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Qatar face Ireland today, eye hat-trick of wins

Goal down to beat Azerbaijan 2-1, says Almoez

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Maverick Vinales celebrates winning the season opening Barwa Grand Prix of Qatar on Sunday

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Morbidelli questions Yamaha’s priorities after Losail race

SPORT

Hoved every minute, says Hamilton after tough opening win

Seib Al Massiya Golf Tournament held at ECGC

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Buble life is tough: Kohli

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**Match Play title**

Horschel outlasts Perez

was a tough day. I had two opponents, Victor Perez 3&2 in a
halved the final eight holes at the playoff winner, chipped in from 43 feet to win the par-4 fifth hole with an eagle, Scheffler said. “I don’t know what happened.”

Horschel, 2014 Tour Championship and FedEx Cup champion, would have been the event’s youngest ever Match Play debutante, would have been the event’s youngest ever Match Play debutante...
Lakers hang on for narrow win over Magic, Suns survive

‘I think it’s a good win for our guys. I’m proud of how they competed’

The Atlanta Falcons have restructured the contract of Pro Bowl linebacker Deion Jones, according to an ESPN report Sunday. The Super Bowl MVP agreed to a buyout with the Atlanta Falcons and will collect his $2.5 million salary for the 2020 season, per ESPN’s Adam Schefter.

The Falcons coveted the 2014 first-round pick, but New York Giants, Boston Celtics, and New York Yankees are the top trade partners before last week’s deadline.

Owens, 47, posted photos to social media to say he was “thankful” for no injuries, health to continue playing, and for the fans’ support.

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The Falcons restructured contract of Jones

Terrell Owens took to social media Sunday night to thank fans for their support after a crash on the TV show ‘Dancing With the Stars’.

He has been sitting out since March 2020.

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Medvedev toils into Miami Open fourth round

There were moments where I just wanted to lie down and say, ‘OK, it’s over’

Tennis

Daniil Medvedev of Russia hits a forehand against Alexei Popyrin of Australia (not pictured) in the third round in the Miami Open at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami.

Fourth round

Into Miami Open

Medvedev toils

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MEN’S 3RD RD

David Goffin (BEL) bt Alexei Popyrin (AUS) 7-6 (7/3), 7-6 (7/4), 6-4

Frances Tiafoe (USA) bt Dustin Lepchenko (USA) 6-3, 7-6 (7/2), 6-1

John Millman (AUS) bt Felix Auger-Aliassime (CAN) 7-6 (7/2), 4-6, 6-1

Roberto Bautista (ESP) bt Jan-Lennard Struff (GER) 6-4, 6-4, 6-3

Andrey Rublev (RUS) bt Mikhail Youzhny (RUS) 6-2, 6-2

Jan-Lennard Struff (GER) bt Karen Khachanov (RUS) 6-2, 6-2, 6-2

Taylor Fritz (USA) bt Cameron Norrie (GBR) 6-4, 6-1, 6-4

Alexander Bublik (KAZ) bt James Duckworth (AUS) 6-2, 6-3

WOMEN’S 3RD RD

Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (RUS) bt Emma Raducanu (GBR) 7-5, 6-7 (5/7), 6-3

Garbine Muguruza (ESP) bt Victoria Azarenka (BLR) 6-7 (7/2), 6-4, 6-4

Sara Errani (ITA) bt Elena Rybakina (KAZ) 6-2, 6-3, 6-2

Alexia Putellas (ESP) bt Belinda Bencic (SUI) 6-3, 6-2, 6-3

Irina-Chrisianescu (RUS) bt Alexa Guarachi (USA) 6-3, 6-0

Garbine Muguruza (ESP) bt Bianca Andreescu (CAN) 7-5, 6-3

Elise Mertens (BEL) bt Anett Kontaveit (EST) 6-4, 6-2, 6-2

Garbine Muguruza (ESP) bt Anna Kalinskaya (RUS) 7-6 (7/4), 6-4, 6-4

Anisimova (USA) bt Daria Kasatkina (RUS) 6-4, 6-4, 6-3

WIMBLEDON 2021

Maria Sakkari (GRE) bt Maria Sakkari (GRE) 6-4, 6-4, 6-2

Olympic urine tests

Tokyo Olympics chiefs prepare to resume ‘safe’ test events

Tokyo Olympics chiefs this week for the first time said that test events will resume later this month after the Games were postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The first test event since the unprecedented postponement of the Games will be beach rugby on April 3, with water polo to follow one week later. Tokyo 2020 organizers said this week that the beach rugby test will be at the Odaiba Marine Park.

