



Joshua (file pic)

Anthony Joshua must refocus on Takam

London
Anthony Joshua should heed the warning signs after Carlos Takam was handed a late opportunity to snatch his heavyweight world titles. The WBA 'super' and IBF champion has endured a turbulent training camp leading up to his next title defence, with Kubrat Pulev pulling out through injury less than a fortnight before the first bell was set to ring at the Principality Stadium in Cardiff on October 28. Joshua had been thinking of a lucrative rematch with Wladimir Klitschko in Las Vegas when he first returned to the gym a few months ago, but the Ukrainian

opted for retirement instead of a repeat of their punishing encounter and Pulev was next in line for a shot at the titles. At their first press conference, a translator had suggested that Pulev found the fight 'terrifying', a misunderstanding perhaps, but the Bulgarian's body failed him, even if his mind was sound and in stepped Takam last night. The France-based Cameroonian cuts a formidable figure, with a muscle-bound physique and steely glare, leaving opponents in no doubt that they must ready themselves for a demanding fight. Current WBO champion Joseph Parker can supply a character reference of Takam's toughness after they shared 12 brutal rounds before the relieved New Zealander emerged with a points victory. "What a great fighter Carlos Takam is," said Parker after his chin and stamina had been tested. "We said this was going to be a hard fight. I had to have my A-game. "That was a tough, exciting fight." Joshua has broken the resistance of all 19 of his previous opponents, although he could require a scalpel rather than a sledgehammer to gradually prise open Takam's tight guard. (foxsportsasia)

Salmeen, Ali Al Kowari win Friday competition



DT News Network Manama
Mohammed Salmeen and Ali Al Kowari win the Awali Golf Club's Friday competition with a score of 40 points. Runners-Up were Ali Danesh and Mahmood

Falamarzi with 39. Third place went to Rob Thompson and Jonathan Jane with 39, fourth place went to Hamad Al Qutami and Mohammed Faraj with 38, and fifth place to Onny and Joan Martin with 38. This competition was the BMMI Johnnie Walker Foursomes stableford format, first held in the 1967/68 season. This year's event was played in warm and windy conditions. The sponsor provided a generous prize table and product tastings.

Tiger Woods gets doctor's clearance

London
Tiger Woods has been given the green light by his doctor to step up his rehabilitation from back surgery with no restrictions, according to his agent. The 14-time major champion has been out of action since withdrawing from the Dubai Desert Classic at the start of February and in April underwent a fourth back operation in three years. Woods admitted last month it was possible he may never play competitive golf again, but on Sunday he tweeted a nine-second clip in which he hits a drive, captioned "Making Progress". And, according to ESPN, his agent Mark Steinberg has said the 41-year-old American has been cleared to resume full golf activity. (skysports)



Tiger Woods (file pic)

Europa League 2017-18

MATCHDAY 3: OCT 19

A	Astana KAZ Maccabi Tel-Aviv ISR	Villarreal ESP Slavia Prague CZE
B	Dynamo Kyiv UKR Young Boys SUI	Skenderbeu ALB Partizan SRB
C	Sporting Braga POR Ludogorets BUL	Hoffenheim GER Basaksehir TUR
D	AC Milan ITA AEK Athens GRE	Austria Vienna AUT Rijeka CRO
E	Atalanta ITA Apollon Limassol CYP	Everton ENG Olympique Lyon FRA
F	Fastav Zlin CZE FC Copenhagen DEN	Sheriff Tiraspol MDA Lokomotiv RUS
G	Hap. Beer-Sheva ISR Steaua Bucharest ROM	Lugano SUI Viktoria Plzen CZE
H	Red Star Belgrade SRB Arsenal ENG	BATE Borisov BLR Koln GER
I	Marseille FRA Viktoria POR	Konyaspor TUR Red Bull Salzburg AUT
J	Zorya Luhansk UKR Hertha Berlin GER	Ostersunds SWE Athletic Bilbao ESP
K	Nice FRA Lazio ITA	Zulte Waregem BEL Vitesse NED
L	Zenit RUS Rosenborg NOR	Vardar MKD Real Sociedad ESP

FUTURE MATCHDAYS

4. Nov 2 5. Nov 23 6. Dec 7

EYE FOR GOAL: Top two teams in Group K clash as Lazio, unbeaten in six European away games, travel to competition's joint-top goalscorers, Nice

Nice	Total attempts: 34	Goals: 8
AC Milan	34	8
Zenit St. Petersburg	33	8
Arsenal	30	7
Dynamo Kyiv	36	6
Lazio	29	5

Ciro Immobile
Lazio striker currently top scorer in Italian Serie A – scoring twice in recent match against Juventus to end Turin team's unbeaten start to season

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