**SPORT**

**HORSE RACING**

Sheikh Mohamed's Big Five and Weetamoo land huge victories in Europe

By a Correspondent

H is Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Rashid al-Maktoum, the First Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister of Dubai, has achieved another first: Big Five has won the Prix de Pomerol in Bordeaux, France, yesterday. The Sheikh's horse, trained by Anthony Crastus, made a winning debut in the Prix de Pomerol, a race for unraced juvenile fillies over 1,900m yesterday.

The Sheikh's horse, Big Five, is owned and bred by Al Shahania Stud, and it was the first time the filly had raced. The victory was particularly impressive as the Prix de Pomerol is a Group 1 race, and Big Five had not raced before.

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**SQUASH**

Farag quells Coll challenge to retain Qatar Classic title

It's his second PSA World Tour title after the tour's restart following a six-month suspension due to the pandemic.

By Sport Reporter

E gyptian World No 1 Ali Farag has retained his Qatar Classic title with a 3-1 victory over Paul Coll in the final of the PSA World Tour Final tournament yesterday. The match was held at the Khalifa International Tennis and Squash Complex yesterday.

Coll, who has now lifted his 21st PSA title following an 11-8, 6-11, 11-9, 11-6 victory over the World No 2, has managed to retain his world ranking number two, following his win here yesterday.

Coll, who had already won the Qatar Classic title in 2012 and 2013, had reached the final this time around after beating Paul Coll here in 2011 and 2012. It was his second PSA World Tour final appearance, and this time around he was more confident in his play.

Coll said: “It’s a tough feeling at the moment. I’m obviously very happy to reach another final here in Qatar, it’s a great tournament and a fantastic location.”

Farag said: “I always love coming here and I’ve played well here year in, year out. I wanted it pretty but I didn’t get it. Coll played pretty well here, and I think he did a fantastic job. Ali is World No 1 for a reason and he played the end of every game very well, so well done to Ali.” Farag, who is the defending champion, has already reached and I have a lot of admiration for him. We couldn’t be happier to be here, everyone takes care of us.”

Farag goes for the ball during the final yesterday.

**SUPER-SUB MESSI SCORES TWICE TO LEAD BARCA TO BETIS WIN**

Super-sub Lionel Messi scored twice in Barca’s 3-1 victory over Real Betis last night to help them continue their unbeaten run.

Barca, who are currently top of the La Liga table, have now won four of their last five matches. Messi’s goals were his first in La Liga this season, but they were enough to secure all three points.

Barca boss Ernesto Valverde was delighted with his team’s performance, saying: “I’m very happy with the team’s response tonight. We played well in the first half and then we were able to increase our lead in the second half.”

Messi, who has now scored 25 goals in all competitions this season, said: “I’m very happy to be back in the team and to be playing in these important matches.”

Barca are now nine points ahead of their nearest rivals, Atletico Madrid, in the La Liga standings.

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Gambhir calls for Kohli’s removal from RCB captaincy

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**ALL BLACKS**

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By a Correspondent

The Wallabies have bounced back from their loss to Argentina to defeat New Zealand 26-19 in their rugby union Test match in Brisbane last night.

Wallabies coach Dave Rennie said: “We were very pleased with the way we played tonight. We showed a lot of resilience and fight.”

New Zealand, who had won their last three Tests, were都没有 able to find a way to break through the Wallabies’ defence.

All Blacks captain Kieran Read said: “We were disappointed with the result tonight. We didn’t play our best rugby and we couldn’t get anything going.”

The win puts the Wallabies third in the Rugby Championship table, two points behind the Springboks and four points behind New Zealand.

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La Liga

Barcelona ended their four-match winless run and climbed to eighth in La Liga

by Bartome Baquero

Barcelona’s Lionel Messi (left) scores against Real Betis in the La Liga at the Camp Nou in Barcelona yesterday. (Reuters)

By Faiz Almajeed

Ten-man Sadd cruise past Duhail to seal quarter-final spot

Duhail had eight under-21 players in their line-up, while Sadd included four, and it was Sadd who started brightly. A free-kick from Almoez (15) was well saved and then a shot from Ivo Sanada was turned onto the post by goalkeeper Jehad Thabet.

The victory also assured a three-goal lead for Sadd bin Hamad Stadium yesterday. It was the fifth successive victory for Xavi’s men against Duhail, and they improved after being held by Al Sadd in the opening round of the competition.

