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Our football team chased closer to a possible ANOC World Beach Games gold medal for the hosts de- noted by 3-0 (24-17, 21-14) to edge out the score of 35 sets in total.

The beach handball team also ad- vanced to the final stage, heading Austral- ia 3-0 (24-17, 22-21, 21-14), starting on course for what could be a potential second gold medal.

In volleyball, it was Qatar’s third win in a row as many matches once again were hinted by their star players.

Felix Sanchez’s men are top of the group with six points, while Oman are one point behind on five points. The first set was an easy one and in the second also Qatar took a commanding 15-8 lead. However, Chile showed some resilience and made the gap, but Younousse confirmed who contributed 13 points, came up with his first drop and helped the hosts main- tain their grip.

At 17-15, Younousse picked up the second consecutive point to take Qatar 19-16 ahead with a close drop to get the match under control in the home court. Chile scored points but it was late for them as El- majid sealed the victory with a deep smash.

Younousse proved himself a true leader for his team who are still unbeaten in the tournament. He has added responsibility on his shoulder as his team are still unbeaten. He has added four points, came up with his first drop and helped the hosts maintain their grip.

“Tight presence has a big flow for us, but he is also to provide his main support from the bench. The players are trying to do their best and when playing with a team, I am doing the final,” he said.

Younousse said.

“We’re gelling well as a team in this format. We closed the gap and managed to enter the knock-out stage. We had a good match against Chile and closed one hurdle. The strong way we’re playing, anything is possible. We’re trying to relax and enjoy the matches one by one,” Bekele said.

Oman made way for excitement and optimism as they battled against the on-loan Al Sadd winger playing a key role in All-Arab’s goal start to their campaign.

As the hosts will take on Poland, who defeated Germany 2-0 (21-11, 21-9), in the semi-final today at 7pm. USA defeated Sweden 2-1 (17-21, 22-20, 16-7), while Spain beat Denmark 2-0 (22-20, 7-4), while Spain beat Denmark 2-0 (22-20, 7-4), while Sweden beat Denmark 2-0 (22-20, 7-4), while Spain beat Denmark 2-0 (22-20, 7-4), while Sweden beat Denmark 2-0 (22-20, 7-4), while Spain beat Denmark 2-0 (22-20, 7-4), while Sweden beat Denmark 2-0 (22-20, 7-4), while Spain beat Denmark 2-0 (22-20, 7-4), while Sweden beat Denmark 2-0 (22-20, 7-4), while Spain beat Denmark 2-0 (22-20, 7-4), while Sweden beat Denmark 2-0 (22-20, 7-4), while Spain beat Denmark 2-0 (22-20, 7-4), while Sweden beat Denmark 2-0 (22-20, 7-4), while Spain beat Denmark 2-0 (22-20, 7-4), while Sweden beat Denmark 2-0 (22-20, 7-4), while Spain beat Denmark 2-0 (22-20, 7-4), while Sweden beat Denmark 2-0 (22-20, 7-4).
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Montenegrin Piffaretti of Italy won the women’s wakeboard final at the ANOC World Beach Games Qatar 2019 yesterday. Laure Piffaretti

**MEIJER MAGIC**

In the women’s final, two-time European champion Doha, Meijer maintained the field, finishing with a whipping 166.67 points, setting a new world record. The performance secured 27 points and 27.06 for composition from the judging panel.

“Ciao! Don’t think about gold medal until you succeed. I am feeling amazing now. I am feeling so excited. I am feeling so happy.” Piffaretti told Gulf Times after neutrally the gold medal.

“I take advice from every single person that you like. That’s the kind of attitude. I believe that you can be a better person if you listen to other people’s words.” Piffaretti added.

Baladna, the producer of fresh dairy products, is sponsoring the W orld Beach Games Qatar 2019.

“Baladna has a dedicated Fan Zone at Katara Cultural Village during the ANOC World Beach Games Qatar 2019. There will be catering to the VIP section as well as jitos using Baladna’s products. Our barista will be available daily from 8am to 10pm. Our stand will be in front of the Katara Cultural Village, Jeddah Street, Doha.”

Speaking about Meijer’s performance, coach Peter Van Gool said, “As a coach, I’m proud that Meijer had the courage to enter the courts and attend the games for free. The competition is so well-organized. People in Qatar are so friendly. We just love being here in this beautiful country.”

Qatar Olympic Association (QNA) President Sheikh Dr. Ahmad al-Saad bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani yesterday signed a co-operation agreement with Thai Olympic Association (TOA) during the ANOC World Beach Games Qatar 2019, which is currently underway in Doha, and will conclude tomorrow.

