Chinese women win relay gold with world-leading time

The quartet of Liang Xiaojing, Wei Yongli, Kong Lingwei and Ge Manqi were driven by purpose, having lost to Bahrain at the 2018 Asian Games by a minute. With steady, with smooth baton changes and some blistering speed, they stepped on to the top podium together for what was China’s second gold of the day.

“We wanted badly to win today, because at the previous Championships we lost to India. We had a very good race at the World Championships later this year too,” said Wang, who lost the men’s shot put to Kazakhstan’s Talgat Ushiro yesterday.

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In the men’s Decathlon, it was right down to the wire, with a single point deciding the silver medal, even as Asian Games champion Rinku Vidyaratne managed to hold on to the lead. The 27-year-old, who holds the Asian record in both the 100m and 200m, ran the 100m in a season-best 10.35s, ahead of Japan’s Hitomi Niiya (10.53) of Bahrain for the silver, and with his second attempt was unable to lift the weight off his shoulders.

China’s two-time pole vault world champion Li Ling won her third title at the Asian Championships with a 4.61m leap. In the women’s Decathlon, China’s Zhenye Xie managed to hold on to her lead in the overall standings, finishing second to the Qatari at 6,736 points, and taking silver by a point. China ranked third with 6,911 points, which saw her winning margin dwindle down to 14, but still good enough for a gold.

In the women’s Heptathlon, former Asian champion Ekaterina Voronina of Uzbekistan won 6198 pts, while India’s Sanjivani Baburao Badhe with a tally of 5993, after she won the 800m run in a season’s best 2:05.39.

Qatar’s Ahmed El-Reify fires warning shot in hammer throw

Qatar’s former double World 1200m champion El-Reify fired a 70m-80m shot in hammer throw in the afternoon session.

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**FOOTBALL**

**Everything to do with Qatar is stunning: Hurst**

England legend Sir Geoff Hurst speaks of excitement ahead of Qatar 2022

Former England forward Sir Geoff Hurst (third left) poses during his visit to Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy’s Legacy Pavilion.

**BUNDESLIGA**

**Gnabry ‘the biggest surprise of the season’: Hoeness**

Former Arsenal winger Gnabry has in recent months established himself as a regular fixture in a Bayern team with the former being a “disputed successor to the demolition machine”. Hoeness was delighted to hear the news of Gnabry’s achievement.
**Old Trafford holds no fears for City's Guardiola**

City boast an impressive run of five wins and a draw in their last seven league visits to Old Trafford

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**Chelsea up to fourth after frustrating Burnley draw**

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**Champions League qualification in Arsenal's hands, says Emery**

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**Sterling calls for nine-point racism penalty**
**SPOTLIGHT**

*‘Losing isn’t fun, but removing DK not discussed’*

K alliwaris’ injury has been the inevitable result of the Indian Premier League, with a record number of injuries this season. Former India fast bowler Zaheer Khan has been plagued by a knee injury and has not been able to play in the last few matches. The team management has been forced to bring in new players to replace him, but the team is struggling to find a suitable replacement.

**SUNRISES**

Total as Sunrisers managed only 91/1 in the first innings, which was not enough in the end as they could not get to 159/8, which the team was given time to regroup. This was after they lost their last four wickets for 64 runs in the last over.

**Spotlight**

W atson shines in Super Kings 6-wkt win over Sunrisers

*I knew I was in good nick, just needed to get my head right, get my technique right*
The Milwaukee Bucks swept the Detroit Pistons to advance to the second round of the NBA playoffs with a 127-104 win in Game 4.

Bucks forward Giannis Antetokounmpo looked to pass the ball at the first half of their match against Detroit Pistons at Little Caesars Arena.

“In a good night for Milwaukee. It’s a good night for the Bucks”

NBA

Bucks sweep Pistons to advance, Jazz stave off elimination

“Enjoy it. It’s a good night for the Bucks.”

NHL

Stars edge Predators to advance, Hurricanes force game seven

“I only feel with the starting eight men.”

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Svensson Alexander Björk with Volvo China Open trophy.

**Björk to defend Volvo China Open crown in Shenzhen**

Alexander was a very popular young player last year and we look forward to welcoming him to Shenzhen!

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**GOLD STANDARD**

Van Essen said some testing, first introduced at an Olympics in 2006, had its limitations but would remain a vital part of the process.

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O’Sullivan takes shock loss to amateur in his stride

World number one Ronnie O’Sullivan was left shocked after he was stunned by 33-year-old amateur Lewis...
Weather forces organisers to make route changes

By Sports Reporter

Competition has arrived at the Dead Sea and it’s a coming out their last minute preparations for this weekend’s Jordan Rally, which is part of the FIA Middle East Rally Championship.

Unusual weather conditions have forced rally organisers to make further small changes to the route. While many parts of northern Europe basked in glorious sunshine and warmer weather conditions, the Jordan Desert has experienced heavy rain and even the occasional snow storm.

Temperatures are set to climb dramatically this week and should be in the Highs Confr Cedar at the Dead Sea by the weekend, but Jordan Motorsport was forced into late route revisions and has done away with the expectation of more than 160km of gravel stages, which were due to be used over the weekend.

Following the bad weather, the Jordan Motor Sport Association’s event director said: “We had to make the decision to cancel the last part of the rally route due to the wet conditions. We have a lot of work to do, but we are confident that we can make the rally successful.”

The JORDAN RALLY is expected to be one of the best in the region and will take place from Thursday to Saturday. The event is based at the Crowne Plaza Dead Sea Resort and gets underway on Thursday. It will now be fought out over 21 special stages, with the remainder of the stages to be held in Jordan and Israel.

The event is part of the FIA Middle East Rally Championship and will feature some of the best rally drivers in the region, including some from outside the Middle East.

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Al Duhail forward Youssef El Arabi celebrates his goal during the AFC Champions League group C football match against the UAE's Al Ain at the Hazza Bin Zayed Stadium in Al Ain yesterday.

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Al Duhail maintained their position in second place of Group C of the 2019 AFC Champions League after a 2-0 victory over United Arab Emirates’ Al Ain at the Hazza Bin Zayed Stadium in Al Ain yesterday.

By Sports Reporter

Al Duhail players in action during the AFC Champions League group C football match against the UAE's Al Ain at the Hazza Bin Zayed Stadium in Al Ain yesterday.

In Group A, Iran’s Zobahan continued their last minute preparations for the 2019 AFC Champions League’s top scorer Bounedjah popped up with a late goal to secure a vital win.

"In the game against Persepolis, we were in a sticky situation, but we have shown that if we want to win, they have to fight until the last minute and this is what we did today," said the coach. "We were able to score the winner in the 87th minute," said the coach.

"The changes in the position have been made to improve the team's performance and we are confident that we can do well in the competition," he added.

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Al Duhail played pragmatically after their second goal and looked to run down the clock.

Al Duhail had been without a win in their opening two matches, but their performance in the AFC Champions League has been disappointing.

Al Duhail kept their hopes alive by winning their second match against Al Ain, but they will need to improve if they are to secure a place in the next round.

In the second minute and Amir Motahari equalised for the hosts after being set up by El Arabi, who found all the forwards away from El Arabi who found all the forwards.

"We then have to go to Iran to face Persepolis and everyone knows the strength of human beings when they are in front of their home fans!"