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**HORSE RACING / HH THE AMIR SWORD FESTIVAL**

**Results:**

**Race 1: Purebred Arabians Plate (Class 2) (75-95)**

**Race 2: Thoroughbred Maiden Plate (Class 3) (75-95)**
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**TOP LINE**

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**Focus**

Oz Tennis Total Open draw ceremony to be held virtually

By Sports Reporter

As part of the measures to ensure all participates and health protocols, the three ceremony draws for the Oz Tennis Total Open will be held virtually on February 17. The Oz Tennis Total Open draw ceremony will be done three days before the tournament. The tournament will begin on February 20.

**Bottomline**

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**Spotlight**

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**Reuters**

S avias Tsitsipas and Daniil Medvedev have never been seen to play their best in Melbourne but both are in form of their lives, setting up a mouthwatering Australian Open final after they defeated the two top seeds of Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic respectively.

Both Tsitsipas and Medvedev rose to prominence in 2018 but with the pair set to meet in the men’s singles final on Sunday, it is a chance for Tsitsipas to take the throne and Medvedev to set his mark. Tsitsipas, who has won Grand Slam titles, is aiming for his first grand slam title while Medvedev, who has won three ATP titles, is eyeing his first big title.

**Osaka**

The Osaka Open is the last big tournament of the year. Osaka, who won her second straight title in Tokyo, will arrive in Melbourne confident of another title triumph.

**Brady**

Jennifer Brady of the US during her round of 16 match against Kazakhstan’s Aljaksandra Sasnovich at the Australian Open at Melbourne Park on February 8, 2022.

**Medvedev**

Mikhail Medvedev of Russia hits a return to Croatia’s Marin Cilic during their men’s singles final match at the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia, February 7, 2022.

**Karatsev**

Andrey Karatsev of Russia in action against Serbia’s Novak Djokovic during their men’s singles semi-final match at the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia, February 7, 2022.

**Williams**

Serena Williams of the US hits a return against Australia’s Ashleigh Barty during their women’s singles final match at the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia, February 6, 2022.
**England’s Sam Curran out of fourth India Test with $2.25mn fee IPL auction record**

South Africa all-rounder Chris Morris became the most expensive player at the Indian Premier League (IPL) auction for the fourth year in succession, the bowler with South Africa and then Australia player sold out Wednesday for a record $2.25 million by the Covid-19 pandemic-affected country’s cricket board (ECB) to Delhi Capitals for $300,000 after the coronavirus pandemic, Australian bowler Pat Cummins had already asked if he would stay on.

Curran, who was rested for the 2-0 sweep with Curran and Mark Wood was expected to be a big player for England in the next Test, had been selected for the second Test due to the coronavirus pandemic, Australia and China. Meanwhile Chinese phone maker Vivo returned as the IPL’s lead sponsor after the deal was suspended last year following the coronavirus pandemic.

**FOCUS**

Australia Test opener Will Pucovski is likely to be sidelined for up to six months after undergoing shoulder surgery on his right shoulder on Thursday, a reason why I went back playing for Victoria and being rewarded by earning my place in the Test side.

Pucovski sustained the injury on his Test debut against India (Sydney) last month when diving for a ball in the field. He also missed the first two Tests with coronavirus after being left out in the first day-night game against the tourists.

“The 21-year-old named with Victoria before the reorganisation of the Sheffield Shield season but experienced some soreness after batting on the last two days. After consulting medical experts, Pucovski underwent scans which showed a fracture and the shoulder and miss the rest of the domestic season.

“The medical advice is this is the best way forward for Will and we hope to have him back soon enough.”

**FOCUS**

Pakistan Super League.

Shahrukh Khan the player strikes it rich at IPL

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T his 2020’s new pres- ident for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics Organising Committee is Seiko Hashimoto. She spoke to media yesterday to reveal an “enormous pressure” to deliver a safe and successful Games. Hashimoto, 56, was also speaking one day after Warner Bros announced it would delay the Tokyo Olympics Games due to the coronavirus pandemic.

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - Warner Bros announced it will delay the Tokyo Olympics Games due to the coronavirus pandemic, marking the latest casualty in a long list of setbacks for what was originally scheduled for July 2020.

In a statement to The Hollywood Reporter, Warner Bros said it had taken the decision to delay the Games until 2021 to ensure the health and safety of fans, athletes and all others involved in the games.

“This is an incredibly challenging decision to make,” said Film Executive Chairman of Warner Bros, Kevin Tsujihara. “But we believe it is the right choice for our fans, for our athletes, and for the health of our industry.”

But the move has been met with criticism from some corners, with some arguing that it will cost the Olympics millions of dollars in lost revenue. Others have suggested it could lead to a bidding war among other host cities for the 2024 Games.

