

## Al-Mutairi meets organizing committee of 3rd GCC Games

# 'Kuwait sport needs tangible improvements to flourish'

## McIlroy wins in Las Vegas as Janzen takes 2nd senior title

Fitzpatrick rallies late to win Andalucia Masters by 3 shots

**LAS VEGAS, Oct 18, (AP):** Rory McIlroy capped off a big weekend in Las Vegas by surging past Rickie Fowler and holding off Collin Morikawa to win the CJ Cup at Summit for his 20th PGA Tour title.

McIlroy seized control with a 35-foot eagle putt from just off the green on the par-5 14th and then playing mistake-free down the stretch for a 6-under 66 and a one-victory.

McIlroy is the 39th player to win at least 20 times on the PGA Tour, and it's his fifth straight PGA Tour season with at least one win.

Fowler, who started the final round with a two-shot lead as he tried to end nearly three years without a victory, faded with a pair of three-putts and shot 71 to tie for third. The threat came from Morikawa, a member at The Summit Club, who shot 29 on the front to get in the mix and closed with an eagle for a 62.

### GOLF

That forced McIlroy to play mistake-free after his big eagle putt on the 14th, and he never came close to a bogey in finishing at 25-under 263.

"He went into the weekend nine shots out of the lead, made up plenty of ground with a 62 on Saturday and then pulled away by taking advantage of the scoring holes.

Keith Mitchell, who had a five-shot lead going into the weekend until a 73 in the third round, closed with a 67 and tied for third with Fowler.

In Cary, N.C., Lee Janzen made a 20-foot birdie putt on the first hole of a playoff with Miguel Angel Jimenez to win the PGA Tour Champions' SAS Championship.

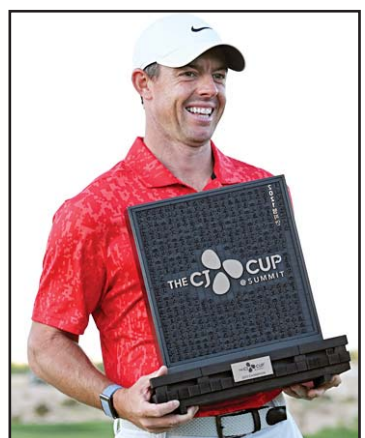
The 57-year-old Janzen also birdied the par-4 18th in regulation, holing a putt from the fringe, in a closing 5-under 67 in the regular-season finale. The two-time US Open champion won the 2015 ACE Group Classic for his only other senior title.

Jimenez finished with a 69 to match Janzen at 12-under 204 at Prestonwood Country Club. The 57-year-old Spanish player has 10 senior victories. He hit his approach over the green in the playoff and chipped to a foot before Janzen rolled in the winner.

Jim Furyk (67) and Alex Cejka (70) were a stroke back.

Charles Schwab Cup points leader Bernhard Langer (70) was 10 under with Paul Broadhurst (68), Thongchai Jaidee (69) and Scott Parel (70).

The top 72 players on the money



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland displays the trophy after winning the CJ Cup golf tournament, on Oct. 17, in Las Vegas. (AP)



Members of the Chicago Sky pose for a photo after defeating the Phoenix Mercury in Game 4 of the WNBA Finals, on Oct. 17, in Chicago. (AP)

## Chicago Sky clinch first WNBA title

**CHICAGO, Oct. 18, (AP):** Allie Quigley scored 26 points and Candace Parker added 16 points, 13 rebounds and five assists to help Chicago win its first WNBA championship with a 80-74 victory over the Phoenix Mercury.

Courtney Vandersloot added 10 points and 15 assists for the Sky, who won the series 3-1, rallying from a 72-65 deficit with 4:42 left. Chicago scored the next nine points to take a two-point lead on Stefanie Dolson's layup. She then added another basket to make it 76-72 with 45.8 seconds left.

Diana Taurasi was fouled on the next possession shooting a 3-pointer and made the first two free throws, but missed the third.

Vandersloot then scored in the lane to seal the victory setting off the celebration. As the final buzzer sounded, Parker

sprinted to the corner of the court and hugged her family with tears in her eyes.

