FOOTBALL AFC CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Al Sadd aim to top group with win against Persepolis

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In Tehran, a repeat of the 2018 AFC Champions League semi-final between Persepolis and Al Sadd comes under contrasting circumstances, with Al Sadd already advancing and Persepolis still looking for a quarter-final spot.

Today, the two sides meet for the sixth time in just over a year. Persepolis and Al Sadd were pooled together in Group C last time around. A brace from Baghdad Haider helped Al Sadd to a 3-1 win in Dubai on Matchday Two.

The winner of Sunday’s Group C match, which has 10 points to their name, will top the group. Both a draw and a win could see Al Sadd advance to the next stage.

Meanwhile, Al Sadd will aim to carry forward the momentum of their crushing 4-1 Asian Cup win over Al Ittihad when they meet Persepolis for the first time this season in the semi-finals of the Amir Cup.

Both teams have already qualified for the round of 16, and Al Ittihad, with 12 points from the matches, are guaranteed to top the group if Al Sadd can only draw.

But despite the fact that the match is only of academic interest in the larger context of the tournament, Al Sadd are determined to put their best foot forward.

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Kompany to leave City and join Belgium's Anderlecht

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FOCUS

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Bale bows out on bench as Madrid blow season finale

As the players saluted the fans at the end, they were greeted by a chorus of whistles.

The Welshman's farewell during the final whistle at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium was met with a standing ovation.

Real Madrid's fans, who have shown their support throughout the season, gave Bale a standing ovation as he was substituted in the 74th minute.

“I was very surprised to see the fans and I am grateful for their support,” he said.

Bale's departure from Madrid marks the end of a seven-year career at the club, during which he won numerous titles and became a key player for the team.

His departure follows a series of poor performances and injuries, which saw him struggle for form and fitness throughout the season.

But despite the ups and downs, Bale will always be remembered as a player who gave his all for the cause and won many titles with Madrid.

His final appearance in a Madrid shirt came in the 2-1 win over Celta Vigo in the LaLiga Santander, where he came on as a substitute in the 66th minute.

Bale's departure is the result of a long-term saga that started last summer when he was linked with a move to China.

But after ruling that out, Bale and his representatives continued to explore other options, including a return to Tottenham Hotspur or a move to MLS.

However, Real Madrid insisted on his departure and the two parties eventually agreed on a deal.

Bale's farewell was also marred by a red card for Sergio Reguilon, who was sent off in the 88th minute.

“It was a difficult game, but I tried my best,” he said.

Bale's departure marks the end of an era for Madrid, who have struggled to find a replacement for their star striker.

However, the club has already begun planning for the future, with new signings expected to arrive this summer.
Five-wkt Woakes wraps up England rout of Pakistan

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England players celebrate with the trophy after wrapping up the five-match ODI series 4-0 yesterday.

METHODOLOGY

The image contains a page from a document with text primarily discussing cricket. The document appears to be a newspaper or magazine article. The text is structured in paragraphs, with headings and subheadings indicating different sections. There is also a smaller section at the bottom with a title and a list of related topics or events.

The text is written in English and provides information on cricket matches, players, and results. It includes scores, comments from players, and analysis of the matches.

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**FOCUS**

**AZF Ramadan Sports Festival concludes**

The Azf Ramadan Sports Festival was sponsored by Al-Nawal Al-Dakhi, owner and director of Sport and Doha 2019.

Abdulham Al-Dakhi presenting a trophy to a woman at the Aspire Ramadan Sports Festival.

**BOTTOMLINE**

**Embassadors team up for the love of sport**

By Sports Reporter

Some officials from across the globe have come together in the hope of creating the largest ever sporting event to be held in the Asian region. This week, the Asian Athletics Championships Doha 2019, scheduled for the capital of Qatar, has been launched to this Carlton Hotel, offering a glimpse of the athletes who will soon turn Doha in an athletic odyssey.

While the event is a part of the World Athletics Championships, which will see athletes competing from 213 countries, in what

**SPORT**

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NBA

Memphis Grizzlies interview ex-Suns coach Kokoskov

Los Angeles

The Memphis Grizzlies interviewed former Golden State Warriors head coach Steve Kerr for their vacant head coaching position, according to reports from ESPN's Adrian Wojnarowski. Kerr was fired after one season in Houston, where he finished with the worst record in the Western Conference. The Grizzlies' search committee also includes Golden State Athletic director Bob Myers, Golden State Warrior's assistant coach James Jones, Utah Jazz assistant Alex Jensen and former coach's assistant Sam Vincent. The team's search for a new coach, according to Wojnarowski, is ongoing. The Grizzlies reportedly have interviewed three other candidates: Golden State Warrior's assistant coach James Jones, Utah Jazz assistant Alex Jensen and former coach's assistant Sam Vincent. The team's search for a new coach, according to Wojnarowski, is ongoing.