In his statement to Qatar News Agency (QNA), QNA president said that it would be a good thing for Qatar to host Games in this round, especially being the first time in the history of ANOC Games. It is the first time the team is playing in the 4x4 competitions, but they have quickly mastered the game.

The team topped the group after winning three consecutive games, where they beat Indomitas, a good team in Asia, before beating US and Germany. They are competing to advance to the second round of the tournament.

Al-Kuwari also praised the efforts of the organizing committee and thanked the organizing committee for their support.

“Qatar National team comprises Ahmad Tijani and Ali Ghanim al-Kuwari. The Qatari national team has achieved many international and continental successes in the recent period.”

The agreement aims to strengthen co-operation between Qatar and Kingdom of Thailand in the field of sports during the multi-phased.
Spain's Vinuela and Toos champions

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By Sports Reporter

Spain's Kevin Vinuela and Francesca Toos (RUS) both won medals at Katara Beach yesterday.

Vinuela's win marked a perfect 10-0-0 season for the Colombian, who finished first with a time of 26:29, with reigning world champion Maximilian Kramer (GER) second with a time of 26:43. On the women's side, Arina Zhiltsova (RUS) of Belarus took silver with a time of 30:30, followed by Anastasiya Kolesnikova (BLR) with a time of 30:35. The race consisted of a 2.5-kilometre run, a 750-metre swim and a 2.5-kilometre paddle on the board.

Vinuela's victory was no surprise, as he emerged from the water with a slight advantage as he emerged from the water just ahead of the Hungarian. He was able to maintain, and even slightly extend, his lead on the final leg. Despite the fact that both Portov and Dvorzy were stronger runners, finishing in a time of 26:29, "I can't swim in warm water," said a disappointed Portov, who had held the lead on the first leg but lost it on the second. "I didn't have my strong side, and then in the second sprint (training) segment, I didn't have any power."

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Italy exact revenge on Russia

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The seminar was addressed by prominent figures, led by HE the Assistant Chief of the Amiri Diwan Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman al-Thani, Secretary-General of the Qatar Olympic Committee Jesus Rafael Albuinhum (RUS), President of the International Olympic Committee James Rodling, President of the International Olympic Committee Pamela Kenedy and Executive Director of the International Olympic Committee Santiago Cervera.

Qatar's Olympic Academy head coach holding a workshop for "Education and Development at the Olympic Movement" on the sidelines of the first ANOC World Beach Games currently being hosted in Qatar. The coastal city of Doha is the first stop on the ANOC World Beach Games since the hosting of the ANOC World Beach Games in 2015 over WorldNis, followed by the ANOC Beach Games in Russia in 2018. The Games of the XXIIIrd Olympic Games in Katara is an important milestone for Qatar, relative newcomers to the sport. The city hosted at Katara Beach in the quarterfinal round. Giorgio/Zamboni hill hosted I-1-4 early in the first leg, with Argentina and Brazil in the lead, followed by Germany and Italy. For the first time in the history of the Games, the Italian team managed to hold off a fine effort from 44-year-old Mexican athlete Hugo Ruiz, who had held the lead on the first leg but lost it on the second. "I didn't have my strong side, and then in the second sprint (training) segment, I didn't have any power."

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Kouvelos and Executive Director of the International Olympic Committee saw that this resulted in the establishment of the Asian Olympic Academy, which has now become a beacon for emerging athletes.

He also praised the great role played by the ANOC World Beach Games; pointing out that they have been a strong counter to the decline of the sport, and that the organization of the Asian Games encouraged us to host many world championships and other important sporting events.

He highlighted that Qatar has succeeded in attracting many leading sport events and has made it possible for many of the world's best athletes to come and compete.

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Sights from Day 4 of the ANOC World Beach Games

PHOTO FEATURE

A Paraguay player reacts during the beach soccer match against Iran.

Action from the beach soccer match between Paraguay (in blue and white) and Iran (in red). Action from the men’s 3x3 basketball match between China (in white) and Venezuela (in maroon) yesterday.

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**GOLF**

Wiesberger claims 3rd win of season at Italian Open

Austrian Bernhard Wiesberger held off a glut of 31-under-par 68s, the lowest round of the tournament, to win the Italian Open for the second year running.

Wiesberger finished on 17-under-par 271 to claim a third title of the season for the 31-year-old Swede, a player who has been a consistent performer over the past few years.

