By Sportswriter

American wins her first Worlds
Vault gold, Derwael is first female
Belgian gymnast to win world title

Nina Derwael of Belgium won gold in the women's Uneven Bars event at the 48th Artistic Gymnastics World Championships in Doha, Qatar, on Thursday. The 23-year-old Derwael scored 15.200 in a stunning routine in Uneven Bars, ahead of Biles (14.700) and Derwael scored 15.200 in a stunning routine in Uneven Bars. Meanwhile, Eleftherios Petrounias of Greece won the men's All-around title for the third successive time, clinching gold at the Rio Olympics.

Derwael, who had never won a world title since her breakthrough at the 2013 edition of the event, had to settle for silver in the previous years, as she chased Biles for two years in a row. Derwael's previous best was third place in the 2015 edition of the event.

In the women's All-around event, Biles took silver with 14.700, Derwael took bronze with 14.516 and Philippines' Carlos Edriel Yulo took the bronze with 14.600.

The women's Uneven Bars final was a thriller, with Derwael winning gold with 15.200, Biles silver with 14.700 and Yulo bronze with 14.600. Derwael's routine was flawless, with no errors, and she executed the routine with precision and style.

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Mere four FIA cars completed the day’s run on MERC in ORC type.

By A Correspondent

Qatar’s Nasser Al-Attiyah didn’t need to win today to hold out the lead of the best SKODA race ever for more than a third of the year and cement his place at the top of the European Rally Championship (ERC) standings. But he surely didn’t need to worry about the mistakes from his rivals at home.

During the first loop of three of the Kuwait International Rally yesterday, the Kuwaiti pair of Jassem al-Ahmad al-Sabah and in conjunction with the National Steel and Speed Automobile Club, Sheikh Athbi Nayef Jaber and in conjunction with the Haas Rally Team, and with all but six of the FIA events being staged for the first time in Kuwait. The Haas Rally Team is the main sponsor.

The remaining six special stages take place in the north- ern desert today. Two loops of the stage that includes the cards with crowns topping the 114 km of Crossing from 10.10am and moving on to the 18km of the stage at 11.42am of Crossing from 12.02pm. There’s a return to Kuwait Motor Town for a midday regroup and service, the specials are re- ported, with the podium finish at Kuwait Motor Town sched- uled for 11.30am.

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Bottomline

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Muguruza through to Zhuhai Elite trophy semifinals

TENNIS

Garbine Muguruza has made her way to the Zhuhai Elite Trophy semifinals with a hard-fought win over compatriot Anastasija Sevastova.

Muguruza, the 2016 WTA Finals champion, defeated Sevastova 6-4, 7-5 to book her place in the final four of the season-ending competition.

The Latvian, who was making her debut at the tournament, had earlier blasted her compatriot 6-2, 6-4 in the quarterfinals.

Muguruza was broken early in the first set but then reeled off 13 straight games to win.

"It was really tough for me to deal with serving Sevastova," Muguruza said.

"But I played really well. "I needed to get back to work on my game," she added.

"I needed to deal with my service, so I worked on it a lot in the last couple of months and then I worked a lot on my mental game," she explained.

"I don't know how to describe it," Muguruza told reporters.

"I played as a leader today." The 22-year-old from Latvia had to overcome Sevastova's big hitting to reach her second semi-final of the season.

Muguruza finished the year as the world number eight after leading Spain to the Fed Cup title.

"I am focused on doing the best job I can," she said.

"I am feeling good for the rest of the year." Meanwhile, Roger Federer received a standing ovation on winning return to the French capital.

The Swiss star, who won his first four matches of the season, was welcomed by a packed audience as he returned to Paris after a two-year absence.

Federer, who has won the tournament five times, was given a guard of honour as he walked out onto the court.

"I was very pleased the way we have worked together," he said.

"For me it's about keep moving forward. I know how much I can improve." He has also shot two 65s but then went bogey while Rose holed an eagle and birdie to move to 10-under on day two.

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**RUGBY**

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Boston Celtics defend home court

The Boston Celtics defeated the Milwaukee Bucks 167-162 on Thursday night, handing the defending NBA champions their first loss of the season.

Giovanazzi Antetokounmpo returned to the court after missing one game and finished with 33 points and 13 assists. The Bucks rallied from a 13-point deficit in the fourth quarter to make it a one-point game, but the Celtics held on to win.

The Milwaukee Bucks cut the lead to 109-104 with 1:35 left but the Celtics scored 11 straight points to reclaim the lead for good. The Bucks had two chances to tie the game in the final seconds but missed both.

Maverick Carter

The Bucks elected to go first in the season, including a 4-3 shootout victory at San Jose on Tuesday. The Bucks have scored five goals in their first six games.

NHL

Los Angeles Kings

Los Angeles Kings forward Alex Iafallo scored his first goal of the season against his former team, the Chicago Blackhawks, on Thursday night.

Iafallo, who was traded by the Blackhawks to the Kings in 2017, scored a power-play goal to give the Kings a 3-0 lead. It was his first goal since being dealt to Los Angeles.

Iafallo, who had four points in his first 14 games for the Blackhawks, had been scoreless in 13 games with the Kings.

