

Kuwaitis Al-Zankawi and Al-Yoha win gold

Kuwait team make imprint at 22nd Arab Athletics Championships

TUNIS, June 21, (KUNA): Kuwait athletics team players made an imprint during their participation in the 22nd Arab Athletics Championships, which concluded in Tunisia. This tournament is of great importance as it qualifies for the 2020 Olympic Games in the Japanese capital, Tokyo, which will be held in the coming months of July and August.

The promising Kuwaiti participation came despite the global health conditions and the suspension of sports activities due to the spread of COVID-19 around the world, and the desire of Kuwaiti sports to return to competitions after the previous suspension.

In the tournament hosted by Tunisia with the participation of more than 400 male and female athletes from 20 countries, Kuwait's players have bagged two gold, one silver and two bronze medals.

On Sunday evening, Kuwait's athletics team obtained the silver medal in the 400-m relay race. In addition, Kuwaiti player Issa Al-Zankawi snatched the gold medal in the Discus Throw contest reaching 60.25 meters.

Moreover, Kuwaiti Yagoub Al-Yoha won the gold in the 110-meter-hurdle competition after facing a strong competition with 10 rivals.

The coach of the Kuwait national athletics team, Bader Dashti, congratulated Al-Yoha for winning the gold medal, stressing that this achievement is the third in a row, as the player achieved other medals in the previous Arab championship in 2017, 2019 and now in 2021.

ATHLETICS

In a statement to KUNA, Dashti underlined the great effort made by Kuwait Association of Athletic Federation through facilitating the team's participation in this tournament.

He pointed to the effectiveness and success of the training camp that was held in Turkey before the qualifying tournament for the Tokyo Olympics.

Meanwhile, Kuwaiti Salsabil Al-Yasar won the bronze in the women heptathlon in which Tunisia and Egypt have won the gold and silver respectively.

The Kuwait women's team participated with five athletes in the tournament through discus, shot put, and heptathlon, in addition to the 800m and 100m races.

Kuwaiti Ibrahim Al-Fadhli also won the bronze in the "Shot Put" con-



Kuwaiti athlete Yagoub Al-Yoha celebrates on the podium after winning the gold medal in the 110-meter hurdle competition.

test in the same tournament.

Head of the Kuwaiti delegation Faisal Al-Dasm congratulated the Kuwaiti players for their promising participation and efforts, stressing the importance of gaining the necessary expertise from their peers in the Arab teams, in preparation for the upcoming events, especially the Tokyo Olympics.

Al-Dasm told KUNA that despite the circumstances of the coronavirus pandemic, "our players presented high performance levels amid intense competition from Arab athletes for the qualifying positions for the Tokyo Olympics.

He expressed appreciation for the political leadership and those in charge of Kuwaiti sports in various games, especially athletics, and their efforts in improving the Kuwaiti sport to achieve regional and international achievements, thanking Tunisia for hosting the tournament and good organization.

For his part, President of the Tunisian Athletics Federation Khaled Amara told KUNA that the tournament achieved great success in terms of the levels and numbers of the players, stressing the importance of the

wide participation of the Arab countries, especially as it qualifies for the Tokyo Olympics.

For her part, the administrative supervisor of the Kuwaiti women's team Mona Qabazard told KUNA that the team participated with five players after a good and distinguished preparations. Two players went to a training camp in Turkey with the national team, and three went to an internal camp in Kuwait.

She expressed her aspiration for an effective participation and more achievements.

Golden Knights tie series at 2-2

Roy scores in OT

MONTREAL, June 21, (AP): Nicolas Roy converted his own rebound 1:18 into overtime and the Vegas Golden Knights rallied to a 2-1 win over the Montreal Canadiens, tying the Stanley Cup semifinal playoff series at 2-2.

Robin Lehner got the start in place of Marc-Andre Fleury and stopped 27 shots, and Brayden McNabb also scored for Vegas. The Golden Knights turned the tables in Game 4 by rallying from a one-goal deficit two days after blowing two one-goal leads in a 3-2 overtime loss.

