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**Bach says Games will go ahead despite opposition**

Referee: Emma Coburn (USA) and Gesa Felicitas Krause (GER) will return to the Qatari capital alongside world record holder, will return to the World Championships. She recorded a personal best in Monaco (2018), is an incredible world record, also achieved in February. Her 3,000m SC (road) world record in Monaco, 8:39.19 in New York, and ran 1:59.50 for 800m in London. **Cycling**

**Bernal wins Giro ‘Queen stage’ to extend race lead**

Bernal said: “I’m still not thinking about the overall race, I’m just thinking about this stage.”

He then went on to add: “We will see how the race goes, but I’m happy with the team’s work.”

**Mickelson wins one for the ages**

The 50-year-old bagged his first major title at the 2016 PGA Championship to become oldest major winner

**ATHLETICS**

**Doha return for World C’ships medallists Chepkoech, Coburn and Krause**

Chepkoech, who finished third in the 1500m in the 2019 World Athletics Diamond League, finished 13th in the 5000m in London last year. She is looking to come back stronger this year.

**Bahrain’s Hamad appointed member of top FIFA committee**

Hamad has been appointed to the FIFA Council, the world football body’s Governing Committee, and the Audit and Compliance Committee for a four-year term.

The appointment was made during the 43rd session of the FIFA Congress, which was held in Doha last month.

**LEADING SCORES AFTER ROUND 4**

McKee, 46, said in a video posted on social media that he is “elated” with the victory and that he has achieved something special.

“Every time I step on that tee, I know it’s going to be a challenge,” he said. “But the way I hit it today, it’s going to be a special day for sure.”

He then went on to add: “I’m just so proud of the team and the way we have played today.”

**Nicklaus, Woods congratulate PGA Championship winner Mickelson**

Woods offered his congratulations to Mickelson, who he said had “done it again at 50 years old.”

“Fantastic, golf this week at Kiawah Island,” Woods said in a statement.

Hamad was a member of the FIFA’s Compliance Committee and the Asian Football Confederation’s Compliance Committee.

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** Shocking victory at age of 50**

Phil Mickelson's win at the PGA Championship was the culmination of an incredible career resurgence. The 50-year-old American golfer defied the odds to claim his fifth major title, following four earlier wins in the 2004 US Open, 2006 PGA Championship, and 2010 US Open. Mickelson's victory in Kiawah Island, South Carolina, on Sunday was the first for a golfer of his age, marking a significant milestone in the sport.

**The Incredible Journey**

Mickelson's journey to this historic triumph was anything but typical. After a string of injuries and personal struggles, including a colon surgery in 2020, Mickelson appeared to be on the decline. However, he made a dramatic comeback, fueled by a rigorous diet, brain training, and a renewed focus. His relentless work ethic and ability to adapt were key factors in his turnaround.

**The Diet and Brain Training**

Mickelson revealed that he engaged in a rigorous diet, cutting back on sugar and processed foods, to improve his physical and mental performance. He also invested time in brain training exercises, which he believes helped enhance his focus and decision-making abilities on the course.

**The Performance at the PGA Championship**

At the PGA Championship, Mickelson's performance was nothing short of sensational. He shot a 70-68-69-68 in the final round to set the stage for an incredible final hole. With a three-stroke lead over Brooks Koepka and Phil Mickelson's brother, Bill Mickelson, the stage was set for a dramatic conclusion.

**The Final Hurdle**

The final hole at the PGA Championship was a 519-yard par 5, with a large bunker on the right side. Koepka, who had been in a strong position to win, hit his tee shot into the bunker, leading to a three-putt for a five. This opened the door for Mickelson, who had a 48-foot birdie putt to secure the win. Mickelson calmly drained the putt, sealing his fifth major title.

**The Celebration**

The PGA Championship victory was a triumph for Mickelson, who had overcome numerous obstacles to reach this pinnacle of his career. His family and friends celebrated on the course, and the golfer himself was overcome with emotion, tears streaming down his face. The moment was a testament to the power of resilience and hard work.

**The Legacy**

Mickelson's win at the PGA Championship cemented his status as one of golf's greats. With his five major victories, he joins an elite group of players who have won the Grand Slam. His journey to this achievement serves as a powerful example to aspiring athletes and golfers everywhere.
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"This is a great victory, winning the Maglia Rosa is special and I wanted to show it"
ATHLETICS

Richardson stuns Asher-Smith in 100m as Dina takes reefs

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**NBA**

Boozer shines as Brooks and Ja Morant combined for 57 game two. "It was on me. I take full responsibility. I'll be better in game two," Booker said. "We've got to bring the energy and bring the fire."

The Los Angeles Lakers in their Western Conference series opener 125-118 on Sunday. The Lakers, meanwhile, struggled to make their playoff debut, scoring 34 points and fifth-seeded Hawks each finished 41-19, and Rask outshot the Bruins, 4-1, on his way to his first career Stanley Cup win.

**MLB**

J oey Ureia became the first pitcher in more than two years to drive in three runs and added a solo home run as the San Francisco Giants beat the Colorado Rockies 6-5 on Tuesday. The Giants are a day late in making the playoffs. They had a chance to clinch the NL West on Monday.

Starting pitcher Joey Ureia of the Los Angeles Dodgers throws a pitch in the top of the first inning against the San Francisco Giants at Oracle Park in San Francisco. (Getty images/SP)
Bach says Games will go ahead despite opposition

Much of Japan is under a state of emergency to combat coronavirus infections

International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach has refused to cancel the Tokyo Games this summer despite growing pressure on him from Japan's public to do so.

