Barshim strong on Diamond League return in London

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Mutaz Essa Barshim is back. The 2019 world high jump record holder, who jumped 2.46m to win the IAAF Diamond League event in Stockholm last year, cleared 2.27m twice since returning this year, and has now breached the 2.30m mark.

Barshim is the Olympic champion and the current world champion and he is looking to peak at the right time for the world record height of 2.46m after Sopot, Poland.

Barshim was off the mark for the first time this season in London yesterday to finish second at the IAAF Diamond League Anniversary Games in London, losing out to a star-studded field.

The 2017 World Athletics of the Year returned to the season in style this year, and has now breached the 2.30m mark after he set a season’s best of 2.30m at the Memorial Van Damme in Brussels last month.

He has shown signs of confidence and aptitude in his last few outings. While challenging a world record height of 2.46m after Sopot in Poland, Barshim corrected his 2.27m mark twice since returning this year, and has now breached the 2.30m mark.

Barshim has previously come to London. I have seen many great moments of my life, but I never wanted to do worse than before, but now I have something I can work on and I feel I need to compete more.

High jump is very technical and you cannot do it by your depth, but if you are in the right place, I didn’t feel any pressure which is a good thing. I use to compete.

It is very important to find your rhythm and be healthy to perform on home soil in London.

Lowry savoured the walk up the 15th hole that extended his margin lead, and a six-foot birdie at the 18th, greeted as one of their own by the singing gallery who were among those who greeted the 18-year-old on his Open debut.

McIlroy rounds off his British Open by six strokes ahead of eventual winner Shane Lowry, who was second in 2016.

Largest crowd to see an Irish golfer at the Open since 1951.

The 2016 Open was backed up by a strong Northern Irish team, while the 2014 Open was the last time an Irish golfer won.

I have had good results with McIlroy. It’s probably the most uncom- promised 20-year-old I have seen in a golf course. You’re trying to win. He is just the same. The 2014 Open was a hit for the country. It’s incredibly difficult. But once he settled down and focused on his game and his environment, it’s unbelievable.

Lowry's dream of winning the Open looked to be coming true, but McIlroy went on to win.

Lowry is a serious contender for the Open title and he has already had a lot of support from fans.

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Lowry's quote is so nice because I could keep on going on.

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Lowry celebrated with his father Brendan after the win (Reuters)

Lowry poses with his family and the Claret Jug, the winner's trophy at The Open, at Portrush, Northern Ireland yesterday (AFP)

‘We’re all one country when it comes to Open’ Lowry said. After holding the trophy, he added: ‘It’s a beautiful feeling, I can’t believe it today. It’s a beautiful feeling.’

Lowry was back from an injury as he was one of the best players on the world tour. He has shown a lot of improvement in his game and he has already shown that he has the potential to win the Open and he has already achieved that.

Lowry’s Motor Essa Barshim celebrates as he clears 2.27m in the men’s High Jump event during the IAAF Diamond League Anniversary Games in London yesterday (AFP)

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Lowry’s career comes full circle on Irish soil

He became only the second player from the Republic of Ireland to win the Claret Jug.
India's cricket selectors yesterday named Rishabh Pant as their preferred wicketkeeper for all three formats of the game, replacing the more experienced Wriddhiman Saha. Pant has been part of the Indian team for the past few years, having made his debut in the T20I format in 2018. The selectors have also named Pant as their first choice wicketkeeper, with Mohammed Shami and Kuldeep Yadav as the backup wicketkeepers. These decisions were made amid intense speculation over Mahendra Singh Dhoni's retirement, with the 35-year-old wicketkeeper-captain announcing his unavailability for the upcoming tour of the West Indies. Dhoni, who has been a key figure in Indian cricket for the past two decades, has not given any indication of what his plans are and has made himself unavailable for the Caribbean trip.

In the meantime, Indian selectors have named a 22-member squad for the West Indies tour, which will be followed by a four-match T20 series against Bangladesh. The squad includes young batsman Shubman Gill, who has been groomed for the middle order batting slots, and all-rounder Vijay Shankar, who was yet to regain complete fitness following a shoulder injury. The selectors also emphasized that young batsman Shreyas Iyer included to stake their claims for the middle order batting slots. With the two Tests in Caribbean, the Indian team will also consider the young pacers, and there is also a place for wicket-keeper Karthik, who was India's reserve wicketkeeper at the World Cup, with Pant and Dinesh Karthik in the squad for West Indies tour.

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Widely considered as the best finisher, Dhoni has not given a hint of what his plans are and made himself unavailable for the Caribbean trip. Former Sri Lankan Test player Sanath Jayasuriya, who had served as a selector, also expressed his hope for Pant to step away and help India given his performance in the past few seasons.

