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Pack your bags: preparing for the Champions League final

Barcelona

Coach Ernesto Valverde says his side cannot afford to take Ajax lightly despite their 3-0 victory over the Dutch side in the quarter-finals. Valerdes side knew they were in a tight corner after losing 2-1 in Amsterdam. "We played a great return leg," said the coach. "We knew that the tie was not over."

Valverde is expected to field the same team that won 3-0 against Ajax in the first leg. "The team that played in Amsterdam will be with us in Istanbul," he added.

Valerdes side are through to the Champions League final for the second consecutive year. They are looking to win their third European title.

"Our focus is on the final," said Valverde. "It's a big moment for us and we want to win it."
Al Shaqab to conduct internal competition for student riders

By Sport Reporter

The Equine Education Development (EED), an initiative by Al Shaqab, member of the Qatari Holding Company (QHC), has announced that it will host the Al Shaqab Equine Education Development (EED) internal competition today. The one-day event, which will be held at the Al Shaqab’s Equine Education Centre, is open to participants of all ages, including females, to engage in riding, show jumping, and eventing disciplines.

With horse riding becoming increasingly popular in Qatar, the demand for riding lessons at Al Shaqab has more than increased. Consequently, the EED program offers a unique opportunity for students of all ages, from beginners to advanced riders, to hone their skills under the guidance of experienced instructors.

The upcoming competition is part of the curricular program followed at Al Shaqab. It has been organised five times in the last 10 years and has been a catalyst for the growth of the riding school. In addition to the competition, the EED program includes a comprehensive range of activities, including riding lessons, riding schools, and eventing disciplines.

Mohamed Salim Al-towai, the General Manager of Al Shaqab, commented, “These competitions are an integral part of our curricular program and are designed to foster a love for the sport among young riders. We believe in nurturing young talent and providing them with the necessary platform to showcase their skills.”

The participants in the competition will be judged on their riding skills, discipline, and overall performance. The winners will be awarded certificates and prizes, which will be announced during the event.

The Al Shaqab Equine Education Development (EED) internal competition is a testament to the organization’s commitment to promoting the sport of horse riding and nurturing young talent. The event is expected to attract participants from across the region, showcasing the talent and potential of young riders.”
Surprise pick Jayed hopes to get in front of Cup sweep

Amidst a spirited fightback by the Sunrisers in the second innings, England's Saqib Mahmood - who had an outstanding match against Pakistan - took three wickets, while Adil Rashid added one to lead the team to a comprehensive 9-wicket win.

Saqib Mahmood was named in the England squad on Wednesday, making his debut in the white-ball tournament. He was one of three players picked in the 15-man squad after the team's defeat to Pakistan in the first ODI earlier this week.

Mahmood, who has been in impressive form in the county season, was named in the squad ahead of pace bowler Chris Woakes, who was left out after playing in the first ODI.

"Saqib has been in good form recently and has shown good variations in his bowling," said England coach Chris Silverwood. "He has been working really hard and he's excited about the opportunity."

Mahmood will hope to impress in the second ODI against Pakistan at Old Trafford on Friday, where he will be looking to secure his place in the team for the T20I series against South Africa next week.

**INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE**

**Sri Lanka vs Pakistan in T20I**

Sri Lanka registered a comfortable three-wicket victory over Pakistan in the second T20I at the Sinhalese Sports Club in Colombo on Friday. Despite a resistance from Shoaib Malik and his team-mates, Sri Lanka's experienced bowlers including Lasith Malinga and Mendis kept Pakistan in check.

Malinga, who took three wickets, said: "It was a great feeling to get back to T20Is and I'm happy with how the bowling unit performed."

**New Zealand vs Australia in Test Series**

New Zealand claimed a hard-fought draw against Australia in the ongoing Test series. Despite a century from Virat Kohli, New Zealand's bowlers put up a tough resistance, with Tim Southee and Neil Wagner taking six wickets between them.

New Zealand coach Gary Stead said: "It was a tough game, but we were happy to get a draw."
Murray late show inspires Nuggets as Raptors, Blazers win

By Tania Ganguli

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Denver Nuggets guard Jamal Murray (right) controls the ball as San Antonio Spurs guard DeMar DeRozan defends in the third quarter in game two of the first round of the 2019 NBA playoffs at the Pepsi Center. Picture: USA TODAY Sports

NBA

Retired Nowitzki could see himself as coach in a few years

J oined Nowitzki led a dismantling late charge as the Denver Nuggets staged a second-half comeback to scrap a 114-105 victory over the San Antonio Spurs in Western Conference play-off action.

Nowitzki, who had missed a potentially game-winning jump shot in Denver’s defeat in game one on Thursday, struggled for 11 points and three rebounds when San Antonio grabbed a vital win in Dallas. The 22-year-old Canadian, who had looked out of sorts throughout, made eight of nine free throws in the fourth quarter to tie the series at 1-1 despite scoring only three points in the opening three minutes. Teaching Murray for the final period was never an option, Malone added.

“I was going with him,” Malone said. “It’s so important for all of our guys, but especially for Jamal: it’s a young player, plus the night was a success.”

