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Spain’s Roberto Bautista Agut poses with the Qatar ExxonMobil Open trophy yesterday after defeating Germany’s Tomas Berdych 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 in the final at the Khalifa International Tennis and Squash Complex. Picture on the right shows,.Bottom: Bautista Agut (right) with runner-up Berdych (third from left), Alistair Routledge, president and general manager of ExxonMobil Qatar (L), Andrew P Swiger, senior vice president of Exxon Mobile Corporation. 

But Berdych would have. The former World No 4, currently at 71, after missing six months with a back injury, had to save a break point in the fourth game. At 5-3, he then saved the set winning three consecutive points to hand out the set.

For Berdych, it was yet another loss in the final. "I think it was overall a very tough match," he said. "W e just control ourselves and play our football as we always do. We feel comfortable, we enjoy the atmosphere. We hope to continue with our strong performance in the Asian Cup."

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Federer wins third Hopman Cup in dramatic fashion

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The 24-year-old Australian beat Zverev 7-6 (4), 6-4 in the best-of-three-set match.

Anderson said he was proud of his team and the country.

"It's a great feeling," he said.

"The way we won it was just amazing. To be able to do it twice in a row is a huge achievement for all of us.

"It means a lot to me personally and for my team."
Fourth Test

Struggling Aussies throw wickets away in big run chase

Spinners Yadav and Jadeja shared five wickets as host ended day 236 for 6 for 87.

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They’re great sports fans. It’s a great sports town. They know the game and they appreciate the game.

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**NBA**

Lakers’ James expected to sit at least another week

**SPOTLIGHT**

By Broderick Turner and De Werx

Los Angeles Times

G olden Hayward fitted with a sim-

ple double as the Boston Celtics

completed the sweep of the Dallas Mavericks (10-

4) in what might have been Dirk

Nowitzki’s final appearance at the Boston

TD Garden. Hayward had in points, 11 rebounds and eight assists before heading to the bench

halfway through the fourth quarter with the Celtics ahead by a comfortable 22 points. "It was

time," he said, "It was fun." But he had another point.

"I think when you have good spacing, we have a real good chance," he said. "I can

turn a page and knock down some shots. If you make the right read, eve-

ently you get involved and it click.

Hayward was coming off a season-high 35

points against Minnesota on Wednesday.

"I think it banked in, " Oladipo said.

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**INJURED ROZIER OUT; BUT IMPROVING**

By Shams Luu

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**BEASLEY BACK**

Michael Beasely returned for the Lakers for the first time

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**NHL**

Penguins’ Murray silences Jets for third shutout

Pittsburgh Penguins goaltender Matt Murray makes a wraparound attempt by Winnipeg Jets left wing Brandon Tanev during the second period at PPG Paints Arena. Picture: USA TODAY Sports

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**Gulf Times**

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**Foles' Philly career could be ending today**

**New York**

F or the last two years, Nick Foles’ name has circled Philadelphia. It’s no secret that the Eagles hope to return to the Super Bowl, and Foles has been mentioned in every possible scenario.

If there was any doubt, the Eagles yesterday added Foles’ name to the list of candidates that could take the place of Carson Wentz, who is out for the season.

With ailing Wentz possibly ready to return as soon as Sunday, Eagles coach Doug Pederson said yesterday that the team is considering all its options. If Wentz returns, Foles could be a valuable backup or even the starter.

The decision is up to Pederson, who said he would not disclose his plans until after the bye week.

**Packer’s reportedly to interview case**

**PACKERS REPORTLY TO INTERVIEW GASE**

The Green Bay Packers have been active in trying to fill their head coaching position with either Todd Gase, the Miami Dolphins coach Adam Gase, according to a report from ESPN, though a time and place have not been revealed.

According the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, the team met with Gase earlier this week.

While the Packers have not confirmed their interest in former Miami Dolphins coach Adam Gase, reports indicate that they are likely to interview him for the job.

**NFL**

**Dolphins’ way to win shouldn’t be losing**

The big concern is that Ross is so lost trying everything else that he has thrown up his hands in the air and said they might as well be bad enough to draft a top-ranked quarterback.

The Miami Dolphins are being told they can choose any draft position they want.

The team has been getting too much attention and drafting high isn’t the model for winning.

