

SPORT PIC OF THE WEEK



Newcastle striker Callum Wilson scores the second of his two goals past a diving Jordan Pickford of Everton. The Toon Army's 2-0 victory followed a run of five Premier League defeats in a row

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CALLING ALL YOUNG INVENTORS

THERE'S ONE WEEK LEFT FOR A CHANCE TO WIN £20,000!

SAVING the planet, healthy choices, an ageing population, clean transport and staying connected safely – there are many challenges that we face. They will need many different solutions.

Young people care deeply about making a difference. Using science and technology, they can solve the big problems of our time. The Amazon Longitude Explorer Prize is a competition for young people aged 11-16 that will award £40,000 to teams from schools and youth groups who invent new technologies to solve these challenges.

In 2020 a team from London won. They researched, designed and coded a smartwatch

app that helps people with memory loss live more independently. The impressive winners did all of this during lockdown.

The Amazon Longitude Explorer Prize is looking for its next big winners. It is calling on teams of young people to invent a new technology that makes the world a better place. The top 40 teams will work with experts from Amazon next term to bring their ideas to life!



Team Iskort from Greenford High School won last year with their Tomodachi smartwatch app (left)

Here are some of last year's top entries to inspire you with ideas...

First prize is £20,000 for your school or youth group!



The deadline to enter is 12 February 2021. To find out more and to enter, visit longitudeexplorer.challenges.org.



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SPORT IN NUMBERS

6 February is when this year's rugby union Six Nations begins, but fans won't be allowed in stadiums due to COVID-19. Italy play France in the opening match, followed by reigning champions England (below) versus Scotland. The women's Six Nations has been postponed until later this year because of the pandemic.



22-year-old Brit Izzy Atkin (below) won a silver in the ski slopestyle at the X Games in Colorado, USA. But she also suffered a nasty crash on her fourth run and had to be taken to hospital. Luckily, her injuries were not serious. China's Eileen Gu, aged 17, took gold. She became the first woman to win three medals at her first X Games.



6 events are taking place at the same time in one Melbourne venue as tennis pros prepare for the Australian Open, which starts on 8 February. World No1 Ashleigh Barty (below) features in one of the three women's events.



DOUBLE DELIGHT FOR DINA

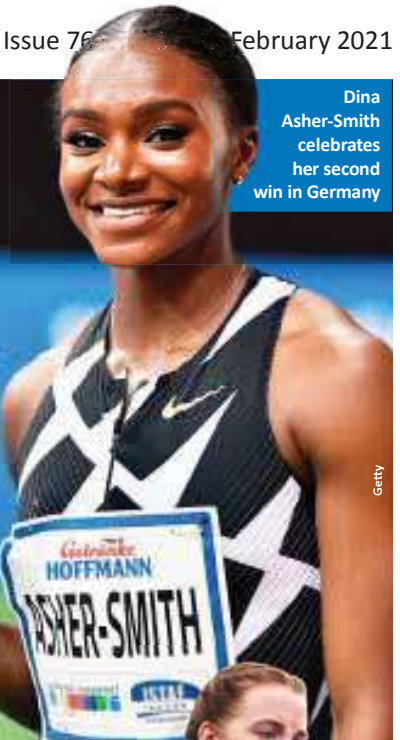
BRITISH sprinter Dina Asher-Smith won two indoor 60m races in two days in her first competitive events since 2019.

At Karlsruhe in Germany, Asher-Smith equalled her personal best of 7.08 secs. It was her first international appearance since winning world championship gold in the 200m two years ago, and her first indoor race in three years. The winning time was just 0.02 seconds off the British record held by Asha Philip.

Then, two days after her triumph, Asher-Smith won the 60m in Düsseldorf, also in Germany. That time she finished in 7.12 secs. The 25-year-old is due to race next at Liévin, France on 9 February.

She then has three more meets before the European Indoor Championships in Poland begin on 5 March.

There was more good news for Britain at the Indoor Track & Field Vienna meeting in Austria. Eighteen-year-old Keely Hodgkinson (pictured right, in 2020) broke the world under-20 indoor 800m record with a winning time of 1 minute 59.03 secs. Her impressive time shaved two seconds off the previous record, set in 2004 by Ethiopian runner Meskerem Legesse.



Dina Asher-Smith celebrates her second win in Germany



MESSI SCORES 650TH GOAL

ARGENTINIAN striker Lionel Messi has scored his 650th goal for Barcelona.

The superstar forward reached yet another career milestone with an excellent free-kick in a 2-1 win over Athletic Bilbao. Messi managed to scoop the ball above and beyond five men in the Bilbao wall, another player behind it, and a seventh standing on the goal-line – as well as the goalkeeper, Unai Simón.

The victory took Barcelona to second place in La Liga, ten points behind leaders Atlético

Madrid, as First News went to press.

Messi has also been in the news for off-the-pitch reasons this week. Spanish newspaper *El Mundo* published details of his Barcelona contract, revealing that Messi is earning €555 million (£480 million) across a four-year period. Messi's deal ends at the end of this season. It's not known how *El Mundo* got hold of the confidential contract.

