

## Tyson Fury vs Deontay Wilder set to be postponed until October due to a Covid-19 outbreak

Tyson Fury and Deontay Wilder's upcoming fight will be postponed until October due to an outbreak of Covid-19 in the champions' camp, according to reports in the US.

The trilogy fight for Fury's WBC heavy-weight championship was set for three weeks' time on July 24 in Las Vegas.

ESPN first reported on Thursday that the fight would be delayed due to a Covid-19 outbreak but Top Rank, Fury's US-based promoter, said in a statement: "We continue to monitor the health status of Tyson and his team and the status of the event has not changed in date."

Wilder's team did not comment when asked by Sky Sports.

The Athletic reported on Friday morning that "at least 10 people in Fury's Vegas gym have caught Covid-19".

Joseph Parker, the former WBO heavy-weight champion, was the training opponent for Fury in his training camp in Hawaii. He said: "I don't know if it's a good idea to have a fight with Fury on July 24, so we're looking at his promoter Eddie Hearn."

The delay to Fury vs Wilder means that Anthony Joshua is now

expected to step back between the ropes before his two main divisional rivals. Joshua is set to defend his IBF, WBA and WBO titles against Oleksandr Usyk on September 25 in London. Although talks to stage Joshua vs Fury for the undisputed title fell apart, there was optimism the dawn fight could be rescheduled this

year if they could come through their recent defenses. Neither Fury, aged 32, nor Wilder, 35, have returned to the ring since their second fight in February 2019.

Fury stopped Wilder, ending his reign and subsequent record, after a dramatic draw in their first clash.

Wilder wore headphones to block out Fury's taunts when they

met in a pre-fight conference. The American has made wholesale changes to his team, including a new trainer, and is expected to return to the ring in the second fight with Fury. He has appointed former opponent Mike Scott as his new manager, meaning Jay Diaz has been dropped.



## Wimbledon 2021: Hubert Hurkacz beats Roger Federer in straight sets to reach semi-finals



An inspired Hubert Hurkacz produced a spectacular performance to end Roger Federer's quest for a sixth Wimbledon title and beat him in straight sets on Centre Court.

In front of a sell-out crowd on the stored arena Federer has presided over since his first title in 2003, Hurkacz recalled, firing down 20 winners and making just 12 unforced errors in a 7-6(7)-6-6-6 victory - the biggest triumph of his young career.

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## Japan to impose COVID emergency in Tokyo, mulls fan-free Olympics

Japan is set to declare a state of emergency for Tokyo to contain the city's latest wave of coronavirus, which will continue even as it hosts the Olympics, a key summer event on Thursday, as government officials try to control the spread of the virus.

Medical and health experts have said for weeks that having spectators at the Games would be the least risky option and widespread public concern that the influx of thousands of athletes and officials will fuel a fresh wave of infections.

Organizers have already banned overseas spectators and have set up an American fleet of 10 percent of capacity to a maximum of 10,000 people. Talks to limit the restrictions on the Japanese are expected either on Thursday or on Friday.

International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach, who arrives in Tokyo on Thursday to oversee the last leg of the preparations, will preside over the Games.

Japan's economy minister Naoto Tanaka, who heads the government's coronavirus response, said a state of emergency in Tokyo is set to begin on July 12 and return in force until August 22.

The Olympic Games are scheduled to begin on July 23 and run for two weeks. They will be followed by the Paralympic Games.

The decision to impose a state of emergency follows a rise in daily cases to their highest since mid-May. The Japanese capital is currently under a tight lockdown against emergency measures.

## Harry Kane strikes extra-time winner as Three Lions set up Euro 2020 final with Italy



England captain Harry Kane fired his side into their first European Championship final by beating Denmark in extra time, as Gareth Southgate's team eclipsed the hosts' record of 27 years ago with a hard-fought 2-1 win over the Danes.

Southgate has carried the pain of his short-cut penalty miss at Wembley since June 96 but his Three Lions were their own heroes on Wednesday night, setting up a Sunday showdown with Italy.

It was far from straightforward, with Mikkel Damsgaard breaching England's previously watertight defence with the first free-kick goal of the evening on 32 minutes after the hosts had made a fast start.

But England levels an equaliser through a Simon Kjær header before a Harry Kane strike in the 113th minute secured a 2-1 victory over the Danes.

Southgate's side had done well to stamp out individual mistakes in this tournament, but Kane's strike was a reminder of the team's vulnerability in the final.

England's first-half strike from 25 yards was sublime, with the 27-year-old dipping a flicker after under the ball in the top of the goal.

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own goal and while they could not get the job done in 90 minutes against an increasingly solid Danish side, who had flown in from their quarter-final, it was not a defeat that would significantly impact England's chances of reaching the final.

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