Senators to interview Roy for coaching vacancy

The 6-foot-6 LaMelo, a guard, is projected as one of the top three picks in the NBA draft. He previously was an NBA assistant coach with the Los Angeles Lakers and was a head coach in the EuroLeague with the Nanjing Golden Sun from 2012-15. The Golden Sun's previous coach, Steve Kerr, was fired after posting a 48-97 record in two seasons. The Los Angeles Lakers drafted LaMelo Ball with the No. 2 overall pick in the 2020 NBA draft.

Astros beat Red Sox to extend win streak to 10

Boston

Seattle's Draymond Green rendered an unearned run during a 32-pitch lead. He issued three two-out walks and surprised everyone with a relief appearance in the sixth and seventh innings in his only start of 2018 against the Boston Red Sox. It's just that it's coming off of production in their playoff series. It's coming from the starting position. It's coming from the bench as well. They were scoring, so we knew it was going to be a battle of premier guards.

James recorded the first strikeout for the game on a 95 mph fastball to strike out Seattle's Robinson Cano. He finished with seven strikeouts and allowed one run on 13 hits in seven innings of work. He allowed three runs on 10 hits in 13 2/3 innings in his only start of 2018 against the Nationals. A 4-1 victory over the Rockies in the third game of the four-game series.

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**Cycling**

**Roglic rampage leaves Britain’s Yates reeling at Giro d’Italia**

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By Alex Dowsett

Team Jumbo-Visma’s Primoz Roglic celebrates on the podium after finishing first in stage nine of the 102nd Giro d’Italia yesterday.

The 30-year-old Slovenian produced an incredible performance to snatch victory from the Italian blockbuster and put the brake on the red jersey contest.

Britain’s Simon Yates, who started the day in second place, was left stranded in third place, more than a minute and 11 seconds off the pace.

Roglic, on the other hand, terrorised the British rider with his dominance on the time-trial stage, which he won in 51 minutes 52 seconds.

The Dutchman, who had won the previous two Giro victories, rolled in 3 minutes 11 seconds faster than Italy’s two-time Giro winner Vincenzo Nibali, and a dominant performance that allowed the British champion to be sent off the podium.

The Slovenian, who has also won the Tour de France and the Vuelta a España, remained the overall leader after another day of intense racing.

He said afterwards: “I had some long hours of training in the last few days but I’m an athlete, and my body is ready to go. It’s a hard race and I’m happy to take the red jersey.”

Yates, who was able to stay in second place, said: “Roglic took more than a minute off me but time-trials are his speciality. He took it totally. I have to accept it. It’s not the end of the world. I think there are still a lot of stages to come. I’ll carry on fighting.”

**Athletics**

**World champ Gatlin edges Księżno to win 100m in Osaka**

New York Jets CEO and chairman Christopher Johnson said he is looking for a general manager who “would be one of the smartest minds in the business. I’m convinced we’re going to find that person.”

Swimming icon Michael Phelps has confirmed he will retire from competitive racing after the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

The 30-year-old, who also won gold in the individual medley, became the first swimmer in history to win gold medals in 15 different events.

Johnson, who was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles in the third round of the 2004 NFL Draft, said: “I want a great manager, a strategic thinker” and can check both of those boxes.

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Marc Marquez extends championship leadership with French GP win

In Le Mans it’s always difficult especially with the temperature. I think it was my first race with the soft tyre in the front but it was the safer option and I was trying to be consistent on the laps. I’m happy because normally on this track Ducati and Yamaha are very fast but we were there.

Despite winning three of the season’s five races, Marc Marquez was the only rider not to be clinical in Sunday’s French Grand Prix at the Circuit de la Sarthe. The 23-year-old claimed the podium’s top step with a dominating win in front of Andrea Dovizioso, who looked to have a class edge but eventually couldn’t muster the speed necessary to take advantage of his Marquez’s mistakes.

“Because there was one race where I closed second places and theSpanish rider has a habit of finding to the Grand Prix of France,” he said.

“Marc’s round was very strong but I think he’s remembered the bad things that happened in the last race,” added Marquez.

Marc Marquez claimed his fourth career MotoGP win at the French Grand Prix yesterday, taking advantage of Andrea Dovizioso’s technical issues to claim the top spot ahead of Valentino Rossi and Francesco Bagnaia.

For Japanese manufacturer Honda, it was a historic night as well, with Alex Marquez taking the Moto2 win.

In the opening round at Barber Motorsports Park in Leeds, New York, Breazeale from the opening bell, butting heads with a straight punch to the face in the opening round with the devastating right.
Rayyan claim Amir Cup for third time in a row

By Kaveer Al-Sarari

Al Rayyan defeated Police 3-1 (25-12, 21-13, 25-13) in the Amir Cup Volleyball Championship final on Saturday, clearing the way for a third title in a row on Sunday.

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Qatar Volleyball Association (QV A) Indoor Hall, Al Rayyan defeated Police 3-1 (25-12, 21-13, 25-13) to win the Amir Cup Volleyball Championship final on Saturday. This was the 14th title in 27 seasons for Al Rayyan, having come close in 2008.

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