Thrilling feature wins for The Blue Eye, Tayf, Minstrel

Trebled for trainer Alhanb Al-Muellie, jockeys Soufiane Saadi, Ryan Curatolo and Tomas Lukasek ride winners each.

By Mikhil Bhat

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Water for the last month. We did our excellent job. We made a winning time for this race, after the race that The Blue Eyes came second. Many locals were in a little disappointment when they saw us. But that’s fair. It is just the beginning of a new chapter. We are looking forward to the future, to the future.

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Theo Bachelot (right) rides The Blue Eye to victory yesterday.

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### Flawless al-Rumaihi romps to Big Tour win

A new coach and a new team came out of the box well on Sunday night as Sheikh Joaan Khashoggi's Al Rayyan staged a remarkable coming-from-behind comeback in the 64th minute of their QNB Stars League clash with Al Duhail at the Jawaher Stadium with the 3-0 win that keeps them in touch with leaders Al Sadd after the title holders' defeat by Al Sailiya.

Al Rayyan, who had the ignominy of losing 1-3 to Al Sadd in the first leg of 2019-20 QNB Stars League, saw their woes being compounded in the 2020 Qatar Cup final, but recovered to beat Al Arabi 3-1 in Week 13 of the QNB Stars League. Al Duhail and Al Rayyan had played out a 1-1 draw in the first leg of 2020-21 QNB Stars League. They then lost 0-1 in the return leg in the third, 48th (penalty) and 54th minutes.

Meanwhile, Al Sailiya, who also have a roller-coaster ride, came off the bench for Rodrigo Aboobacker, whose block off a Baghdad Bounedjah cross from the left came Akram's way. It was Al Sadd almost all the way as they chased the game more than they played it, leaving Al Rayyan exposed to Akram's threats, which were not tackled well. Amissi converted from the spot in the 90th minute as the second goal was sealed by another free-kick from Al Sailiya's goalkeeper. Al Rayyan placed home the ball from the accent of angles with help from Brahimi as they conceded on the 91st minute.
**FOOTBALL**

**SPOTLIGHT**

Qatar Airways becomes Premium Partner of Paris Saint-Germain

Qatar Airways, the national airline of the State of Qatar, has announced its newly expanded global sport sponsorship portfolio, which now includes a Premium Partner of Paris Saint-Germain. This strategic partnership marks Qatar Airways’ continued commitment to the football world and follows the airline’s recent Premium Partnerships with top clubs in other European leagues.

**PREMIER LEAGUE**

Liverpool move 22 points clear, Wolves hold Man United

Salah scored twice as the champions-elect register 20th straight home win at Anfield

Liverpool stretched their 22-point lead at the top of the Premier League to 22 points as they recorded their 20th straight home win. Mohamed Salah scored twice as the champions-elect registered their 20th straight home win in the Premier League, with a 2-0 victory over Man United.

**BUNDESLIGA**

Bayern Munich beat Mainz to go top, Dortmund’s Haaland scores again

Bayern Munich continued their dominance in the Bundesliga with a 4-1 victory over Mainz 05, while Borussia Dortmund’s Erling Haaland scored again to keep his side at the top of the table. The match between Bayern and Mainz was a one-sided affair, with the champions-elect dominating proceedings.

**LIGUE 1**

Neymar helps PSG to five-goal romp

Neymar scored a free-kick before half-time, helping Paris Saint-Germain to a 5-0 victory over Montpellier. The result keeps PSG top of the Ligue 1 table, while Montpellier remain in 17th place.

**ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE RESULTS**

**Matchday 25**

- Manchester United 1 (Rashford 80) vs. Manchester City 3 (Mahrez 11, Foden 36, Mendy 90+)
- Arsenal 1 (Ozil 79) vs. Everton 2 (Mirallas 8, Calvert-Lewin 90+)
- Chelsea 2 (Mount 57, Abraham 68) vs. Fulham 0
- Fulham 0 (Kasimov 87) vs. Huddersfield Town 1 (Williams 52)
- Liverpool 3 (Salah 12, 45+, Robertson 75) vs. Newcastle United 0
- Southampton 2 (Jorginho 78, Ings 90+) vs. Burnley 1 (Mee 14)
- West Bromwich Albion 1 (Brunt 73) vs. Crystal Palace 1 (Zaha 37)
- Wolverhampton Wanderers 1 (Jota 65) vs. West Ham United 1 (O.Persistence 79)

**BUNDESLIGA RESULTS**

- Borussia Dortmund 1 (Sancho 38) vs. Hertha Berlin 1 (Mkhitaryan 9)
- RB Leipzig 0 (Haidara 30) vs. Schalke 04 3-0 (Name 30, 60,antee 70+1)
- Borussia Moenchengladbach 2 (Plei 26, 89) vs. Borussia Dortmund 3 (Sancho 30, 69, Akanji 79)
- Bayern Munich 3 (Kimmich 7, Gnabry 67, 71) vs. Union Berlin 2 (Wunderlich 46, 82)
- Mainz 05 0 (Boule 55) vs. Arminia Bielefeld 1 (Niederlechner 74)

**PLAYING TODAY**

- Wigan Athletic vs. Preston North End (1500 GMT)
- Queens Park Rangers vs. West Bromwich Albion (1800 GMT)
- Watford vs. Fulham (2100 GMT)

**GUIDE TO PLAYING TODAY**

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**BUNDESLIGA PREVIEW**

**Top story**

- Erling Haaland scores for Dortmund as they close in on the title

Erling Haaland made it nine goals in three games for Borussia Dortmund after scoring a brace on Sunday in a 3-0 victory over Union Berlin in the Bundesliga yesterday (AFP).
**Zidane inspires Real to derby win over Atletico**

Benzema scores the winner at Santiago Bernabeu after Zidane's side win 1-0 in the LaLiga derby,

**FOOTBALL**

**TRANSFER**

Pampane said they did paperwork for Gervinho’s move to Qatar champs Sadd

**SPOTLIGHT**

FIFA president Infantino wants Africa Cup of Nations for every four years

**FOCUS**

Rangers falter again in Aberdeen stalemate
Karl Irving channelled his inner Kobe Bryant for a record-breaking 54-point performance on Friday night as the Washington Capitals beat the Ottawa Senators for an 11th consecutive decision – the longest such streak in NHL history. The Capitals have outscored the Senators 16-5 in the first, breaking down body, the getting up, sitting heart, calling on all present to celebrate his legacy not only for this year but as long as we can continue to play the game and continue with my teammates to continue his legacy and the legacy of Mi...
**McDowell takes one-shot lead**

**Golf**

Luke Donald is the only player to shoot a 63 in the second round of the Waste Management Phoenix Open at TPC Scottsdale, the first 10-year hole is a par-5, Donald birdied it. The 42-year-old shot an even-par 72 to complete his third-round score of 66-65-68, and he now leads by a stroke.

**Ireland begin Farrell era with scrappy Scotland victory**

**Rugby**

Ireland began the new era under head coach Andy Farrell with a 19-12 win over Scotland at the Principality Stadium in Cardiff. It was the team's first Six Nations victory since 2018.

**Adams hat-trick sees Wales launch Pivac era with emphatic win**

**Rugby**

Josh Adams scored his first international try on Saturday afternoon against Italy in the Six Nations Championship.

**American Holmes holds halfway lead at Phoenix Open**

**Golf**

JB Holmes leads the Phoenix Open by a shot, with two Americans, Nate Lashley and Justin Rose, tied for second place.

**Spotlight**

Ireland had ranked third in the world before this tournament, but they were unimpressed by their performance against Scotland. Andy Farrell, their new head coach, was disappointed with the result.

**Focus**

JB Holmes shot a nine-under 63 in the first round to take the lead at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. He is looking for his first PGA Tour win.

**Spotlight**

Ireland scored five tries to one against Italy, with Josh Adams scoring all of them. However, they were unimpressed with their overall performance.

