

## Pakistan bans Latif for five years

Lahore

**P**akistan cricket's anti-corruption tribunal Wednesday banned opener Khalid Latif for five years and fined him one million rupees (\$9,489) over a spot-fixing case, the second casualty after teammate Sharjeel Khan was banned late last month.

"Latif is banned for five years and fined one million rupees after the proceedings of the case," the three-member tribunal announced.

The 31-year-old has played five one-day internationals and 13 T20Is, the last of which was against the West Indies in Abu Dhabi in September 2016.

## Karim Benzema extends Madrid contract



Madrid

**K**arim Benzema became the latest Real Madrid star to sign a new bumper four-year contract with the European champions to 2021, the club announced yesterday.

"Real Madrid and Benzema have agreed to extend the contract of the player, who will remain tied to the club until June 30, 2021," Madrid said in a statement.

Vice-captain Marcelo, Isco and Dani Carvajal all extended to 2022 over the past week as Real reward key members of the squad that became the first side to retain the Champions League trophy in June. (AFP)

## Hogenkamp sails to Korea Open quarterfinals

Seoul

**R**ichel Hogenkamp beat big-hitting Czech Denisa Allertova 6-4, 6-4 Wednesday to reach the Korea Open quarterfinals, as she fights to return to the top 100.

It is the first time the Dutch 25-year-old has reached a quarterfinal on hardcourts and afterwards said she had been focused on keeping her opponent guessing. (AFP)

# Juwana crashes out of taekwondo battle

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Manama

**B**ahrain suffered another heartbreaking exit yesterday at the Fifth Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, when Juwana Mohammed bowed out in the Round of 16 of the women's 62kg and under category on the second day of taekwondo events at the Taekwondo DanceSport Arena.

The 17-year old Bahraini lost out 27-10 to Vietnam's Thi Nguyen Ha and out of the battle for medals.

In the first round, the Vietnamese held a 9-5 points lead, then extended it to 19-9 following a (10-4) second round and finished off in style winning 8-1 in the third round.

It was an emotional outcome for Juwana, whose elder sister Jumana lost out in the quarter finals of the women's under-73kg category on Tuesday, going down to her Philippine opponent Kirstl Alora 17-10 in the quarter-finals.

Bahrain stays on two medals, thanks to Ali Monfaradi and Ahmed Shebeeb, who took the men's under-77kg gold and bronze medals, respectively on Monday.

Action continues today



Shaikh Faisal with the Bahrain Jiu Jitsu team members at a ceremony to honour the team winning gold and bronze medals

on the penultimate day of taekwondo competition, when Walaa Al Doseri, Bahrain's last hope in this discipline heads into her opening women's under-57-kg bout with Chimi Dolma of Bhutan at 7.30am (Bahrain time).

The trio Bahrainis are being coached by Tawfeeq Nuwaiser of Jordan, who earlier described the event is a golden opportunity for his young athletes to acquire more experience, improve their skills and boost their rating globally.

After the completion of taekwondo today, Bahrain's last chance of medal success rests with Adam Batirov in the 70kg freestyle category, when the former Asian champion coached by Mahmood Magomedov is in action on Monday. In total, Bahrain has sent nine athletes in three sports disciplines – Jiu Jitsu, Taekwondo and Wrestling for the 12-day games, being organised for the first time in a Central Asian country and featuring more than 6,000 athletes from 65 nations from

Asia, Oceania and a Refugee team

Meanwhile, Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation president and Bahrain chef de mission Shaikh Faisal bin Rashid Al Khalifa visited Olympic Council of Asia president Shaikh Ahmed Al Fahad Al Sabah, who is also present in Ashgabat.

Both sides had discussions on the games progress and the tremendous success Turkmenistan achieved so far as the first central Asian nation to

host this event.

Elsewhere, Bahrain Olympic Committee general secretary Abdulrahman Askar headed his nation's side at the Olympic Council of Asia meetings held in Turkmenistan's capital on the sidelines of the games.

Shaikh Ahmed chaired the meeting, in which he commended the efforts of Ashgabat in bringing this continental gathering on its home soil as well as the opening ceremony programme, which he described as 'outstanding.'

# Dumoulin bags time-trial world title

Bergen, Norway

**D**utchman Tom Dumoulin took a stunning victory in the men's time-trial at the world championships in Bergen yesterday.

Slovenia's Primoz Roglic finished second almost a minute back with Tour de France and Vuelta a Espana winner Chris Froome of Britain third.

Four-time world champion Tony Martin could finish only ninth as the punishing final 3.4km climb to the finish of the 31km course penalised the powerful German.

Having finished third behind Bradley Wiggins and Martin in 2014 and second to Fabian Cancellara at last year's Rio Olympics, this was a first major global time-trial title for Dumoulin, whose Sunweb outfit claimed team time-trial gold on Sunday.

"I can't believe it, wow! It's

really amazing, it's such a good day," said Dumoulin.

"I thought the power meter was off because it was so high! I felt really, really good. It started

raining and I had to take the corners really slowly, especially in the climb.

"The back wheel was slipping because I had a TT (time-trial)

bike because I thought it would be dry."

The 26-year-old is enjoying the best year of his career having also won May's Giro

d'Italia, his first Grand Tour success.

The finishing climb to the course in Bergen meant the race favoured good climbers and Dumoulin was expected to face stiff competition from Froome and Rohan Dennis of Australia.

Dennis was second behind Dumoulin at the second and third time-checks but a crash on the slippery, wet course cost him a significant amount of time and he had dropped to 21st by the fourth check.

He recovered to finish eighth but some 1min 37.39sec behind Dumoulin.

Froome, who 10 days ago completed a Tour-Vuelta double, seemed a little off the pace at the beginning. Whereas the roads had been dry half an hour earlier, he was amongst the final group that had to contend with rain. (AFP)



Netherlands' Tom Dumoulin competes during the men elite individual time trial at the UCI Cycling Road World Championships