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Tokyo Olympics finally launched – with adapted motto – after year's delay due to pandemic, in July



Sporting achievements of 2021

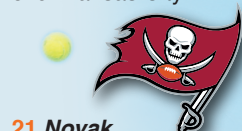
INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

January

31 Denmark beat Sweden in Cairo to retain IHF World Men's Handball title

February

7 **Tom Brady** (inset) wins 7th Super Bowl title as new team **Tampa Bay** secure 31-9 victory over Kansas City



21 **Novak Djokovic** (right) wins record-extending eighth Australian Open

March

17 **Team New Zealand** seal 36th America's Cup with dominant 7-3 victory over Italy's Luna Rossa

20 **Alexis Pinturault** of France and Slovakian **Petra Vlhová** claim Alpine Ski World Cup titles



April

10 Irish jockey **Rachael Blackmore** (above) becomes first woman to win Grand National, riding Minella Times

11 **Hideki Matsuyama** (right) claims one-shot victory at U.S. Masters, first Japanese man to win golf major

May



11 Man City, Atlético Madrid, Internazionale and Bayern Munich win Europe's top soccer leagues

22 **Toulouse** beat La Rochelle to win fifth European Cup rugby title



23 **Phil Mickelson** (left) takes U.S. PGA Championship, becoming oldest major winner at 50



Le Tour



29 **Chelsea** defeat Man City 1-0 in all-English UEFA Champions League final

30 Colombia's **Egan Bernal** (below) wins Giro d'Italia



June

20 Spain's **Jon Rahm** wins first golf major at U.S. Open



July

7 **Tampa Bay Lightning** celebrate successive NHL Stanley Cup titles

10 **Argentina** beat perennial rivals Brazil to claim 15th Copa America

11 **Italy** beat England on penalties at Wembley to win UEFA Euro 2020

11 **Novak Djokovic** seals sixth Wimbledon title, joining Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal on 20 Grand Slams

18 **Tadej Pogacar**, 22, wins second successive Tour de France

20 **Milwaukee Bucks** win first NBA title since 1971 with victory over Phoenix Suns



Italian joy

Italy conquer Europe for first time since 1968

Verstappen victory

August

Venezuela's **Yulimar Rojas** (triple jump) and Norway's **Karsten Warholm** (400m hurdles) obliterate previous world records to win Olympic gold

11 **Lionel Messi** signs for PSG, ending 17-year career with Barcelona

September

11 Britain's **Emma Raducanu** (right), 18, wins U.S. Open – first ever qualifier to win Grand Slam title

26 USA rout Europe to regain Ryder Cup

October

10 **Tyson Fury** knocks out Deontay Wilder in 11th round to retain WBC heavyweight crown



24 **Fabio Quartararo** (left) becomes MotoGP world champion, as legend **Valentino Rossi** calls it quits

November

2 **Atlanta Braves** crush Houston Astros to win first MLB World Series since 1995

14 Australia pummel New Zealand to claim maiden ICC T20 World Cup

December

12 **Max Verstappen** wins his first F1 World Championship, beating Lewis Hamilton on final lap of thrilling season finale in Abu Dhabi