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Both Sadd and Wakrah will be eager to start this competition on a high note, Al Sadd and Al Waakhir faced off on Week 1 of this season’s QNB Stars League, with the former winning by a 4-3 margin. Al Waakhir’s pressure on the ball was too much for Al Sadd.

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Argentina forward Lucas Alario (torn) celebrates scoring a goal during the friendly game against Germany at the Signal-iduna Park in Dortmund. (AFP)

Argentina coach Héctor Suárez was impressed with the attitude of his team during their 2-2 friendly draw with Germany on Wednesday.

Suárez praised the efforts of his players, who came back from a 2-0 deficit to earn a point in front of a limited crowd at the Signal-iduna Park.

'Yesterday was a very difficult game for us,' Suárez told reporters. 'We had a lot of mistakes in the first half, but we showed a very good attitude and we fought until the end.'

The game was dominated by Germany, who had an overwhelming majority of possession and created several scoring opportunities. However, Argentina showed resilience and determination, particularly in the second half, when they managed to equalize through Lucas Alario and then maintain the draw until the end.

Suárez admitted that his team made mistakes in the first half, but they were able to correct them and improve in the second half. 'We made two or three mistakes in the first half, but we were able to correct them and show a lot of courage and get into trouble,' he said.

Argentina coach Héctor Suárez.
Italy out of WC as NZ match called off due to typhoon

Italy could have qualified for the quarter-finals with a shock win over New Zealand

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Rugby World Cup officials were forced to cancel the final match of the group stage on Saturday after Typhoon Hagibis made landing on Honshu Island, forcing them to reconsider the possibility of safety grounds.

Host nation Japan would advance to the quarter-finals for the first time if its game in Yokohama went ahead.

The sporting governing body for rugby World Rugby and tournament officials told a news conference the game had been taken aside due to potential destruction of parts of Japan with severe winds, high waves and heavy rain.

Super Typhoon Hagibis is expected to hit Japan this year, the third-largest storm in recorded history.

The 1995 semi-final between hosts South Africa and France went on from the third try on the ground, while the 1999 final between Australia and New Zealand was delayed by an hour due to a waterlogged pitch, but both matches were eventually played.

If New Zealand needed four points against us it would be a typhoon of this size at this time, Townsend said.

We have got to believe, and have been to believe, that everyone might think that Italy are planning for it to go ahead on Sunday, he added.

Both of them were deemed to have a high risk of injury, said tournament decision director, Izack Rodda.

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Became the first team to fail to win their three group games, having scored 15 points from their three group games.

A decision on whether that match would be played or not would be made by World Rugby, the organisation that governs the tournament.

All Blacks head coach Steve Hansen explained that the All Blacks had not cancelled the game.

But Townsend’s side need to win the game, preferably with a bonus point, to reach the knockout round after their match against the All Blacks was cancelled and cancelled as they became the first team to fail to win their three group games.

The All Blacks have qualified for the quarter-finals of World Rugby’s biggest ever tournament.

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**MLB**

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*You know what, it was electric. Probably the best moment of my career.*

St. Louis Cardinals players celebrate after defeating the Atlanta Braves in game five of the 2019 NLDS playoff series at Sun Trust Park. Picture: USA TODAY Sports

**NFL**

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**The most runs in any inning of a playoff game. I don’t know that I’ve seen that many runs in the first inning that quick in my career,“ Sabathia said.**

With the score tied at 3-3, Kelly walked Kendrick’s blast off Dodgers relief pitcher Kenley Jansen before Soto was intentionally walked. Instead the Nationals – who rallied in the bottom of the eighth inning – took their first lead of the game on Soto’s solo shot that came with 0.6 seconds left on the clock against Carter Kerk- hart (3-3). The right-hander is 0-4 with 6.22 in the third period.

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Kipchoge already holds the men’s world record for the distance with a time of 2hr 01min 00sec, set in Vienna on September 16, 2018. Before that he was confident of breaking the mythical two-hour barrier for the marathon this weekend, an achievement he made with men’s first landing on the moon.

“It’s about preparedness and respecting the moment,” Kipchoge told AFP at a press conference yesterday in Vienna.

He has been working on the attempt throughout this summer and said that he was ready to go.

“Today is the day, I am ready to go,” he said.

The 42.195-kilometre (26.219-miles) stretch has been set up and paced the Inter-Athletes as far as the world record is concerned, with a time of 2hr 01min 00sec.

The 39sec, which he set in the fl at course, according to an analysis of the data was found to have been tampered with by sports experts at Vienna University.

“Michael is a racing legend. I’m not going to say or not,” Todt also regretted.

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**CRICKET**

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V. Kohli 54 not out in 102 balls, bowled Parnell.

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**SPORT**

**CRICKET**

Djokovic, Federer progress to Shanghai quarters

_The best serving matches I had played_!

**TENNIS**

Novak Djokovic hits a return during his third round match against John Isner at the Shanghai Masters in Shanghai, China, yesterday. (AFP)

_Fogni says Murray just like him 'because of his country'_

Novak Djokovic, the defending champion, will next play Grigor Dimitrov and Thanasi Kokkinakis before facing South African captain Faf du Plessis — who declared yesterday that taking the ball again in the Test series against India would be too much of a challenge for him. "I don't think I would be the best candidate for the role," said du Plessis. "It's something I would have to think about more before making a decision." For now, the South Africans are focused on their upcoming Test matches against India and Australia in the Boxing Day Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

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**SPORT**

**CRICKET**

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_The best serving matches I had played_!

**TENNIS**

Novak Djokovic hits a return during his third round match against John Isner at the Shanghai Masters in Shanghai, China, yesterday. (AFP)

_Fogni says Murray just like him 'because of his country'_

Novak Djokovic, the defending champion, will next play Grigor Dimitrov and Thanasi Kokkinakis before facing South African captain Faf du Plessis — who declared yesterday that taking the ball again in the Test series against India would be too much of a challenge for him. "I don't think I would be the best candidate for the role," said du Plessis. "It's something I would have to think about more before making a decision." For now, the South Africans are focused on their upcoming Test matches against India and Australia in the Boxing Day Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

**BRIEF SCORES:**

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**Innings**

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