Tokyo Olympics could be held without fans, says Games chief

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More people in Japan look back at a further delay of the Games or an outright cancellation, and a recent surge in virus cases has prompted a state of emergency in Tokyo and other parts of the country. This is likely to make the Games even more challenging than before. Former Olympian Hashimoto, 56, is former athlete who feels a big responsibility to show the world that she can pull off the seemingly impossible — the Games can be held safely.

Aspetar’s specialised medical teams and other world-class services provided by the FIBA-accredited hospital. The agreement is an important step on the path of the agreement.

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FOOTBALL

Amir Cup semis postponed to May 9 and 10: QFA

QFA, Afghan Football Federation sign agreement

The Amir Cup semi-finals have been postponed to May 9 and 10. This decision has been made as a precaution after the return of the clubs to the country, especially those coming from India, since Qatar imposed new restrictions in this regard. The decision has been announced in accordance with the recommendation of the Supreme Committee for Crisis Man- age-ment, which will be held on Sunday, May 9.

Qatar Football Association president Shaikh Meshal bin Hamad bin Al Thani, Al Sadd and Al Arabi will meet in regulation time. The two winners from the two matches will be held at the level of the clubs to the country, especially those coming from India, since Qatar imposed new restrictions in this regard. The decision has been announced in accordance with the recommendation of the Supreme Committee for Crisis Management, which will be held on Sunday, May 9.

QFA said a penalty shootout will be played in case of a tie. Six matches in regulation time will be played to determine the two winners from the two matches.

Additional matches will be held in the interest of the health and safety of everyone.

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Football legends look forward to Historic Arab Cup

Set to take place at six Qatar 2022 stadiums, the tournament will be the final major milestone prior to the country's hosting of the World Cup.

FOOTBALL

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Thrilling title race hots up

Conditions: Athletico have hit hard form to challenge this season while away injuries to Luis Suarez and Joao Felix were also tough to take. While recent injuries to Luis Suarez couldn’t have been planned, the 34-year-old’s absence didn’t hit the team hard but Fang the target of title race hot up after being left off the line in in the first half of the season.

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**SPOTLIGHT**

South Africa to bid for 2027 Wcup

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**Indian Premier League**

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**TFP**

McCallum to overhaul top-order to revive IPL’s campaign

**Gulf Times**

More than 90 percent of the matches that took place in the Indian Premier League were played behind closed doors due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. This meant that the players had to rely on technology to connect with fans and each other. The use of virtual reality and augmented reality technologies allowed for immersive experiences that could not be replicated in a traditional stadium setting.  

**TFP**

Kohli’s Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) have 17 games left in their schedule, but 10 of those have been postponed due to the pandemic. The franchise has won 6 matches, lost 8, and tied 1, with 28 points from 17 matches.  

**TFP**

RCB have the highest number of overseas players in the league, with 11 athletes representing 6 different nations. This has been a strategic move by the franchise to ensure a balanced squad that can adapt to different conditions.  

**TFP**

The Indian Premier League is one of the most popular cricket leagues in the world, with a global audience that watches the matches live or on television. The league has also expanded its reach through streaming platforms, allowing fans from around the world to follow their favorite teams and players.  

**TFP**

The 2021 season was the first time that all matches were played in the UAE, with the league moving from its usual host in India due to the pandemic. The decision was made to ensure the safety of players and fans, as well as to have a consistent and controlled environment for the matches.
The Cubs got two runs in the first inning of their offensive malaise on Thursday to defeat the Atlanta Braves 9-3. Chicago relied on starting pitcher Kyle Hendricks (1-2), who gave up four runs on seven hits in 5 2/3 innings. Hendricks struck out six batters but walked two, which led to two runs scoring on a sacrifice fly by Javier Baez and an RBI single by Heyward.

Kevin Porter of the Houston Rockets joined James Harden and DeMar DeRozan as the only players to score 50 points in NBA play this season, bringing back-to-back shutouts and amassed 21-7-14 in 18 NBA games against the Chicago Bulls and Brooklyn Nets.

Kevin Porter is the 10th Rocket to reach 50 points in a game. The team is 4-0 in games played by Porter.

The Chicago Bulls are the only NBA team to reach 5,000 points in a season. They did it on Friday night with a 120-114 win over the Brooklyn Nets.

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**Munich, Germany**

Top seed Alexander Zverev crashed out of the BMW Open by Munich in the first round on Thursday, losing 7-6 (6-3), 6-3 to 27-year-old Belarusian Egor Gerasimov.

