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The IAAF has hailed the “parity and clarity” of the IAAF’s new regulations after the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) upheld South Africa’s Caster Semenya after they were introduced by the Swiss Federal Tribunal. The **IAAF** said: “These are important wins, not just for one of them, where biology has trumped gender identity, and not just for South Africa, where Semenya is an international superstar, but for all unambiguous women athletes across the world.”

Semenya has been found to have “elevated testosterone levels,” and the CAS ruled that she could compete in women’s events if she reduced her testosterone levels. The decision has been welcomed by the **IAAF**, which has called for “parity and clarity” in women’s athletics, and has welcomed the CAS ruling “as a major step forward for women’s athletics.”

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T he season is over and the world's top footballers are set to gather in Paris for the FIFA Best Awards ceremony. The ceremony will take place on Monday, June 8, at the Grand Palais Imaginaire in Paris. The event will feature presentations of the best male and female players of the year, as well as the best coach of the year. The ceremony will be broadcast worldwide on FIFA TV and the FIFA website, with a live stream available on the FIFA App.

The nominees for the Best Male Player award are:

- Robert Lewandowski (Bayern Munich)
- Lionel Messi (Paris Saint-Germain)
- Erling Haaland (Manchester City)
- Virgil van Dijk (Liverpool)
- Sadio Mane (Liverpool)

The nominees for the Best Female Player award are:

- Megan Rapinoe (USWNT)
- Sam Mewis (USWNT)
- Lucy Bronze (Lyon)
-d Assis Teixeira (Barcelona)
- Dz希evic (Beylikduzu

The nominees for the Best Coach award are:

- Pep Guardiola (Manchester City)
- Thomas Tuchel (Chelsea)
- Carlo Ancelotti (Bayern Munich)
- Jürgen Klopp (Liverpool)
- Patrice Lair (USWNT)

The ceremony will also feature the announcement of the winners of the Puskas Award for the best goal of the year and the Lev Yashin Award for the best goalkeeper of the year. The ceremony will conclude with the presentation of the FIFA Fair Play Award.

The event is expected to attract a large audience, with many of the world's top footballers and their fans tuning in to watch.

BOTTOMLINE

Security, heat and lawsuits — the story of European football clubs in Asia

European football clubs face a range of challenges when operating in Asia, including security, heat and lawsuits. The Asian continent is home to some of the world's largest football clubs, but they often face significant challenges when operating in the region.

Security is a major concern for European clubs in Asia, with reports of protests and violence. Clubs have been forced to cancel matches and change venues in response to security concerns.

Heat is also a significant issue, with many clubs operating in countries with high temperatures and humidity. This can take a toll on players and staff, with heat-related illnesses and injuries a common occurrence.

Lawsuits are also a concern, with many clubs facing legal action from fans and other parties. Clubs have had to navigate complex legal systems and face increasing pressure from fans and regulators.

Despite these challenges, European clubs see Asia as a key market for growth and development. They continue to invest in the region, with plans to increase their exposure through media deals and fan engagement initiatives.

CHANGE

New coach signed for Argentina as 2022 WC qualifying continues

Argentina's national football team has appointed a new coach. Lionel Scaloni has been appointed as the new coach of the national team, replacing Jorge Sampaoli, who was dismissed from the position earlier this year.

Scaloni took charge of the team in 2009 and led them to the 2010 World Cup final in South Africa. He has also been successful in club management, having won the domestic league titles with Boca Juniors and River Plate.

Scaloni's appointment comes in the wake of Argentina's disappointing performance in the 2018 World Cup, where they were eliminated in the group stage.

Scaloni's main task will be to lead Argentina to the 2022 World Cup in Qatar, where they will face tough competition from teams such as Brazil, Germany and France.

Scaloni is expected to bring a more attacking style of play to the team, with an emphasis on possession and quick transitions.

In his July 20, 2019, piece, Manchester City's coach Pep Guardiola gives instructions during the match against Wolverhampton Wanderers at the 2019 Premier League Asia Trophy in Shanghai. (AP Photo/ )
**TENNIS**

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The rising 25-year-old University of Georgia product qualifier Harmony Tan will meet seventh seed Madison Keys in the second round on Tuesday.

Peterson, who managed to settle the afternoon on the campus of the George Washington University, fell 6-4, 6-2 in the Don and came through qualifying to the fourth round at Wimbledon.

Downs then saw the prisoner of war match plan as they headed to Kra-

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F oreigner world number one from Switzerland Ana Ivanovic has been eliminated from the tournament. She was defeated by her compatriot Belinda Bencic in the quarterfinals on the Silicon Valley Classic in California on Tuesday.

The Belarusian converted seven of the first eight opportunities to advance to the semifinals and defeated Italian 30th seed Francesca Schiavone in straight sets.

The Basque turned around 83-6 in the first set to reach the second round of the Silicon Valley Classic in California on Tuesday.

The Netherland failed to score just one point off the first three break points in the opening set.

Eighteen-year-old American Madison Keys, who won the title last year, could not find the way to the next round against 11th seed Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark.

Halden, who has reached the second round of the Grand Slam this year, has lost just one set in the first three rounds.

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A year ago, the former world No. 1 Azarenka dominated the first set, but Tan fought back to get the second set.

Austrian Sophia Tipsarevic, 26, upset 14th seed Roberta Vinci of Italy 7-5, 6-4 in the second round at the Citi Open in Washington, DC, United States, on Tuesday.

