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T he Asian Athletics Championships with a silver and two bronze medals on the final
day of action on Tuesday, Aisha El-Seify and Musaab Ali making it to the podium.

Ashraf El-Seify of Qatar in action on way to a silver medal in the hammer throw on the final day of the Asian Athletics Championships. Picture: Nokia

As the bell rang to signal the final 50m, the crowd roared in delight as the Qatari silver medalist, Aisha El-Seify, loped over the finish line to seal her third medal of the competition, having previously won gold in the hammer throw and silver in the shot put.

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Barcelona's 26th league title were to be confirmed last night after defeating Alaves in the Spanish league. It marks the fourth consecutive season in which the Catalans have won the title, and also the fourth consecutive season in which they have finished at the top of the table.

Before the match, Barcelona's caretaker boss, Quique Setien, said: "We are the champions again. We have won the league again. We have been the best team this season."

But there was a concern for the club's most high-profile player, Lionel Messi, who did not play due to an ankle injury. However, he was substituted on as a late substitute for Ousmane Dembele.

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The Los Angeles Lakers will interview Tyronn Lue for a second time Wednesday about coaching the Los Angeles Lakers. The Lakers have interviewed Lue twice, and the Lakers have invited him back for another interview. Lue is expected to join the Lakers for another interview, and the Lakers have not yet reached a decision about the head-coach job.

Lillard was in the correct role as the "right circle" and got around de- Trail Blazers completed a four-game winning streak to seal a 118-115 win and a 4-1 series victory.

The Sixers sealed a 4-1 series win after Joel Embiid led the Sixers with 23 points and 13 rebounds. Embiid was again immense for Philadelphia, hauling in 13 rebounds to go with his points tally.

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In the Eastern Conference, Raptors and 76ers set up a heavyweight playoff contest. "I’ve been a part of series victories, there’s a reward waiting for you," he said. "After one win, that was just the beginning, there’s a lot. You’ve got some great teams in the league, we’re about to play one of them, so that’s a lot."

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Day vows to bring different mindset to Presidents Cup

‘I’ve made mistakes with regards to not mentally being there’

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omer world number one Jason Day has ended his Presidents Cup losing streak by commitment to the Presidents Cup in Melbourne this year after struggling to produce his best for the international team in four consecutive losses in the United States.

Day, one of only seven players from his 2010 Presidents Cup team to return for the 2019 event at Royal Melbourne, was paired with former world number one Tiger Woods in the first round.

Woods and Day finished 2-down to the 14th hole but Day birdied the 15th and 16th to ensure the win and pair tied the match at 1-up to 14-12.

Day now has a 1-1-1 record in Presidents Cup matches and believes he can do well for his team this year.

“I was pretty pumped to get the Presidents Cup this year,” said Day.

“I think it’s going to be a good team and I think we’re all capable of playing good golf and there are a few guys out there playing really well. So I think we’ve got a good chance. And being together as a team for 10 days, I think that will definitely help. I think it will help the team and it will help individually.”

The Australian had a 1-up lead to start the first day’s play before giving back the lead and eventually losing the match.

“I played well but I lost the match,” he said.

“Tiger played well and I think he is going to be one of the leaders for the team.”

The 31-year-old Australian said he was mid-50s for the first round, one over par and 1-up to Woods.

“I hit a few greens and putted well for par but when I needed birdie putts, I missed them,” Day said.

He also said his putting was the major reason for his loss.

“I was two over for the front nine and zero over for the back. I missed about 10 greens or something on the front, about five on the back.”

Day said he was not feeling the pressure that he was under at the 2016 Presidents Cup in the United States.

“I wasn’t feeling the pressure there at all,” Day said.

“I’m taking a different mindset this year than I did then. I want to be back in Presidents Cup next year.”

He said his opening round was not as bad as he thought it could be.

“I know I can play and I know I’m capable of playing well. So it’s a good start.”

Though not in the top 100 world rankings, Day is still one of the best players in the world, with some analysts rating him as the second best player in the world behind Brooks Koepka.

Day will partner countryman and world number one Koepka in the Friday fourballs.

Woods said he was happy with his opening round despite having 11 birdies and an eagle.

“I think we’ve got a great team this year,” he said.

“I’m excited to play with Jason. We’ve been playing with each other a lot over the last year and a half. I think we play well together and I think we’re going to be good for the team.”

The American said his opening round was a bit better than he expected.

“I thought I played well,” he said.

“I had a really good day out there. I putted well and I keep telling myself that I can make 9 out of 10 putts and I think I did that today.”

He said he was happy to play with Koepka and Day.

“I think we’re going to play well together,” he said.

“Koepka is ultra-motivated and Jason is intense. I think Jason is mad about the fact that he didn’t make eagle on the 16th hole and I think Koepka is mad about the fact that he putted out on the 18th green.”

The American said he was happy with the opening round.

“I think we played well,” he said.

“We’re playing well together and we’re playing well individually.”

He said he was happy to have the Presidents Cup in Melbourne this year.

“I think it’s a great event and I think it’s going to be a great tournament,” he said.

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**SPORT**

**RASSAN WINS CLUB CUP SPRINT FEATURE**

Qatari ace wins the Club Cup sprint feature.

By Sports Reporter

**FOCUS**

Seven Qatari members in OCA standing committees

T he Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) announced the names of Qatari members to its standing committees at its 39th General Assembly meeting held in Bangkok, Thailand in March 2019 under the chairmanship of the OCA President Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah.

**FOOTBALL**

Abdullah Abdulghani & Bros holds reception for Amir Cup Trophy tour

Hamad al-Obaidli of the OCA Committee and his Jordanian co-driver Masoud Juhaimi in the Amir Cup Trophy tour.

Seven Qatari nominees were selected as members in the OCA standing committees, including Iskandar Al-Mahmoud in Sports Committee, Abdulrahman Al-Moatasem in Board of Directors Committee, Hassan Sabah Al-Morshid in Media Committee, Sulaiman Mohamed Al-Ahmedi in Education Committee, Khalid Saud Adelghani in All-Rally Committee and Abdul Wahab Al-Masni in Medical Committee.

The Amir Cup is an annual multi-disciplinary event that includes various types of sports that are held under the patronage of HH the Amir.

The Amir Cup Trophy tour is a part of the long-standing tradition that aims to hold memorable events and raise awareness about the tournament amongst fans, while giving them the opportunity to celebrate by taking memorable pictures with the Amir Cup.

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Abdullah Abdulghani & Bros. Co. is part of the corporate policy, and has been always supporting major activities in the country, be it sports, cultural, social, education, etc., with the main aim to build awareness and show their respect for the greatest nation of Qatar. AAB is a leading company in the Qatari Automotive sector with continuous appreciation, the quality, durability & reliability of Toyota products.

**SPOTLIGHT**

**Al-Attiyah eyes 13th title at Jordan Rally**

Qatari ace is the defending champion and a 12-time winner in Jordan.