

Taking COVID-19 challenges in stride

4th edition of Dubai Women's Triathlon returns

DUBAI, Nov 28: Her Excellency Mona Al Marri, Chairperson of the Board of Directors and Managing Director of Dubai Women's Establishment (DWE), awarded the winners of the fourth edition of Dubai Women's Triathlon, which brought the streets of Jumeirah to life early before coming to a close at Dubai Ladies Club.

Held under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mansoor bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairman of Dubai Sports Council (DSC), the Dubai Women's Triathlon is the first event of its kind in the Middle East held exclusively for ladies, organised by the Women's Sports Committee of Dubai Sports Council in collaboration with Dubai Ladies Club.

His Excellency Saeed Hareb, Secretary General of Dubai Sports Council, attended the event along with Nasser Aman Al Rahma, Assistant Secretary General of the Council; Rawda Al Mahrezi, Chairperson of the Women's Sports Committee; Al Maha Al Bastaki, Acting Director of Dubai Ladies Club; Fawzia Faridoun, Head of the Women's Sports Committee as well as the event director; Maitha Shuaib, Director of Corporate Communication at DWE and Member of the Women's Sports Committee; and Saleha Al Basti, member of the Women's Sports Committee along with several other representatives from each entity.

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Her Excellency Mona Al Marri stated that the race was held in strict adherence to official COVID-19 preventive and precautionary measures in order to maintain public health and safety. She also praised the longstanding partnership between Dubai Sports Council and Dubai Ladies Club which works towards empowering women in sports, and thanked all the government entities and departments that contribute to ensuring the Triathlon is a safe and secure event, chief among whom are Dubai Police, the General Directorate of Civil Defense in Dubai, Dubai Corporation for Ambulance Services, Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority, and Emirates Hospital in Jumeirah. The triathlon began early Friday morning, with the swimming competition taking place along the Jumeirah coastline behind Dubai Ladies Club within a private and secure environment. The contestants then got cycled along a route starting from the Club's main gates, taking them from the intersection of Al Urouba Road to the intersection of Umm Al Sheif Road, before beginning the running segment of the race on designated tracks along Jumeirah Road until the finish line at Dubai Ladies Club.

Results:

Olympic – Open Category

Individuals 16-29: 1. Lottie Lucas (UK) 2:07:20; 2. Triinu Jogeda (Estonia) 2:22:25; 3. Tanita O'Kennedy (South Africa) 2:30:19.

Individuals 30-99: 1. Gemma Brown (UK) 02:21:39; 2. Kirsten Evans (South Africa) 02:23:08; 3. Aimee Middleton (UK) 02:25:37.

Teams: Sian's team (Sian Rowlands, Bekky Britton, Rachel Richardson) 02:36:36; du Trio (Charlotte Rieck Rasmussen, Alesya Litvinova,



Winners of the fourth edition of Dubai Women's Triathlon with Her Excellency Mona Al Marri, Chairperson of the Board of Directors and Managing Director of Dubai Women's Establishment.

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Olympic – National Category

Individuals 16-29: Asma Al Janahi 03:01:58 (The first UAE National to complete the Olympic race)

Sprint – Open Category

Individuals 16-29: 1. Michelle Lindqvist (Sweden) 01:14:28; 2. Georgina Bishop (UK) 01:14:55; 3. Megan Moxey (UK) 01:20:05.

Individuals 30-99: 1. Jess Towl (UK) 01:08:14; 2. Sarra Lajnef (Tunisia) 01:09:31; 3. Sophie Cookson (UK) 01:10:59.

Teams: 1. Abu Dhabi Police (Lobna Elhalawani, Milena Mitic, Eman Troudi) 01:15:53; 2. The 30x30 Sprint Sisters (Vicki Matheson, Sarah Butler, Edden Bedon) 01:23:08; 3. Not Fast Nor Furious (Lisa Garrett, Kasia Mosley, Philippa Helms) 01:25:50.

Sprint – National Category

Teams: 1. The KGB (Khawla Al Mheiri, Ghaya Al Mehrzi, Buthaina Al Redha) 01:30:02; 2. Desert Shield Team (Fatima Al Shamsi, Mouza Al Mansoori, Huda Al Nuaimi) 01:30:42.