**European Tour announces mixed-gender event in Sweden**

The European Tour announced a new mixed-gender event in Sweden, the Stockholm Open, which will be the world's first fully inclusive event and the first mixed-gender tournament on the European Tour.

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**OLYMPIC GAMES**

**Soccer**

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**Tennis**

**Olympic gold lures Federer to Tokyo Games**

The Tokyo Olympics are offering a unique opportunity for tennis players, with gold medals at stake in all four disciplines.

**Grand Slam warm-up**

Federer has announced his intentions to participate in the Tokyo Olympics, where he will compete in the men's singles and doubles events.

**Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic**

The Spanish star and his Serbian rival have both committed to playing in the Tokyo Olympics, with Nadal setting his sights on a third Olympic gold medal and Djokovic aiming for his first.

**Leafer**

The Swiss star has been preparing for the Tokyo Olympics, which take place in July 2020, and is currently ranked world No. 2 in singles.

**European Games**

The European Games, which take place in Minsk, Belarus, from June 22 to July 3, offer a host of opportunities for athletes to continue their preparations for the Tokyo Olympics.

**Tokyo 2020**

The Tokyo Olympics are set to be held from July 24 to August 9, with thousands of athletes expected to compete in various disciplines.

**Olympic Test Event**

An Olympic Test Event was held in July 2019, allowing athletes to get a feel for the Olympic environment and work on their strategies for the main event.

**Olympic Medalists**

The Tokyo Olympics are set to be the final Olympic appearance for many of the world's top athletes, with many looking to leave their mark on the sport forever.
**Boks block out Brighton as they prepare for Japan**

We love the country, we love the people but we have to try to beat them.

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**ICC lifts suspensions on Zimbabwe and Nepal**

Former India captain Sourav Ganguly has resigned as the chief selector of the team.

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**Marsh injures bowing hand, Test in jeopardy**

Aussie Mitch Marsh was narrowly avoiding being hit by his own bowling hand after needing to see a specialist on Saturday because he is in the running for a place in the World Cup.

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**RUGBY WORLD CUP**

One of the most successful national captains, Springbok captain Siya Kolisi said the team is poised to take over as the presidency of the World Rugby.

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Draws leave Wales' qualifying destiny out of their own hands

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ael Sidibe claimed on Friday that he was half-way there in his bid to reach the World Cup finals with Senegal. But the midfielder could not deliver on Sunday night when left his team-mates glaringly out of the World Cup on target-less against Iran. Walcott, who had a difficult second-half start to his 2022 qualifying campaign despite his early goal against Syria and Australia, could not find a way through the Iran defence.

The post-match frustration of Welsh coach Ryan Giggs was clear for all to see in the dressing room, as the manager watched his side’s 2-0 defeat against the Iranians. Giggs, who was appointed as manager in 2018, failed to guide Wales to their first World Cup appearance since 1958.

Meanwhile, Poland and Russia secured top spots in their respective groups, leaving Wales on the brink of elimination. The Poles beat Michael O’Neill’s side 3-1 on Thursday, whilst Russia came from behind to win 2-1 against Northern Ireland. The matches were part of the World Cup qualifying process in Europe.

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EURO QUALIFYING RESULTS

Group A

Czech Republic 1 (Kouzmanov 12); At Munich: Germany 1 (Brandt 90); At Budapest: Hungary 2 (Pongracz 66, Orban 68); At Skopje: North Macedonia 2 (Demiri 9, 47); At Florence: Austria 1 (Pachner 21); At Zagreb: Croatia 1 (Perisic 45) (achieve)'. But I worked hard for you chase it and you do ev-

ROUNDUP

Neymar out for four weeks: PSG

Paris Saint-Germain have been dealt a blow with Neymar being ruled out for four weeks with a hamstring injury suffered during the French club’s clash with Marseille on Sunday.

The Brazilian striker, who has been a key player for PSG in recent seasons, was forced off in the 19th minute of the match as he pulled a muscle in his left thigh. The injury is likely to keep him out of both the Ligue 1 and Champions League games against Bruges.

STRUGGLING LYNX NAME

GERMANY, NETHERLANDS CLOSE IN

Germany and the Netherlands continued their bid to qualify for the World Cup with wins over Austria and Northern Ireland respectively. The Germans beat Austria 1-0 (Dragun 21) as they moved closer to securing their place in the World Cup quarter-finals. The Dutch scored a 4-1 victory over Northern Ireland, with a goal from Donny van de Beek.

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