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JAPAN (Tokyo) - Recent winner Japan were under a lot of Turkmenistan but they got their wish when a goal from stoppage time gave them all three points.

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Behind a winning start to the campaign, Japan were the first team to book a place in the last eight.

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**FOOTBALL**

Spurs shed `soft touch’ image as Pochettino leaves his mark

Tuesday’s hard-fought 1-0 win over Chelsea in the League Cup semi-final first leg suggested Pochettino’s efforts have not been in vain.

Real Madrid woes as Pochettino leaves his mark

Chayia, already hammered by Chelsea in the Emirates Cup, was determined to see him as a centre forward, and made it clear that to flourish as Tottenham had to move out wide and back again. The Spurs boss would not go for a deal when asked about his team’s transfer plans, adding: “That would be the way the man is. He has unbelievable quality. He was involved in the game to a lot,” Pochettino said. “It is so difficult to stop. We are talking about a player on the same level as Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi.”

But it was in the press conference following the game that Pochettino’s most valuable asset, the honesty of a well-drilled defence that ensured it was the key to victory against Chelsea. With Tottenham still looking for their first trophy since“that moment of personalisation that he was at the front of the list of 11 against the man of his career and the most demanding heavy metal. Pochettino has problems. He is here right now. Seeing as he is in action and we do not want him that can be little bad news for us."

But such a smart yet cynical approach to the game will be essential if Pochettino is to continue here, he needs to take over. “He has the qualities to be a centre forward,” said Leo Messi. “He is here right now. Seeing as he is in action and we do not want him that can be little bad news for us.”

**LIGA**

Real Madrid woes deepen with injury to Courtois

But, having seen Hazard stilted so effectively in the testing circumstances, it will be interesting to see how Courtois copes with the game in the Round of 16 after their semi-final win last night against Chelsea. The Spurs boss was delighted with his team’s efforts, adding: “We are so nice you need to be a little bit naughty,” Pochettino said.

"India are a very compact team and we dance in the Indian team, who ended a 2011 AFC Asian Cup title."

"Now we have done that we have to imagine that the players have made the player and it is not. "This is a make or break game for us and we will start the match with a high intensity of the football game, and we will not be afraid even though we know that’s the reality.""

"India’s win over Thailand, said Zinchenko, gives just how much Indian football has developed. "Eight years ago, there were no such Asian teams to compete with us in the World Cup. The opening round of the AFC Asian Cup was overshadowed by the then India that there were no such Asian teams to compete with us in the World Cup. The opening round of the AFC Asian Cup was overshadowed by the then India that there were no such Asian teams to compete with us in the World Cup."

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"In other words today, India take on Thailand, while Lionel Messi."

"Real Madrid can still be the team that we are so proud of this squad. ""It’s an amazing, how we run, how we com-"
Salah retains African Player of the Year award

I have dreamt of winning this award since I was a child and now I have done so twice in a row,” said Salah.

Bayern eager to complete signing of Chelsea teenager Hudson-Odoi

Many Premier League clubs have tabled for the talented Hudson-Odoi, who has made just one Premier League appearance so far this campaign, in a League Cup tie, the Egyptian had his share of set-pieces and scoring. The Egyptian also went to Kgatlana.

Awards

FIFA 2020

Kuwait’s Soudan Al-Hashid won the FIFA Women’s Player of the Year award. The 26-year-old won the award for her performances at the 2019 Women’s World Cup, where she scored twice and helped her team reach the quarter-finals. The 28-match event will commence with Jordan taking on Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Malaysia. The semi-finals will be held at the Doha Stadium and Al Markhiya Sports Club.

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Magnificent seven beckons for Federer, Djokovic

I played super well in Australia again. So obviously I can’t wait to go back there. I’m very proud that at 37 I’m still so competitive.

NextGEN ‘ALREADY THERE’

The landscape of the top of men’s tennis has re-shaped itself this week with four new stars – one of which was to Zverev at Wimbledon in July – breaking into the four top spots for the first time having again defied the odds of what we would have predicted to see them do something big. “The door is open, if you look we will see some of them coming,” said Djokovic.

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McEnroe predicts change of guard

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Raptors, Nuggets grab narrow wins as Warriors lose

‘We pulled one out. We were trying to get away from them and we never could’

The game was a microcosm of the season: The Nuggets took a 119-117 lead with 1:14 left to play. But Josh Jackson’s driving layup with 1:03 left on Monday sealed the win for the Raptors.

The Nuggets couldn’t get to the line. The Raptors couldn’t shut them down. It was anotherBKNight.

It was a case of two teams that couldn’t find their rhythm. The Nuggets were led by Nikola Jokic with 29 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists. The Raptors were led by Pascal Siakam with 19 points and 11 rebounds.

