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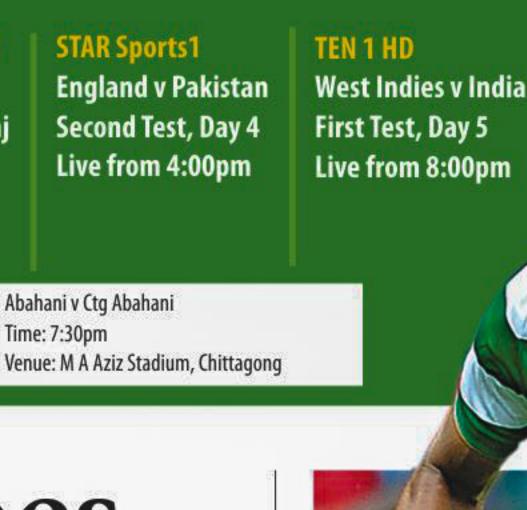
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Russia escapes blanket ban



The International Olympic Committee on Sunday ordered individual sports federations to decide whether Russian competitors should take part in the Rio Games after failing to agree on a com-

plete ban over Russia's state-run doping. The IOC executive decided that any Russian athlete wanting to go to Rio, where the Games start on August 5, will have to prove that he or she was not involved in the doping which an independent investigator said was organised by the sports ministry and Russian secret service.

"We have set the bar to the limit," IOC president Thomas Bach said after the meeting in defending the action against the worst doping scandal in the Olympic movement's history.

The IOC had faced widespread pressure for tough action against Russia, which denied any state role in the doping. But many IOC members were said to be reluctant to ban a country completely for the first time over doping.

"Under these exceptional circumstances, Russian athletes in any of the 28 Olympic summer sports have to assume the consequences of what amounts to a collective responsibility in order to protect the credibility of the Olympic competitions," said the IOC.

It insisted that "the 'presumption of innocence' cannot be applied to them."

But the Olympic leaders said "each affected athlete must be given the opportunity to rebut the applicability of collective responsibility in his or her individual case." Russia hailed the "objective" decision by

the IOC not to ban its entire team. "It was objective and taken in the interests of world sport and the unity of the Olympic family. We are grateful to the IOC for such a decision," sports minister Vitaly

Mutko told R-Sport news agency. He added later in televised comments that he was convinced that the "majority" of the Russian team would meet criteria to compete.

The IOC said Russian athletes will have to satisfy the 28 federations who run the summer Olympic sports that they are clean. The conditions include:

That "the absence of a positive national anti-doping test cannot be considered sufficient" by the federations.

Federations will have to carry out an individual analysis of each athlete's anti-doping record "taking into account only reliable adequate international tests, and the specificities of the athlete's sport and its rules".

No competitor or national federation named in the report issued last week by Canadian lawyer Richard McLaren for the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) can be

IOC DECISION

The IOC will not accept any entry of any Russian athlete in the Olympic Games Rio 2016 unless such athlete can meet the conditions set out below.

Entry will be accepted by the IOC only if an athlete is able to provide evidence to the full satisfaction of his or her International Federation (IF) in relation to the following criteria:

The ROC is not allowed to enter any athlete for the Olympic Games Rio 2016 who has ever been sanctioned for doping, even if he or she has served the sanction.

The IOC will accept an entry by the ROC only if the athlete's IF is satisfied that the evidence provided meets conditions 2 and 3 above and if it is upheld by an expert from the CAS list of arbitrators appointed by an ICAS Member, independent from any sports organisation involved in the Olympic Games Rio 2016.

The entry of any Russian athlete ultimately accepted by the IOC will be subject to a rigorous additional out-of-competition testing programme in coordination with the relevant IF and WADA. Any non-availability for this programme will lead to the immediate withdrawal of the accreditation by the IOC.

considered. About 20 different summer Olympic sports were accused in the report.

The report said Russia's sports ministry directed a vast doping programme with support from state intelligence agency that saw thousands of tainted urine samples destroyed or swapped for clean ones.

The cheating went on during the 2014 Sochi Games and other events, including the 2013 world athletics championship in Moscow.