Bach said "sacrifices" would be needed in order for the Tokyo Games to take place. He stressed "the Games will continue to be held even if there is a second wave of infections because the events are being held in Japan, and Japan is expanding its social and economic activity every day." He also laid out a plan for how the Games will be held. Bach said "the concept that the Games will be postponed or cancelled because there is a second wave of infections is not realistic."

Bach said the IOC was working closely with the World Health Organization to make sure the Games can be held safely. He also said that the Tokyo Games are expected to be held in 2021, despite opposition from some in Japan.

The IOC is planning to hold a meeting in Tokyo next month to discuss the status of the Games. The IOC has already postponed the Games from 2020 to 2021 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The decision to hold the Games as planned has been met with criticism from some in Japan, who believe it is too risky to hold a large-scale event during a pandemic. The Japanese government has advised against large gatherings and has urged people to avoid international travel. Japan has been hit by a new wave of infections, with more than 4,000 new cases reported in the past week.

Bach defended the decision to hold the Games, saying "the Games are a symbol of hope and determination, and they will give us a reason to believe that we can overcome these challenges together." He also said that the Games would "show the world that we are stronger together and that we can overcome any obstacle."
**FOOTBALL**

**SPOTLIGHT**

**Man City only needs one shot at Champions League glory: Guardiola**

"Sometimes clubs need more finals to win one, others need just one shot to be champions."

By Ben Maller

Maher also scored three goals in the semi-finals in a 4-1 aggregate victory over Paris Saint-Germain, with the French sideGoals of missing chances

Manchester United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer was on hand to receive the 2021/22 Premier League trophy yesterday.

Solskjaer was given a standing ovation by the Old Trafford faithful as he walked out at the Theatre of Dreams.

The Norwegian, who took over at United in January 2019, led the club to a top-three finish in his first season, but missed out on Champions League football.

But after missing out on the Europa League last season, Solskjaer and his team delivered the Premier League title.

Solskjaer was presented with the trophy by FA chairman Greg Clarke.

The Norwegian, who has been in charge at Old Trafford since 2019, was also given a special award by the FA for his contribution to football.

Speaking after the presentation, Solskjaer said: "It's a huge honour to receive this award."

"I am so grateful to all the fans and all the people at the club who have supported me over the years."

"This is a special moment for us and for Manchester United."

Solskjaer's side finished top of the Premier League table with 92 points, six ahead of Liverpool.

This is the first time in the history of English football that a team has won the title with at least 90 points.

"It's a great feeling to be part of this special moment," Solskjaer said.

"We have worked incredibly hard to get to this point and we are just so proud of all the players and staff."
Lille win Ligue 1 title for fourth time

Christophe Galtier’s side ends a three-year league winning streak for PSG.

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**QFA president Sheikh Hamad chairs Ordinary General Assembly**

By Sports Reporter

Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa bin Ahmed al-Thani, president of the Qatar Football Association (QFA), chaired the Ordinary General Assembly of the federation, held virtually yesterday.

The General Assembly’s agenda included the review of the budget approved by the Executive Committee, presentation of the report on various activities of Qatar Stars League, and approval of the minutes of General Assembly meetings of 2019 and 2020.

In addition, elections were held for the Board and Standing Committee members. Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa bin Ahmed al-Thani was re-elected as the head of the General Assembly, and Sheikh Fahad bin Mubarak, president of Al Sailiya football club, and Abdul Rahman al-Qahtani, in addition to Ballan, Ibrahim Khalil al-Muhannadi, and Rashid bin Jabor al-Mohannadi, were re-elected as members of the General Assembly from the Board and Standing Committee.

The QFA president addressed several key aspects of the federation’s recent work plan, especially with regards to the national team’s success in the 2022 World Cup qualifiers in South Africa and their participation in the AFC Asian Cup in China.

Sheikh Hamad also referred to the national team’s participation in two important events such as the Copa America, called a Golden Cup, initiating the 2023 and 2024 FIFA World Cup additions.

By Sports Reporter

Lille have won the Ligue 1 title for the fourth time, overcoming a strong finish from Paris Saint-Germain to clinch the title yesterday with a 2-1 victory over Saint-Etienne.

Lille’s win will come as a huge relief for the club, who were awarded the title despite a 1-1 draw with Saint-Etienne. The title was confirmed after PSG’s 2-1 loss to Saint-Etienne, ensuring that Lille would win the title on goal difference.

Lille had been the form team in Ligue 1 in recent weeks, winning six of their last seven games. They were able to make sure of the title with a 2-1 win over Saint-Etienne, with goals from Victor Osimhen and Jonathan David.

PSG were unable to close the gap on Lille and will now have to focus on their Champions League campaign, where they face Sevilla in the quarter-finals.

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The absence of Ramos means there is a single league title to be won in the Spain squad. “It is not me who is not able to help my team-mates and not to play for Spain, but in this case, the best thing to do is to fully recover and come back next year like we come back every year,” Deschamps said.

The Frenchman added: “We have a wealth of central defenders who can represent your country, but I have to be honest and sincere, it is time for an earthquake in this position.”

France established themselves as one of the favourites with a 3-0 thrashing of Germany in their latest qualifier on Sunday. Spain, however, will now have to focus on their own qualifiers in the absence of their top stars.

Spain scheduled seven games in 2021, but only two were played due to the pandemic. The remaining five fixtures were played in a tournament in Sapporo their Olympic July 21, 2021.

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A goal for Spain is as future in the qualification phase and as an opportunity to impress Deschamps for the Euros. Spain established themselves as one of the favourites in the qualification with a 3-0 thrashing of Germany in their latest qualifier on Sunday. Spain, however, will now have to focus on their own qualifiers in the absence of their top stars.