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Woods wins Masters, ends 11-year major title drought

Molinari collapses with two double bogeys



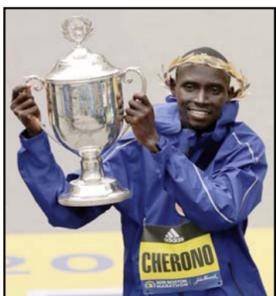
Francesco Molinari, of Italy, hits from the second fairway during the final round for the Masters golf tournament on April 14 in Augusta, Ga. (AP)



Worknesh Degefa, of Ethiopia, breaks the tape to win the women's division of the 123rd Boston Marathon on April 15, in Boston. (AP)



Daniel Romanchuk, of Urbana, Ill., wears the victor's wreath after winning the men's handcycling division of the 123rd Boston Marathon on April 15, in Boston. (AP)



Lawrence Cherono, of Kenya, lifts the trophy after winning the 123rd Boston Marathon on April 15, in Boston. (AP)

AUGUSTA, Ga., April 15, (RTRS): Tiger Woods completed one of sport's greatest comebacks to end an 11-year major title drought at the Masters on Sunday by claiming a fifth Green Jacket.

A gritty two-under 70 clinched a one-shot victory over Dustin Johnson, Brooks Koepka and Xander Schauffele and earned the 43-year-old a 15th major title that many thought would never come and instantly sparked talk of Woods making a run at Jack Nicklaus's record of 18 majors.

Not since the 2008 US Open had Woods hoisted a major trophy and the last of his four Augusta titles came in 2005.

But after a beaming Woods slipped on his fifth Green Jacket, he

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will be aware that Sunday's win has brought him tantalizingly close to another Nicklaus record — that of six Augusta titles.

The victory also marked the first time Woods had reached the winner's circle at major without leading after 54 holes and broke Gary Player's record (13 years) for the longest gap between Masters wins.

It also gave him 81 PGA Tour titles, one away from the career record held by Sam Snead.

Woods's girlfriend Erica Herman, mother Kultida and two children Sam and Charlie watched while a massive gallery roared as he marched up to the 18th green to put the finishing touches on a milestone victory.

When his final tap in bogey putt disappeared into the cup, Woods delivered one of his trademark fist pumps and then raised both arms in the air while screaming in absolute delight as the crowd chanted, "Tiger, Tiger, Tiger".

He then quickly spotted his family and raced over to hug his children before making his way to the scorers room while being congratulated by his fellow golfers who lined the way.

"I was just trying to plod my way along the golf course all day," said Woods. "When I tapped the putt in, I don't know what I did but I know I screamed."

"To have my kids there — it's come full circle. My dad was here in 97 (when he won his first Masters) and now I'm the dad with two kids there."

Along with coping with a number of injuries over the past decade, Woods also had to deal with the damage done from a very public and scandalous divorce and an embarrassing DUI arrest.

Woods's return to the top garnered praise from world leaders and sporting greats alike, with United States president Donald Trump and his predecessor Barack Obama both offering congratulations via social media.

"Congratulations to @TigerWoods," tweeted Trump, who earlier this year played golf with Woods. "A truly Great Champion!" Nicklaus, 23-times tennis grand



Tiger Woods wears his green jacket holding the winning trophy after the final round for the Masters golf tournament on April 14 in Augusta, Ga. (AP)

Kuwait close to co-hosting '22 World Cup with Qatar

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KUWAIT CITY, April 15: Kuwait informed FIFA President Gianni Infantino during his visit to Kuwait Saturday and Sunday on a preliminary agreement to co-host the 2022 world cup finals with Qatar, affirming readiness to provide all necessary facilities in case the final decision favors her.

Sources affirmed that FIFA President visited the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the National Assem-

bling Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim, and Kuwait Football Association President Sheikh Ahmad Al-Yousef, and several relevant government and sports officials during the two-day visit.

He had the impression that Kuwait was actually ready to co-host the biennial event, while the country may officially announce its decision whether or not to hold it soon. The decision will have strong effect on the FIFA congress voting on the proposal to increase the number of participation to 32 to 48 teams, which is expected to happen dur-

ing the May 5 meeting in Paris.

The same sources emphasized that Kuwait is capable of providing necessary facilities in terms of building and upgrading structures, in addition to logistic and technical procedures demanded by FIFA. Co-hosting the event is seen as a golden opportunity to improve and upgrade sporting facilities, as well as elevate standard of Kuwaiti sports and players generally in a way that will put the name of Kuwait in the world map of global sport.

Meanwhile, information gathered in-

dicates that Qatar is proposing an alternative of introducing the possibility of including Turkey in hosting of the tournament in case Kuwait rejects the offer like Oman. It was reported that suggesting Turkey will rescue the situation in favor of Doha. It further revealed that bringing Turkey into the picture is as a result of the boycott against Qatar by Saudi Arabia and UAE on one hand and strong tie between Doha and Ankara that has been involved in building sporting facilities and establishing military base in Qatar.

slam winner Serena Williams, Super Bowl champion Tom Brady also applauded the victory on Twitter while swimmer Michael Phelps, the winner of a record 23 Olympic gold medals, was at Augusta National to cheer Woods on.

