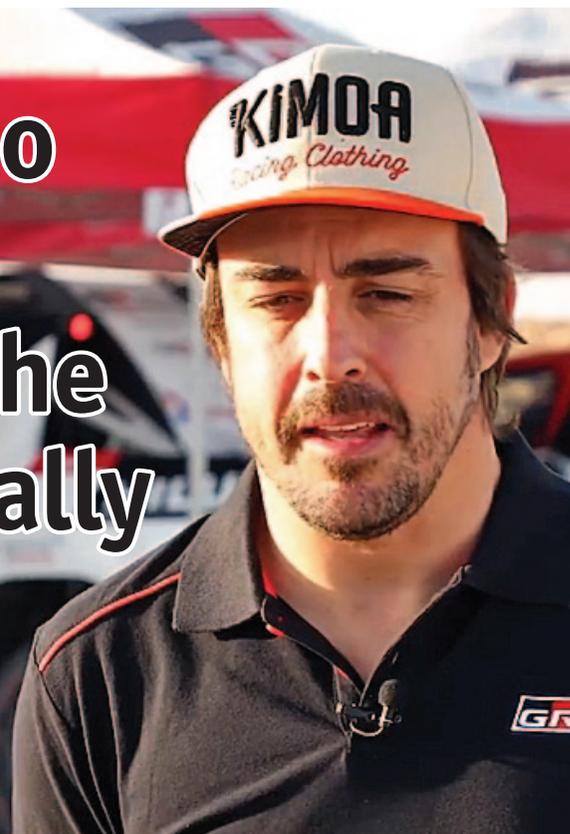




MOTOR SPORT

Fernando Alonso enters the Dakar Rally 2020

Fernando Alonso conquers completely new driving techniques as a rally driver



The 38-year-old Formula One driver Fernando Alonso and Team Toyota Gazoo Racing are working flat out towards the 2020 Dakar Rally.

Not a Formula One racing car but a Toyota Hilux and above all a demanding race track present the experienced racing driver with a new challenge. He's already training with Toyota Hilux in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. In August Alonso tested his vehicle in the deserts of southern Africa and on September 13

and 14 he will take part in the non-competitive Harrysmith 400 race in South Africa as a training session. The race is part of the Cross-Country series in South Africa.

Even though Alonso is not yet as well known in the field of off-road rallies as he is on the Formula One circuit, he is always looking for new challenges. He has already won the 24-hour Le Mans twice. Alonso is the current FIA World Champion, two-time Formula One World Champion and winner

of the 24-hour Daytona race, in which he proved his off-road abilities.

The 2020 Dakar Rally will be staged for the first time in Saudi Arabia. "In March of this year our Toyota Hilux was tested with Fernando and it won the Dakar race in South Africa. It was an important experience for him, which he enjoyed very much. We noticed how he got better every time he sat at the wheel. He absorbs everything we tell him. This rally is new for Fernando and I'm sure he has the

skills and the fighting spirit to master it. As an old hand in this field, I'm sure we'll be working well together over the next few months to give him enough self-confidence on the track" said Team Principal Glyn Hall.

"I am very emotionally touched that I can continue my adventure with Toyota Gazoo Racing. Together we have achieved a lot since the first Toyota I drove in November 2017. Twice in a row we won Le Mans, the Team World Resistance Championship and a title as pilot with my colleagues Sébastien and Kazuki. At the beginning of this year I tried out the off-road rally and it was so exciting for me that I want to continue. I knew that it would be a completely different driving experience than Formula One and that I would have to learn a lot. But I have a good feeling about the Hilux and I'm getting better from race to race. I'm really looking forward to training in the coming months, getting to know my Hilux better and working with my team. I have always wanted to have new experiences in different disciplines and I have a strong team at my side" commented Fernando Alonso on his adventures on the off-road track. Toyota Canarias has been selling Toyota and Lexus in the Canary Islands since 1973. Toyota is the world leader in automobiles and a leader in sustainable mobility. ■

ATHLETICS

XXV La Gomera Triathlon

Athletes can register for the 25th La Gomera Triathlon until September 10.