The third set was dominated by the 24-year-old American, who was never in any doubt as she cruised to victory.

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**GOLF**

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The Guardian

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If any impropriety is proven, the WBC’s recognition of Dillian Whyte as WBC interim heavyweight champion and mandatorly challenger of the division may be revoked.

South Korean Ko Jin-young celebrates after winning the Evian Championship at the French Alps town of Evian les Bains on Sunday. PHOTO: AFP

ROUND-UP

McIlroy joins Tiger at Japan’s first PGA event

The 2019 portion of the season continues near the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. The early events and some shifts late in the schedule near the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

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Hansen trims squad down to 34, Sonny Bill Williams sent back to provincial rugby

The world champion All Blacks fielded their first Bledisloe Cup match is in Auckland first clash of the Bledisloe Cup, the August 10, which also doubles as the Rugby Championship against the Springboks but will nonetheless be rested for the first Wallabies match.

Along with Frizell, Asafo Aumua, Braden鮮, and Kallum Paterson are new additions to the squad who will head back to provincial rugby.

They can jump into the mix, but it’s obviously going to take us a little bit longer to work out where they fit in and that’s got to be worked out at the World Cup we can go into the championships and establish them.

We need to be doing the right things with them and getting them up to that next level, and that’s what we’re working on here.

Frizell’s omission, after he started against South Africa in Wellington last Saturday, means Vaea Fifita returns to make up the back row.

“We’ve got a lot of respect for Sonny’s playing ability, obviously,” Hansen says. “We know he can play the game, so it’s about us making sure he hasn’t played much and we want to see him on Saturday. To be able to cope with the rigours of footy, which is his role as a half-back.

And we’re looking forward to seeing what he can do for us in the world championship.”

Hansen said the side would be boosted by Barrett returning after being side-lined for a month with a broken finger which has ruled him out of the southern hemisphere’s Super Rugby Aotearoa.

A veteran of 36 Tests, Barrett is the 15th man to be called up for the All Blacks in the last two Bledisloe Cup matches.

“I think he’s got a great chance,” Hansen said.

“I know he’s been playing a lot of rugby, but we’ll work through that. He’s got a lot of experience and the last Test, we were a bit better in the last Test, so I think he’s got a chance.”

Knee loss forward Luke Jacobson has retained his place after making his debut off the bench in the opening Rugby Championship win over Argentina in Buenos Aires.

Kama haka forward Billy Millard who has struggled with injuries over the past two years, has been retained but will be stood for the first World Cup match.

He emerged unscathed from his return to the Test arena against the Springboks but will nonetheless make his first Test start this weekend.

“We’ve been working on a few things behind the scenes before returning for the All Blacks,” Barrett said.

“It’s great playing with so many quality guys around you, so hopefully I’ll be able to come back and contribute.”

The World Champions, who are bidding to win their third world title, will be playing in front of their home support for the first time.

They were the only side to win their opening two matches against South Africa ahead of the final round.

Victory in Perth will see the All Blacks retain the southern hemisphere trophy for a fourth consecutive year.

[SQUAD]

Wing: George Bridge, Duane Vermeulen, Caleb Douglas, Ben Smith, Israel Dagg, Israel Dagg, Israel Dagg.

Center: Damian McKenzie, Aaron Smith, Anton Lienert-Brown, Sonny Bill Williams, Braydon Ennor, Jordie Barrett.

Fullback: Beauden Barrett, Matt Todd

Forwards: Oli Kebble, James O’Connor, Gideon Gilsenan, Jack Mott, Ben Smith, Charlie Li, Will Ross, Joe Moody, Atu Moli.


Prop: Dane Coles, Liam Coltman, Alima Ioane, Jack Goodhue, Lopeti Timani, Jack Goodhue, Lopeti Timani.

Scrum Half: Aaron Smith, Aaron Smith, Aaron Smith, Aaron Smith, Aaron Smith.


Flyhalf: Beauden Barrett, Beauden Barrett, Beauden Barrett, Beauden Barrett.

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Focusing on the first world championship title, the All Blacks are looking for their third world title in the southern hemisphere.

“I think we’re really looking forward to the next two Tests coming up,” said Barrett.

“Definitely need to do it for us,” another source.

“It’s a growing sport and it actually gives me a chance to do it. I don’t think it’s anything I will do to do it.”
Australians are the biggest threat to England, according to all-round Ben Stokes who says his team-mates must present the 12-year-old the three accepting the Test match against Sri Lanka, which starts on Monday.

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Australia's David Warner (left) and Mitchell Starc bowing in nets session. (Reuters)

**ODI SERIES**

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There are a lot of negatives, starting from myself to the team. We have to hold it tight and come back strong.

**SPOTLIGHT**

Will India dump Shastri? Moody among challengers for coaching job

India’s hunt for a new coach is on after the team’s semi-final exit at the World Cup. India head coach Ravi Shastri (right) with Virat Kohli. (Reuters)

**OPINION**

Warner is Australia’s damager, says Stokes

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England seek a ‘double’ as Australia eye Ashes history

For some of us this is the start of our international summer and it’s our job to keep the energy going as a team.

**ENGLAND PREVIEW**

Root glad to have Stokes as his deputy

**ALL-TIME HIGH**

Root has said he is grateful to anyone who has captained England and is in the on the Ashes success after winning the World Cup.

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