



WALSH... USA coach

Billy and Zaur are tit for tat

By KEVIN BYRNE

ZAUR ANTIA and Billy Walsh went 1-1 at the Women's World Championships in Istanbul yesterday as three Irish fighters marched on.

The coaching duo led Ireland to seven medals across the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games.

Now they are in the corner for Ireland and the USA respectively, with their fighters meeting twice yesterday.

After Walsh's departure, Antia told SunSport: "In the ring, we are enemies. Outside the ring we will remain brothers."

And it was first blood to the Georgian as Belfast featherweight Michaela Walsh scored a unanimous win over Amelia Moore.

But Wexford man Billy Walsh evened the score when his middleweight Naomi Graham eliminated former European champ Aoife O'Rourke by split decision.

Ireland had two other winners on the day.

Louth light-welterweight Amy Broadhurst — fresh from a stint in the USA where she sparred with Katie Taylor ahead of the Amanda Serrano super-fight — kicked off her competition with a dominant win.

And, in the last Irish action of the day, Belfast flyweight Carly McNaul beat Burundian Ornella Havyarimana to slide into the next round.

Star fighter Kellie Harrington is out injured.

Wade on the mend

By ROB MAUL

DARTS ace James Wade will not take part in tonight's Premier League outing in Sheffield as he recovers from illness.

The world No 5 spent three nights in hospital in Germany after taking ill during the Interwetten European Open on Sunday.

The 39-year-old withdrew following a quarter-final win in Leverkusen and was taken to a local hospital.

He underwent tests on Monday and Tuesday before being cleared to return home to the UK yesterday.

Wade said: "I'd like to thank all the medical staff for their care and also the fans around the world who sent messages of support."

"I'll be taking time to recover fully before returning to playing when the time is right."

Wade's quarter-final opponent in Sheffield, Joe Cullen, is awarded a 6-0 win and progresses to the semi-final.

CHAMPIONS CUP

LUCK AND LEARN

Arnold: I can't make the same mistake Tou times

TOULOUSE lock Rory Arnold has admitted he was lucky not to be sent off last week against Munster.

And he believes that would have all but guaranteed a Munster-Leinster semi-final at the Aviva Stadium this weekend.

Arnold saw yellow for a spear tackle on Simon Zebo — with the referee determining it was not a red as the Munster man landed on his back rather than his head.

On whether it should have been a yellow or a red, the Toulouse man admitted: "When they slowed it down, there wasn't much in it. I definitely got that one wrong."

"If I was shown red then it would definitely have drastically changed the outcome of that game. I was very lucky there and I need to be better around that collision zone."

Trailing 21-14 when he was sent to the sin bin, when he returned the gap was ten points but Toulouse fought back to force extra-time and then penalties to advance to Saturday's semi-final at the same venue.

He knows they cannot afford any lapses this time, adding: "You can't do that against a quality team. We played well for the first 35 minutes and then both sides of half-time we weren't good enough."

"And the card sort of changed it. We're under no illusions that a good 80-minute performance is needed."

"There is nothing between the teams when you look at how much experience they have and how successful they have been in their competition and in the Champions Cup as well. They're a class team and we know it's going to be a challenge."

Toulouse have changed their preparations for the game.

Unlike last week when they flew to Dublin on the Friday for the Munster clash, they will travel today instead. Arnold said:

would definitely have drastically

By OWEN COWZER

"It gives you that extra time, you can adjust a bit. You've a full day there before the captain's run and game day on Saturday. I enjoy that a bit more."

He reckons the familiarity with the Aviva can help, as can their Irish knowhow, having dispatched Ulster in the last 16 and Munster in the last eight.

But he has no doubt that Leinster are a step up again and added: "To be the best you've got to beat the best and we've definitely had some tough teams on the way to this semi-final."

"At this point of the competition there's not much difference in the teams but the quality is there. They've got internationals scattered across their 23 and it's going to add that test-match feel this weekend, that's for sure. They're a world-class team."

"It is just club rugby but when you have that many internationals playing on both sides, the level of rugby is going to be that bit higher."

