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Ribery, turned 35-year-old, who is deeply unpopular at home, partly because he had been invited to eat a gold-coated steak during Germany’s notorious 2010 World Cup in Brazil, which damaged by allegations that he dumped his level playing field in Brazil.

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Bayern Munich manager Niko Kovac said: ‘We are going to try and do well in every competition we play in.’

Ribery hugged the whole of Munich after a home victory over Augsburg in his 400th Bundesliga match. Ribery, who had criticised his performance following Bayern’s 1-0 win over Leverkusen, said: ‘I mean they (Shakhtar Donetsk) are a great team, but we are the best in Europe.’

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But Bayern bosses have indicated Ribery will not face stadium ban.

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Toronto Raptors forward/center Pascal Siakam (43) scores the basket against Milwaukee Bucks former Mike Miller (13) in the fourth quarter at the Fiserv Forum. PICTURE: USA TODAY SPORTS

By Sports Reporter

Doha Triathlon on February 8

T he third edition of Doha Triathlon will be held on Saturday, February 8. The Qatar National Tourism Authority open-

spotment is being organized with the support of Qatar Triathlon Federation and Qatar Museums. Those wishing to participate in the event can visit www.dohatriathlon.com to register before February 6.

There will be a total of ten events, ranging from the super sprint to the half ironman, for both men and women aged 15 years and older, with a 1.5km swim, a 40km cycle and a 10km run. It will be held at the Aspire Zone at the top level of the Qatar National Sports Club.

Speaking on the occasion, last year's national champion Ahmed Ali Al-Khalifa in his message to all new athletes said: "We always welcome consistent, there is nothing more meaningful than being a part of winning programs."

As the Board Member of Cycling and Triathlon Federation, Qatar Triathlon Director, Ali Al-Khalifa said: "We are very happy to celebrate the third edition of Qatar Triathlon. The Museum of Islamic Art Park is a lovely location for a triathlon. The event is a part of the Qatar Triathlon Federation's National Triathlon Series and will be a stepping stone for athletes who wish to participate in events in the upcoming years."

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