**Focus**

JB Holmes shot a second-round 65 to maintain his lead at the Phoenix Open.
**Early arrival in Australia, confidence helping Thiem**

Djokovic will bid for a record-extending eighth title having surprised no-one with his business-like march through the draw

**Djokovic to defend Melbourne Park fortress against Thiem**

Djokovic very well could be entering his final 15 months as a player, but there is no hint of that in his game. On Sunday, the Serb will face Austria’s Dominic Thiem in his opening round-robin match against German Alexander Zverev in the season opener in Melbourne. It will be Thiem’s first game since winning the ATP Cup in January and he will come into the match relatively fresh of scar tissue.

As the third seed, Thiem may be the most exhilarating of Djokovic’s ‘Big Three’ rivals. The 26-year-old Austrian is the profile of his opponent, a spiky-haired, rawboned athlete who is only beginning to crease the fault lines into his face. Thiem let it rip against Nadal in the French Open semi-finals. Thiem is the last of the old guard in the men’s draw and second T est (April 7-11) - both in Karachi.

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**Pakistan recall all-rounder Ashraf, spinner Bilal for Bangladeshi Test**

Pakistan have recalled all-rounder Azhar Ali (capt), Azam Khan, Asif Ali, Faheem Ashraf, Bilal Asif, Faheem Ashraf, and young gun Alex Zverev in the semi-final on Thursday.

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**Miller halls refreshing South Africa squad**

The South Africa ODI squad to guard the memories of a disastrous World Cup campaign last year, ahead of a three-match series with England starting at Newlands on Thursday. Mustafiz was dropped for his poor performance. He is in and out for injury while wicketkeeper Mohammad Rizwan has got older, he has got a great foot on the ground during the game. A great understanding of what is going on and what is do

**India’s Punjabia routed out of New Zealand Test**

India all-rounder Hardik Pandya (65) and wicketkeeper-batsman Rishabh Pant (61) were the main scalps for the New Zealand bowlers as India lost by an innings and 113 runs. The 26-year-old Miller is a no-nonsense player and will be a thorn in the side of the Aussies. He is in and out for injury while wicketkeeper Mohammad Rizwan has got older, he has got a great foot on the ground during the game. A great understanding of what is going on and what is do

**Outline of Russia’s foreign policy in 2017**

Russia’s foreign policy in 2017 has been guided by the need to address the growing threats to Russia’s national security and economic interests. The Russian government has sought to strengthen its position in international affairs through a combination of diplomatic and economic measures. Russia has continued to support the Syrian government in its fight against terrorism, and has provided military aid and support to the Syrian government. Russia has also maintained its close relationship with China, and has sought to deepen its economic cooperation with the country. Additionally, Russia has sought to expand its influence in the Middle East and the Balkans. However, Russia has also faced challenges in its foreign policy, including the ongoing conflict in eastern Ukraine and the ongoing tensions with the West over the annexation of Crimea. Nevertheless, Russia has continued to assert its interests and influence in international affairs. The Russian government has sought to strengthen its position in international affairs through a combination of diplomatic and economic measures. Russia has continued to support the Syrian government in its fight against terrorism, and has provided military aid and support to the Syrian government. Russia has also maintained its close relationship with China, and has sought to deepen its economic cooperation with the country. Additionally, Russia has sought to expand its influence in the Middle East and the Balkans. However, Russia has also faced challenges in its foreign policy, including the ongoing conflict in eastern Ukraine and the ongoing tensions with the West over the annexation of Crimea. Nevertheless, Russia has continued to assert its interests and influence in international affairs.
USA’s Kenin stuns Muguruza for first Grand Slam crown

**SPOTLIGHT**

Despite making her debut in a Major during the match.

**BOTTOMLINE**

The 14th seed showed all her trademark battling qualities as she won two-time Grand Slam champion Muguruza’s heart in a entertaining final.

**FOCUS**

She can’t catch her breath – Kenin calls mother to break news of Slam win

**SPORTS**

**Ten**

Muguruza for first

Mountaineer Muguruza falls short of summit

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16-year-old Sofia Kenin of the US

wasn’t even born when her father, Vladimir, was first

over the net to make her Grand Slam debut.

So, she had to celebrate. “I kind of found myself less excited with how things were going, but I just kept playing for her,” she said.

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