

Sports

S America nations to launch official 2030 World Cup bid

Uruguay, Argentina, Paraguay, Chile declare intentions

MONTEVIDEO: Four South American countries will on Tuesday launch an unprecedented joint bid to host the 2030 World Cup with the hope of bringing the global showpiece back to its first home. Uruguay, Argentina, Paraguay and Chile's intention to bid has long been in the making. More than three years ago they committed to create a local organizing committee to co-ordinate with South American football's governing body CONMEBOL to plan their bid. But it has taken until now for the "Juntos 2030" (Together 2030) bid to be made official.

It centers on the desire to "bring the World Cup back to its original home: South America," said CONMEBOL president Alejandro Dominguez. The very first edition of the World Cup in 1930 was held

in Uruguay and won by the hosts, beating their neighbors Argentina 4-2 in the final. The joint South American bid aims to stage the 2030 final in the very same Centenario stadium that hosted the first title match 100 years earlier.

"For us it should be called the 2030 Centenary World Cup," said Uruguay's sports minister Sebastian Bauza. "What we have to focus on is the Centenary World Cup. The 100 year celebration of the first World Cup will be here. Back to the legend, back to its roots!" Should it be successful, though, the two tournaments could not be more different. In 1930 there were only 13 teams and the entire tournament was played in the same city-Montevideo-in just three stadiums.

In 2030 there will be 48 teams with around 15 stadiums used across the four countries. If successful it would be the first time that as many as four countries host the World Cup. The 2026 tournament has already been awarded to three countries-Canada, Mexico and the United States. Despite the Latin American region being one of the worst hit by the coronavirus pandemic, Chile's sports minister Alexandra Benado insisted in an interview published on Monday that all four countries remain in a position to host the tournament.

"Our proposal will be austere and sustainable and will meet FIFA's demands," Benado told El Mercurio newspaper. The joint South American bid will likely come up against at least two other pro-

posals. Spain and Portugal have officially submitted a joint bid while Morocco have repeatedly insisted they will bid to become only the second ever African country to host the finals.

The United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland decided in February to abandon a joint bid that would have seen five FIFA member federations hosting the tournament. There has also been tentative talk of an Israeli bid alongside the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain. The last World Cup to be hosted in South America was Brazil 2014. More than half of the 21 World Cup finals already staged have been in Europe but later this year Qatar will host the finals, only the second time they will be in Asia. —AFP

Bahrain Tennis team concludes training in Kuwait

By Abdellatif Sharaa

KUWAIT: Bahrain's Tennis Juniors' team members were in Kuwait for a three-week training camp at Sheikh Jaber Al-Abdallah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah International Tennis complex under the supervision of Rafa Nadal Kuwait Academy. Head of the delegation, member of the board of Bahrain Tennis Federation (BTF) Mohammad Salman conveyed the message of the President of BTF Sheikh Abdelaziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifa to the President of Kuwait and Arab Tennis Federations Sheikh Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Abdallah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and Kuwait - thanking them for their continued support.

He said his players benefitted a lot in Kuwait - both technically and physically. He praised Sheikh Jaber Al-Abdallah international Tennis Complex and Rafa Nadal Academy Kuwait, adding that they have outstanding trainers. Mohammad Salman appreciated the role of Kuwait Tennis Federation and its president in supporting the players.



Woods rejects \$700-800m LIV offer

NEW YORK: Tiger Woods turned down an offer of about \$700-800 million to take part in the Saudi-funded LIV Golf series, the rebel circuit's chief Greg Norman said. Fifteen-time major champion Woods has always made clear his opposition to the series which is threatening to tear golf apart and triggered accusations of Saudi "sportswashing". Speaking in an interview on Fox News with Tucker Carlson, LIV chief executive Norman was asked if it was true that the American golf legend was offered "700, 800, a billion dollars" to join the breakaway circuit.

"That number was out there before I became CEO so that number's been out there, yes," Norman, a former world number one who is the public face of LIV Golf, said in the interview at Trump National in Bedminster, New Jersey, where the third LIV Golf Invitational was held last weekend. "And look, Tiger is a needle-mover, right? So of course you are going to look at the best of the best. "They had originally approached Tiger before I became CEO, so yes, that number is somewhere in that neighborhood."

The 46-year-old Woods has consistently declared his loyalty to the PGA Tour and said he has no intention of following the likes of other major winners, such as Phil Mickelson, Bryson DeChambeau, Sergio Garcia and Dustin Johnson in jumping ship to the upstart LIV. "I disagree with it," Woods said ahead of the British Open in St Andrews last month when asked about his fellow profession-



LIMERICK: US golfer Tiger Woods plays out of a bunker on the fifth fairway on the second day of the JP McManus Pro-Am golf tournament at the The Golf Course at Adare Manor in Limerick, south-west Ireland. —AFP

als who have been tempted to join the hugely lucrative but deeply controversial circuit. "I think that what they've done is they've turned their back on what has allowed them to get to this position," Woods said.

"And who knows what's going to happen in the near future with world-ranking points, the criteria for entering major championships? "Some of these

players may not ever get a chance to play in major championships.

That is a possibility. We don't know that for sure yet." The LIV series, spearheaded by Norman and bankrolled by Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund, offers record prize money of \$25 million per 54-hole event with shotgun starts and no cut. —AFP

Jota and Liverpool ink long-term deal

LONDON: Diogo Jota has signed a "new long-term deal" with Liverpool, the Premier League giants announced Tuesday. Neither the exact length of the contract, nor its worth, were disclosed. British media reported the Portuguese forward, who joined Liverpool from English rivals Wolves in 2020 would be staying at Anfield until at least 2027. The 25-year-old has become an important figure at Liverpool, scoring 34 goals in 85 appearances.

He was a central figure as Liverpool were narrowly denied a historic quadruple last season as they were pipped to the Premier League title by a point by Manchester City and lost the Champions League final 1-0 to Real Madrid after winning the League and FA Cup. Jota is sidelined with a hamstring injury and will miss Liverpool's opening match of the new Premier League season, against Fulham on Saturday. "Really proud, I have to say," Jota told Liverpool's website. "Obviously since I arrived two years ago I established myself as an important player in this team. That's what I wanted from the beginning. "Now, signing a new long-term deal, it's obviously from the club's perspective proof of the belief in myself as a player. For me, it's really good to establish I'll be here for a while. "So, the beginning of a new season, let's do it." Jota will be part of a Liverpool forward line enhanced by the recent arrivals of Darwin Nunez and Luis Diaz. Mohamed Salah will continue to spearhead the attack, with Roberto Firmino another option, but Sadio Mane has moved to Bayern Munich. —AFP

Egypt, Saudi champions to inaugurate stadium

DOHA: Qatar announced Monday that the club champions of Saudi Arabia and Egypt will inaugurate the Lusail stadium to be used for the World Cup final on September 9. The match between Saudi Arabia's Al Hilal and the Egyptian champions, who are not yet decided, will be "the final milestone in our journey ahead of the big kick-off on November 21," said Hassan Al Thawadi, secretary general Qatar's organizing committee.

The 80,000 capacity gold colored venue, in the Lusail new city just north of Doha, was the last of the eight World Cup stadiums to be completed. A test event is to be staged there on August 11 when a Qatar championship match between Al-Arabi SC and Al-Rayyan is held. Lusail, whose design was inspired by the decorative motifs on Arabic and Islamic bowls and art pieces, will host matches in every round of the World Cup leading up to the final on December 18. —AFP

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