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In an interview earlier this month, Xavi confirmed he wants to take the coaching role at top level and he needs to be able to pass on his own career as coach, "he said.

"I am not ready to take this sort of role at the top level and I need to be able to pass on my own career as coach," he said.

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Sleepless 40-year-old Karlovic keeps breaking records

Karlovic was sleepless the night before his clash with Lopez, having been forced to play in two matches in one day.

Karlovic fired 35 aces and 69 winners with unforced errors in the 2-1 match to beat Lopez 6-4, 6-7, 6-4. It was a record-breaking performance, with the Croatian setting a new mark for the most aces in a French Open match.

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That's the thing, you know, some people think they're good for the culture of Australian tennis. But it's okay. We replayed it. It would be nice to give him the memory — will face Australian Davis Cup captain Lleyton Hewitt at Wimbledon in 2003.

The match statistics made for a tight match with 19 winners between the two players. But Tomic had the edge with two aces to none.

Karlovic's longevity, though not as demoralising as last year's shock first-round exit in the second round, is not as good, but you know, who cares? I think I'm here and I have the experience, the edge, he doesn't really give a lot. I'm happy to be here, which is almost at 11, then I would go to the gym. In the night. I'm happy with everything. He's adding a momentous pressure on me.

Karlovic is the first man aged over 40 to play in the main draw of a Grand Slam match in history. He is also the first man over 40 to win a Grand Slam match since 1992.


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**WARM-UP**

Windies fire warning over New Zealand

Hope’s ton and Russell’s 25-ball 54 help WI put 421 on board; NZ only manage 330

West Indies posted an incredible total of 421 for 6, which put them on the radar as a World Cup warm-up game. The Windies had 107 for their bowlers with 4-50, but Henry overspent. Gayle (47) and Russell added a crucial foundation for a mammoth total. Hope and Evin Lewis stitched together 113 for the opening wicket partnership. Hopc and Levis stitched together 113 for the opening wicket partnership.

The West Indies’ Shai Hope (right) runs between the wickets during the 2019 Cricket World Cup warm-up match against New Zealand in Bristol, England on Wednesday. (AFP)

India can dominate world cricket, thanks to bowlers: Lee

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eated the record for being the youngest to score a century in the World Cup. Lee has achieved this feat at the age of 21 years and 9 months. He has played in only four matches in the current Indian bowling, low on the list of the batsmen to dominate world cricket. He is right-handed batsman and a wicket-keeper. Lee has scored 1,781 runs in 13 tests and 27 ODIs at an average of 90.09 and 51.03 respectively. He is also one of the key players in the current Indian team.

The partnership came to an end with the dismissal of Rahul, who finished with 74 not out in 44 balls. This was Rahul’s third successive fifty in the current World Cup. India's spinners Rohit Sharma and Kuldeep Yadav added 44 runs for the fourth wicket.

In the 32nd over, triggering a batting collapse on Bangladesh from 200 to 214. Both Chahal and Yadav bowled with three wickets each as Bangladesh were bowled out for 214.

India’s slip fielder Rohit Sharma fields the ball off Kuldeep Yadav. Rohit caught the ball in the wicket of Rahim. India beat Bangladesh by 95 runs.

India’s captain Rohit Sharma caught Rahim for 77 and went on to score 111 before being bowled by Keshav Aggarwal for 110. Rohit has scored 1,000 runs in the current World Cup. All-rounder Harbhajan Singh made 45 in the match.

India’s debutant Shikhar Dhawan in action during the 2019 ICC World Cup warm-up match against Bangladesh at Cardiff. (WIC)
South Africa fast bowler Jofra Archer has said yesterday: “I’m known from Barbados when he was a youngster growing up there, so we’re pleased to have him.”

He’s got a lot of talent, so we’re going to give him as many chances as possible to make his mark. He can handle a lot, and if he does well in the tournament, we’re going to be a lot better as a team. We’re going to work on his fitness and work on his economy and work on his mental skills. We’ve got a lot of talent, and we’re going to try and make sure he’s ready for the World Cup in England.”

Rafael van der Veen, the Netherlands' director of cricket, said yesterday: “I’m looking forward to having him back in the team. He’s a very versatile player and he can bowl with both hands. We’re going to work on his fitness and work on his mental skills. We’ve got a lot of talent, and we’re going to try and make sure he’s ready for the World Cup in England.”
Bruins rally past Blues to win opening game of Stanley Cup finals

For us, being off as long as we were we can't get drawn into fancy plays. They are always going to play same way - a straight line game - and they got rewarded.

The Angels led 3-1 when Mark Canha drew a walk to load the bases. The Jays got their first hit of the night off of the first of two J. A. Happ pitches that were hit by the left fielder. He walked two and struck out five. The Jays recorded only five hits and one walk in the final game to open its four-game series against the Los Angeles Angels.

The Angels won Monday afternoon, 8-5 over the visiting Los Angeles Angels.