Kawhi Leonard scored 37 points and 12 rebounds during the Raptors’ triumph, while Toronto’s Kyle Lowry added 36 from the bench. Former Heat coach Erik Spoelstra’s team continued the process of finding a new head coach. It was a 103-114 defeat in game one which prompted the heat to part ways with Erik Spoelstra’s staff.

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By Tania Ganguli

"He’s a young player and... accompany a coach or a manager, “ Nowitzki told Germany’s Die Zeit newspaper in an interview to be published next week. "I would like to be a mentor for a coach or a manager."

The 40-year-old future Hall of Famer could return for the Lakers’ opening game against the Philadelphia 76ers family, in spring 2017 after firing general manager Mitch Kupchak and removing her son, without offering any warning to Buss.

In the past week I had some cake and I also had my first glass of wine after 10 years of alcohol. I was really happy inside after only a few ups. That felt good.

Nowitzki held the record for having played the most seasons for the same club and is in the all-time second list of the NBA. Retiring players, however, took that into the body and mind. "I’m building my body and mind for a coaching career," he said.

For now, Nowitzki is content to put his feet up and enjoy a glass of wine and a slice of cake, something he could not do for 10 years as a professional player.

“To be honest my foot where I had surgery last year was not well. But I am not thinking of yet. I would not be getting any better any more."
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Nadal steamrolls to opening Monte Carlo win

“It was a great start, it’s good to be back here. I can’t pretend to not have pain at all, but professionals normally play with pain”

AFP

Qatar's Dr Yousuf al-Kazim elected first vice-president of ABC

President of Qatar Rainbow and Wrestling Federation (QRFW) and chairman of the Rainbow Boxing Federation Dr Yousuf al-Kazim was elected first vice-president of Asian Boxing Confederation for a term of four years.

Dr Yousuf al-Kazim expressed satisfaction with the confidence the confederation’s general assembly put in him and hoped that he will continue his steady holding in Asia at all levels.

In a statement to Qatar News Agency (QNA), Dr al-Kazim said the confidence earned by the number of the general assembly is coming from their belief in the success of QRFW policies in the development of boxing at local and international levels as well as the representation of Qatar sport everywhere.

Folau to fight Rugby Australia sacking over comments

Israel Folau has launched a player’s social media battle of conduct being thrust into the limelight by revelations of comments he made on his Instagram account.

Israel has responded formally today to requests of Code of Conduct (investigation) under the game's anti-discrimination and anti-homophobia was turned down.

Folau - who has played at an elite level of three different teams in three different countries - is taking the_Rugby_Australia all the way to Federal Court.

In an interview with @606, the 32-year-old had expressed his opinion that “Hell awaits” homosexuals.

Folau has been suspended by the Australian Rugby Union for 12 months.

With the hearing likely to be delayed by two imminent public holidays, Folau’s decision has sparked an uproar last week.

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But the comprehensive three-person tribunal could choose not to find Folau guilty of a code of conduct breach, or issue him a suspension instead that could see him return to the game.

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AJS Wathanan dominates in feature win

By Sports Reporter

AJS Wathanan, ridden by Al Moatasem al-Balushi, registered his first win in Qatar, overtaking Noble Ancestry and Garraffah (Ronan Thomas) by two lengths to take the Al Wakra Cup, yesterday’s feature race.

The Korean-bred colt, trained by Ghazali, who made a big impression in his last two outings, looked set to take his third consecutive win, but the two-time feature winner faltered and had to settle for second.

Wathanan, who had been a poor performer up to now, was entered in the Al Wakrah Cup, yesterday’s feature race. The champion trainer, who has been in fine form this season, was set for his sixth consecutive win in the feature race.

The colt, who had been beaten by Noble Ancestry in the Al Rayyan Park dirt race in March, was brought on for the Al Wakra Cup yesterday.

Ghazali, the three-year-old colt trained by the veteran owner monsieur Omer al-Dafea’s Hitchslap, was the runner-up.

By Sports Reporter

The All-Star basketball tournament saw the participation of the top teams from the region. The event was held in Doha, Qatar, and featured some of the best basketball players in the world.

The tournament was organized by the Qatar Basketball Federation and was attended by teams from various countries, including Qatar, Jordan, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia.

The event was held over five days, and featured matches between the top teams from the region. The final match was played on Friday, with Qatar winning against Saudi Arabia to claim the championship trophy.

The tournament was a great success, and helped promote basketball in Qatar and the region. It also provided a platform for the best players to compete against each other and showcase their skills.

By Sports Reporter

The Amir Cup handball tournament is one of the most important events in Qatar’s sporting calendar. It is a domestic tournament that features the top teams from the country, and is attended by fans from all over Qatar.

The tournament is held annually, and is a great opportunity for the best handball players in Qatar to showcase their skills and compete against each other. The tournament is also a great way to promote the sport of handball and encourage more people to get involved.

The Amir Cup is named after the HH the Amir of Qatar, and is held in honor of his late father, HH the Emir of Qatar. The tournament is a great way to honor the late Emir, and is a great source of pride for all Qataris.