

International sporting highlights of 2018



Winter Olympics



Les Bleus win World Cup



Tour glory



Kipchoge record



Hamilton's fifth



Osaka breakthrough



Wilder-Fury bout



Capitals crowned

JAN 28 **Roger Federer** wins 20th major title at Australian Open, beating Marin Cilic in five sets

FEB 4 **Philadelphia Eagles** win first Super Bowl with shock victory over New England Patriots

9 South Korea host Winter Olympics. Norway win record 39 medals, and skier **Marit Bjorgen's** 14th medal makes her most decorated Winter Olympian of all time

MAR 28 Three Australian cricketers are given lengthy bans over ball-tampering affair

31 Boxer **Anthony Joshua** beats Joseph Parker in heavyweight unification bout to hold three of four major title belts



APR 8 Golfer **Patrick Reed** wins his first major title at U.S. Masters in Augusta

MAY 13 **Manchester City** win Premier League with record 100 points. **Barcelona**, **Juventus** and **Bayern Munich** secure La Liga, Serie A, and Bundesliga respectively



26 Spanish giants **Real Madrid** secure third successive Champions League title with win over Liverpool

26 **Leinster Rugby** beat Scarlets to claim historic Pro14 and European Champions Cup double

JUN 7 **Washington Capitals** hoist first Stanley Cup, topping Vegas Golden Knights 4-1

10 Clay court king **Rafael Nadal** wins 11th title at Roland Garros

14 Russia stages 21st FIFA World Cup – hosts defy expectations to reach quarter-finals but champions Germany exit at group stage



JUL 15 France beat Croatia to secure second World Cup triumph

29 Welsh cyclist **Geraint Thomas** wins Tour de France

AUG 12 **Brooks Koepka** wins U.S. PGA Championship, first player since Tiger Woods in 2000 to claim PGA and U.S. Open in same year

25 **Simon Yates** rides to victory in Vuelta a Espana to complete sweep of British wins in 2018 Grand Tours – **Chris Froome** claims Giro d'Italia in May

SEP 8 **Naomi Osaka** wins maiden Grand Slam at U.S. Open but victory is bittersweet after Serena Williams is penalised for outburst against umpire



16 Kenya's **Eliud Kipchoge** shatters marathon world record, running 2:01:39 in Berlin

23 **Tiger Woods** wins Tour Championship, first title in five years

30 **Europe's** golfers defeat USA to win Ryder Cup by 17.5 points to 10.5

OCT 28 **Lewis Hamilton** secures fifth Formula 1 title, putting him joint second in all-time standings

31 **Boston Red Sox** win baseball World Series for 9th time



NOV 3 **Simone Biles** wins record 14th World Gymnastics gold

3 **Enable** follows up success at Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe with victory at Breeders Cup

5 **Novak Djokovic** wins ATP tour Championships, regains No.1 ranking

DEC 1 Boxing heavyweights **Tyson Fury** and **Deontay Wilder** contest enthralling draw

3 **Luka Modric** wins Ballon d'Or, breaking decade of dominance by Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo

9 **River Plate** beat Boca Juniors to win Copa Libertadores – switched from Argentina to Spain after River fans attack Boca team bus