Game 5 is Tuesday night at Vegas.

ICE HOCKEY

Paul Byron scored on a breakaway with 1:05 left in the second period, and Carey Price stopped 17 shots. Montreal had won its previous four overtime games this postseason, and five straight dating to a 3-2 win against Pittsburgh in a preliminary round series last summer.

Former Canadiens captain Max Pacioretty - the target of a booing Montreal crowd - played a key role in setting up the decisive score. Pacioretty got a shot off by spinning around in the left circle, only to be stopped by Price.

The rebound went directly to Roy in front. Price kicked out his left pad to stop Roy's initial attempt, but was unable to control the rebound and made a lunging attempt as Roy lifted the shot over the goalie.

Vegas coach Peter DeBoer's decision to start Lehner paid off. The goalie rebounded after allowing seven goals on 37 shots in a second-round series-opening 7-1 loss to Colorado on May 30.



Montreal Canadiens' Shea Weber and Vegas Golden Knights' Tomas Nosek (92) fight during the second period of Game 4 in an NHL Stanley Cup playoff hockey semifinal in Montreal, on June 20. (AP)

Liberty hold on to beat Sparks

LOS ANGELES, June 21, (AP): Rebecca Allen scored a season-high 19 points, Sami Whitcomb added 17 and the New York Liberty held on for a 76-73 victory over the Los Angeles Sparks in what was billed as "The '97 Game" by the WNBA.

The league, which is celebrating its 25th season this year, held the matchup nearly 24 years to the day of the first game, which was also won by the Liberty on June 21, 1997, at the Great Western Forum.

BASKETBALL

New York had a 14-point lead midway through the third quarter, but saw Los Angeles go on a 21-7 run to tie it at 58 going into the final 10 minutes. Allen had two blocked shots in the final minute, including one on a potential go-ahead 3-pointer by Kristi Tolliver with 8.2 seconds remaining. Allen made a pair of free throws after a loose ball foul by Tolliver to give the Liberty a three-point advantage.



Tennessee pitcher Chad Dallas (36) throws against Virginia during a baseball game in the College World Series, on June 20, at TD Ameritrade Park in Omaha, Neb. (AP)

Michaels, Abbott shine

Virginia blank Vols 6-0 in CWS opener

OMAHA, Neb., June 21, (AP): Logan Michaels homered for the first time this season, Andrew Abbott pitched six shutout innings and Virginia beat Tennessee 6-0 at the College World Series.

Abbott and the Cavaliers held down a powerful Tennessee offense that averaged eight runs and hit 16 homers in its first five NCAA Tournament games.

Michaels hit Chad Dallas' hanging breaking ball out to left in the second inning for only his second homer in 343 at-bats since he joined the Cavaliers in 2019. His RBI single to center began a four-run seventh inning, and he singled and scored the Cavs' final run in the ninth.

BASEBALL

Michaels came into the game batting .240 (6 for 25) in seven tournament games and .242 for the season. The senior catcher's Father's Day performance came as his dad, a three-year pancreatic cancer survivor, watched from behind the dugout. TV cameras showed Jeff Michaels holding the ball his son hit out.

Virginia (36-25) is the first team since 2008 to make it to Omaha after losing openers in regionals and super regionals. The Cavaliers, who made the tournament as a No. 3 regional seed, had to win six elimination games to advance to the CWS for the first time since they won the 2015 national championship.

Tennessee (50-17), the No. 3 national seed, came to the CWS off a six-home run game in a 15-6 super regional-clinching win over LSU. Against Virginia, the Vols had no extra-base hits, struck out 13 times and were held scoreless for the first time since April 16.

Abbott (9-6), who had worked out of the bullpen until this season, was masterful in leading the Cavaliers to their sixth shutout of the season, and second of the tournament, as well as 18th-year coach Brian O'Connor's 750th career win.