Super Sprint – Open Category

Individuals 16-29: 1. Lauren Agent (UK) 00:40:58; 2. Joud Dabous (Egypt) 00:42:20; 3. Alexandra Edwards (UK) 00:51:12.

Individuals 30-99: 1. Kahl Johnson (UK) 00:43:50; 2. Ruanda Oberholzer (South Africa) 00:44:54; 3. Corina Berners (Germany) 00:46:33.

Teams: 1. Road and Transport Authority – Dubai 1 (Ruba Helani, Angelica Mendoza, Abeer Al Najjar) 00:43:15; 2. Road and Transport Authority – Dubai 2 (Reem Younis, Zainab Jahran, Trixia Paulette Caguitle) 00:46:51; 3. Just du it (Sadia Hamid, Ghada Mohamed Fouad Abdel Khalik, Hadeel Shouaqa) 00:56:48.

Super Sprint – National Category

Individuals 16-29: 1. Hessa Al Maktoom 00:48:40

Individuals 30-99: 1. Nouf Al Noon 01:00:15; 2. Latifa Al Nahyan 01:24:32; 3. Hala Al Hashmi 01:37:17

Teams: 1. Abu Dhabi Police (Nouf Al Hosani, Alghalia Askar, Farah Al Marri) 00:49:09; 2. Abu Dhabi Police 1 (Bushra Al Mazroi, Alanoud Ali, Maryam Al Zaraqooni) 00:50:07; 3. Road and Transport Authority – Dubai (Nadia Ali, Sheikha Saeed, Amna Bin Adi) 00:53:35.

Schmid finishes third

Pinturault pips Kristoffersen in WCup parallel race for 30th win

LECH-ZUERS, Austria, Nov 28, (AP): Alexis Pinturault edged Henrik Kristoffersen in a floodlit men's World Cup parallel event for his 30th career win.

The Frenchman built a lead of 0.16 seconds over his Norwegian rivals on the slightly faster blue course, before Kristoffersen shaved off only five hundredths of his deficit in the deciding run. The victory lifted Pinturault into outright 10th place on the all-time winners list in men's World Cup history, overtaking former Austrian standout Stephan Eberharter. Next on the list is American skier Bode Miller with 33 wins.

"If you talk about the victory and the race today, it is something really great," Pinturault said. "It was pretty good, it was going so fast that you have no time to think about it. You have to focus on your race and on your runs."

Pinturault has been the most successful active male skier since record eight-time overall champion Marcel Hirscher retired in 2019 after winning 67 races.

The result also made the Frenchman the first male skier to win races in six different Alpine disciplines, matching Mikaela Shiffrin's record on the women's circuit.

However, Pinturault played down the importance of that milestone, pointing out that the former city events and the current parallel events are

regarded as two different disciplines, although they were "more or less the same" in his opinion. "I am not here for the numbers, I am here to have fun, to attack," he said. "And today was great. I skied really well, that's the most important for me."

Alexander Schmid of Germany finished the parallel event in third, beating Adrian Pertl of Austria by 0.58 after winning both runs of the small final. Alexander Aamodt Kilde, who succeeded Hirscher as overall champion last season, was sixth fastest in qualifying but lost his round-of-16 duel against

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Christian Hirscher of Austria.

Kristoffersen, who won the season title in both technical disciplines last season, said "today was good for me, I am very satisfied with the race," but the Norwegian repeated his earlier criticism of the format, calling the courses too straightforward.

"If you have racers competing so close to each other, you cannot work with rolls or jumps. If you see the slalom in Kitzbuehel, the downhill in Kitzbuehel, or the giant slalom in Adelboden, there is so much terrain and you have to ski in the flats and in the steep parts. But (the parallel format) is made for the show."



France's Alexis Pinturault competes during an alpine ski, men's World Cup parallel giant slalom in Lech Zuers, Austria on Nov 27. (AP)

All Blacks beat Pumas to take 'grip' on Tri Nations

St Helens retain British rugby league title amid late drama

NEWCASTLE, Australia, Nov 28, (AP): New Zealand ensured there was no repeat of their shock loss to Argentina a fortnight ago as they convincingly beat the Pumas 38-0 at Newcastle on Saturday and took a firm grip of the Tri Nations with one match remaining.

