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By Sports Reporter

Qatar national Handball Association (ANOC) World Beach Games Championship Committee (ANOC) Secretary-General Gunzil, Switzerland, UAE and Morocco. This edition of the Games will be a success. The QOC has no doubt that the first-ever ANOC World Beach Games will be a great success. Assistant General Manager for Operations for Qatar 2019 ANOC World Beach Games, Khaleel Ibn Al-Buenain welcomed all the guests to Doha for the draw, while thanking the ANOC and the Qatar Olympic Committee for their enthusiasm and commitment to hosting an unforgettable ANOC World Beach Games. He added the draws of handball and football competitions for the event will be followed by the General Assembly of ANOC and the ANOC awards ceremony for the best athletes on October 27-28. The international beach football sport event is being organized by the ANOC and hosted by the QOC from October 12-20. THE GROUPS MEN’S BEACH HANDBALL Group A: Brazil, Denmark, Sweden, Iran, Qatar, Uruguay and Tunisia Group B: Croatia, Hungary, Spain, Qatar, Uruguay and Tunisia WOMEN’S BEACH HANDBALL Group A: Brazil, Denmark, Hungary, Argentina, Uruguay and Tunisia Group B: Greece, Spain, Poland, China, Australia and Vietnam MEN’S BEACH SOCCER Group A: Spain, Brazil, Cape Verde and Mexico Group B: Great Britain, Russia, Uruguay and Tunisia WOMEN’S BEACH SOCCER Group A: Spain, Brazil, Cape Verde and Mexico Group B: Great Britain, Russia, Uruguay and Tunisia

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**SERIE A**

Lukaku scores as Conte’s Inter reign starts in style

Conte’s arrival at Chinese-owned Inter has raised expectations of a first Serie A title since 2010

**SPOTLIGHT**

Bury faces expulsion as C&N Sporting Risk ends takeover bid

**QNB STARS LEAGUE**

I’ve made a good choice joining Rayyan

By Sports Reporter

**CHAMPIONS LEAGUE**

Ajax face must-win game against Nicosa

A

**Great opportunity for us to help Inter Sahil Murad Naji**

**AFP**

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**NBA**

Luka Doncic has been named to the All-Star Game and the All-NBA First Team. Doncic was named the Western Conference’s Most Valuable Player in voting conducted by the media and coaches. He is the first NBA player to be named to the All-Star Game and the All-NBA First Team in his first two seasons.

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Monaco have lost sight of everything that made them champions

Monaco's success inspired Lyon, Nice and Bordeaux. It's time they started following the example they have set for other clubs

By Adam White and Eric Devin

Monaco have lost sight of everything that made them champions. The club, which won the first two Ligue 1 titles under Vadim Vasilyev’s ownership, has not won any of their first three games this season. (AFP)

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**Sport**

**Basketball**

Space Jam or the World Cup? LeBron among absent stars

Jennifer Lee, the First American-Mexican female coach, is moving to the Beijing Ducks basketball club this autumn. Announcement Tuesday featuring an interview with China’s basketball coach and moving to the Chinese capital.

Tusa, the former coach of the Chinese basketball team, announced that he would not be retained for the China team next season, and would be moving to the Beijing Ducks basketball club.

The 40-year-old Tusa, who is the first American coach to lead a Chinese team, said he was satisfied with the team’s performances in the past season and would now be focusing on his new role.

As the new coach of the Beijing Ducks, Tusa will have the opportunity to build a new team and create a winning culture.

However, the move also comes with challenges, as the Chinese basketball league faces tough competition from other top teams.

**NBA**

NBA star Jeremy Lin heads to China

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I was pleased to read that the Vuelta a España is not the only grand tour that is under threat, as the Tour de Francia is also in jeopardy. The Merckx era has come to an end, and the Vuelta will have to find a new format to attract the best cyclists. The Vuelta is a race of great tradition and history, and it is sad to see it in decline. However, the Tour de Francia, with its famous mountains and the Champs-Élysées finish, is a race that is still loved by riders and fans alike.

As for the Tour de Francia, I agree with the sentiment expressed in the article that it is a race that is loved by riders and fans alike. The race has a rich history and is one of the most prestigious events on the cycling calendar. However, like the Vuelta, it is facing challenges in attracting the best riders. The race needs to find a way to remain relevant and exciting, or risk losing its appeal.

I hope that both races can find a way to bounce back and continue to be celebrated by cyclists and fans around the world.
Black tennis pioneer Gibson honoured, equality fight goes on

SONIA WILLIAMS (left) and Roger Federer (right) of Switzerland shake hands after their first round match on day one of the 2019 US Open at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in New York.

FOCUS

India’s Nagaļ exits with head held high

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“I really just wanted to do well in the tournament and see the positives at the end,” Williams said of her hard-fought win.

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SPORT

Tannie Ans: The calm before Wayde storms on the track

77-year-old Ans Botha is the compassionate guiding force behind 400m World and Olympic champion Van Niekerk

By Mikeb Rout

A world of fast times and records is conjuring up a storm within the track and field com

Sportswoman Tannie Ans Botha, who was the guiding force behind Olympic champion Wayde van Niekerk, will be remembered as a source of strength and inspiration.

Botha, who died last week, was a legendary figure in South African athletics and had a profound impact on the careers of many athletes, including van Niekerk.

The coach from Nelspruit, who was named the IAAF Coach of the Year in 2016, was instrumental in shaping van Niekerk's career and helping him reach the pinnacle of his sport.

Botha's influence extended beyond her work with van Niekerk. She had been involved in athletics for decades and had a reputation for being a tough but fair coach, who never missed an opportunity to push her athletes to their limits.

In an interview, van Niekerk spoke about how Botha had helped him develop into the athlete he is today.

"She was my coach, my mentor and my friend," van Niekerk said. "She was the one who believed in me when no one else did. She taught me the importance of hard work and dedication, and showed me how to stay focused and disciplined in the face of adversity.

"She was always there to push me when I needed it most. She had a way of making me realize that I could achieve anything if I was willing to put in the work."

Botha also had a deep understanding of the mental side of athletics, and was known for her ability to help her athletes manage their emotions and focus on the task at hand.

"Wayde was mentally absolutely fantastic," she said. "He had a way of staying calm and collected in the heat of battle. He was a leader on and off the track."