The senior left-hander allowed five singles, walked two and struck out 10 before he turned the game over to Matt Wyatt to start the seventh. Dallas (11-2) went 6 1/3 innings and gave up four runs.

McGuire hits 3 doubles as Ryu, Blue Jays top Orioles 7-4

Yankees turn game-ending triple-play, beat Athletics

NEW YORK, June 21, (AP): The New York Yankees turned their record-tying third triple play this season to strand the go-ahead run in the ninth inning, bailing out closer Aroldis Chapman and closing down a 2-1 win over the Oakland Athletics.

Gary Sanchez spoiled Sean Manaea's gem with a go-ahead two-run double in the sixth inning, and Jonathan Loaisiga (7-2) and Lucas Luetge turned a 2-1 lead over to Chapman.

Jed Lowrie and Chad Pinder walked, and Sean Murphy grounded to DJ Urshela, who stepped on third and threw to Gio Lemaheiu. The second baseman relayed the ball to first to get Murphy by a step.

New York also turned a triple play Thursday in Buffalo against the Blue Jays and also had one May 21 against the Chicago White Sox. Chapman's 16th save sent Oakland to its first road series loss this season after eight wins and a split.

Blue Jays 7, Orioles 4

In Baltimore, Reese McGuire had three doubles during a four-hit performance.

Hyun Jin Ryu (6-4) gave up one run and three hits in seven innings, retiring 17 of his last 18 batters, and Tyler Chatwood handled the ninth for his first save since 2019.

Trey Mancini homered twice for Baltimore, which has dropped 10 of its last 11 and is an

Matt Harvey (3-9) allowed four runs and nine hits in 4 1/3 innings. He is 0-8 with an 11.49 ERA in nine starts since May 7, Nationals 5, Mets 2

In Washington, Kyle Schwarber homered three times and tied a major league record with five in a two-game span, and Washington took three of four.

Schwarber set a Nationals/Montreal Expos record by homering nine times in a 10-game span, increasing his total to 18 this season with his first career three-homer game.

Patrick Corbin (5-5) allowed two runs and four hits in six innings with seven strikeouts and a walk.

Indians 2, Pirates 1

In Pittsburgh, Josh Naylor foiled Pittsburgh's strategy with an RBI single in the seventh off Chasen Shreve, who had relieved starter JT Brubaker (4-6).

James Karinchak struck out Colin Moran looking, stranding Kevin Newman at second in the ninth for his eighth save. Cleveland avoided a three-game sweep by the Pirates.

Cardinals 9, Braves 1

In Atlanta, Drew Smyly (4-3) didn't allow a hit until the sixth inning, Ronald Acuña Jr. hit his 100th career homer, his 19th this season, and Atlanta earned a split of a day-night doubleheader.

Smyly held the Cardinals hitless until Paul Goldschmidt reached on an infield single with two outs in the sixth. Closer Will Smith pitched the seventh of the shortened doubleheader under pandemic rules, earning his 13th save.

Acuña, playing in his 378th game, homered in the third off Kwang Hyun Kim (1-5).

Astros 8, White Sox 2

In Dallas, Dallas Keuchel (6-2) lost in his first appearance against Houston, and Abraham Toro had a career-high four hits, improving to 7 for 11 since his recall from the minor leagues.



Toronto Blue Jays second baseman Marcus Semien turns a double play during the first inning as Ryan Mountcastle slides into second base baseball game on June 20, in Baltimore. (AP)

Keuchel, a two-time All-Star for the Astros who helped the franchise win its first World Series title in 2017, won the 2015 AL Cy Young Award with Houston. He went 76-63 in seven seasons with the Astros and left after the 2019 season to sign a \$55.5 million, three-year contract with Chicago.

Keuchel tied a season high by allowing six runs - three earned - in a season-low 2 2/3 innings as the AL Central leaders lost their season-high fourth straight. He gave up seven hits and four walks.