"I wouldn't say we've got an advantage there by any means but we know how much of a test it's going to be this weekend for us. It's going to be massive."



TAKE IT AS RED... Rory knows he got off lightly

BIN A WHILE... Arnold's tackle on Simon Zebo



MACK'S MADE UP

By OWEN COWZER

MACK HANSEN has signed a new contract with Connacht, keeping him at the Showgrounds until 2025.

The Ireland winger, 24, has been a sensation in his first season in Galway after his move from his hometown Brumbies in Canberra, Australia.

Eligible for the national team through his Cork mother, he was drafted into Andy Farrell's squad and made an instant impact in the Six

Nations. And now Connacht coach Andy Friend has moved to fend off bids from rivals by offering Hansen, who had a year to run on his current deal, a new long-term contract.

Hansen said: "Committing my future at Connacht was a no-brainer."

"Ever since I arrived in Ireland I cannot speak highly enough of the staff and my team-mates who have made me feel right

at home. Personally, I'm pleased with how my first season has gone and now I want to do everything I can to help the club achieve success for the next three seasons."

Friend added: "Mack has made an immeasurable impact on the club since his arrival."

"For him to commit the next three years of his career to Connacht when he'll only get better is a really strong show of faith in where we're going as a club on and off the field."



NEW DEAL... Hansen

Greg: Let's all live 'n let LIV

By DAVID FACEY

THE golf world is about to be plunged into a civil war as the blazing row over players being barred from the €240million LIV Golf Series escalates.

Greg Norman (below) — chief executive of the Saudi Arabia-backed breakaway circuit — insisted he is not looking for a legal battle.

But he vowed to foot the lawyers' bills for any players who decide to take their case to the courts.

And he warned of "injunctions ready to go" if there is any attempt to stop LIV participants from teeing off in the Majors or Ryder Cup.

The Australian gave a shock response to a question about the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi by agents of the Saudi regime, replying: "We all make mistakes" — before desperately backtracking in a bid to show he was not trying to play down the Saudis' human rights record.

On the safer ground of golf, Norman, 67, said he is confident plenty of players will defy the threat of life bans issued

by PGA Tour supremo Jay Monahan.

Ryder Cup stars Ian Poulter, Sergio Garcia and Lee Westwood are among those targeted.

Monahan announced a blanket ban on the first of eight LIV tournaments, at Centurion Club in St Albans, England, from June 9-11. The DP World Tour quickly followed with the same warning.

The event offers nearly €23.5m in prize money — twice as much as The Open in July — with the winner collecting €3.8m.

Norman told golfers: "If you decide to come here and play, we've got your back."

"We'll defend you, we'll reimburse your fines and we will represent you if you want to go down the legal route."

● **HENRIK STENSON** has named Dane Thomas Bjorn as his first vice-captain for the 2023 Ryder Cup in Italy.

Bjorn captained Europe to victory over USA in Paris in 2018 and Swede Stenson said: "He will not simply tell me what he thinks I want to hear. That will be important."



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Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council

I, Teresa Cribbin intend to apply for Retention Permission for development at this site The Paddocks Riding Centre, Ballyedmonduff road, Sandford, Dublin 18. Permission is sought for Retention of 1) detached single storey building (c.95 sqm) for fodder storage, office, and a hat and boot storage, 2) infill single storey building (c.40.5sqm) for shaving storage. The planning application may be inspected or purchased for a fee not exceeding a reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, during its public opening hours of Monday to Friday from 10:00am to 4:00pm. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority, on payment of a fee of €20 within 5 weeks of receipt of the application by the Planning Authority and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions or may refuse to grant permission.

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South Dublin County Council

We Ronny and Dominika Tjahjedi wish to apply for planning permission for (1) Conversion of Existing attic to non-habitable storage use (2) Dormer window to the side hip roof and all associated site works at 20 Grangebrook Avenue, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at the offices of South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Town Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24 during its public opening hours of Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm, and may also be viewed on the Council's website - www.sdcc.ie. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to South Dublin County Council on payment of a fee of €20 within 5 weeks of receipt of the application by South Dublin County Council and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions or may refuse to grant permission.

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