This is the first time the 15-time Zverev has lost the first round in his 26 Grand Slam tournaments. He will drop to world No. 15 after the match.

Gerasimov, who has won 18 titles on the ATP Tour, will face second seed Novak Djokovic in the second round.

**US OPEN**

**Osaka enjoys winning start on Madrid clay**

**Osaka, Japan**

Naomi Osaka of Japan has never won a title on clay court.

“I definitely do feel extra pressure, I never know what to expect this year. I defnitely do feel a lot of expectations compared to last year, I didn’t feel uncomfortable with that year, I didn’t feel uncomfortable with the expectations,” said Osaka after Friday’s win.

She is the top seed at the WTA 500 tournament in Madrid.

**SPORT CLINIC**

**Japan’s Masters champion Matsuyama receives Prime Minister’s Award**

**Tokyo, Japan**

Japan’s Hideki Matsuyama received the Prime Minister’s Award yesterday after becoming the first person from his nation to win the prestigious Masters golf tournament. Matsuyama played his way to the green jacket in April, successfully defending his title and then winning the Tournament of Champions, the first round of the Masters.

He birdied five of the final seven holes, including the 16th, to win by one shot.

Matsuyama is the first person from his nation to win the Masters since 1972, when Tom Weiskopf won his first of two titles.

**LPGA TOUR**

**Shigeo Ichiyama leads in Singapore**

**Singapore**

Shigeki Maruyama of Japan leads the KPMG Women’s PGA Championship with a 10-under-par 206 total after the third round.

He is the first Japan-born man to lead a major since 2009, when Shingo-Taga led the US Open.

**PGA TOUR**

**Bosah returns as Du Toit's replacement at The Masters**

After retrieving a missed cut in the 2018 Masters, South African golfer Louis de Jager has been named as the replacement for South African golfer Louis de Jager, who tested positive for Covid-19.

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He replaces Louis de Jager, who is the second player to test positive for Covid-19, after Zander Lombard of South Africa, who tested positive on Tuesday.

**LPGA TOUR**

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Hee-Young and In-bee Park share more in common than just their discipline to ride that wave, I guess. Missed a few greens... but still very happy with today's round."

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**Focus**

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Myanmar swimmer ditches Olympics to protest junta violence

“I shall not march in the (opening ceremony) Parade of Nations under a flag steepled in my people’s blood.”

A Myanamr swimmer has abandoned his dream of competing at the Tokyo 2021 Summer Olympics in protest against the regime led by the military coup that ousted civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi in February.

“The umbrella that has ridden the gray colt to four interference, will ride favourably from vroom to Zoom: Covid-19 impact sees virtual hospitality taking off.”

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**SPORT**

McLaren boss Zak Brown has called for secret ballots to be held for F1 Grand Prix organiser following the Canadian Grand Prix last year.

It is understood that the Canadian Grand Prix was called off because of the number of cases of COVID-19 and that the number of cases in F1 in 2021 is rising, but no formal ballot has been held.

"We have to make sure that the FIA is not just making a decision on the basis of the number of cases in F1, but that it is also taking into account the number of cases in the other races," said Brown.

One of the fundamental principles of Formula One is secret ballots, so it is understood that Brown is seeking a formal ballot to ensure that the FIA is taking a fair and balanced view of the situation.

"If this isn't sport, isn't there no solution? Is it that we address the issue of secret ballots?" Brown said.

British F1 drivers join social media boycott against online abuse

British F1 drivers have joined the social media boycott against online abuse, with many drivers posting messages of support on social media.

McLaren boss Zak Brown, who has been hit by a series of online threats, said that the drivers' support was "a powerful message to all our fans around the world and to the whole of the Formula One community".

"It's incredibly important that we stand together as a sport and that we send a clear message that we will not tolerate any form of online abuse," Brown said.

The F1 community has been under increasing pressure to take action against online abuse, with many drivers expressing concern about the impact of online threats on their mental health.

"We've all experienced it. It's incredibly hurtful and it's a real problem," said Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel.

"We need to do something to stop it," added Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton, who has been targeted by online abuse in the past.

"It's not just about winning races. It's about being a role model and setting a good example for our fans," Hamilton said.

The social media boycott began on Monday and will continue until the end of the year, with drivers promised support from the FIA and F1 management.

"We're really pleased to see that our drivers have backed the boycott," said F1 CEO Stefano Domenicali.

"They have been incredibly supportive and we know that they are doing their best to raise awareness of the issue and to help stop the abuse."