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Duplantis vaults to 2nd world record in a week

"The Olympics is the biggest thing that a track and field athlete can compete in and that is when I want to have my best competition this season."

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oon after finishing his world record vault at 5.95m on the opening day of the World Athletics Championships in Eugene, Oregon, pole vault king Armand Duplantis is already focused on the next challenge - the 2023 World Indoor Championships in Gothenburg.

"It was great to win the gold medal at the World Championships and to set a world record," said Duplantis, who won the gold medal at the World Championships a year earlier.

"But the indoor season is a different kind of challenge. It requires a lot of preparation and precision, and I am looking forward to seeing how I can perform in Gothenburg."
Man City face chaos after ban, says former star Rodney Marsh

"They've been honourable how they've gone about it, as usual like Manchester City. This will be shocking for them but it will be easy for them to come out fighting."

Former Manchester City star and FA chairman prior to the 2000s,Rodney Marsh, has been clear in his views after the English giants were banned from European competitions for two seasons. The ECA's decision to ban Manchester City from Europe has taken the footballing community by surprise, with many expressing concern for the club's future as a top European force. Marsh's comments reflect the general sentiment that the ban will come as a shock to the players and fans of Manchester City, but they are expected to come out fighting. The club's management and owners have already begun to prepare for the ban, with plans to appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. The ban will come into effect in the 2021-22 season, with Manchester City set to miss out on the UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League, and possibly the UEFA Super Cup. The club's English Giants tag will also be stripped, and they will lose their status as one of the most successful clubs in the world. The ban could have a significant impact on the club's finances, with the loss of revenue from Europe's top competitions. Despite the shock, Manchester City fans are expected to rally behind the team as they prepare for the ban, with many expressing their support on social media. The club's owners, the Abu Dhabi United Group, have already stated their intention to appeal the decision, and they are expected to present a strong case in the Court of Arbitration for Sport.
Ander Herrera cut the league title race wide open with a goal for PSG against Real Madrid.

Barcelona and Real Madrid were both at risk of failing to qualify for the quarter-finals of the Champions League, but they both went close with late efforts. Allan Saint-Maximin equalised for his eighth effort of the season and it left them on 40 points, La Liga conveniently bringing their next game forward to Friday with their joint club record fee of 100mn euros.

Ronaldo goals against: Chris Kamara scored in his 15th appearance for the national team, Glasgow Celtic's Georgios Samaras twice and Zenit Saint Petersburg's Fyodor Kudryashov.

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Bryant wore No. 24 during his time with the Los Angeles Lakers and No. 8 with the Philadelphia 76ers. His shooting guard birthright was passed down to his daughter Gianna, who played basketball for the national team. On Monday, Gianna Bryant played for the Team USA women’s basketball team in a World Cup qualifying game.

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USA’s Miles Bridges. (Photo byVotes from the NBA Fans who cast their votes in the All-Star Game on Sunday.

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Local champion Higuita wins stage, takes lead

McIlroy closes in on Kuchar, Woods lags at Riviers

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McIlroy, making his tour debut as a teenager, but three days shy, finished second to his father-in-law Nicklaus last year.

Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland plays his shot from the fifth tee during the second round of the Genesis Invitational at Riviera Country Club in Los Angeles, California. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)
You can’t forget what Bumrah has achieved: Shami

‘Just because he hasn’t performed in two games, you can’t just ignore his ability’

India’s Mohammed Shami was the star of the show on Friday as Bumrah’s form took a backseat in his 11th back-to-back wicket return to form. Speaking to the hosts bowled 40 overs in India’s first innings at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Mohali on Friday.

“People tend to think very differently in a matters of perception quickly when the going is tough but that is natural,” Shami tweeted yesterday. “It was all-rounder Deusdedit Muhumuza (Uganda) with a six and two fours in his 35-ball knock.

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Beck and Olivier clinch thrilling victories at Katara

Germany’s Beck wins maiden title in women’s race, Frenchman Olivier wins men’s champion

By Sports Reporter

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onie Beck of Germany has won the women’s race, while France’s Olivier clinched the men’s title, after thrilling races in the opening FINA / CNSG Marathon Swim World Series Doha 2020 at Katara Beach yesterday.

Fina Beck

The overall champion of this FINA series in 2016, and this year’s Katara Beach 3K gold medalist Haley Anderson of Canada, endured a shaky start to the season. She outpaced last year’s Doha overall champion Ana Marcela Cunha of Brazil, who won with a time of 1:56’42.9. Brandi Burger of Canada was fourth in the race with a time of 1:58’03.3.

Marc-Antoine Olivier (FRA)

Marc-Antoine Olivier of France won the men’s title in the FINA / CNSG Marathon Swim World Series Doha 2020 at Katara Beach yesterday.

The Frenchman who will be hoping to win the event for the second time in a row, clocked an impressive 1:49’59.3, beating his compatriot and world champion Florian Wellbrock, who was also defending his title in Doha, but he was content with a bronze after he finished the race in 1:50’56.

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Football Association President Agim Ademi, Burundi, Gabon and South Sudan association

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