

## Hindley wins Stelvio stage, Kelderman takes Giro lead



Team Sunweb rider Netherlands' Wilco Kelderman rides uphill at Passo dello Stelvio (Stelvio Pass) during the 18th stage of the Giro d'Italia

AFP | Milan

Team Sunweb's Australian Jai Hindley won yesterday's gruelling Giro d'Italia 18th stage on the Stelvio climb in the northern Italian Alps ahead of Britain's Tao Geoghegan Hart.

Hindley's Dutch teammate Wilco Kelderman struggled on the final two climbs but took the overall leader's pink jersey three days before the race finishes in Milan.

Kelderman took the lead from Portugal's Joao Almeida of Deceuninck Quick-Step who had been in pink for more than two weeks since stage three in Sicily.

Three riders are battling at the top of the overall standings with Hindley 12 seconds behind his teammate and Geoghegan Hart third 15sec off the pace.

Almeida drops to fifth place after finishing the stage in 48th position.

Hindley and Geoghegan

3

riders are battling at the top of the overall standings with Jai Hindley 12 seconds behind teammate Wilco Kelderman and Geoghegan Hart third 15sec off the pace

Hart outpaced Kelderman with 8km to go towards the summit of the snow-capped Stelvio at an altitude of 2,758m.

Kelderman was overtaken by Spaniard Pello Bilbao and Dane Jakob Fuglsang on the final 8.7km climb with a gradient of 6.8 percent to the Cancano Lakes.

It was a first WorldTour success for Hindley, 24, who had already impressed last Sunday at Piancavallo in the Dolomites.

Friday's 19th stage returns to the plains with a 253km run from Morbegno to Asti in Piedmont.

# BRAVE CF 44 will feature 10 nations in action

BRAVE CF announces full fight card for the event to be held in Bahrain on Nov 5

● BRAVE CF 44 will be headlined by a Lightweight world title fight between Cleiton "Predator" and Amin Ayoub

TDT | Manama

BRAVE Combat Federation will return to Bahrain for two special fight nights following the conclusion of Kombat Kingdom.

The first card, BRAVE CF 44, will take place on November 5th, and will be headlined by a Lightweight world title fight, as champion Cleiton "Preda-



tor" defends his throne for the first time against top contender Amin Ayoub.

In the co-main event, former Welterweight world champion Abdoul Abdouraguimov will look to continue his road towards a trilogy fight with reigning titleholder Jarrah Al-Silawi. "The Lazy King" will lock horns with another submission artist in Louis Glismann, who is coming off a huge victory over Henri Lintula in the main event of last August's BRAVE CF 37.

Also set for BRAVE CF 44 is a pivotal Lightweight match-up as 2019 Breakout Fighter of the Year John Brewin takes on veteran Rolando Dy in a true

clash of generations. At Middleweight, Mzwandile Hlongwa, who beat Jeremy Smith in a Fight of the Year contest back in December of last year, returns to meet Dom Schober, from Austria.

In total, 10 nations will be represented in the BRAVE

CF 44 fight card, as the fastest-growing MMA organization in the world once again proves its global aspect. Fighter from Brazil, France, Denmark, New Zealand, Philippines, Austria, South Africa, Russia, Pakistan, Luxembourg, Bahrain will all be in action on November 5th.

BRAVE CF 44 Fight Card
Lightweight championship - Cleiton "Predator" vs Amin Ayoub
Welterweight - Abdoul Abdouraguimov vs Louis Glismann
Lightweight - John Brewin vs Rolando Dy
Middleweight - Dom Schober vs Mzwandile Hlongwa
Bantamweight - Gerson Pereira vs Bair Shtepin
Lightweight - Abbas Khan vs Yann Liasse

## Ronaldo still positive for coronavirus

AFP | Milan

Cristiano Ronaldo has again tested positive for coronavirus as Juventus prepare for next week's Champions League clash against Barcelona, according to reports in Italy yesterday.

Ronaldo is currently isolating at his home in Turin after testing positive for Covid-19 on October 13 while with the Portuguese national team for Nations League matches.

The 35-year-old again received a positive result after a test carried out on Wednesday, Sky Sport Italia and Gazzetta Dello Sport reported.

The Portuguese forward could still be available for Sunday's Serie A game against Hellas Verona, and the clash against great rival Lionel Messi's Barcelona on October 28.

Under UEFA rules the five-time Ballon d'Or winner needs to test negative 24 hours before the Barcelona game in Turin to be included in the squad.

Ronaldo, who has no symptoms of the virus, has continued training at home posting a video on social media of himself training in his high-tech gym, sporting a new shaved head look.

"Success in life is not measured by what you achieve, but by the obstacles you overcome,"



Juventus' Cristiano Ronaldo shoots the ball during a match (file photo)

YOU KNOW WHAT

Under UEFA rules Cristiano Ronaldo needs to test negative 24 hours before the Barcelona game in Turin to be included in the squad

Ronaldo wrote, as he gave the thumbs up.

On yesterday, the unsmiling player posted another photo of himself on social media, sitting at a table before eating, with the caption: "Thursday style!"

The entire Juventus team are in isolation after US midfielder's Weston McKennie's positive test on October 14.

Despite Ronaldo's absence Juventus won their Champions League opener 2-0 at Dynamo Kiev with Spaniard Alvaro Morata scoring both goals.

Juventus are second in Group G behind Barcelona who beat Hungarian minnows Ferencvaros 5-1.

## Archer claims Warner for sixth time, but Hyderabad win IPL clash

AFP | Dubai

England's Jofra Archer claimed David Warner's wicket for the sixth time this year yesterday but the Australian still came out on top when his Sunrisers Hyderabad beat Rajasthan Royals in the Indian Premier League.

Warner, who lost his wicket four times to Archer in Australia's summer tour of England and again in the IPL two weeks ago, lasted just four balls this time against the fiery fast bowler.

He managed to hit one four in the opening over before being brilliantly caught by England all-rounder Ben Stokes in the slips off Archer.

Warner walked off cursing. "I was frustrated. You try hard to get through the first over, but with someone bowling at 150kph, you can't do that much," Warner said smiling after the game.

"You try to hit the ball with the middle of the bat or you send it to third man. In my case I got caught," he added, acknowledging that Archer is "world class".

Archer quickly claimed Jonny Bairstow too and Hyderabad seemed in trouble at 16-2 in



David Warner plays a shot

”

I was frustrated. You try hard to get through the first over, but with someone bowling at 150kph, you can't do that much. You try to hit the ball with the middle of the bat or you send it to third man. In my case I got caught

DAVID WARNER

the third over as they chased Rajasthan's 154-6.

But Manish Pandey (83)

and Vijay Shankar (52) put on an unbeaten 140 for the third wicket to seal an overwhelming eight-wicket win.

Victory put Hyderabad into fifth -- two points behind Kolkata Knight Riders -- and still with a hope of one of the four playoff places with four games to play.

Rajasthan dropped to seventh with a mathematical chance but Warner's Australian teammate Steve Smith has only three games to go and knows he needs a miracle turnaround now to progress. Smith won the toss and chose to bat but Rajasthan again failed to fire.