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EVENTS

Facility Shortage Sends FIS Grand Finals Downhill

The International Skiing Federation (FIS) has scrapped its Grand Finals "for the time being" due to a shortage of fully-equipped hills for ski jumping. [READ MORE](#)

VANOC Stages Press Briefing

More than 250 representatives from international media organisations are attending the Vancouver 2010 World Press Briefing in Canada this week. [READ MORE](#)

Canadians Admit Defeat In F1 Bid

Canadian Government officials have conceded defeat in their efforts to have the country's grand prix reinstated to the 2009 Formula One calendar. [READ MORE](#)

FACILITIES

AFL Plans Showground Redevelopment For New Sydney Team

The Australian Football League (AFL) has outlined plans to redevelop the Sydney Showground as a "boutique stadium" for its proposed second AFL team in the city. [READ MORE](#)

Chelsea And Adidas Link Up For Branded Pitches

Barclays (sponsor) Premier League club Chelsea has linked up with Adidas to open a series of branded all-weather pitches in London. [READ MORE](#)

Everton Set For Stadium Inquiry

A public inquiry into a proposed new stadium for Barclays (sponsor) Premier League club Everton will start this week. [READ MORE](#)

SPONSORSHIP & MARKETING

ATP Snaps Up Lacoste Deal

Lacoste has extended its partnership with the Barclays (sponsor) Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) World Tour Finals until 2013. [READ MORE](#)

Manly Pens Deal With "Green" Sponsor

The Manly Sea Eagles Australian National Rugby League franchise has struck a three-year partnership deal with Quantum Energy Technologies worth more than A\$2.5 million (US\$1.62 million). [READ MORE](#)

BROADCAST

ESPN Star And CCTV Snare UEFA Broadcast Deals

ESPN Star Sports (ESS) and CCTV have picked up broadcast rights within China to UEFA's two leading club competitions from next season. [READ MORE](#)

Bundesliga Back On Top As Boxing, Gymnastics And Skiing Watch On

A packed 1.Bundesliga programme on Saturday ensured that ARD's flagship football highlights programme Sportschau returned to the top of the German sports TV ratings over the weekend. [READ MORE](#)

Rugby Disappointments Beaten By Football In UK Ratings

Football coverage blasted both rugby codes out of the water in the UK television ratings over the weekend. [READ MORE](#)

Domestic Football Undermined By English Coverage - Nigerian Premier League

The Nigerian Premier League (NPL) has accused MTN Nigeria of undermining the country's football development. [READ MORE](#)

DIGITAL MEDIA

FIS Launches New Fan Websites

The International Skiing Federation (FIS) has launched two new websites for followers of alpine skiing and snowboarding. [READ MORE](#)

GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Buckley Hits Out At Australia Football Crisis Talk

Football Federation of Australia (FFA) chief executive Ben Buckley has rubbished claims that the sport is suffering a "crisis" in the country. [READ MORE](#)

ICC Pitches For Stats Partner

The International Cricket Council (ICC) is seeking requests for proposals from companies interested in becoming the exclusive worldwide licensee of official ICC data. [READ MORE](#)

Crowd Trouble Brings Halt To Uruguayan Apertura

The Uruguayan Football Association has called an indefinite halt to Apertura action following Sunday's riot after the match between Danubio and Nacional. [READ MORE](#)

Petersson Confirmed For Four More Years At ISAF

Goran Petersson has been officially installed for a second term as president of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF). [READ MORE](#)

Bari Set To Wield Axe After Taking Key PCB Role

The shake-up of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) looks likely to continue after former Test wicketkeeper Wasim Bari was confirmed as the body's new director of human resources. [READ MORE](#)

NASCAR Bans Testing For 2009

NASCAR has banned all testing at its sanctioned tracks from next season in an effort to save millions of dollars. [READ MORE](#)

FINANCE

Mavericks Owner Cuban Charged With Insider Trading

Mark Cuban, the controversial owner of the Dallas Mavericks National Basketball Association (NBA) franchise, was charged with insider trading by the United States' Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on Monday. [READ MORE](#)

Ladbrokes Reports Profit Increase

Ladbrokes saw group profit rise by 10% in the four months to October 31. [READ MORE](#)

BETTING & GAMING

Nevada Gaming Revenues Continue To Fall

Nevada gambling has fallen for a ninth consecutive month as US consumers fret about global economic problems. [READ MORE](#)

UK Gambling Commission Seeks Strategy Board Members

The UK Gambling Commission is looking for nine members to join its new independent strategy board. [READ MORE](#)

BHA Links Up With The Prince's Trust

The British Horseracing Authority (BHA) has joined forces with The Prince's Trust in a new initiative for the sport to help young people. [READ MORE](#)

FEATURES

Stock Markets: Chaos For General Motors As Betting And Football Stabilise

The latest on NASCAR participant General Motors, Irish bookmaker Paddy Power, Blue Square parent company Rank Group, Serie A TIM (sponsor) football club AS Roma and Barclays (sponsor) Premier League giant Arsenal. [READ MORE](#)

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