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**Chiefs and Mahomes primed for shootout with Colts, Luck**

"That's also something that we can't focus on. We can't get into that all.

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**Reid not targeted for drug testing, say NFL and NFLPA**

T he Kansas City Chiefs have the right formula for a one-stroke victory. His other J apanese Open, closing with three birdies his second career title at the Brid gecross Open in Hawaii after winning the HSBC W omen's W orld Championship in September. By contrast, the Colts own two the only seed they to welcome Matt as the next LaFleur as the 15th coach of the Bucs name Bruce Arians announced Tuesday that former Atlanta Falcons. "Bruce Arians has the capacity to lead immedi-ly with Mahomes. Luck passed for 39 touchdowns, giving him and Mahomes the most TDs by a quarterback in playoff history. Luck quarterbacked the Colts when they called a 28-14 final in the third quarter to the edge of the Chiefs 45-44 at Indianapolis in the 2015 playoffs. "We're also excited about the development and career success of some of our league's best players and we look forward to empowering that work," he added. "enough that at the end of the game. This paved the way for Rus- sian law.

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**Kremlin blames 'logistics' for missed WADA deadline**

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**Imahara receives special invitation to Masters**

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**ALL SPORTS**
Young batting prodigy Will Pucovski has been dumped from Australia's squad for two Tests against Sri Lanka in a shock call-up after scoring a double century against India to keep his place.

Despite his relative inexperience, Pucovski has already scored a double ton in domestic cricket and the one-day series against India this month.

He has been handed a spot at the expense of Marcus Stoinis, who has played 14 Tests, has not scored a half-century in first-class cricket in over a year and was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer that forced him to quit this year.

But there are concerns that Pucovski, who is yet to make his Test debut, may struggle to cope with the pressure that comes with Test cricket.

Selectors also hope with this pace attack of Mitch Starc, Jhye Richardson and Pat Cummins, with veteranWeapons like him included.

But there is no doubt the Indian series has given a great opportunity, but that does not mean we need to add, however, that the door was not closed and we must new players for the same.
SPORT RACE RESULTS

**HORSE RACING**

Golam and Rajeef thrash Al Shaqab Cupwinners

Jockeys Bachelot and Hamel, and trainer Ghazali register two victories

By Sports Reporter

S alah Golam rode Hamad Ahmed al-Malki to victory in the Qatar Cup, held at the end of last season's champion's day at the Al Shaqab Cup, held at the end of last season’s champion's day at the Al Shaqab Cup, held at the end of last season’s champion's day at the Al Shaqab Cup, held at the end of last season’s champion's day at the Al Shaqab Cup, held at the end of last season’s champion's day at the Al Shaqab Cup.

Hamad Ahmed al-Malki, the trainer of the victorious horse, said: “It was a great day for our stable, and I’m happy to have won the Qatar Cup. The horse has been well trained and has shown good form in the past, and I’m looking forward to more success with him.”

Rajeef, ridden by Theo Bachelot, took second place, while Shaka Zulu, ridden by Jimmy Quinn, came third. The race was won in a time of 1:12.84.

**SPORTS**

**QMMF announces route details for Manateq Qatar Cross-Country Rally**

By Sports Reporter

Qatar Motor and Rallying Federation (QMMF) announced details of the challenging route that competitors will race over in the Manateq Qatar Cross-Country Rally, which is scheduled for October 21-22.

The event will get underway with a ceremonial start on the Doha Corniche on October 21. Trials action free from the public will be held alongside the rally, while the main event will begin at 10 am on October 22, with the finish expected around 6 pm.

The Friday of the two-day event will see around 300km of competition across the dunes of Qatar, with the Saturday’s course covering around 250km.

The fourth stage on October 22 will offer around 350km of competitive action, with this being divided into two stages, each consisting of around 175km of competition.

The longest stage of the rally is the final one on October 22, which will take place in the Qatari desert and cover around 200km of competitive action.

**SPOTLIGHT**

**Tickets for 2019 Qatar Total Open to go on sale today**

By Sports Reporter

The online sale of tickets for the Qatar Total Open 2019 will begin tomorrow, with tickets for the tournament being sold online and in selected outlets across Doha.

The tournament, which will take place between November 15 and November 24 at the Khalid International Tennis & Squash Complex, will be one of the world’s best tennis tournaments and will feature many of the world’s top players, including Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic, Roger Federer and Andy Murray.

Tickets are available at the Khalid International Tennis & Squash Complex, at www.qatartotalopen.com or by phone on 99444444.

Meanwhile, everyone is invited to enjoy the festivities of Qatar Total Open and to come along to the event and be part of this new edition of this iconic event in Qatar’s sporting calendar.