Royals 7, Red Sox 3

In Kansas City, Mo., Jarrod Dyson capped a 10-pitch at-bat with a tiebreaking, two-run double in a three-run third inning off Nathan Eovaldi (7-4).

Kansas City won its first series since taking two games from Pittsburgh on May 31 and June 1.

Mike Minor (6-4) allowed two runs and nine hits over 6 2/3 innings for the Royals, who had lost 12 of their previous 14 games.

Cubs 2, Marlins 0

In Chicago, Alec Mills (3-1) and three relievers combined on a six-hitter as Chicago avoided a sweep after being outscored 21-3 in the previous two days.

Jorge Alfaro had a run-scoring passed ball in the third as Zach Thompson (1-2) allowed an unearned run. Joc Pederson had an RBI single in the fifth that scored pinch-hitter Patrick Wisdom, who singled to end a 15-pitch at-bat against Ross Detwiler.

Twins 4, Rangers 2

In Arlington, Texas, Byron Buxton launched an early two-run homer into the second deck off Dane Dunning (2-6), a day after returning following 39 games out with a strained right hip.

Minnesota won its fourth straight and extended Texas' losing streak to a season-worst six. The Rangers have lost 19 of 22.

Kenta Maeda (3-2) earned his first win since May 3, allowing two runs and five hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Brewers 7, Rockies 6

In Denver, Daniel Vogelbach hit a tiebreaking single in the ninth off Daniel Bard (3-4).

Colorado trailed 6-0 in the sixth before Yonathan Daza hit a two-run homer off Eric Lauer and Trevor Story followed with a 466-foot shot to chase the Milwaukee starter.

Zack Godley gave up a single, then a 456-foot homer to C.J. Cron to make it 6-5. Joshua Fuentes tied it with the fourth of the inning.

Giants 11, Phillies 2

In San Francisco, Wilmer Flores had four hits, including two of San Francisco's four home runs.

Brandon Crawford hit his 16th homer and Mike Yastrzemski combined with Flores for consecutive homers in the first off Zach Eflin (2-6). San Francisco has 107 home runs, tied with Toronto for the major league lead.

Sammy Long allowed two runs and four hits in six innings with six strikeouts and one walk. He retired 10 of his final 11 batters.

Padres 3, Reds 2

In San Diego, Wil Myers hit a two-run triple off Luis Castillo (2-10) in the third and scored on Joey Votto's errant throw as San Diego completed its first four-game sweep of any team since Aug. 18-21, 2011, against the Marlins.

Padres star shortstop Fernando Tatis Jr. sat out a day after reinjuring his left shoulder in a 7-5 win.

BASEBALL

Dinelson Lamet (2-2) held the Reds to four hits in five scoreless innings, struck out a season-high seven and walked one.

Mariners 6, Rays 2

In Seattle, Shed Long Jr. hit a grand slam against Diego Castillo (2-4) with two outs in the 10th inning and Seattle completed a four-game sweep that extended Tampa Bay's losing streak to six.

The Ray, who led in all four game, had not been swept in a four-game series since the Tigers completed the feat on July 3, 2016. Rafael Montero (4-2) pitched a perfect 10th.

Dodgers 9, Diamondbacks 8

In Phoenix, Albert Pujols hit a three-run homer and passed Mel Ott for 14th on the career runs list, and Los Angeles extended Arizona's losing streak to 17 games. Pujols' 673rd home run put Los Angeles ahead 4-0 against Alex Young (2-5).

Arizona trailed 9-2 before closing with six runs in the eighth, when Josh Reddick, Christian Walker and Ketel Marte had run-scoring hits before Josh Rojas' inning-ending groundout against Victor Gonzalez stranded runners at the corners.

Tigers 5, Angels 3

In Anaheim, California, Shohei Ohtani hit his 23rd homer, his sixth in six games, but Daz Cameron's two-run single in the 10th off Raisel Iglesias (4-3) helped Detroit avoid a four-game sweep.

