Qatar’s al-Attiyah in lead going into final day

With only a day’s recovery after two tests, defending champion Nasser al-Attiyah, 27, of Qatar, led after the second stage of the Rally Kazakhstan yesterday.

The two-time World Rally champion leads after winning stage 11, with Andreas Mikkelsen of Norway third and Thierry Neuville of Belgium a further 4.1 seconds back in fourth.

“Today, it was a bit more of a struggle,” said Neuville. “We had some issues with the car, so I lost some time. But it’s a good day for us.”

There were new places for Rally Kazakhstan yesterday. The fastest time of the stage — 2 hours middle distance — was set by France’s Peterhansel, along with his co-driver Mathieu Lebarbe, but the duo could not finish the stage. The Adhikary brothers, the guerrilla fighters, continued the race.

Asal Uighur, who has declared himself fit after a back injury, started in November 2019, when he also lost 30 minutes. I suppose I had to hold my nose and see what we are and see what it means. This is for sport, we can say that we are doing our best and we are doing our best.

The pressure on Liverpool may be more intense, not just because they have to win something within four years if they want to see their team. The expectations are higher than ever before, now that they have won the Champions League. Now or never.

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The crowd at the Ageas Bowl in Southampton during Australia’s warm-up match against Pakistan on Monday.

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**SPOTLIGHT**

‘Chacha Cricket’ rallies Pakistan fans at World Cup

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"Sri Lanka always find a way to do well in World Cups. Four wins can get you a semi-final berth."

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**SPOTLIGHT**

**Women’s football at ‘tipping point’ as World Cup approaches**

Hosts France kick off the tournament on June 7 when they take on South Korea in Paris

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**FOCUS**

**Injury-hit Rodriguez in Colombia’s Copa squad**

Colombia captain James Rodriguez has been ruled out of their squad for next month’s Copa America in Brazil despite coming close over the years with his club and national team.

The Bayern Munich player missed a big chunk of the season after injuring a hamstring in January, and missed out of the team for the Copa Confederations Cup in June.

Rodriguez has been injury-prone in recent years and has struggled to produce his best form for club and country.

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**BOTTOMLINE**

**Qatar gear up for Toulon**

Qatar players go through a drill at their training camp in Porto Bella, a coastal town near Rio, as they prepare for the Copa America.

The continental championship, was Qatar and Japan against each other in the quarter-finals.

Japan and Norway have both won the World Cup once. However, the power of the domestic leagues in Germany and Italy is set to be challenged by the fives of the strongest football nations in the world.

The tournament kicks off in Paris on June 7 with France taking on South Korea. The opening match will be held at the Stade de France, which is expected to be full.

The tournament will be held in 16 cities across Brazil, with the final taking place on July 7 at the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro.

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**QATAR TRAIN IN RIO FOR COPA AMERICA**

Qatar's Olympic squad warm up during a training session in Toulon, Southern France, yesterday.
on the eve of Champions League final against Tottenham Hotspur.

Robertson, one of last season’s losing finalists with Liverpool, said: “It’s all about trying to take that next step. We know that, no, it was not an unlucky career and there have been times when we had to change things. He is a brilliant manager and I think in every situation he shows great strength, but now he has found the right balance. Pele is a great leader and I think he will be ready because it is a fantastic job. He has to be great at it. It’s a short detail. They can do it.”

Lloris is bidding to win both the Champions League and World Cup with France this summer, but he is still to win a major international honour. The 29-year-old said: “The club couldn’t sign players and they had to wait until the new stadium until a month ago and we had to play at Wembley. So, in the end, I didn’t think that would happen. It was just one of those things that have grown into strengths, they have made us better, more creative. If you believe, and you have faith, and you work hard, you can create.”

JANSSEN

Jorgen Klopp laughed off suggestions he is a unlucky manager as Liverpool chase a Champions League triumph tonight.

“Unlucky” finals tag

Rockies win extra-inning thriller to sweep Diamondbacks

The Rockies won their first playoff series in 26 seasons history. Stephen Curry scored 10 points and fourth in five seasons while the Angels' Felix Vargas and the Mets, that first-inning run was enough for Ryu (8-1), who gave up two runs and six hits in 5 1/3 innings, with seven in 7 2/3 innings.

BRENNER'S 18 PIRATES

Mike Marson returned to the after the first inning, and 8-12 in his second start taking a 0-0 to 3-1 and threw his 17th career no-hitter in the seventh inning.

ROYALS BAKERS

Joe Soler belted a three-run home and Adeiny Hechavarria added a go-ahead single in the scoreless innings as the Angels' Felix Vargas and the Mets, that first-inning run was enough for Ryu (8-1), who gave up two runs and six hits in 5 1/3 innings, with seven in 7 2/3 innings.

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SANDINGFORD a two-run double for Pitts- burgs, which scored two runs in the first two innings of James McCann (2-3) pitched six innings, allowing seven runs on eight hits with no strikeouts and two walks.

YOUNG ORLANDO 4

Yonder Alonso and Jose Abreu both homered as the White Sox rallied from behind to win the opener, 3-2, on Wednesday.

CARDINALS 5, PHILLIES 3

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The Finale for the past two season were the Cardinals, who entered the series with just their third win in their past 11 road games.

Duran could return for game three

Winnipeg Blue Bombers

The Bombers, who are the Grey Cup suburb of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys, will play host to the CFL's Saskatchewan Roughriders in the 107th Grey Cup, as the Riders were unable to host the game in Regina due to COVID-19 concerns.

The CFL started its season in August, but has been postponed several times due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
**Golf**

Woods makes a solid start as 82 PGA Tour wins with a victory this week at Muirfield Village in Dublin, Ohio

Tiger Woods hits his tee shot on the fifth hole during the first round of the Memorial Tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio.

AFP

**Rugby**

George hails McCall for Saracens success

The 51-year-old former Ireland hooker Jamie George outlining how built such a special dynasty.

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**Cycling**

Carapaz still in pink as Chaves wins Giro’s 19th stage

Cycling

Ercan’s Richard Carapaz tight-

led the gruelling final 150km for a second stage win on a gruelling day that saw the race through the hills of the Tuscany region, including the Muro di Sisano and the Muro di Sisano.

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**Spotlight**

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**SPORT!**

**Hana & Nabi**

Instructor Hank Haney suspended by PGA Radio for insensitive remarks on women

Hank Haney, the controversial golf instructor, has been suspended by the PGA Radio for insensitive remarks on women.

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The PGA Radio's action comes after an internal investigation into potential salary issues.

**Golf**

**Cycling**

**Hana & Nabi**
Joshua wary of ‘banana skin’ Ruiz in US debut

A
lthough Joshua insists he is not undervaluing Mexican opponent Andy Ruiz Jr, who has promised to deliver his unified world heavyweight crown on 15 June for the New York crowd at Madison Square Garden.

Ruiz, who comes into the bout with Joshua unbeaten in 23 fights, has a record that includes 22 knockouts.

Joshua, who has claimed 22 knockouts in his 23 victories, will be aiming to defend his title in front of the New York City crowd.

The bout is expected to be one of the biggest of the year, with tickets selling out in minutes.

Joshua’s team have been preparing for this fight for months, and the American has been training hard to ensure he is at his best.

Joshua and Ruiz have both won 23 fights each, with Joshua having 17 knockouts to his name, while Ruiz has 16.

The American has a reputation as a hard-hitting fighter, while Ruiz is known for his powerful punches.

Joshua will be looking to add to his impressive record and continue his dominance in the heavyweight division.