up in 2008, 2012, 2013 and 2015.

Sunrisers finished top of the IPL table, although they lost four times to Chennai.

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was the number of wickets that Pakistan won against England in the first test match at Lord's

Buttler fell in the second over, trapped lbw by man-of-the-match Mohammad Abbas for 67 and failing to get the decision overturned on review.

Mark Wood hit one four before he nicked Mohammad Amir, bowling with the second new ball, to wicketkeeper Sarfraz Ahmed.