Miguel Cabrera had a two-run single in the fifth for the Tigers, who finished their road trip at 4-3 despite getting outscored 26-11 in the first three games in Anaheim.

MLB Results/Standings

| WASHINGTON, June 21, (AP): Results and standings from the MLB games on Sunday. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Cleveland | 2 | Pittsburgh | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| NY Yankees | 2 | Oakland | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Toronto | 7 | Baltimore | 4 | | | | | | | | |
| Houston | 8 | Chic. White Sox | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Minnesota | 4 | Texas | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Kansas City | 7 | Boston | 3 | | | | | | | | |
| Seattle | 6 | Tampa Bay (10 inn) | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Detroit | 5 | LA Angels (10 inn) | 3 | | | | | | | | |
| Washington | 5 | NY Mets | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| St. Louis | 9 | Atlanta (7 inn 1st game) | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Chicago Cubs | 2 | Miami | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| Milwaukee | 7 | Colorado | 6 | | | | | | | | |
| San Francisco | 11 | Philadelphia | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| San Diego | 3 | Cincinnati | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| LA Dodgers | 9 | Arizona | 8 | | | | | | | | |
| Atlanta (game) | 0 | St. Louis (7 inn 2nd) | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| American League | | | | | | | | | | | |
| East Division | | | | | | West Division | | | | | |
| W | L | Pct | GB | W | L | Pct | GB | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Boston | 43 | 29 | .597 | | Chicago | 43 | 29 | .597 | | | |
| Tampa Bay | 43 | 30 | .589 | -1/2 | Cleveland | 39 | 30 | .565 | 2-1/2 | | |
| New York | 38 | 33 | .535 | 4-1/2 | Kansas City | 32 | 38 | .457 | 10 | | |
| Toronto | 35 | 35 | .500 | 7 | Minnesota | 30 | 41 | .423 | 12-1/2 | | |
| Baltimore | 23 | 48 | .324 | 19-1/2 | Detroit | 30 | 42 | .417 | 13 | | |
| National League | | | | | | | | | | | |
| East Division | | | | | | West Division | | | | | |
| W | L | Pct | GB | W | L | Pct | GB | W | L | Pct | GB |
| New York | 36 | 29 | .554 | | Houston | 43 | 28 | .606 | | | |
| Philadelphia | 34 | 35 | .493 | 4 | Oakland | 44 | 29 | .603 | | | |
| Atlanta | 33 | 36 | .478 | 5 | Seattle | 38 | 36 | .514 | 6-1/2 | | |
| Washington | 33 | 36 | .478 | 5 | Los Angeles | 36 | 36 | .500 | 7-1/2 | | |
| Miami | 31 | 40 | .437 | 8 | Texas | 25 | 46 | .352 | 18 | | |
| Central Division | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | L | Pct | GB | W | L | Pct | GB | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Chicago | 40 | 32 | .556 | | | | | | | | |
| Milwaukee | 40 | 32 | .556 | | | | | | | | |
| St. Louis | 36 | 36 | .500 | 4 | | | | | | | |
| Cincinnati | 35 | 35 | .500 | 4 | | | | | | | |
| Pittsburgh | 25 | 45 | .357 | 14 | | | | | | | |
| West Division | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | L | Pct | GB | W | L | Pct | GB | W | L | Pct | GB |
| San Francisco | 46 | 26 | .639 | | | | | | | | |
| Los Angeles | 44 | 27 | .620 | 1-1/2 | | | | | | | |
| San Diego | 42 | 32 | .568 | 5 | | | | | | | |
| Colorado | 30 | 43 | .411 | 16-1/2 | | | | | | | |
| Arizona | 20 | 53 | .274 | 26-1/2 | | | | | | | |



San Francisco Giants' Brandon Crawford hits a double to drive in two runs against the Philadelphia Phillies during the eighth inning of a baseball game, on June 20, in San Francisco. (AP)