New Zealand scored five tries to secure a bonus point in what was a far more assured performance after a 25-15 reverse two weeks earlier had put their hopes of a successful Tri Nations campaign in serious doubt.

Tries for Dane Coles, Ardie Savea, Patrick Tuipulotu, a double for Will Jordan

and 11 points from kicker Richie Mo'unga made sure the All Blacks avoided losing three consecutive Tests for the first time this century.

"We've got a lot of respect for the way Argentina play and particularly defend," All Blacks coach Ian Foster said. "What I was proud of the most today was that we really hammered away at them. We played a lot of rugby against them, we had a lot of variety with our kicking game."

"Today we played at a tempo that kept them moving and kept them guessing a bit and the decision-making was a lot more clinical."

New Zealand paid tribute to Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona when captain Sam Cane laid an All Black jersey – number 10 – on the field before the start of the Test. Maradona died Wednesday of a heart attack at age 60.

As the All Blacks lined up to perform the haka, Cane stepped out, walked toward midfield and laid down the jersey – with Maradona's name – as Argentine players stood arm-in-arm and watched. Several of the Pumas players nodded in acknowledgment of the gesture.

All the early running was with the All Blacks as they enjoyed nearly all the possession and territory, but the first points came through an unlikely source with hooker Coles diving over in the corner from a fired cutout pass by Mo'unga in the 12th minute. Mo'unga added the conversion before slotting another penalty moments later to give the All Blacks a 10-0 lead.

Caleb Clarke almost extended the lead in the 24th minute after combining with Mo'unga but the winger was adjudged to have put his foot in touch before grounding the ball in the corner.

Argentina worked its way into the match as the half progressed without ever really threatening to score points, but left some marks on their All Blacks counterparts with some bruising tackles.

Mo'unga had a penalty attempt to extend the lead further but his shot hit the post to leave the score at 10-0 at the break. It took another 12 minutes into the second half for the All Blacks to break through again when Savea crashed over from close range following a lineout. Mo'unga again added the conversion for a 17-0 lead.

Jordan, a substitute winger, then profited from two midfield mistakes in two minutes by a tiring Argentina to race away and score his first All Black tries and secure a bonus point for New

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Zealand. In the 68th minute, Jordan scooped a loose ball and sprinted away to score under the posts.

Two minutes later, the winger intercepted a Pumas pass and showed lightning pace to out-sprint the Argentine defenders and score in the corner for a 31-0 lead.

Tyrel Lomax received a late yellow card for contact with Lucio Sordoni as he tried to clean out a breakdown prior to Rieko Ioane crashing over. Substitute forward Tuipulotu scored in the fifth minute after the siren to add some flourish for a dominant All Blacks display.

Also:

HULL, England: St Helens scored a dramatic try after the final hooter to beat fierce rivals Wigan 8-4 in Super League's Grand Final and retain the British flag title.

The lowest-scoring final in Super League history had a scarcely believable ending, with Saints' Tommy Makinson attempting a long-range drop goal as the clock ticked past 80 minutes.

The ball struck the upright, bounced down and the second bounce kicked left to allow Jack Welsby – narrowly inside as he followed up the kick – to beat Wigan's Bevan French to the ball to ground.

Wigan players sank to their knees as St Helens celebrated a 15th league title, going back to back for the first time in 20 years.

Trailing 2-0 at halftime in an arm wrestle at an empty KCOM Stadium in Hull, Wigan scored their first points when Jake Bibby went over in the right corner in the 65th minute.

The conversion struck the bar, and Wigan missed another chance to add two points when Zak Hardaker's penalty kick from just inside St Helens' half fell narrowly short and wide.

Saints immediately went down the other end and snatched victory in the most cruel of ways as far as Wigan were concerned.



New Zealand's Caleb Clarke is tackled short of the try line during the Tri Nations rugby Test between Argentina and the All Blacks in Newcastle, Australia on Nov 28. (AP)

Notre Dame routs North Carolina 31-17

Oregon State upsets No. 9 Oregon

CORVALLIS, Oregon, Nov 28, (AP): Taking his first college snap after starting quarterback Tristan Gebbia limped off, Chance Nolan scored on a 1-yard, fourth-down run with 33 seconds left to give Oregon State a 41-38 upset victory over No. 9 Oregon.