It was a full-circle moment for Parker, who triumphantly returned home to Chicago this season after spending 13 years with Los Angeles. She has been continually called the Sky's missing piece throughout the playoffs, a label

### BASKETBALL

she proved accurate many times during Chicago's stunning run, winning the title as a six-seed.

Brittney Griner was a focal point of Phoenix's offense early on. The seven-time All-Star finished the game with 28 points, 18 of which came in the first half. Griner and guard Skylar Diggins-Smith helped lead a 9-0 run to finish

the second quarter and give Phoenix a 44-37 edge at halftime.

Parker initially had trouble getting into a rhythm offensively, going one for six from the floor with just four points by the end of the first half.

Kahleah Copper, who had been a force in the first four games of the finals, earned MVP honors of the championship.

Emotions were high for both teams right from the start, as Taurasi and Sky forward Kahleah Copper were each hit with technical fouls within a 50-second span in the first quarter.

The Sky drew a sell-out crowd despite the Chicago Bears hosting the rival Green Bay Packers just down the street at Soldier Field. Chance the Rapper was once again in attendance to support his hometown team.

**KUWAIT CITY, Oct 18, (KUNA):** Kuwait's top lawmaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim said on Monday that the local sports scene needs "tangible and practical" action on the ground to take off, subsequently boding well for his compatriot athletes.

"We need to transform plans and suggestions into palpable realities," Al-Ghanim said amid parliament-hosted talks over efforts to propel the Kuwaiti sports sector to greater levels, in which a bevy of athletes were in attendance.

Countries with vibrant sports scenes often rely on "meticulous plans" to keep the sector afloat, added the chief lawmaker, saying that similar procedures would "save" Kuwait's sports sector.

He went on to express confidence in the abilities of athletes and sports officials, whom he said were more than capable of transforming the industry.

Meanwhile, Minister of Information and Culture, and Minister of State for Youth Affairs Abdulrahman Al-Mutairi presided over the first meeting of the higher organizing committee of the 3rd GCC Games at the Youth Public Authority on Sunday evening.

He urged the concerned departments to speed up preparations for the big event that will bring together athletes from all sisterly members of the GCC in Kuwait between January 9 and 19, 2022.

Participants will compete in 15 competitions, he said in statements to



KUNA photo National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanim during his speech at the conference.

KUNA following the meeting.

"The Games will provide an opportunity for bringing the GCC peoples closer to each other," he pointed out.

Minister Al-Mutairi voiced satisfaction with the plan set out by the organizing committee to set the stage for the Games and ensure the success of the event.

He reminded the participants and the fans of the need to adhere to the health precautions endorsed by the Kuwaiti Ministry of Health to protect the public from the risks of coronavirus.

The meeting, attended by chairman of the organizing committee and President of the Kuwaiti Olympic Committee Sheikh Fahad Nasser Al-Sabah, endorsed the final format of the organizing committee and the set-up of the executive of the Games.

## Uchimura, 5 new Oly champs headline 'gymnastics' worlds

**TOKYO, Oct. 18, (AP):** Kohei Uchimura will be aiming for a measure of redemption when the world championships begin in his hometown this week in what could be a competition finale for one of the greatest male gymnasts of all time.

Stung by the disappointment of not qualifying for the horizontal bar final at the Tokyo Olympics, the 32-year-old Uchimura will be aiming to reclaim the world title on horizontal bar he last won in 2015.



Uchimura

The 50th artistic gymnastics world championships started Monday and will continue through Sunday in Kitakyushu, featuring more than 300 gymnasts representing 59 countries. The first medals will be awarded Thursday

in the women's all-around.

Simone Biles and Sunisa Lee of the United States aren't taking part but five newly-minted Olympic gold medalists - Daiki Hashimoto of Japan, Rebeca Andrade of Brazil, South Korea's Shin Jea-hwan and Russians Angelina Melnikova and Vladislava Urazova - will give the event star power.

Uchimura is a six-time world all-around champion and a seven-time Olympic medalist. His fall from the horizontal bar at the Tokyo Games was not how he wanted to end his illustrious career.

