

Argentina win
FIFA World Cup
after thrilling
final in Qatar



Sporting highlights of 2022

January

29-30 **Rafael Nadal** clinches 21st major at Australian Open.
Ashleigh Barty is first Australian to win home Slam since 1978

February

BEIJING 2022



Gu wins gold

4 Beijing hosts **Winter Olympics**, staged on artificial snow

6 Senegal win first international trophy at **Africa Cup of Nations**

13 **Los Angeles Rams** win Super Bowl with late touchdown against Cincinnati

March

23 World No.1 **Ashleigh Barty** (below) announces shock retirement from tennis, aged 26



April

11 World No.1 **Scottie Scheffler** (right) clinches first golf major at U.S. Masters

May



22 **Man City**, **Real Madrid**, **AC Milan** and **Bayern Munich** win Europe's top soccer leagues

23 **Justin Thomas** overhauls 7-shot deficit to win U.S. PGA Championship



28 **Real Madrid** beat Liverpool to claim 14th European Cup, inspired by **Karim Benzema** (right), who later wins Ballon d'Or

June

5 **Rafael Nadal** extends Grand Slam records with 14th title at Roland Garros

9 Inauguration of Saudi-backed breakaway LIV league sparks civil war in golf

17 **Golden State Warriors** beat Boston Celtics to claim fourth NBA title in eight years

28 **Colorado Avalanche** celebrate third NHL Stanley Cup title

July

17 **Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce** (below) wins record fifth 100m title at World Athletics Championships



August

20 **Oleksandr Usyk** retains heavyweight boxing titles, beating **Anthony Joshua** in split decision

F1 champion



Euro 2022

New star

September

11 Spanish tennis star **Carlos Alcaraz**, 19, wins U.S. Open and becomes youngest ever men's No.1

23 Tennis icons **Serena Williams** (inset) and **Roger Federer** retire within three weeks of each other

October

9 **Max Verstappen** clinches second consecutive F1 title in record-breaking season



November

5 **Houston Astros** beat Philadelphia Phillies to win MLB World Series

6 **Francesco Bagnaia** wins first MotoGP title



12 New Zealand beat England to win women's **Rugby World Cup**

19 Australia win both men's and women's **Rugby League World Cup** crowns

20 Qatar becomes first Middle Eastern country to host **FIFA World Cup**, estimated to cost up to \$220bn

December

18 **Lionel Messi** lifts trophy as Argentina win first World Cup victory since 1986