Jermar Jefferson ran for 226 yards and two touchdowns to help the Beavers (2-2) win their second straight game. Jefferson has run for at least 100 yards in each of Oregon State's four games and is on pace to hit 1,000 despite the short season.

Oregon (3-1) had won seven in a row and three straight over rivals Beavers. The loss dashed any slim hopes the Ducks had of a spot in the College Football Playoffs. The Ducks were ranked No. 15 in the first CFP rankings released Tuesday.

Tristan Gebbia threw for 263 yards and a score and had a touchdown run during the foggy game at Reser Stadium. While no fans were allowed in the game, cars passing near the stadium honked for the home team in the aftermath.

Tyler Shough threw for 266 yards and two touchdowns for Oregon.

Gebbia scored on a 1-yard keeper early in the fourth quarter to pull Oregon State to 31-26.

Oregon State had an interception on the ensuing drive and got the ball on the Oregon 33. Gebbia found Kolby Taylor with a 31-yard pass before Jefferson scored on a 2-yard run. Gebbia's keeper on the two-point conversion gave Oregon State a 34-31 lead.

An Oregon State penalty helped the Ducks on their drive, capped by Cyrus Habibi-Likio's 1-yard dash into the end zone, to give Oregon back the lead with 8:27 left.

After the teams traded possessions that ended on downs, the Beavers got one more chance. Gebbia hit Taylor with two passes on the drive, putting the Beavers on the



Texas defensive back Josh Thompson (top), swats the ball out of Iowa State wide receiver Tarique Milton's (1) hands in the end zone late during the second quarter of an NCAA college football game on Nov 27, in Austin, Texas. (AP)

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Gebbia appeared to score but the officials put the ball on the 1 on third down. Gebbia ran again, and limped to the sideline while the play was under review. Oregon were offside, but no penalty was called. That set up Nolan's touchdown run on fourth down on the only play of his college career.

FOOTBALL

Notre Dame 31, N. Carolina 17

In Chapel Hill, NC, Ian Book kept Notre Dame's offense moving while the defense locked down Sam Howell and North Carolina's potent offense for the final three quarters.

Book threw for 279 yards and a score and ran for 48 yards for the Fighting Irish (9-0, 8-0 Atlantic Coast Conference, No. 2 CFP), using his mobility and elusiveness to keep plays alive on a night when both offenses frequently faced long fields.

Receiver Ben Skowronek got Notre Dame their first lead with his 13-yard run around the right side midway through the third quarter. Kyren Williams ran for 124 yards – including a 47-yarder with about 5-1/2 minutes left as the Irish burned clock and sealed the game.

Williams closed that drive with his second rushing TD, a clinching 1-yarder with 1:20 left that kept the Fighting Irish alone atop the ACC standings ahead of No. 4 Clemson and No. 10 Miami.

More impressively, though, was a defensive effort that forced Howell and the high-scoring Tar Heels to work for every gain after the opening quarter.

UNC (6-3, 6-3) sprinted to touchdowns on their first two drives, but Notre Dame surrendered only one field goal from there.

Iowa State 23, Texas 20

In Austin, Texas, Breece Hall scored on a 3-yard run with 1:25 remaining and Iowa State held off last-minute drive by Sam Ehlinger and Texas to remain in first place in the Big 12.

After Iowa State sacked Ehlinger on third down, Texas' Cameron Dicker barely missed left with a 58-yard field goal attempt as time expired. The Cyclones (7-2, 7-1) have almost locked up a spot in the Big 12 championship game for the first time.

Hall gained 91 yards on 20 carries, his first game under 100 this season, but had 30 on the final 69-yard touchdown drive. Brock Purdy completed 25 of 36 passes for 312 yards and a touchdown. Charlie Kolar had six receptions for 131 yards.

Ehlinger was 17 of 29 for 298 yards and one touchdown in what could be his final home game for the Longhorns. Ehlinger and Brennan Eagles set up touchdowns in the first and third quarters, connecting for 59 and 45 yards.