Written off as too old and too beaten up from four back surgeries and multiple knee operations, Woods underwent a back fusion procedure in 2017 and slowly returned to form.

He ended last season by winning the Tour Championship and showed signs of a breakthrough at the majors by being a title contender at last year's British Open, where he led in the final round, and PGA Championship, where he finished

runner-up.

All those moments built to Sunday, when Woods was once again his old familiar dominating self.

"I had serious doubts after what transpired a couple years ago," said Woods. "I could barely walk. I couldn't sit. Couldn't lay down. I really couldn't do much of anything. "Luckily I had the procedure on my back, which gave me a chance at having a normal life."

"To have the opportunity to come back like this it is probably one of the biggest wins I've ever had for sure because of it."

All eyes were on overnight leader Francesco Molinari, who led by two shots, Woods and the weather when

play began on Sunday as the race for the Green Jacket turned into a final sprint with the forecast predicting rain and thunderstorms.

In a desperate attempt to get the season's first major across the finish line before the storm hit, officials pushed up start times and sent golfers off in threesomes from both the first and 10th tees.

Paired together in the final round of last year's British Open, won by the Italian at Camoustie, Molinari and Woods found themselves in the last group again battling for a major title.

At Carnoustie it was Woods who stumbled on the back nine while leading. But on Sunday it was Molinari who slipped up, with the

36-year-old from Turin finding the water at the 12th and 15th. The two double bogeys ended his Green Jacket bid.

Molinari was far from the only contender to meet their demise at the 12th. Augusta National's signature hole at the heart of Amen Corner had the leaderboard spinning with Koepka, Tony Finau and Ian Poulter all ending up in the murky waters of Rae's Creek.

"Sometimes it is your day, sometimes it isn't, but I'm really happy of the way I felt out there today," said Molinari.

"I've done a couple of things that I wish I had done differently now but I'll learn from my mistakes."

Degefa claims first major victory

Kenya's Cherono wins men's Boston Marathon in sprint to tape

BOSTON, April 15, (AP): The two-time Boston Marathon champion turned onto Boylston Street with a sliver of a lead, leaning in front of two others with the finish line in sight.

But one of them was Lawrence Cherono, the fastest man in the field. And he used every bit of his speed.

Cherono outkicked Lelisa Desisa in a sprint to the tape, passing him just steps away from the finish line to win the 123rd Boston Marathon in 2 hours, 7 minutes 57 seconds on Monday, claiming his first major

victory.

Desisa, the Ethiopian who won the 2013 race that was marred by the finish line bombing and claimed a second victory in '15, eased up after realizing he was beaten and finished 2 seconds back. Kenneth Kipkemoi was third, another 8 seconds behind, one of seven Kenyans in the top 10.

Worknesh Degefa broke away from defending champion Des Linden and the rest of the women's pack in the Framingham flats and ran alone for the last 20 miles to her first victory in a major marathon.

The 28-year-old Ethiopian finished in 2:23:31 to become the eighth Ethiopian woman to win the race and the third in seven years.

Kenya's Edna Kiplagat was second, reducing a gap of more than

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two minutes to 42 seconds at the finish. American Jordan Hasay was third and Linden was fifth.

One year after an icy rain and a near-gale headwind resulted in the slowest winning times in four decades, race organizers again pre-

pared for the foul New England weather. But overnight thunderstorms moved on before the runners left Hopkinton; the sun even made an appearance about halfway through.

Linden took advantage of last year's storm to splash her way to the first win for an American woman since 1985.

But with conditions back to normal, so were the results: East Africans from Kenya and Ethiopia dominating the podiums.

A field of 30,000 runners followed the elites, ditching their trash

bags and ponchos on the Hopkinton Green before embarking on the 26.2-mile trek from Hopkinton to Copley Square. It's the first time the race has been run on April 15 since the 2013 attacks; officials planned a ceremony at 2:49 pm to honor those killed or maimed by the two pressure cooker bombs that exploded near the finish line.

Daniel Romanchuk, 20, became the youngest-ever men's wheelchair champion in Boston. He finished in 1:21:36 for the fastest time ever for an American.

Manuela Schar won the wom-

en's wheelchair race for the second time, adding it to her titles in Berlin, Chicago, New York and Tokyo. If she wins in London in two weeks, she will have swept the World Marathon Major series.

"I was just really happy that the weather turned out to be actually really nice," said Schar, who set a course record in 2017. "When we drove to that starting line, it looked really really bad and I was worried because last year was still in our heads, and I had a really bad experience last year. Today I would say (was) unfinished business."