The next 10-over World Cup is still a long way away but the World Twenty20 Series, which concludes on Thursday in London, offers an opportunity for young players to showcase their talents and make an impression on the selectors. The World Cup is scheduled to be held in 2020 and Dhoni, the most successful wicketkeeper in limited-overs cricket, is likely to retire from international cricket. While many young wicketkeepers are vying for a place in the Indian team, Pant is considered as the best finisher and has the potential to take on the mantle of a wicketkeeper-captain in the future.
Sun, Horton drama overshadows Peaty's WR, Ledecky shocked

I was aware that the Australian athlete had dissatisfaction and personal feelings towards me.
A’s stay hot, sink Twins on Davis’ 9th-inning single

‘The As always find the players to be able to compete, and this year is no exception’

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Bale could be on his way to China as Real career nears end

BY LEWIS MACDONALD

FOOTBALL

Real Madrid and Gareth Bale’s future is looking increasingly uncertain, with the Wales international said to be preparing for a move to China. News that Bruce Lee, the martial arts star, has broken down in tears on Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong’s shoulders because of his big money move to the Chinese Super League is causing speculation.

Bale has been regularly linked with a move to China in recent years, but the reports suggest that the 31-year-old could finally make the switch this summer. The forward has been a regular in the Real Madrid team but has struggled with injuries and form in recent seasons.

Manager Zidane said the club were working on offloading the forward, who has two years left on his contract. Bale’s agent, Jorge Mendes, is expected to hold talks with Chinese clubs in the coming days, with reports suggesting a move could be close to being agreed.

The relationship between Zidane and the player’s agent has been strained in recent months, with Mendes reportedly wanting to sell Bale at any cost. Zidane, however, is said to be firmly opposed to any sale.

The Spanish giants have been burdened with expensive transfers in recent years, and the club is said to be looking to offload several high-earning stars to balance the books. Bale, who joined Real from Tottenham in 2013, has struggled with injuries and had a subdued season in the 2021-22 campaign.

If a deal can be done, it would be seen as a victory for Mendes, who has been pushing for a sale since February. Zidane, however, is reportedly not keen on losing one of his star players, and the Real board is said to be resisting any pressure to sell.

Bale has scored 30 goals in 108 appearances for Real Madrid in six seasons, helping the club win La Liga, three Champions League titles, and the Club World Cup. He is regarded as one of the world’s best attacking midfielders and was a key part of the Wales team that reached the 2016 European Championship semi-finals.

But it appears that his time at the Bernabéu is coming to an end, with a move to Asia looking increasingly likely.
Brilliant Pacquiao downs Thurman for WBA crown

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**40-year-olds Thurman in the first round and remains on the front foot throughout a 12-round duel**

Las Vegas, United States, on Saturday. (AFP)

**F**ilipino legend Manny Pacquiao rolled back the years to become the old- est welterweight champ-

er ever with a stunning win over US champion Keith Thur-

man on Saturday.

Four decades ago, Pacquiao, 10 years older than the previously unbeaten Thurman, delivered a vintage performance before a sell-out MGM Grand Garden Arena crowd of 17,000 which in-

cluded former welterweight king Floyd Mayweather.

Pacquiao floored Thurman with an afterburning combination in the first round and maintained on the front foot throughout a pulsating 12-round duel.

**“This was a beautiful night of boxing. I wish I had a little bit more stamina in round one.”**

Although Thurman improved, Pacquiao was still too good.

**“My numbers just weren’t up to par to be victorious tonight.”**

Pacquiao landed 195 of 686 punches to bring the crowd to its feet.

Deafening chants of “Manny, Manny” rolled around the packed arena.

**“Wow, wow, wow!” Philippines goes wild for ‘force at 40’ Pacquiao**

Las Vegas

**“Manny” rolled around the packed arena. He’s very tough. He can fight.”**

Boxer Keith Thurman in his WBA super world welterweight title bout on Saturday (AFP)

Pacquiao, who improved to 62-7-2 with 39 knockouts, was overjoyed upon watching the bout in a Manila sub-

urb where a 68-year-old fan col-

lected his lifeless body.

**“Our pound-for-pound King did his utmost.”**

In Pacquiao’s heyday, authorities said his fights stopped traffic and closed schools.

**“The competitive Filipino spirit is all about — a feat that no younger fighter would have more endurance than an older fighter,”** said Willieboy Ramos, 50.

President Rodrigo Duterte has praised Pacquiao for his boxing feats.

**“Pacquiao made history another time by knocking out US champion Keith Thurman in a Las Vegas United States, on Saturday.”**