

Chelsea maintains European domination of Club World Cup

Kia Horvath scored a penalty deep into extra time as Chelsea

defeated Bayern's Borussia 2-1 in the football Club World Cup final



in 2013, and became the first English side to win the global tournament after Manchester United and Liverpool. Chelsea averaged their 12th consecutive win in the 2021 final, but will have little time to celebrate with a critical crowd on the horizon once they return to London.

The free-life in the Champions League last 15 either side of the Europa Cup final against Liverpool and Chelsea, which meant playing in two different continents in 12 days.

Chelsea coach Thomas Tuchel was back in the dugout having been sent to Abu Dhabi on Friday after missing the past two games following a positive test for COVID-19.

Edouard Mendy returned in a goal in the wake of Sergei Andriyevich's Cup of Nations victory, at the expense of Kepa Arrizabalaga, whose much-improved form also likely to attract interest from other clubs in the European transfer market.

Beijing 2022: Skater Valieva tested positive for banned substance

Russian figure skater Kamilla Valieva failed a drug test for a banned substance before the Beijing Olympics, the International Testing Agency (ITA) has announced.

Valieva, 15, is a prodigy in the sport, having won the junior world title in 2019 and the world title in 2021. She is currently ranked second in the world in the women's solo event, and Olympic bronze medalist in the women's solo event.

The ITA said on Friday that Valieva submitted a sample during the Russian Championships on December 22, but the positive test was not confirmed by an internationally accredited laboratory until February 3.

The finding prompted the Russian Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA) to impose an automatic provisional suspension on Valieva for the remainder of the competition, starting on the following day, and RUSADA has filed the report with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to ensure the skater is eligible to compete at the Beijing Games.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) which said it wanted the matter to be resolved as quickly as possible, will appeal against RUSADA's decision with a view to ensuring the women's solo event on Tuesday.

"The IOC will exercise its right to appeal and not to wait for the reasoned decision by RUSADA, because a decision is needed before the next competition the women's solo event on Tuesday, 15 February 2022," ITA said.

The appeal will be handled by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

The announcement explains the delay to the media ceremony for the figure skating team event on Wednesday, which Valieva had the Russian to go.

At the time, the IOC said the ceremony had not taken place for legal reasons, but Russian media have reported the skater failed a drug test. Valieva, who became the first woman in history to produce a quadruple jump and Olympic medalist, has continued to practice at the rink next to the Capital Indoor Stadium, *aljazeera*

Canada's Grondin and O'Dine win bronze medal in mixed snowboard cross

ZHANGJIANJIAO, China

Canada's Grondin and O'Dine have won the bronze medal in mixed snowboard cross at the Beijing Olympics.

The Canadian team of Grondin and O'Dine, who finished second in the women's event, were eliminated in the quarterfinals.

Grondin, of Sainte-Marie, Que., had won silver in the men's event, and O'Dine, of Prince George, B.C., was the bronze medalist in the women's event.

Mixed snowboard cross made its Olympic debut after being introduced at the Winter X-Games in 2009.



The two-part race had the men go first and once they crossed the finish line the women were released from the starting gate at the competing staggered times.

Olympics-Figure skating-Could be time for a Russian "timeout" over doping, says IOC's Pound

BEIJING: Russia may need an Olympic "timeout" as doping investigations into figure skating prodigy Kamilla Valieva reveal positive for a banned substance at the Beijing Winter Games, senior International Olympic Committee (IOC) member Dick Pound said.

Russian athletes at the Beijing Games are already not competing under their flag while carrying the Russian Olympic Committee (ROC) on their uniforms, and their names are not being played at any ceremonies, following sanctions imposed for the widespread doping across many sports exposed after the Sochi Games.

The 15-year-old Valieva became an early darling of the Beijing Games when she became the first woman to land a quadruple jump at a domestic event and topped the ROC with a strong gold.

However, the International Testing Agency (ITA) said she tested positive for banned heart drug Torsemamide in a urine sample collected by Russian authorities on Dec. 22.

"I think the approach probably has been too lenient to allow them to compete in the Russian Olympic Committee," Valieva's friend Greg Dore has reworked global agent over Moscow's doping history and outrage over how a minor case to have a postponed date in her system.

"There are all kinds of things going on and I'm sure the Russians have leveraged up and are trying anything and everything to control the damage," said Pound. "But how could you have possibly exposed to that risk."

"This is not like a tainted supplement that is a standard Olympic use of a fairly potent drug."

Pound said efforts to work with Russia and expose those with shortcomings in its implementation of anti-doping rules, but denies creating a state-sponsored doping programme.

"The Russians don't help themselves because they have been absolutely unprepared," said Pound. "They won't admit anything, they appeal every single decision."

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McLaren launch Formula 1 2022 car with 'aggressive' new look and hopes of acing rules reset



McLaren have launched their new 2022 Formula 1 car, revealing a bold and "aggressive" updated livery as the team gears up for a fast start to the sport's new era.

Having returned to race-winning form for the first time since 2012 last year, a revitalised McLaren hope to challenge for the drivers' title with Daniel Ricciardo the chance to consistently fight towards the front.

Taking the wraps off at their unveiling in Abu Dhabi, McLaren say the new car is a "bold and aggressive" update to their long-term goal of acknowledging their current competitive disadvantage compared to the top teams.

The MCL35 look has taken inspiration from McLaren's retro Grand Prix liveries from the 1970s, combining "flamboyant" with a "lighter blue". It was described as "aggressive" by team principal Zak Brown.

"The livery changes we did last year, both in Bahrain and in Abu Dhabi, we got a lot of great feedback and they like to see a lot of energy."

"I think it's got speed and elegance to it that we thought would give our fans a lot of energy that hopefully we've designed this to be."

McLaren's MCL35 launch was part of an impressive three-day live reveal as some British media also launched their hybrid and Extreme E - which they are

'Everyone wants to copy the winner but it is a big mistake,' says Man City head coach

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