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World champ Barshim makes a smashing return from injury

By Sports Reporter

Less than 310 days from the IAAF World Athletics Championships Doha 2019, World champion Mutaz Essa Barshim is back from his ankle injury to do what he knows best — win!

At the noisy Grand Prix in Rio de Janeiro, Barshim, who had been out of action for more than a year, cleared the 2.25m mark and won with ease. Barshim, who is known for his ability to come back from injuries, was back in action and proved his mettle once again.

Barshim, who has won several world championships, was second with a 2.24m effort, 2.33m but 2.27m seemed like a good target. He even made attempts at 2.30m and 2.32m, but he eventually cleared 2.27m for a victory. He had been sidelined due to an ankle injury for more than a year, but his return was a huge boost for his chances in the upcoming World Championships.

When he landed on the mat on his second try, it was a clanging of metal that echoed through the stadium. Barshim was so happy, he almost knocked down the audience who had been cheering him on.

Barshim's return to the track will be a boost for his country, Qatar, who are looking for a strong performance in the upcoming World Championships. His victory will inspire young athletes and give them hope that they too can overcome injuries and return to the top of their sport.

Barshim's victory was a reminder that hard work and perseverance can lead to success. He has shown that even after a long absence, he can still compete at the highest level and win.

His return to the track is a huge boost for the sport, and he is sure to be a force to be reckoned with in the upcoming World Championships.
Afghanistan have impressed significantly in their last two matches and could be their day today when they take on Bangladesh, a group match at Hampshire Bowl, captain Tamim Iqbal said.

"I want to prepare myself as much as possible," Tamim said yesterday. "The ground might be a little bit slower and turned a little bit. We're playing on the same track at the Hampshire Bowl." Rhodes said yesterday.

"We respect them because they are top internationals. We'll respect the Afghan spinners but we were particularly pleased having been turned into threes. That's an important aspect," the Englishman said.

"I think we can take them on against Bangladesh. They're a good side and they proved themselves in this stage," Naib told reporters yesterday. "That one thing about our team is that we have three bowlers who can bowl at any moment in the game."

Pakistan's Afghans in their second World Cup outing he has for the plucky Afghans though, the Englishman said. "We'll respect them because they are top internationals. We'll respect the Afghan spinners but we were particularly pleased having been turned into threes. That's an important aspect," the Englishman said.
Goalkeeper’s gaffe helps Brazil trouble Peru 5-0

Brazil skipper Alves leaves PSG

Brazilian defender (top right) Dani Alves.

Para Esporte Germânia's Brazilian striker Daniel Alves.
England ease into quarters as Cameroon fume over VAR

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**AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS**
Morocco gifted win as Namibia concede own goal

While Morocco enjoyed 60% possession during the opening 45 minutes in the sweltering Egyptian capital, they only just managed to get themselves back into the game. A 1-1 draw after the hour then saw them through to the quarter-finals, as the hosts failed to capitalise on their chances.

**福建当地的莫罗科人**

Morocco defender Medhi Benatia (L) was the hero for Namibia forward Peter Oshikango during their Africa Cup of Nations (CAN) match in Cairo yesterday.

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Spain is the World Cup winners and have won the European championships three times in their history. However, this was not to be for the home side.

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Yankees homer for the 25th straight game, tying the team record set from June 1 to 9, 1941.

Cardinals 3, Angels 2
Albert Pujols provided one of the few bright spots for Los Angeles in a loss to St. Louis and the standing ceiling every time Pujols came to the plate. Pujols provided the Angels with two World Series titles and three National League Most Valuable Player awards with the Cardinals.

Homoer hit one of four runs in the ninth inning to give the Yankees a 3-1 win over the Chicago White Sox. The Yankees have scored at least one run in 20 of their 23 games this season.

NATIONALS 5, NATIONAL LEAGUE 4
The Nationals defeated the San Diego Padres on Friday to clinch their fourth straight playoff berth.

Pirates 4, Brewers 3
The Pirates clinched their first playoff berth since 2014 and set up a showdown with the Nationals for the first wild card.

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Arrivals in Paris face an hour-long haul by train or bus into town from airport

**Spotlight**

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Innovating in a state of flux, the Sacramento Kings’ Willie Cauley-Stein joined the off-season riders as Monday’s NBA free-agent deadline nears.

He is not even giving the Kings a qualified offer. The Kings and the player’s agency, the only catch being that another team makes the offer.

The Kings were already packing up the Cauley-Stein camp. That would give the Kings the maximum possible salary in free agency, get a chance to get some movement going and let a nominee be named to the All-Rookie first team.

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Federer targets Wimbledon after winning 10th Halle title

It’s unbelievable. I never thought when I first played here that I would win 10 titles.

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Le Castellet, France
Mercedes one-two
Hamilton wins
Briton finishes 18 seconds ahead of Bottas for team’s 50th one-two, Leclerc in third

Liverpudlian Hamilton put on a display of domination that few have witnessed before.

Pyrenees Olivier Truchot/EPA
Le Castellet, France,
yesterday. (Reuters)

More than three race wins.

We failed, but we won’t give up, says Vettel

Formel 1
CONSTRUCTORS’ STANDINGS

6. Ferrari
7. McLaren
8. Renault
9. Haas
10. Racing Point

Drivers’ Standings (top 3)

1. Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes)
2. Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes)
3. Sebastian Vettel (Ferrari)

FORMULA 1 FOCUS

This weekend, the biggest
twist on Sunday was pro-

Britton, who also won from pole last
two rentals — but this has been the
two of 2018.

“Otherwise, it should have
the race from Hamilton.

W e seemed to have a prob-
the fourth round in the heat of

Abdulla said: “W e fi nished the
third round of the FIA

S tephen Jellicoe

Le Castellet, France

Abdulla now has
of the eight-race series.

...this was a good time.

It wasn’t easy at all and eve-

at one point that something had

nervous day out. ‘We could do

and Santiago Navarro.

leading the way from V orobyev and

Qatar's Abdulla

— the equivalent to

points now, but the Russian driv-

in the fourth round of the Baja

“The second stage, we were

Le Castellet, France

Sheikh Joaan signs agreement to host Beach Games; attends IOC HQ inauguration

Ferrari, who had failed to de-

time is 10 minutes. ‘We had

Vettel was second to the troubled

when former leader Amerigo

Vettel’s current best time is 1hr

Michal Goczal set a second

...we have more

the Cosa and Tagliamento rivers

2. Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes)
3. Charles Leclerc (Ferrari)
4. Max Verstappen (Red Bull)
5. Sebastian Vettel (Ferrari)

Nico Hulkenberg (Renault)
Racing Point) 1 lap
Lando Norris (McLaren) 1 lap

CONSTRUCTORS’ STANDINGS

1. Mercedes
2. Ferrari
3. Red Bull-Honda

The four-time world cham-

in a total time of 7hrs 05min

for a good time.

“Otherwise, it should have

the runs through the 79.43km of

the first stage this morning we

reflected the Dakar-based

eight overall in the T3 rankings,

with Italy’s Amerigo V entura

the first stage this morning we

fourth position in the heat of

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the four rounds of the Baja

The Qatari began the third of