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Ikee named Games MVP, Japan win mixed team triathlon

Oly dreams as Asiad closes in Jakarta

China top table

JAKARTA, Sept 2, (AFP): The 18th Asian Games closed in a glittering ceremony in Jakarta on Sunday as hosts Indonesia dreamed of stepping up to host the Olympics in 2032.

Thousands of athletes in ponchos marched in heavy rain at the Gelora Bung Karno stadium at the close of the two-week tournament featuring 40 sports.

"You did it! You made the energy of Asia come through," Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, President of the Olympic Council of Asia, told the packed crowd.

"Jakarta has the capability to host any such major international event," added the sheikh, who performed the

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heart-shaped "Mobot" by placing both hands on top of his head.

It added to the relaxed atmosphere of the ceremony, which was mainly devoted to music acts from Indonesia, India and South Korea while booming fireworks lit up the night sky.

Indonesia has defied expectations to host a smooth Games, which with 17,000 athletes and officials is second in size only to the Olympics.

Despite worries about terrorism and unfinished venues, most problems have been minor — including a series of hiccups over ticketing, for which Vice-President Jusuf Kalla apologised in his ceremony speech.

Riding high on the Games' success,



Fireworks explode over the Gelora Bung Karno main stadium during the closing ceremony of the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta on Sept 2.



Japan's swimmer Ikee Rikako, who won six gold medals during the games, poses after being named as the 'Most Valuable Player (MVP)' at an awards ceremony for the 18th Asian Games in Jakarta on Sept 2.

President Joko Widodo on Saturday announced a bid to hold the 2032 Olympics, which would have seemed unthinkable just a few weeks ago.

The president addressed the ceremony by video link from an emergency shelter in Lombok, where a string of earthquakes in recent weeks killed 555 people.

Olympics chief Thomas Bach has welcomed Indonesia's bid but he warned that the sprawling Southeast Asian country needed to maintain the positive energy generated by the Games.

"I think what is important now for Indonesia is to keep the momentum of this Games," he said earlier on Sunday.

"So for you now not to fall into a black hole the moment after everybody has left." China topped the medals table for the tenth Games in succession, a streak stretching back to New Delhi 1982, with a runaway 132 golds.

They will now look to make a deafening statement by repeating the feat at the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo, capital of their war-time colonizers and bitter rivals Japan.



Japan's Yuichi Hosoda celebrates as he crosses the finishing line to win gold in the mixed triathlon during the 2018 Asian Games in Palembang on Sept 2. (AFP)

Japan, who won the Games' 465th and final gold medal in Sunday's mixed team triathlon, placed a distant second with 75 golds, while South Korea had 49 and hosts Indonesia finished with 31.

Celtic sink Rangers in Old Firm derby

GLASGOW, Sept 2, (RTRS): Rangers manager Steven Gerrard's first taste of the Old Firm derby proved a bitter one as Celtic emerged with a thoroughly-deserved 1-0 victory at Parkhead on Sunday.

Celtic secured the points in the 62nd minute when Olivier Ntcham slotted home after a sweeping counter-attack but while Gerrard argued that there had been a foul in the build-up the margin of victory could have been much wider.

Shortly before that Ntcham had forced Rangers keeper Allan McGregor into one of several great saves as Celtic dominated.

Celtic's James Forrest rocked the crossbar with a 30-metre effort in the first half while Mikael Lustig was also denied by the woodwork when he nodded against the post from a corner.

Rangers offered little attacking threat in the first half and although they improved in the second, their

12-game unbeaten run came to an end as Gerrard's former Liverpool boss Brendan Rodgers got the upper hand. Rodgers has now won 10 of his 12 Old Firm matches, drawing two.

James Tavernier did have a rare sight of goal late on for Rangers but he skewed his shot wide after space opened up in front of him.

"The game is still fresh and still hurts. I've asked questions of this squad and we've done great closing the gap but we still need to get better and improve," Gerrard, who has led Rangers into the Europa League groups stages, said.

"Hopefully the next time Celtic come around, we can play better for 90 minutes rather than just turning up for 45."

Victory moved Celtic up to nine points, three behind leaders Hearts who have a 100 percent record from four matches played. Seventh-placed Rangers have five points.

Man Utd blank Burnley

Lukaku double relieves pressure on Mou

BURNLEY, United Kingdom, Sept 2, (AFP): Two goals from Romelu Lukaku brought Jose Mourinho a much-needed 2-0 win at Burnley on Sunday, although it was another eventful and controversial afternoon for his Manchester United side.

England international Marcus Rashford, only on the field for 10 minutes as a substitute, was sent off after 70 minutes for a headbutt on Phil Bardsley who had clipped the United man's ankles in cynical fashion.

Just two minutes earlier, Mourinho had also seen Paul Pogba miss a penalty with the chance to put the visitors out of sight.

But Lukaku's first-half double was enough for a well-earned three points as United bounced back from consecutive defeats to Brighton and Tottenham that had put Mourinho under the spotlight.

Lukaku opened the scoring on 26 minutes, after a period of bright and direct football from Mourinho's team.

Alexis Sanchez was recalled to Mourinho's starting line-up and responded by setting up the opener as Lukaku rose impressively between two defenders to head the Chilean's cross past Joe Hart.

A second goal before the break looked inevitable, although it took until the final minute for it to arrive as Luke Shaw chased onto

Sanchez's back heel and into the Burnley area.

The ball eventually landed with Jesse Lingard on the edge of the area and, after his shot took deflections off both Charlie Taylor and Ashley Westwood, Lukaku was well positioned to turn and sweep in from six yards.

It was a rewarding first period for Mourinho and his team, not to mention the 2,400 visiting supporters at Turf Moor who showed their backing for Mourinho.

That lacklustre opening to the

In contrast, there was a demonstration by fans against the club's executive vice-chairman Ed Woodward with a plane flown over the Lancashire ground towing a banner that read: "Ed Woodward, a specialist in failure." It was a poignant comment from supporters who clearly blame Woodward's lack of action in the transfer market for the club's poor start to the season — rather than their high-profile manager.

That lacklustre opening to the

campaign saw United in danger of losing three of their first four league games for the first time since 1986.

Mourinho, though, had looked relaxed even before kick-off, joking with officials in the tunnel and shaking hands with players from both teams as they exited the dressing rooms.

And within minutes of kick-off, that confidence looked well placed as United dominated.

Lingard, alone, was presented with three decent chances inside the opening nine minutes, one of which drew a slightly panicked save from Hart.

Hart also saved well from

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Lukaku, as he and Sanchez looked to convert a three-on-two break, while his opposite number David De Gea remained a virtual spectator.

The Spanish keeper was finally forced into action after 63 minutes, comfortably stopping Chris Wood's header at the foot of his post.

But that was a rare respite for Burnley who needed Hart to save from a Sanchez half-volley and to parry a fierce shot from Shaw before the late controversies.

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Manchester United's Belgian striker Romelu Lukaku (second right), heads the ball and scores the team's first goal during the English Premier League football match between Burnley and Manchester United at Turf Moor in Burnley, north west England on Sept 2. (AFP)

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