Blackhawks

The Chicago Blackhawks defeated the St. Louis Blues 5-2 on Thursday night.

Phil Kessel scored twice for the Blackhawks, and Jonathan Toews added a goal and three assists.

Kris Versteeg also scored for the Blackhawks, who have won three straight games after losing their previous four.

Kings

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Rangers

New York Rangers

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United can reach Premier League top four, says Mourinho

Byuploads

FOOTBALL

United can reach the beginning of the New Year at Old Trafford would be rosier at the moment, said he believed the picture all competitions already this season for De Bruyne, who has been advised to take De Bruyne off before the 86th minute and said he was sad – today he was less optimistic Belgian playmaker after the injured ligaments in his right knee in the Manchester City's Belgian midfielder Kevin De Bruyne (right) speaks with manager Pep Guardiola as they travel to Japan's Kashima Antlers in the first leg of the semi-final of the Club World Cup.

Kevin than without him. But we believed we are going to be, you can't put a distance a to the fixtures, to the calendar.

He declined to reveal whether striker Lukaku would be recalled of Streatham, having been dropped after catching a gas leak.

The manager also said he was “satisfied” by De Bruyne’s performance after being cleared by an independent panel of AFA doctors. Manchester United are hoping to get the better of a team that never have I asked Lionel Messi to do it, ” said Guardiola. “It’s a dream for me as a coach. I know that in Spain in a smaller club, you want the poster boys. This is not the case in England. I believe we are the best education and family. We go to other teams and play them the best possible, you never know what can happen. We started well and then fell apart. all saw that against Empoli. We have the advantage of having played against the Sardinians in the group. “It won’t be easy, we have the advantage of having played against the Sardinians in the group. “It won’t be easy, we need to get the better of a team that in Spain in a smaller club, you want the poster boys. This is not the case in England. I believe we are the best education and family. We go to other teams and play the best possible, you never know what can happen. We started well and then fell apart. all saw that against Empoli.

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THE ATMOSPHERE WAS BEYOND MY IMAGINATION

By Sports Reporter

Egyptian Ali Farag, the 26-year-old from Cairo, delighted a partisan crowd at the Al Gharafa Sports Club as he defeated German World No 5 Simon Rosner in straight games to win the 2018 Qatar Classic – to mark his second PSA World Championship title.

Farag was the dominant force in the first game as he managed to settle and get into his game plan. “I tried to make sure that first game was going to be tight, without giving away any cheap points. I was behind and I didn’t think I would win that game, but coming through to win it made a huge psychological difference I think.”

At the US Open against Simon I remember being nervous and I didn’t do what I should do because he was the better player today. I made a lot of mistakes, but I hung in there, I tried very hard and I was able to fight from the second half of the first game all the way to the end today so I am very happy. I’m very happy with the win, and my coach and my skills definitely played a part after match. And I am really proud with how I handled the whole week.”

Speaking after the match, Rosner said: “It was a better player today I made a few errors – I hung in there, I tried very hard and everything I could, but he was just too good – but he deserves the win. You have to put up with our losses and try to get to the top, but at the same time, you should be happy with what you have achieved. I have good memories from this court, last year I made the semi-finals, this year a champion, who knows, maybe a winner next year.”

QNB STARS LEAGUE

Al Sadd bounce back in style, rout Umm Salal

By Sports Reporter

Al Sadd defeated Umm Salal 3-1 in the semi-finals of the Qatar Stars League on Saturday, November 3, 2018, at the Al Sadd Stadium in Doha.

The match saw Al Sadd dominate from start to finish, with a goal in the first half from Pedro Miguel followed by an own goal in the second half from Basal Zaidan.

It was a comforting win for Al Sadd, who were coming off a difficult derby against Al Shahania last weekend.

On the other hand, Umm Salal were hoping to continue their good form after their recent victories against Al Gharafa and Al Wasl.

Despite their best efforts, Umm Salal were unable to find a way past the Al Sadd defence, who boasted a strong backline led by captain Haikel AlAswad.

The match started with both teams attacking from the outset, with Al Sadd looking to build on their recent win against Al Shamal.

After 46 minutes of action, Al Sadd finally broke the deadlock through a powerful strike from Pedro Miguel

It proved to be a case of too little, too late for Umm Salal, who were unable to find a way back into the game.

Al Sadd were clinical in front of goal, with four goals totaling 20 points.

Overall, this tournament has been a success for Qatar, says Pinheiro

By Sports Reporter

Bruno Pinheiro believes Qatar has learned a valuable lesson from its recent loss to South Korea.

“We certainly learned something against South Korea, in as much as when your opponents are at such a good level, you cannot be so aggressive,” said Pinheiro.

“Surely it is a hard lesson for our players and our coaching staff. We need to respect the opposition and play a more patient game.”

Pinheiro added that his team had been working hard to improve their defensive solidity.

“I believe we have a good defence for the World Cup where we need to tighten up. We need to work hard and get in shape.”

Qatar have won their last two matches in the AFC U-19 Championship Indonesia 2018 on route to the semi-finals, where they will face Thailand.

“The atmosphere was beyond my imagination.”