Elias Koutsoumbas

Durant won't play in game one, Cousins is questionable

Golden State Warriors forward Kevin Dur-
ant was ruled out of the team's opening-round series against the Houston Rockets on Thursday because of a right calf strain. Durant injured his right calf on May 4 in game three of the Western Conference Finals against the Houston Rockets.

The Warriors are 0-2 in games one and two, meeting the situation with the win against the Warriors in their home opener. The Warriors entered game one of the first round of the playoffs against the Los Angeles Clippers on April 9 and won the opening game 116-94 in the clipper's first-round opener.

Kerr said that it's not a game three start, but it's not a game three start. Durant has been out of the lineup for the past few games. "I'm one of those guys who sits out a bit of a calf strain" and "it's a bit of a mystery," Kerr said after the game.

"KD's not playing game one," Kerr said after practice. "We'll see how things go from here. We've seen both situations." But it appears the Warriors will have Durant in the lineup for the second game.

"He's been of late playing some shots, but it hasn't peaked (at) 'knee Cal' (Kevin Durant) today, so I'm not sure what's what with those injuries," Kerr said as he left the floor.

Durant is also said that topping senator Deskam concluded in a "questionable." The Warriors top forward is listed as "questionable," according to sources. He has missed the last two games of the first round of the playoffs against the Los Angeles Clippers on April 13 and 17 for the injury.

"We don't have a complete understanding of what's going on with Kevin," Kerr said.

"The Warriors head coach added, "I don't know what's going on with Kevin, but it's a bit of a mystery.""
**Roglic loses ground as Carapaz extends overall Giro lead**

'This was a perfect day for us, we did very well and we can relax a bit now.'

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**RUGBY**

**Injured Pocock clings to World Cup dream**

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Hazard’s transfer seems imminent, with Chelsea’s offer close to the Blues’ asking price. The Spaniard is determined to go out on a high, particularly as it is rumoured he is MOTM for the Belgian’s contract expiring next year. It is reported that Real Madrid is interested in signing Hazard, but Chelsea is likely to hold their ground on the player. Hazard was part of the team that won the Champions League in the 2012–13 season before losing the Europa League final. He has yet to surpass his first season in the Premier League, which ended with 11 goals and 10 assists. However, Hazard is moving from one top league to another, as the Premier League is considered the best league in the world. It is reported that the Blues are considering Hazard’s future, and they are likely to hold their ground on the player. Hazard was part of the team that won the Champions League in the 2012–13 season before losing the Europa League final. He has yet to surpass his first season in the Premier League, which ended with 11 goals and 10 assists. However, Hazard is moving from one top league to another, as the Premier League is considered the best league in the world. It is reported that the Blues are considering Hazard’s future, and they are likely to hold their ground on the player.
Barshim set to resume world record charge

By Anthony Harwood

Qatar’s Mutaz Barshim has sat second on the world all-time list at 2.43m since September 2014 and has never come as close as he did the last time he scaled 2.43m at the Diamond League final in Brussels. It’s a height that Bruederle记住, the coach of the German men’s team, had already achieved. When he scaled 2.43m in the Brussels meeting on September 12, he had the world record of 2.45m in his sights.

At first glance, Barshim’s jump was not the same flight as his previous northwestern flying. The German had the advantage of a flying start and took off just over 1m more than Barshim. But the Qatari, who began with some jogging and light calisthenics, found his rhythm, taking off like a rocket and clearing the bar with ease. Barshim had previously set the world record of 2.43m on September 12, 2014, in Brussels.

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Yousef Al-Obaidly, CEO at beIN MEDIA GROUP, said: “We are thrilled to be hosting two of the all-time greats in the world of sport, Qatari high jumper Mutaz Barshim and Greek first-event specialist Papagelis Sotomayer. “It was an honor to see them compete in our home country and we are looking forward to welcoming fans of athletics from around the world to the 100m track,” he added.

Meanwhile, Barshim is looking forward to the challenge of breaking the world record. “It’s a little bit strange - at one moment, ‘Oh, it wasn’t broken but the ligaments were torn. ’ And there is definitely a pain. ’ So I never experienced so harsh a pain as that moment, “ Barshim recalls. “So I thought it’s not broken. I thought, ‘I’m definitively broken’. ”

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You can’t just throw yourself up and expect to jump. You have to understand that there are two things happening in this whole universe who has done that. And there is definitely a pain. ”

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Qatar players took part in their first training session after arriving in Rio de Janeiro, for the Copa America, which will be held from June 14 to July 7 in Brazil. The Qatar team, led by coach Felix Sanchez, will face Brazil, the defending champions of the FIFA World Cup in Brazil. The squad members are expected to arrive in Brazil on May 24, and will be based in Porto Alegre. Qatar players will also face Paraguay and Japan on the group stage. The Qatar team has already played against Brazil in the 2019 AFC Asian Cup in Dubai, and will face the Selecao in the Copa America on June 2. They will also play another friendly on June 14, with the opponent yet to be determined.