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Tokyo 2020 chief Seiko Hashimoto said countermeasures for the test events at the Odaiba Marine Park, which opens on April 3, will include social distancing, wearing masks, and other measures to protect athletes, media and staff.

There will likely be limited audience participation, she said, and athletes will be tested for coronavirus every day.

Define ‘resuming’

There’s the bigger challenge for the organizing committee, which has to define what it means to “resume” test events.

The Japanese government has a stated goal of “march to the finish” for the Games, which open on July 23, but there will be more tests to come.

The decision on when test events resume will be made early next month, officials said.

Tokyo 2020 organizers said there would be no domestic spectators at test events, but it remains unclear if international spectators will be allowed.

Staging Olympic tests will therefore act as a test run for the Games, which open on July 23.

The French capital has held test events — during, water polo, athletics and cycling — since last month and is now also bringing back fans.

Blondes and blue eyes

Alfie Hewett, an 18-time Paralympian from Britain, will be one of the Olympic hopefuls who could benefit from the Games’ return.

Hewett holds the world record in men’s wheelchair tennis.

Healy, who had surgery on his hip, has been one of the main beneficiaries of this programme.

Healy, the world’s top-ranked wheelchair tennis player, has been able to compete at the Tokyo Games for the first time after surgery on his broken hip.

Healy had surgery on his hip in January 2020 and had been ruled out of the Paralympics in Tokyo.

Healy has been granted special permission by the Japanese government to compete in the Games.

Healy, who has been training in Japan for the past year, said he was looking forward to being able to compete in the Games.

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Gareth Bale has reiterated his plan to return to Real Madrid, saying: "I am concentrating on this season. Things will be sorted out once my contract with Tottenham expires." The forward, who is currently out of favour at Real Madrid after a loan spell at Everton, has expressed his desire to return to the club where he spent the early years of his career. "I am sure I will go back to Real Madrid," he added. "We'll see what happens."

Ronaldo was angry at being denied a late winner for Portugal against Serbia high-pressure at being denied a late winner. "If everyone did it, football would be different," he said. "But it is a problem, and it is something that we need to work on." He also criticized the lack of technology to help officials. "It's very difficult to eradicate everything but it can be done. We all know that it is a great tool but a lot of people use it in a bad way. They can hide behind fake accounts." Ronaldo also expressed his concerns about the abuse he faced on social media, saying: "It is a problem, but it is something that we need to work on." He also referred to the fact that he would return to social media later in the year, after "some time."
 football

Belotti, Locatelli give Italy 2-0 win over Bulgaria

There are no easy games. Especially against a team like Bulgaria who wait to countertack.

Honduras book Tokyo Olympics berth, deny United States

Honduras knocked the United States out of the CONCACAF qualifying tournament Monday night, moving into the Olympic qualifying playoffs as a result. The 2-1 victory extends Honduras’ unbeaten streak to 24 games and secures them a place in Tuesday’s qualifier in Tirana.

Mount’s second-half strike, which came after a foul-key header from England, may not have been decisive, but it did not hurt.

QATAR HELD BY KOSOVO IN U-23 FRIENDLY

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WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

Poland suffer blow as Lewandowski ruled out of clash with England

Poland will be without Robert Lewandowski as they are due to face England in a World Cup qualifier on Thursday. The Poland forward limped off against Bulgaria on Monday and missed Argentina’s midweek 1-0 win against Paraguay. "I don’t have any news at the moment. I hope to have him available for the game against England," coach Adam Nawalka said on Tuesday.

Southgate hails ‘exceptional’ Mount

England manager Gareth Southgate has hailed Mason Mount’s ‘exceptional’ performance against Albania, saying the young midfielder is vital to his team. "Mason Mount is an exceptional player," Southgate said. "He’s been playing really well in recent games and he was again today. His quality and composure on the ball are a real asset to our team."