That’s why they’re losing.

Everyone says the team is so lost after trying everything else that they might as well throw in the towel.

They’re drafting the top pick in the NFL.

**Mlb**

**Rays closing upper deck makes sense, unless it was your baseball home**

**By John Romano**

L ets face it, the Rays aren’t a great team. But for those who have been to Tropicana Field, they have a unique lower deck that is unlike any other in the majors.

The Rays have announced that they will be closing the upper deck for the 2018 season.

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Rashid, Reem win skeet titles; Dana sets new mark

The Norwegian world No 1 went 21 games without a defeat in St Petersburgh while England’s Gawain Jones failed to sustain a mid-tournament surge

By Ramin视频

Hillsboro, 34, went on a big knock on the American is worldwide starts. However the top 12 in six-out-of-seven chances on the back nine. McIlroy said. “The front nine’s the tough nine on this golf course, and I had a couple of opportunities, but I just thought I could get through that first seven saves without giving away too many bogeys. And I could see the logo on the flag, which I’ve done in the past and finished with a oneunder. I shot 68 in the first round, and it was a fantastic start.”

By Andrew Putnam

Cameron Champ 71-68, Justin Thomas 67-72

Woodland sizzles to lead Tournament of Champions, McIlroy in hunt

But in the 21-round blitz, de- made a miserable start. He remained undefeated in both rapid and blitz.

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AFC Asian Cup
India and Thailand confident ahead of their opener

Syria take field in Asian Cup with fans divided by war

Ole’s United make FA Cup progress

Morata scores brace in Chelsea 2-0 win over Nottingham Forest

Royal Court in London

Bog Oak, for the first time in 3,500 years, has been dug up. The new find is a very rare find and is one of the most significant ever uncovered in the UK. The Bog Oak is a type of oak tree that grew in wetlands and was used by humans for thousands of years. The new find is a significant discovery for archaeologists and historians alike. The Bog Oak was used for making bow staves and was valued highly by the ancient people. The find is a rare glimpse into the past and provides valuable insights into the lives of our ancestors. This discovery has the potential to revolutionize our understanding of prehistoric times and gives us a glimpse into the lives of our ancestors. The find is a testament to the ingenuity and skill of the ancient people who used the Bog Oak for its unique properties. This discovery is a milestone in our understanding of prehistoric times and gives us a glimpse into the lives of our ancestors. The Bog Oak is a type of oak tree that grew in wetlands and was used by humans for thousands of years. The new find is a significant discovery for archaeologists and historians alike. The Bog Oak was used for making bow staves and was valued highly by the ancient people. The find is a rare glimpse into the past and provides valuable insights into the lives of our ancestors. This discovery has the potential to revolutionize our understanding of prehistoric times and gives us a glimpse into the lives of our ancestors. This discovery is a milestone in our understanding of prehistoric times and gives us a glimpse into the lives of our ancestors. The find is a testament to the ingenuity and skill of the ancient people who used the Bog Oak for its unique properties. This discovery is a milestone in our understanding of prehistoric times and gives us a glimpse into the lives of our ancestors.
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**ATTIYAH GETS READY FOR DAKAR AS SAINZ PREPARES FOR DEFENCE**

It is the first time that the gruelling racing will be hosted by a single country – Peru.

**BOTTOMLINE**

We need young players, says Bayern coach Kovac

Bayern Munich head coach Niko Kovac said yesterday that his team needed young players, amid speculation the German champions have been interested in re-signing Portugal's Nasser Saleh al-Attiyah for the 41st edition of the Dakar Rally.

Al-Attiyah gets ready for Dakar as Sainz prepares for defence

Bayern Munich head coach Niko Kovac (left) during the post-match press conference after the 1-0 win against Atletico Madrid on November 30. Kovac's side are at last League leaders Liverpool in the Premier League.

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**LIVERPOOL NOW ON CITY'S LEVEL, INSISTS KLOPP DESPITE DEFEAT**

Klopp believes his side are "very interested" in the English winger Jadon Sancho who has previously made his mark with the Three Lions at the Under-17 European Championship.

**FOCUS**

Liverpool now on City's level, insists Klopp despite defeat

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp (right) and Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola gesture on the touchline during the Premier League match at Anfield in Liverpool on Thursday.