AMIR CROWNS WINNERS OF AMIR SWORD FESTIVAL

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani crowned the winners of HH The Amir Sword Festival at the Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club’s Al Rayyan Park yesterday. In HH The Amir Sword Equestrian Festival, Hamad Nasser al-Qadi retained his Amir’s Sword title. Nasser al-Ghazali finished second, while Mohamed Khalifa Albaker came third.

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Bautista Agut lifts Qatar trophy for the second time

NEW ZEALAND

When I was young to lift this final... to get the chance to win lifting a trophy and I've been last year's final.


CRICKET

By Varun Badola

Rohit Sharma was picked as Test captain, one of the world's highest-profile players in world cricket, completing the leadership of the best sides of the Test format for Virat Kohli's India. Rohit will replace Virat Kohli as India's Test captain, a role he had vacated last year and then been appointed as the ODI skipper.

Rohit, known as the "Hitman" for his big-hitting ability and career-richness, this month led the team to a new-day series sweep in New Zealand. He has led 15 ODI sides to a series win and had already taken over the white ball as ODI captain before Rohit's surprise departure.

Anders Helgeland, the coach who led the team to the World Cup final, has been a regular member of the Indian cricket team for 50 years and has a special affinity with India in October 2010, when he led the country to a first Test series win in Bangladesh.

The World Cup win in 2011 was probably the high point of his career and the team's best Test series win in Bangladesh.

New Zealand romp home in 11 days against South Africa

By Sports Reporter

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Man City rocked by Tottenham as Amir’s Sword title went to Al-Qadi

Nervous al-Qadi wins second successive Amir’s Sword title

Andreas was amazing, he did three clear rounds. He is a bit slow, but I tried to manage it in his way and we finally did it.

Man City’s manager Pep Guardiola was full of praise after his side were held to a 1-1 draw by Tottenham Hotspur, which saw his team lose ground in the Premier League.

Guardiola said: “It was a difficult game, but we have to react and play better.

“Theo’s performance was great, but we had some problems with the defence and the attack. We need to improve in both areas.

“Tottenham are a good team and they are missing some players, but we must continue to work hard and improve our game.”

Tottenham’s manager Antonio Conte was pleased with his team’s performance.

Conte said: “We had a lot of possession and we created many chances. We had a lot of good opportunities to score, but in the end we couldn’t convert them.

“I’m very happy with the players and the team. They showed a lot of character and a lot of determination.”
SPORT

Connections of Lady Princess celebrate after the six-year-old mare won the HH The Amir Sword for Thoroughbreds at Al Rayyan Park yesterday.

Connections of Outbox celebrate after the seven-year-old gelding won HH The Amir Trophy.

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Remarkable win by Lady Princess

By Sports Reporter

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Lady Princess clinches Amir Sword with explosive finish

Owner Khalifa bin Sheail al-Kuwari and jockey Crowley also claimed the HH The Amir Silver Sword with Moshrif.

Huge applause for Lady Princess

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