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SOUTH KOREA’S LEE6 LEADS LGPA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Lee6, an 18-year-old from South Korea, fired a 7-under-par 65 on Thursday to take the lead at the 2023 LGPA Tour Championship in Orlando, Florida. Lee6, who is currently ranked No. 19 in the world, recorded 39 birdies in 54 holes to set a new tournament record. She leads by one stroke over her nearest competitor.

Lee6 said she was happy to be playing well and was looking forward to the final day. She added: "I’m really happy to be here today. I’ve been practicing really hard and I’m feeling confident. I’m looking forward to the final day, I think it will be a good day for me."

The LGPA Tour Championship is a women’s professional golf event held in Orlando. The tournament is part of the LPGA Tour and features the top 20 players in the world. The winner of the tournament receives a $1 million prize and an automatic invitation to the 2024 LPGA Championship.

Lee6, who has been a professional golfer since 2015, has won three LPGA Tour events and has six top-10 finishes in 2023. She is looking to add to her list of accomplishments in Orlando and continue her strong performance on the LPGA Tour.

Lee6 has been a consistent performer throughout the year, with a series of strong performances in the United States. She was sixth in the 2023 Honda Classic, seventh in the 2023 LPGA Founders Cup and 13th in the 2023 Pelican Women’s Championship.

Lee6 is looking to continue her strong performance in Orlando and add to her list of accomplishments on the LPGA Tour.
Holders Argentina to lock horns with Spain for title

‘The organisation has been unbelievable. We want to thank the Qatar federation’

By Sports Reporter

Argentina will face Spain in the final of the Ooredoo Padel World Championship on Saturday, following their successful run to the semis against China in the semi-finals on Friday. The tournament has been a showcase of padel brilliance, with the top seeds Argentina and Spain facing off in the final.

Argentina, led by two-time World Champions and two-time Copa Davis Cup winners, won all three of their group stage matches, including a 6-4 victory over Spain in their opening match at Doha Stadium on November 18. All matches were won with ease, with the final against Spain being won 6-4.

Spain, on the other hand, reached the final after a hard-fought semi-final against Australians, who they defeated 6-4. Spain faces a tough challenge in the final, with Argentina having not lost a single match in the tournament.

The final between Argentina and Spain will be the ultimate test of padel skills, with both teams vying for the world title. The match is expected to be a highly competitive and entertaining affair, with the winner taking home the trophy and the title of World Champions.

Argentina has a strong padel tradition, having won the Copa Davis Cup in 2018 and 2019, and is considered one of the favorites to win the World Championship. Spain, on the other hand, is a strong team with world-class padel players, and is also a contender for the title.

The match between Argentina and Spain is sure to be a highlight of the tournament, and will be watched by padel enthusiasts all around the world. The outcome of the match will determine the world champions for 2021.

By James Ferguson

Sanchez names 23-member Qatar squad for Arab Cup

Qatar coach Peter Beardsley on Friday announced a 23-man squad for the Arab Cup, which kicks off in January. The squad includes 16 players from the recent Asian Cup in Qatar and 7 new call-ups.

The squad includes captain Almoez Almoez, who missed the Asian Cup due to injury. Beardsley also called up defender Akbar Al-Dhayan, midfielder Almoez Hameed, goalkeeper Almoez Hammoud and defender Ali Al-Khawajah.

The squad will be and trained in Doha before flying to the UAE for the tournament. Beardsley said: “We have a strong squad and I am confident we can do well.”

By Sports Reporter

Klopp says Liverpool reign is ‘far from over’

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp on Friday insisted that the Anfield side’s dominance is far from over, despite their 1-0 defeat to Manchester City on Monday.

"We are far from where we want to be," Klopp said. "But we are still in the hunt." Liverpool is currently fifth in the Premier League, eight points behind leaders Manchester City.

Klopp also praised his team’s拒抗力, saying: "They are better than they were last season." He said: "The team is more solid, more disciplined, more organised." Liverpool has won four of its last five matches, including a 2-0 win over Arsenal last Saturday.

"We have problems, but we have solutions," Klopp added. "We have a big team, a big squad, and we will find the right solutions." Liverpool faces West Ham United in the Premier League on Sunday.

By Sports Reporter

Ligue 1

Marseille aims strong finish to year with PSG

With four points separating Marseille and Paris Saint-Germain in the Ligue 1 table, Marseille managerissupervision for the past nine months and has guided the club to a strong finish to the season. Marseille has not scored a goal in any of its last five matches, and is looking to improve its form heading into the final stretch of the season.

Marseille has not won a league game since the start of the season, and has endured a difficult campaign in the title race. The club is currently fifth in the table, seven points behind leaders Paris Saint-Germain.

Marseille faces Saint-Etienne on Sunday, a team it has lost to in recent matches. The club is hoping to end its losing streak and secure a strong finish to the season.

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Ooredoo Padel World Championship

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Theo van der Hoorn

The traditional Madrid and Buenos Aires leg of the World Padel World Championship, scheduled for 10-12 November, was given last week. The main event of the tournament is the semi-final between Argentina and Spain, which will be held on Sunday.

Argentina and Spain are the top seeds in the tournament, and have both qualified for the semi-finals. Argentina has a strong padel tradition, having won the Copa Davis Cup in 2018 and 2019, and is considered one of the favorites to win the World Championship. Spain, on the other hand, is a strong team with world-class padel players, and is also a contender for the title.

The match between Argentina and Spain is sure to be a highlight of the tournament, with both teams vying for the world title. The winner of the semi-final will face the winner of the other semi-final, which will be between Australia and France. The final will be held on Saturday, with the winner taking home the trophy and the title of World Champions.