And it was Sadd who started brightly even as the game wore off . Jehad Thabet’s捅过 in the 11th minute, however, was quickly cancelled out by a late strike from Pedri to ensure Barcelona’s 5-2 victory over Real Betis yesterday.

Standing during the summit opening address, the former Sampdoria, Juventus and Chelsea centre-forward said: “The Frenchman tried to move to meet Jordi Alba’s cross in the 40th minute, but his header hit the bar, and was shown a straight red card by referee Meshari al-Shammari for a foul on Yassel Abdullah, who was rushing to the goal with only goalkeeper Jehad Thabet in front of him.

Vissel Kobe star Koji Yamase, who has scored a goal in every game of his career, also helped by the lack of experience of Duhail youngsters.

But during the second half, although Sadd struggled to make a breakthrough, the game was played mainly outside the box, with the Frenchman in control. Messi came on and four minutes later Messi headed Barca’s fourth. Pedri made it 5-2 with a deflection off Yassel Abdullah for an own goal.

To miss opportunities you have to be brave, adventurous and in a competitive angle to achieve the best. As a manager you have to think, consider the team and how the game will be played by your best players. This is something that every coach should have in mind."
Bayern are top of the table with 18 points from seven games, two ahead of RB Leipzig with Dortmund third on 15

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**Cycling**

Roglic hangs on to Vuelta lead, poised to retain title

What can I say, I’m super happy, and it’s a really nice way to finish the season.

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**NFL**

Raider owner decries protocol punishment, files appeal

But Turner later emerged, drawing surprise, shock and even a few cheers for showing the hard work and the World Series trophy.

"As is often the case, our generation revealed..."

The NFL also revealed that, while not commenting on Mr. Turner’s personal conduct, his behavior could lead to further punishment, even if nothing ultimately transpired.

"According to the NFL, the punishment Turner received..."
**Eerie’ Masters gets ready for sound of silence**

Springtime in Augusta will replace spring blooms as the traditional Masters tournament gets ready for sound of silence.

For many of the world’s best golfers, those are memories of ground-shaking, nerve-jangling moments of spectator silence.

“Jordie made the same putt and the place just went crazy,” said Mickelson, who bagged the 1998 Masters using the traditional green-shaker sound. “That was really helpful to me. I felt like I made some decent putts and I was just waiting for something, but it never came. It was eerie. I was feeling like I was at the bottom, but then I realized it was just the absence of sound.”

When Mickelson and Tom Watson wereBookies, trying to bring back the green-shaker noise and the adrenaline that they haven’t quite felt the same, for sure, but would welcome the return of fans.

This year it’s going to be eerily quiet,” said England’s Justin Rose, the 2013 US Open champion and twice a Masters runner-up. “You’re going to have to just listen hard. Sometimes, you can still hear the vibration of the ground,” said Mickelson. “I felt like it was moving. It was insane. I’m getting goosebumps just thinking about it.”

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AFP T okyo

Japan’s world gymnastics champion Kohei Uchimura sees the event as a “model” for the Olympics, saying that with building momentum into next year’s delayed Tokyo Olympics, “a very good experience” awaits athletes.

The gymnastics meet comes in the wake of the delayed Tokyo 2020 Games. Australia’s greatest distance runner, Sydney’s Michael Sheehan, was among the first to test positive for the coronavirus in February 2020. The gymnastics meet will be held in the same venues as next year’s Olympics while facing numerous world records during a long period.

Sheehan finished fifth in the 1500m in the 2016 Olympic Games, becoming the first Australian to win a medal in the sport.

The gymnastics meet is part of the build-up to next year’s Games, which will be the first to be held in Asia.

In a separate event, Australia’s Olympic relay team – Rickard, Winter, Munoz, and Leary – would lose their medals.

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Zverev downs Nadal

Albaker storms to Big Tour victory with Verona

By Sports Reporter

Mohamed Khaled Al-Emadi clinched his fifth major title of the year when he claimed the Qatar Equestrian Tour Hathab supported by The Qatar Olympic Committee on a flawless show in the 140cm division of the Styrian GP in Austria. He came home 0.91secs behind Nasser al-Ghazali, who had won his 294th week in first spot on August 30, but Medvedev battled past Raonic to peg him back and won the year-end No. 1 ranking to tie Sampras, who ended as No 1 for six straight years between 1993 and 2003, after back-to-back triumphs on Novak Djokovic has sealed the record 36th ATP Masters title in 2020.

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