#BlondeBoy: With a new season set to begin imminently, Lionel Messi has adopted a fresh new look to go with it. As debuted on Instagram by his partner Antonella Roccuzzo, Messi has decided to go with a silver-blonde hairstyle. PHOTO: COLLECTED

'Pogba not worth £86m'

REUTERS, London



Former Manchester United player Paul Scholes has questioned whether the club should pay a world-record fee for Juventus midfielder Paul

Pogba, saying the 23-year-old is not in the same bracket as the likes of Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi.

negotiatiions with Juventus over the transfer of Pogba, who is a top target for new manager Jose Mourinho, according to media reports in Britain.

Scholes was Pogba's team mate for a few years when the latter was a teenager at United and feels despite his obvious talent, the France international has a long way to go before he can stake his claim as one of the world's top players and command a record fee.

clean athletes, fair play and "He was a very talented young player, the integrity and authenticity played with him and I knew how good he was, of sport, the rules of the Scholes, who is playing in a fustal tournament Olympic Charter related to in India, told the Times of India daily. the organisation of the

"I just don't think he is worth 86 million pounds. For that sort of money, you want someone who is going to score 50 goals a season like Ronaldo or Messi. Pogba is nowhere there yet."

Scholes also praised Manchester City's United have been in constant capture of Borussia Dortmund midfielder Ilkay Guendogan for a fee worth around 20 million pounds, according to British media reports, saying that the deal was much better and not only because of the price.

> "I think Guendogan is a really impressive player," Scholes said. "I've seen a lot of him at Borussia Dortmund."

"If he can stay fit, I think he can be a fantastic player. I also think he is great value for the money Manchester City paid for him. I think he is a bargain."



Juve breaking bank for Higuain

Napoli fans burn jerseys; Maradona 'sad'

AGENCIES, Milan



Juventus are set to smash Italy's transfer record by snatching striker Gonzalo Higuain from Napoli

after triggering his release clause of 94.7 million euros (\$104 million), Italian media said on Sunday. All that remains is the Argentine

poacher's signature, which is regarded as a formality, local press said.

"It's all true. Gonzalo Higuain will live in Turin," declared the Turin daily La Stampa, considered the voice of the Agnelli family -- which runs Juventus. He will be "the lethal weapon" that

the Italian champions have been crying out for, it added, calling the move the "coup of the summer". Higuain, 28, who has been linked with a number of top clubs around Europe, is expected to sign for four

years with a salary of 7.5 million euros

The transfer -- the most expensive in the history of Italian football -- is a warning of intent from Juve, who could recoup more than that with the possible sale to Manchester United of midfielder Paul Pogba.

That transfer saga is reported to be

ongoing. Despite helping Napoli to second

Whistleblower

barred from

Rio 2016

AGENCIES, Lausanne

Yuliya Stepanova, the

Russian 800-metre runner

atic doping fraud and cor-

ruption in Russian athletics,

will not compete in the Rio

Olympics next month, the

In a statement, the IOC

said: "While it is true that

Mrs Stepanova's testimony

and public statements have

made a contribution to the

protection and promotion of

Olympic Games run counter

to which she was subject and

practices which she had used

the circumstances in which

she denounced the doping

herself, do not satisfy the

ethical requirements for an

athlete to enter the Games.

would like to express its

the fight against doping

sport," the IOC EB said.

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"However, the IOC EB

Stepanova's contribution to

"Furthermore, the sanction

to the recognition of the

status of neutral athlete.

IOC said Sunday.

who lifted the lid on system-

place behind Juve last season, Higuain is reportedly keen to move to Turin because of the club's raised profile among Europe's elite after several years on the sidelines. He joined Napoli for 40 million

euros from Real Madrid in 2013 and

has gone on to become one of the

most exciting, and most consistent strikers in Italy's top flight. He hit a stunning 36 goals last season to break Gunnar Nordahl's 66year-old record of 35 goals for AC

Milan in a 20-team season, which he achieved in 1950. At Juventus, Higuain would join up with fellow Argentina international striker Paulo Dybala, who finished

Serie A's second-highest scorer last season on 19. Napoli fans are going to take a long time to forgive Gonzalo Higuaín for his imminent move as the San Paolo faithful cannot quite come to terms with the fact that the player they

anointed as Maradona's heir, and with who they celebrated a Serie A record haul of 36 goals just two months ago, has chosen to move to Napoli's most detested rival. "Higuaín villain" has become the

slogan of protest among the fans, who have taken to the streets in anger. In the city centre Napoli supporters have congregated to put up banners and

leave shirts, scarves and photos -- all sliced in half.