"This competition is becoming more and more attractive for athletes, which is reflected in the continually increasing number of participants. Athletes from various other islands and from the Peninsula register to take up the challenge of our triathlons. It's a 25-kilometre event that mixes unique elements such as the sea, the mountain landscape and huge differences in altitude" says sports councillor Rosa Elena Meneses. The starting signal will be given on September 14 at 6pm. The first stage is in the bay of San Sebastián on the Atlantic coast, followed by 20 kilometres by bike between the crossroads of La India and the viewpoint at GM-2, and finally the triathlon ends in a final sprint on foot. If you decide to take part at short notice, you can register free of charge at www.lagomera.es. ■

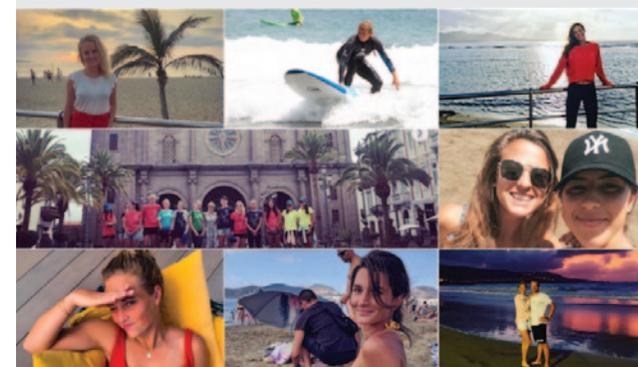


TENNIS

Competition and Instagram posts

The ITF World Tennis Tour Disa was held in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria in mid-August.

The female tennis players were naturally concerned with successes on the tennis court, but right after that came the great recreational value that Gran Canaria's capital has to offer. Numerous photos of their stay were therefore shared through the social network Instagram. The old town of La Vegueta and the Playa de Las Canteras were the most frequent photo motifs posted by the young tennis players. Under the motto 'not only tennis' they showed the relaxed side of the city and the rest of the Island. At Playa de Las Canteras they met not only to sunbathe, but also to try new things like surfing. By sight-seeing bus and on their own discovery tours they got to know the most striking places in the city. These include Parque Santa Catalina, Playa de Las Canteras, Paseo de La Cornisa, Parque San Telmo, Vegueta and the rest of the old town as well as the waterside promenade. ■



SPORTS SUCCESS

Champions in Taekwondo and gymnastics

In Granadilla de Abona, Marcos González, councillor for sports and acting mayor, welcomed around a dozen young athletes in August, who last year achieved excellent results in Taekwondo and rhythmic gymnastics.

González congratulated the young talents on their success. In rhythmic gymnastics, Anira Padin Lois became champion at the international tournament in Italy, in the age group of 11- to 12-year-olds. She was pre-selected for the national team by the Spanish Association. Desirée Viera Martín won the bronze medal at the international tournament in Italy and at



Young up-and-coming talents fighting their way to the winners' podium

the Spanish Championship for the 13- to 14-year-olds. Rosalía Cañizares Rodríguez was also included in the pre-selection for the national team.

In Taekwondo martial arts, Vanella Pimienta Oval won the silver and bronze medals at the European and Spanish Championships. Claudia

Acosta González won bronze in the 15- and 16-year-old category in the national championships. Bronze also went to Óscar Cabrera Puigvert at the European Club Championship 2018 and to Jonay Álvarez López at the Spanish Junior Championship. This year, María de los Ángeles Domínguez Vera was triple Canarian champion in three categories. David Delgado Hernández won his first medal at the Spanish Championship and four national competitions, and Guacimara Delgado Hernández won the bronze medal at the 2017 Spanish Championship. ■



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