

SPORTS

Paris-Roubaix: Michael Goolaerts dies after crash



Belgian cyclist Michael Goolaerts has died aged 23 after a crash in Paris-Roubaix. The Veranda's Willems-Crelan rider fell on the second set of cobbles in the one-day classic in northern France. He suffered cardiac arrest and was airlifted to hospital in Lille but died at 21:40 BST on Sunday. "It is with unimaginable sadness that we have to communicate the passing of our rider and friend Michael Goolaerts," read a team statement. The team said Goolaerts died "in the presence of his family members and loved ones,

who we keep in our thoughts". The statement added: "For now there will be no further communication as we want to give his close ones time to deal with this terrible loss." Goolaerts crashed 109km into the 257km race and was found unconscious by race doctors. Television footage appeared to show him receiving CPR treatment from medics at the side of the road. David Lappartient, president of cycling's world governing body the UCI, said: "On behalf of the UCI and the cycling family as a whole, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the family, team and loved ones of Michael Goolaerts, who left too early. "We share their immense sadness." Goolaerts was in his fourth season - in two spells - with Belgian outfit Veranda's Willems-Crelan. He spent 2013 and 2014 with them at the continental level, and returned in 2017 after a season as a trainee with Belgian World Tour team Lotto-Soudal, when he won the opening stage of the 2016 Tour du Loir-et-Cher on the UCI Europe Tour. He rode several of the cobbled classics and semi-classics this season, finishing ninth at Dwars door West-Vlaanderen and 20th at both Kuurne-Brussels-Kuurne and Driedaagse De Panne. Goolaerts was riding his first senior Paris-Roubaix, having competed in the under-23 edition in 2015. Paris-Roubaix, which is known as the 'Hell of the North', is regarded as one of the toughest races in cycling, featuring 29 cobbled sections. It is one of the five 'monuments', the most prestigious one-day races. World champion Peter Sagan won the 2018 edition in a sprint finish with Silvan Dillier. *BBC*

Principality Stadium trials alcohol-free zone for Wales games

An alcohol ban will be trialled in a section of the Principality Stadium for Wales' autumn internationals. This follows reports of drunk people spoiling games and a disabled fan being subjected to a "tirade" of abuse. Warren Gatland's side play Australia, Tonga, Scotland and South Africa in November and the ban covers a section of seats in the north stand. Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) chief executive Martyn Phillips said offering fans more choice was "the way forward".



The WRU said further details about the ban and how fans could buy tickets for these seats would be provided in the near future. Unveiling the plans, the governing body also said there would be a 30% increase in disabled seating for the autumn series. Sandie Hardwick, 49, from Bridgend county, was "showered with beer" by drunk fans at the game against New Zealand last autumn. She said: "I'm the first to enjoy a beer at a rugby game, so I'm not anti-alcohol. "I don't think this will fix it, the issue is people who don't seem to know what the limit is and are just out to get drunk. "They're right to try it and see how it goes. I saw the [alcohol] ban come into football and I understand why they brought it in, but I was glad rugby wasn't like that, but that seems the way it's going." Plans for the ban were first announced in December in the wake of last year's autumn Tests in which drunken behaviour prompted South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner Alun Michael to speak out about the problem. Mr Phillips said: "We know that, for the vast majority, having a drink is an important part of the match-day experience. "Equally we have also identified a customer group who would welcome an alcohol-free zone and we are pleased to confirm that this will be trialled at each of the four matches this November. "We are very proud of our stadium experience, but don't want to be complacent." *BBC*

McLaren in management restructure after poor start to season



McLaren have restructured the management of their Formula 1 team after performances at the start of this season fell short of expectations. Fernando Alonso is fourth in the championship but McLaren have failed to match Red Bull's pace. Executive director Zak Brown has been put in formal charge of the F1 programme with a new title of chief executive officer of McLaren Racing. Eric Boullier, racing director, now reports directly to Brown. The move formalises a structure that was only implicit before. Brown's new

position means he is directly responsible for the on-track performance of the F1 team, as well as his wider role in raising new sponsorship income. It is likely to increase the pressure on Boullier to ensure the performance of the car improves. Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel leads the drivers' championship on 50 points after winning the first two races, with Alonso fourth on 16. The Red Bulls of Daniel Ricciardo and Max Verstappen are eighth and 10th respectively. The McLaren has been about a second a lap slower than the Red Bull, which uses the same Renault engine and which McLaren said they would be racing after their switch from Honda engines for this season. Alonso said at the Bahrain Grand Prix at the weekend that the next two months were "crucial" for McLaren as they seek to overcome the delays to car developments that Boullier says were caused by reliability problems in pre-season testing. Boullier skipped the team's usual post-qualifying news conference to attend what was described by a spokesman as an "emergency debrief" after Alonso and team-mate Stoffel Vandoorne qualified in 13th and 14th places. Alonso was left to defend the team in Boullier's absence. He insisted that new parts in the pipeline would address the car's weaknesses but added that it was "up to us" to rectify them. The moves are the latest major developments in the organisation of McLaren, from which long-time boss Ron Dennis was ousted by fellow shareholders Sheikh Mohammed bin Essa Al Khalifa of Bahrain and Mansour Ojeh last year. The changes streamline what had been a confusing management structure, with Brown initially employed largely for commercial operations and working in partnership with chief operating officer Jonathan Neale in reporting to the executive committee of Sheikh Mohammed and Ojeh. Brown's former role as executive director has been eradicated as part of the simplification process. Sheikh Mohammed, the McLaren Group executive chairman, is the representative of the Bahraini royal family's Muntalakat investment fund, which owns more than 50% of McLaren Group. He said: "The work of the past year at a corporate level has been focused on structuring and positioning McLaren for growth. "These latest developments are a natural consequence of that work and are designed to bring greater simplicity and clarity to the structure and leadership of the group." *BBC*

From the "TRIVIA BOOK" According to *Scientific American* magazine, if you live in the northern hemisphere, odds are that every time you fill your lungs with air at least one molecule of that air once passed through Socrates's lungs.

