



Freestyle Football

Freestyle football is not only a sport but is a form of art. It has gained massively in popularity over the last few years. Athletes use creativity and self-expression to perform tricks with a football. Any parts of the body can be used except elbows and hands. Jamie Knight, professional freestyle footballer, said: 'Other than being lucky enough to travel the world and make a living from something I love, my favourite thing about freestyling is the way it can make me feel completely stress-free. When I'm in my zone, it's just me and the ball.' This year, the freestyle football community is celebrating the launch of a new competition: The World Youth Freestyle Football Championship. It is a global tournament aimed at athletes under the age of 16, taking place digitally. Participants will upload their videos to the WFFA (World Freestyle Football Association) App between 15th and 21st September. The judges will then select the top 16 male and female athletes, who will face each other in the knockout stages. The final will be held online between the 1st – 9th November with the winners being announced on 10th November.



Pictured: A freestyle footballer
Source: Canva

Beavers making a comeback!



Pictured: A beaver on a river bank
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The UK government is launching a consultation to seek views on proposals to reintroduce beavers to England's rivers. Beavers, once widespread throughout Britain, were hunted to extinction 400 years ago. Wild beaver populations have already been established in Scotland, following reintroduction programmes. The species has been found to reduce flooding and their dams create wetland habitats for other wildlife. However, the National Farmers' Union warned the dams can cause disruption and drainage problems and the beavers may damage trees. Eva Bishop from the Beaver Trust said: 'We hope to see beavers accepted back in the countryside like any other native wild animal - particularly as they have a role to play in nature's recovery and British wildlife resilience in the climate emergency.'



First Fossil-free Steel

A Swedish firm has made its first delivery of 'green' steel to a customer. The joint venture, Hybrit, which stands for Hydrogen Breakthrough Ironmaking Technology, has produced the steel using renewable energy and hydrogen instead of coal. The resulting metal is of exactly the same quality as regular steel but, to no surprise, it is set to be a little pricier! Studies have shown that steel produced with coal emits nearly two tonnes of carbon dioxide for every tonne of steel produced, accounting for about 7-8% of greenhouse gas emissions. In a statement Hybrit said: 'The goal is to deliver fossil-free steel to the market and demonstrate the technology on an industrial scale as early as 2026.' Truck-maker Volvo AB received delivery of the fossil-free steel and will use the material in its prototype vehicles. Volvo aims to be a climate neutral company in the future.



Pictured: Steel. The steel industry is a huge emitter of CO2 emissions
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Your thoughts on last week's news...

I think that some weeks should be four-day weeks so we get some extra rest and a bigger break.
Sam – age 10

I think a 5-day week you can learn more but a 4-day week you will be less tired.
Arthur



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I think that a 4-day working week would lead to 4-day school which would mean less education. Also, the 4-day would not apply to emergency services, and it means that people will start not liking their work and wishing it was the weekend.
Sophie – age 10

I think...



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