Uchimura has been dealing with injuries in recent years and has said in the past that he wouldn't have continued competing if Tokyo hadn't hosted the Olympics.

His main challenger this week will be Hashimoto who, at 19, became the youngest man ever to win the Olympic all-around title at the Tokyo Olympics.

Hashimoto won the gold in the horizontal bar after Uchimura faltered, becoming the new face of the sport in Japan.

## Norrie, Badosa 1st-time winners at Indian Wells

**INDIAN WELLS, Calif., Oct 18, (AP):** A handful of tennis' superstars skipped the coronavirus-delayed BNP Paribas Open. A rash of upsets sent other big names packing, too. Left standing at the end as champions were two players ranked outside the Top 25.

Britain's Cameron Norrie beat Nikoloz Basilashvili 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 on Sunday, giving the tournament its first men's winner ranked outside of the Top 25 since 2010.

Paula Badosa of Spain edged Victoria Azarenka 7-6 (5), 2-6, 7-6 (2), becoming just the third woman to win in her Indian Wells debut.

Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer, Naomi Osaka and Serena Williams were among those skipping the tournament that was delayed 2 1/2 years because of the coronavirus. The two-week event was hit with a rash of upsets, including top seeds Daniil Medvedev and Karolina Pliskova.

### TENNIS

That cleared the way for the up-and-coming Norrie and Badosa to claim the biggest titles of their young careers. They earned \$1.2 million each.

"Obviously, it was pretty miraculous that all the top guys lost," Norrie said. "When I looked at the four semifinalists, hmm, it's a good opportunity here."

Norrie, ranked 26th, had the only two breaks of the final set and won when Basilashvili's backhand sailed long on match point. Basilashvili, ranked 36th, was the first player from the former Soviet republic of Georgia to reach an ATP Masters 1000 final.

Norrie, Ivan Ljubicic in 2019, Alex Corretja in 2000 and Jim Courier in 1991 - all were ranked 26th - won the title while ranked outside the Top 25 since



Cameron Norrie of Britain returns to Nikoloz Basilashvili of Georgia in the singles final at the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament, on Oct. 17, in Indian Wells, Calif. (AP)

the tournament moved to Indian Wells in 1987. Larry Stefanki was ranked 143rd when he won in 1985 at nearby La Quinta.

Badosa joined Bianca Andreescu in 2019 and Serena Williams in 1999 in winning the title in her first appearance. It was Badosa's second title of her career, having won in Belgrade earlier this year.

Norrie handled the big-hitting Basilashvili's power off the baseline by working the angles. He broke the Georgian at love on Basilashvili's forehand error to take the second set.

"He's difficult, not really giving you any rhythm," Norrie said. "I was able to get my foot in the door, able to hang around, cause some trouble in the third set."

Norrie was up a break at 2-0 in the second when he fought off a rare break point on his serve for a 3-0 lead. Basilashvili won his only game with a cross-court forehand winner off Norrie's drop shot to trail 3-1. Norrie won the final three games to take the match in just under two hours.

Basilashvili said he had "health problems" in the third set.

"I was very tight. I will not say what it is, but I did not feel good," he said. "I did not have anything left."

Badosa and Azarenka struggled for over three hours, trading back-to-back service breaks five times. The last time Azarenka broke for a 5-4 lead in the third, and Badosa broke right back for a 5-all tie.

"We were both going for our shots, really pushing each other to the max," Azarenka said.

Badosa missed a backhand that allowed Azarenka to hold at 6-all.

Badosa dominated the tiebreaker, racing to a 6-2 lead. Azarenka dumped a forehand into the net to give Badosa match point.

Badosa cracked a forehand winner, then collapsed at the baseline. She lie face down, crying and shaking, before getting up. Azarenka came around the net and hugged the 23-year-old Spaniard.

Azarenka, the two-time major champion and former top-ranked player, was seeking just her second title since 2016. She last won in 2020 at Cincinnati. The 32-year-old from Belarus came up short in her bid to become the first woman to win Indian Wells three times, having taken the title in 2012 and 2016.

Azarenka's season was interrupted by injuries and she made early exits in the Grand Slam events. Her best result was making the fourth round at the French Open.

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