MEDIA RELEASE

New Disability Social Enterprise Café opens in Dili



An exciting new initiative is being launched in Dili to empower young Timorese with a disability this week. Kafetaria ACG-38 will officially open its doors to the public on Tuesday 10 April, becoming the first social enterprise café owned and run by young people with disabilities in Timor-Leste. Kafetaria ACG-38 has been established by a disability consortium group of 38 Timorese (GK-EHD). It aims to expand the participation of young people with a disability in economic activity through social entrepreneurship. GK-EHD's Manager,

Cesario da Silva said: "The disability consortia group model used by Kafetaria ACG-38 is a promising new model to increase the participation of young people with a disability in business and economic activity." "People with disabilities - especially young people with disabilities - are so often excluded from our society and experience the tyranny of poverty and isolation," said Mr Da Silva. The café not only promotes disability entrepreneurship and employment, but also provides its members with increased confidence and social support. "By working together in a consortia they can pool their capital resources, support each other, and together share in the benefits," said Mr Da Silva. GK-EHD consortia members are all financial members of the Cooperativa de Credito de Deficientes (CCD-TL), a disability savings and loans cooperative. The CCD-TL has provided start-up loans of up to USD \$200 to consortia members, which they collectively invested in the establishment of Kafetaria ACG-38. If the café is successful, GK-EHD hope to expand their consortia group model to other business activities along the supply chain, such as chicken farming and egg production, to supply fresh produce to the café. Mr Da Silvasaid, "We want to encourage and support more people with disabilities to get involved in economic activity. I am hopeful Kafetaria ACG-38 will serve as a reference for other people with disabilities and inspire them to undertake other collaborative activities." Kafetaria ACG-38 offers tasty and affordable local food and drinks, including lalapanayam, nasigoreng, pisanggoreng and a selection of fresh juices. It also specialises in providing catering to local businesses and organisations. When asked why people should visit Kafetaria ACG-38, Mr Da Silva said "The food is great, and you feel great too knowing that you are supporting people with a disability in their work." The café is located in Mascarenhas in front of Associação Deficientes de Timor-Leste (ADTL). Search for 'Associaçãode Deficientes Timor-Leste' in Google Maps Kafetaria ACG-38 and the Disability Consortium Group (GK-EHD) is an initiative of the Timor-Leste Disability Association (ADTL), the national peak body for disability organisations.



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HEALTH

Jérôme Hamon: Frenchman gets 'third face' in new transplant

The first person in the world to receive two facial transplants says he is feeling well, three months after his latest groundbreaking operation. Jérôme Hamon had his first transplanted face removed last year after signs of rejection following a treatment with an incompatible antibiotic during a cold. The 43 year old remained in a hospital in Paris without a face for two months while a compatible donor was sought. He said: "The first [face] I accepted immediately. This time it's the same." Mr Hamon suffers from neurofibromatosis type 1, a genetic condition that caused severe



disfiguring tumours on his face. His first transplant, in 2010, was a success, but he caught a common cold in 2015 and was given antibiotics. The drug was incompatible with the immunosuppressive treatment he was having to prevent a rejection of the transplanted material. The first signs of rejection came in 2016 and last November, the face, suffering from necrosis, had to be removed. Mr Hamon lived without a face in a room at Georges-Pompidou hospital in Paris without being able to see, speak or hear until January, when a face donor was found and the second transplant carried out. To avoid further rejection, Mr Hamon - dubbed "the man with three faces" by French media - had special treatment to clean the blood prior to the transplant. "It's good" His new face remains smooth and motionless, and his skull, skin and features are yet to be fully aligned. But he is positive about his recovery. "If I hadn't accepted this new face it would have been terrible. It's a question of identity... But here we are, it's good, it's me," he told AFP news agency from the hospital, where he is still recovering. "I'm 43 and the donor was 22 so I'm 22 again," he told French TV. The hours-long operation was led by Prof Laurent Lantieri, a specialist in hand and face transplants who carried out Mr Hamon's initial surgery eight years ago. "Today, we know that a double transplant is feasible, it's no longer in the field of research," he told *Le Parisien* newspaper (in French). Anaesthetist Bernard Cholley said: "Anyone who loses their face and then has to wait for a hypothetical transplant for an unknown length of time - that's something that no-one has ever had to go through here. "I'm amazed by the courage of a patient who has been able to get through such an ordeal." The first face transplant was carried out in 2005 in northern France. Since then, some 40 operations have been performed around the world. *BBC*

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The United States has the rest of the world beat when it comes to its toilets. Per a survey of 100 international travel writers, the United States has, by far, the best in the world. Western Europe may have the best castles and museums, but Johns finished a distant second. Scandinavia, rated separately from Western Europe, placed third. China's bathrooms are considered the absolute worst according to the surveyed travel writers. Almost as bad are those toilets in the Middle East and the former Soviet Union. The Soviet Union was also voted the worst when it comes to toilet paper.