"Two months ago he was singing with us under the stands at San Paolo and now he does this to us..." one fan said. "He could have gone to any foreign side, like Cavani and Lavezzi did. Why Juve? Maradona would never have done this to us."

One of the banners raised in anger against Higuaín read: "core 'ngrato" -ungrateful heart, the nickname given to Brazilian José Altafini in 1975 when he left Napoli for Juventus. In the same season he scored an 88thminute winner against Napoli that denied them the title.

Maradona, who helped Napoli win their only two Serie A titles when he played for the club from 1984 to 1991, said the speculation was "hurting"

"Nobody thinks about the supporters," he said on Facebook.

"It hurts me that Higuain is going to one of Napoli's direct rivals, like Juventus. But you can't blame the player. The player has his responsibility but it's the ones who do the business who are happy."

On Wednesday, Napoli president Aurelio Di Laurentiis had played down suggestions Higuain would go to Juventus and said the Argentine would "betray himself" if he left.

friendly AFP, Glasgow

Foxes defeat

Celtic in

English Premier League champions Leicester City secured a penalty shoot-out victory over Celtic after a 1-1 draw in an International Champions Cup friendly in Glasgow on Saturday.

Last season's PFA Player of the Year Riyad Mahrez grabbed the opener for Claudio Ranieri's Leicester in the opening minute of the second half with a wonderful individual goal.

With a Champions League third-round qualifying first leg at Astana in Kazakhstan on Wednesday, Celtic manager Brendan Rodgers rang the changes at half-time, but 20year-old Irish defender Eoghan O'Connell equalised just before the hour mark.

After both sides were successful with their initial five kicks, Kasper Schmeichel saved from James Forrest and Daniel Amartey sealed a 6-5 win for Leicester.

The Foxes now head to the United States for a game against Paris Saint-Germain in California on July 31, before taking on Barcelona in Sweden on August 3.

Hamilton wins in Hungary

AFP, Budapest

Defending champion Lewis Hamilton produced a trademark triumph of pace and panache to win Sunday's Hungarian Grand Prix ahead of his Mercedes teammate Nico Rosberg and replace him as leader of this

year's world title race. Hamilton outpaced Rosberg at the start and then controlled the 70 laps with a mixture of speed and flawless judgement in sweltering heat at the Hungaroring circuit.

His victory completed a hattrick of successes in consecutive races and was his outright record fifth in Hungary, his fifth of the season and the 48th of his

Rosberg, who started from pole position, came home second ahead of Daniel Ricciardo of Red Bull, Sebastian Vettel of Ferrari and Dutch Max Verstappen in the second Red Bull.

Kimi Raikkonen was sixth in the second Ferrari ahead of Fernando Alonso of McLaren and Carlos Sainz of Toro Rosso.

Hamilton's win increased his points total to 192, six more than Rosberg as Ricciardo moved up to third.

Froome completes treble



Britain's Chris Froome won his third Tour de France on Sunday to confirm his status as one of the all-time greats on the world's most gruel-

ling race.

Froome finished with a 4min 05sec advantage over Frenchman Romain Bardet with Nairo Quintana, the runner-up in 2013 and 2015, third.

"It's an absolutely amazing feeling. It feels like a privilege to be in this position," said Froome, who praised his Sky team-

mates for their support after a day which saw German Andre Greipel win the final stage on Paris' Champs Elysees.

"I've always had my team-mates around me. This race was even tougher (than his previous victories). We haven't won the team competition but by far we've had the strongest team here-I'm incredibly grateful for that."

Froome won two stages during the race, taking his personal haul to seven in what was his most dominant performance yet.

Having finished just over a minute ahead of Quintana last year, 31-year-old Froome was expected to face his toughest challenge yet as the course was meant to favour the 26-year-old Colombian.



Chris Froome holds up a glass before embarking on the ride in the final stage of the Tour de France in Paris yesterday with a victory in sight. PHOTO: AFP