Beach volleyball

**YOU Nessoue and Tijan sign off with bronze**

“We are in the record books and Qatar is going to be on the beach volleyball map forever.”

 graphite reporter

Qatari Younousse Saeed and Tijan Face were part of a world record in the beach volleyball event at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. After making history in the preliminary round with a win against Brazil, they went on to make history once again by becoming the first Arab team to qualify for the quarter-finals. In the quarter-finals, they faced Canada and managed to secure a spot in the semi-finals, where they faced the defending champions, Brazil. In the final, they met up against the Czech Republic, who had already caused an upset by defeating the hosts, Japan. Younousse and Tijan managed to hold their own against a strong and experienced team, but eventually fell short in the closing minutes of the match. Despite the loss, their performance at the Olympics was a testament to the growth and development of beach volleyball in Qatar and the region. Their achievement not only brought pride to Qatar, but also inspired young athletes across the Middle East to dream big and aim for international glory.

**Javelin joy for India’s Chopra, double for Hassan**

At the Olympics, Neeraj Chopra secured the gold medal in the javelin throw event, becoming the first Indian athlete to win a gold medal in an individual athletics event. His javelin throw achieved a distance of 87.58 meters, breaking the previous national record held by Jitu Rai. Neeraj Chopra’s victory was followed by another gold medal in the men’s 100m race, making him the first Indian to win two gold medals in a single Olympics. In the women’s category, Dutee Chand secured her second gold medal in the 200m race, adding to India’s impressive haul. In total, India had secured 6 medals (3 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze), which was the highest number of medals ever won by an Indian athlete in a single Olympics. These achievements not only brought glory to India but also sparked a revolution in Indian sports, inspiring young athletes and supporters to dream big and aim for international success.
Korda weathered storm to cap rise with gold

Japanese Mone Hamu took silver after a play-off with Lydiu Koa of New Zealand

**Spotlight**

Japan proves baseball 'strength' with first Olympic gold

**Spotlight**

Morkov in full voice as Denmark clinch madison title
**SPORT**

**SPOTLIGHT**

**Messi to hold news conference today**

After being linked with Paris Saint-Germain, Barcelona's Lionel Messi will hold a press conference on Sunday at 0930CET (0630GMT). If all goes well, Messi will sign a contract worth €700m in total, which is about 16 times what he made at Barcelona. The press conference will be held at the Camp Nou stadium, where Messi has played his entire career.

**CRICKET**

**Brunhø edges India ahead in first Test despite Root's ton**

Brunhø's 178 in their first innings helped the host nation take a 1-0 lead in the three-match series after India's batsmen scored 531 in their first innings. Brunhø's century came off 255 balls and included 21 fours.

**FOOTBALL**

**Leicester claim Community Shield**

Leicester City secured their first Community Shield victory since 1994 by defeating Arsenal in a penalty shoot-out. The game ended 1-1 after extra-time, with the penalties being decided by a penalty shootout.

**TENNIS**

**Nishikori advances**

Nishikori advanced to the quarter-finals of the French Open, defeating Nadal in straight sets. Nishikori, who won his 10th career title in Japan, will now face Djokovic in the semi-finals.
By Mikhil Bhat

A

fters of sacrifice, waiting, training, believing, the moment Brazil fans had been dreaming of for years finally arrived on Sunday night.

The five-time Olympic champions had gone into the Olympic Games as strong favorites and their performance throughout the tournament had been nothing short of impressive. They dominated their group stage matches, including against Japan, before facing Spain in the quarterfinals.

Spain, who had defeated Brazil in the 2016 Olympic final, looked poised to cause an upset. But the Brazilians were undeterred, pushing Spain to the brink of elimination with a 3-2 win in extra time.

In the semifinals, Brazil faced a toughly France, who had defeated them in the 2012 and 2016 finals. But Brazil's experience and teamwork proved too much, with a 2-0 win sending them to the final.

In the final against Spain, Brazil dominated from the start, with Neymar leading the charge. Spain fought back, but a goal from Richarlison put Brazil ahead, and a late own goal from Spain's goalkeeper sealed the deal for Brazil.

It was a historic victory for Brazil, who had won Olympic gold in the men's football tournament for the fifth time in their history. The team's victory was particularly sweet given the challenges they had faced in the lead-up to the Olympics, including a 2-1 loss to Spain in the friendly before the tournament.

But the joy of victory was not just for Brazil. It was a moment of celebration for all football fans around the world, who had followed the tournament with bated breath.

The Olympic gold medalist was the highlight of a Brazil team brimming with talent and promise. Thiago Silva and André Tomé were the standouts, with Silva earning a well-deserved strip of the title.

The victory was the greatest ever for Brazil, and it earned the team a place in the Olympic history books. It was a moment to cherish, and one that will be remembered for generations to come.