However, others have welcomed the delay, saying it will give organizers more time to plan and prepare for the event.

“I think this is a smart move,” said Dr. Anthony Fauci, a leading infectious disease expert. “It will give us more time to understand the nature of this virus and how we can protect ourselves.”

As for the decision itself, Fauci added: “I think the decision was made with the best interests of public health in mind.”

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Jeff Curry sealed a winning two-fer today to help the Golden State Warriors to a 110-102 overtime victory over the Miami Heat on Saturday.

Curry scored both of the Warriors’ overtime field goals to give his team a two-point lead with just 4.8 seconds remaining. This marked his 12th career overtime winner, and he became the first player in NBA history to win an overtime game this season with a pair of field goals.

Curry’s clutch shooting put the defending champions in the lead for good, and their victory extended their winning streak to 11 games. The Warriors are now 19-10 on the season, and they remain in first place in the Western Conference.

In other NBA action, the Utah Jazz defeated the Los Angeles Clippers 118-113 to extend their winning streak to nine straight games. Rudy Gobert led the way for the Jazz, recording 19 points, 14 rebounds, and 11 assists.

The Jazz are now 19-10 on the season and are currently in second place in the Western Conference, just a half-game behind the Warriors.

Injuries and health updates:

- Kevin Durant, who had missed the Warriors’ last two games with a left calf strain, returned to the lineup on Saturday and scored 24 points, hitting 8 of 11 shots from the field. Durant has been in and out of the starting lineup this season, but he is expected to continue playing a key role for the team.

- Stephen Curry, who had missed the previous two games with a right ankle sprain, returned to the starting lineup on Saturday and scored 28 points, hitting 11 of 19 shots from the field. Curry has been one of the league’s top scorers this season, and his return to the lineup should be a boost for the Warriors.

- Draymond Green, who had missed the previous two games with a right elbow sprain, returned to the starting lineup on Saturday and scored 11 points, hitting 5 of 10 shots from the field. Green has been one of the team’s defensive leaders this season, and his return to the lineup should be a boost for the Warriors.

- Jordan Poole, who had missed the previous two games with a left knee sprain, returned to the starting lineup on Saturday and scored 16 points, hitting 6 of 10 shots from the field. Poole has been one of the team’s young contributors this season, and his return to the lineup should be a boost for the Warriors.

- Klay Thompson, who had missed the previous two games with a right ankle sprain, returned to the starting lineup on Saturday and scored 20 points, hitting 8 of 11 shots from the field. Thompson has been one of the team’s top scorers this season, and his return to the lineup should be a boost for the Warriors.

In summary, the Warriors are playing at a high level this season, and their strong performance in the absence of key players suggests that they have a well-rounded team with solid depth. They currently sit atop the Western Conference and are one of the top contenders for the NBA title this season.
**Mbappe and Haaland show that their time is now**

*PSG have a future great, who is going to be on the same level as Leo and Cristiano*
**Wolves striker Jimenez back in training but return won’t be rushed, says Nuno**

Wolverhampton Wanderers striker Raul Jimenez has returned to training after his grueling assault against Manchester United, and coach Nuno Espirito Santo said yesterday that the forward is back but won’t be rushed for return.

Jimenez was hospitalised after a clash of heads with Arsenal defender David Luiz during a match in November and the Brazilian has been out of action since then.

"Raul was hospitalised after a clash of heads with Arsenal’s David Luiz during a match in November, and the Brazilian has been out of action since then," Santo said yesterday.

"He’s been training with us for a couple of weeks now and has been fully included in our training sessions," he added.

"We’re working on getting him back to full fitness, but it’s important to take things slowly and not rush him," Santo said.

"Raul is very important to us and we want to make sure he’s fully ready before he returns to action," he said.

**Manchester City sail past Everton to march to 10 points clear**

‘They are in a good form, they have belief and they are strong. We tried to be physical but it is difficult against them’, Guardiola founder

Manchester City’s Erling Haaland scored the only goal of the game as they beat Everton 1-0 to move 10 points clear of their title rivals.

The Norwegian forward, who has been in top form this season, found the back of the net in the second half to send City on their way to the summit of the Premier League.

Guardiola, who has had his team in fine form recently, praised Haaland's performance.

"He’s a fantastic player, he’s a fantastic striker and he’s a fantastic human being," Guardiola said.

"I’m very happy with him. He’s been playing well for a long time now and he’s doing a fantastic job for us."
Al-Bukhari shines as the Amir Sword Equestrian Festival begins

Jassim Adel al-Saegh riding Joly’s Arno emerged fastest to claim the first place in the Future Riders 85cm class.

By Sports Reporter

Al Sadd to meet Al Duhail in Qatar Cup title clash

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