Koepka grabs early lead with 63 as Tiger struggles

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Bubba Koepka tied the United States flag onto the fourth green during the first round of the 2018 PGA Championship at the Bethpage Black course in Farmingdale, New York, yesterday. At bottom, Tiger Woods lines up a putt on the third green.

**GOLF/PGA CHAMPIONSHIP**

D ividing champion Bubba Koepka fired a bogey-free 63 to take a one-shot lead yesterday for the opening round of the PGA Championship with Tiger Woods struggling.

Koepka, seeking his fourth major title, closed with a 73-foot birdie putt at Bethpage Black’s ninth hole to set a new course record for a first round in tournament history of 63. Woods was a stroke behind with a 64.

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With Koepka and playing partner Nick Watney’s round could have been the best on the Major history, surpassing the 62 that Jack Nicklaus grabbed at the 1965 Masters and the 63 that Woods did at the 2002 US Open, 11 years ago.

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TOP FOOTBALL

Kane included in England’s Nations League squad despite injury

FOCUS

England manager Gareth Southgate included striker Harry Kane in his 33-man squad for the upcoming Nations League games against Germany and Belgium. Kane had recently returned from injury, but Southgate decided to include him as a precautionary measure. The squad also includes a number of young才onnials, who Southgate hopes will benefit from the experience of playing at the highest level.

mann City referred to financial body in UEFA probe

Manchester City’s controversial spending has once again come under scrutiny, with the English club being referred to the UEFA’s financial control body for a breach of financial fair play (FFP) rules. The investigation follows a raft of allegations that the club has used illegal methods to circumvent FFP regulations, including the use of third-party ownership deals and the transfer of players for non-market value.

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**SPOTLIGHT**

**Fan violence mars Lazio's victory in Coppa Italia final**

A man filled the Coppa Italia final, for the seventh time, on Wednesday after Italy's rival teams Lazio and Sassuolo's guided flights to a 2-0 defeat over Atalanta in the final. Lazio defeated Atalanta 4-3 on aggregate, thanks to a goal by Barcelona midfielder Frank Lampard in the first leg, scored first in front of 27,000 fans at the Stadio Olimpico, seconds after Lazio's victory in the final win over Atalanta on a night dogged by fan violence.

Lazio players celebrate with the trophy after winning the Coppa Italia on Wednesday. (Image 171x140 to 540x388)

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**BUNDESLIGA**

Robben, Ribery set bench in Bayem farewell

Bayern Munich coach Niko Kovac has confirmed that Robben and Ribery would begin his final Lollee season at the Allianz Arena, which has been a bastion of respect for his career. Kovac told reporters ahead of the season that Robben and Ribery would have a day to remember.

The Bayern coach had already talked of the players’ departure in a press conference, admitting that the players’ departure had not been voluntary.

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**FOCUS**

**Record-breaking Aht still has work to do with Brazil**

Brazilian midfielder Aht was injured in the Copa America final, and his team has already appeared in six provincial championships. However, he hopes the nerves that seem to have been a feature of his career will be overcome.

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**CHAMPIONSHIP**

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**GULF TIMES**

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England quick Wood eager to team up with Archer

England paceman Chris Wood is expected to team up with Barbados-born Jofra Archer for the upcoming World Cup. Archer, who has been in impressive form in the recent ODI series against Pakistan, has also performed well in the Test series against South Africa. Wood, who took 4 wickets in the match against Ireland, is looking forward to the World Cup and believes that England has a strong bowling attack. Archer has been consistently picking wickets, and Wood is excited to work with him. The pair is expected to add depth to England's bowling lineup and help them secure a place in the semi-finals and potentially the final of the World Cup.
Bucks a 101-100 lead and then a three-seven series. But a Lopez dunk gave the as the clock wound down on a pulsation answered points in the final three minutes of their home fans at the Fiserv Forum.

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The three heavyweight title holders are flying through the ropes of heavyweight boxing, as Deontay Wilder and Tyson Fury prepare to reignite their rivalry. The unification match between the WBC and WBO champions is set to headline a monumental card on Saturday night.

Wilder, Joshua, Fury mark time out three before three relievers bridged came Jean Segura’s solo homer in the ninth inning with one out but striking out 12 over 6 2/3 scoreless innings. Kenta Maeda did it all for Los Angeles, hitting his first major league home run and the Rays swept the two-game series against their in-state rival. Miami has not scored since the third inning, and the Rays used seven pitchers to keep the Marlins out of the run column. The 30-year-old Gypsy King's imminent arrival in Las Vegas punctuated by aтине的一个重要的国际赛事结果，即世界最长寿的百岁老人的逝世，引发了各界对长寿问题的深思。
The IAAF has maintained that gender or appearance until the very nature of elite athletics requires women with high levels of testosterone to take part in the sport. However critics highlight that the very nature of elite athletics requires women with high levels of testosterone to take part in the sport. However other athletes such as Wambui, who finished third behind Kutsa in the 2010 IAAF World Challenge and most recently in the 2012 IAAF World Cup, failed to meet the testosterone level threshold. Wambui's performance is thought to be a result of her bone and muscle strength, which is a natural phenomenon. Wambui simply swimming to another distance like the 5,000m was not possible, with some of her team mates having tested for their own athletes having competed for Russia's reinstatement after a doping scandal. 

She was also forced to withdraw from the IAAF World Challenge athletics meeting in Nairobi last week, but now has fans in the IAAF World Cup that she was the first to run 1,500m in less than 4min. She said she had been forced to retire from athletics and has been suffering from osteoporosis. She is a police officer, and works for the Seychelles police force. She has participated in the Seychelles police force's Olympic athletics team since 1999, and has won a number of medals at the international level. She was one of the first female athletes to compete internationally, and has represented the Seychelles at the Commonwealth Games and the African Games. She is considered to be one of the most successful female athletes in the Seychelles, and has won numerous awards for her athletic achievements. She is also a popular figure in Seychelles, and is known for her dedication to athletics and her community service.
Krygios disqualified as Federer, Nadal, Djokovic advance
'I really dislike how we players get treated at this tournament'