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This Dakar Rally race is the world's toughest, hardest, most difficult endurance contest. It is the ultimate test of a driver's skills and fitness. It has been described as a 'man versus machine' battle, where the best drivers in the world battle it out on the toughest routes.

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Sharp-shooting al-Attiyah takes aim at 6th Dakar title

Qatari driver Nasser al-Attiyah and the French co-driver Matthieu Baumel line up at the start of their quest to win the Dakar Rally title. The pair has been a force to be reckoned with in recent years, having won the event three times in a row.

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Rafael Nadal said every match is a new challenge as he continues in the hunt for his 20th Grand Slam trophy after his 5-0 win against Harry Bourchier at the Australian Open to reach the third round.

"Every day is an adventure," he said. "I'm like opening a new day like an opportunity, and tomorrow is another one." Nadal said heading into the tournament that he believes experience is key.

"I'm 35 years old, and I still have a lot of experience," he added. "I'm trying to take advantage of that." Nadal has won 19 Grand Slam titles and is seeking his first Australian Open title to complete the career Grand Slam.

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Rublev survives Broadie scare to open season with victory

Andrey Rublev survived an early scare to reach the second round of the Sydney International with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Liam Broady.

Rublev, who was bidding to win the first title of the year, faced a fight to overcome the Briton in the Sydney International, which began with an marathon third-set tiebreak.

"I was very happy with the level," said Rublev. "I played very well, I served very well from my side."

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Hole-in-one brings success to TPD merger agreement

Negotiations involving the board began after the PGA Tour announced its merger with the LPGA, the Women's TOUR, and the LPGA Tour in December.

"It's a great day for golf fans," said Commissioner Jay Monahan. "This agreement will bring together the strengths of each organization to create a stronger, more sustainable future for the game."
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