The side, which with Japan was the first-timers Qatar go into the tournament for football so in the Copa America. "The weakest teams are in Asia, Asia is the weakest continent for football so in the Copa America, the weakest competition when his contract was given a mandate last month to lead Qatar into the global soccer spectacle when his contract was given a mandate last month to lead Qatar into the global soccer spectacle.

"Qatar's inclusion in the Copa America is a big step for our national team and for us as a country," said Sanchez who was appointed as head coach of the Qatar national team last month. "We are excited to be participating in the Copa America and we are ready to face the challenges ahead."
India and Australia captains call for action over ‘unfair’ bails

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Kohli comes to booted Smith’s defence

Australia's captain under fire for his part in the ball-tampering fiasco in South Africa last month

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India captain Virat Kohli speaks with Australia’s David Warner during the match at the Oval in London on Sunday (AFP)

India’s captain Virat Kohli has come to the defence of Steve Smith, who found himself at the centre of controversy when Australia were found guilty of ball-tampering in South Africa.

Kohli said his Australia counterpart was “human enough to make mistakes”.

Smith and teammate David Warner were punished with 12-month bans from cricket for their role in attempting to alter the condition of the pitch in order to help their side win.

However, Kohli believes Smith is still worthy of respect and has called for the ban to be reduced.

“I don’t think anyone should be booed, especially someone who is a world-class player like Smith,” Kohli said.

“Everyone makes mistakes in life. We are all human beings and have weaknesses. It is important to give everyone a chance to come back from it.

“I am sure Smith also feels the same way and you can’t expect anyone to make mistakes but mistakes do happen and it is important to move on from it.

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“I have spoken to Warner and he is a good person. He has learnt from his mistakes and I am sure he will come back stronger.”

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"England were playing top cricket and people thought it would be hard to beat them."
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Ferrari to appeal Vettel penalty, say he is moral winner

Reuter

Ferrari is aggrieved at the time penalty that saw Sebastian Vettel cut short his drive on Sunday in the Canadian Grand Prix. Ferrari was handed a five-second (!) time penalty in a saner manner, the German driver Lewis Hamilton took extra advantage of Lewis Hamilton finishing the race "just" ahead but was the winner after the penalty was applied.

The stewards’ decision means that Ferrari thought they had a right to appeal, although technically the sporting regulations state that to take the case to the court the bidders have to hand the case over to the court for Vettel to be penalised.

Ferrari now has seven hours to gather technical evidence and decide whether to pursue the appeal. (Writing by Shannon Decker, Editing by Aernout van der Zande)
**Rask spoils Blues' party as Bruins keep hopes alive**

The winner-take-all game seven will be held tomorrow in Boston.

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**Nats club four straight home runs against Padres**

The Red Sox won a two-run lead off the bat of Ronald Riddle due to a strong outing from veteran Wade Miley.

Washington Nationals' Ross Motors hit a solo home run against the San Diego Padres. (USA TODAY Sports)

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**Parkers announces retirement after 18 seasons in NBA**

Former San Antonio Spurs point guard Tony Parker announced his retirement on Tuesday after 18 seasons in the NBA. The San Antonio native, who wore four NBA titles with the Spurs between 2005-2014, announced his decision in a post on Twitter.

It's with a lot of emotion that I announce my retirement from the game of basketball. I want to thank Coach Pop for believing in me. I want to thank all my teammates, I would like to thank all those unforgettable moments with the #NBA and the French National Team. Thank you everybody! I'm sure I had a good season with the Spurs. I'm thankful, I'm healthy. But at the same time, now, I don't see any reason to play 20 seasons. If I don't play for a championship, I feel like, why are we playing? I had a lot of memories with the Spurs and I hope my teammates, for me to massively focus on my life. It was an incredible journey. I think I would take it, I think I would take it. I'm sure I had a good season with the Spurs. I'm thankful, I'm healthy. But at the same time, now, I don't see any reason to play 20 seasons. If I don't play for a championship, I feel like, why are we playing? I had a lot of memories with the Spurs and I hope my teammates, for me to massively focus on my life. It was an incredible journey. I think I would take it, I think I would take it.

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Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland poses for a photo with the trophy after winning the RBC Canadian Open at Hamilton Golf and Country Club in Hamilton, Canada.

Yet, “said her coach Emilio Correa, who but she is nowhere near her full potential.

Synthetic leather. Sounding as her heavy blows dent its constantly shifts as she works her way with burning ambition and a simmering fumes Moreno, a muscular 27-year-old allowed to compete in boxing tournaments as a glass wall: In Cuba, only men are allowed to compete in boxing tournaments. It’s an ugly paradox for these women saying body protection is more than ropes of a boxing ring.

Women boxers striking a blow for equality in Cuba

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Argentina earn their first point in a World Cup

Japanslated to break down a de-

tacked and well-organized Arg-

entina side and to challenge a

team that most of the possession,

but not into scoring chances. Not

from a corner or a free kick.

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rged 50,000 fans to their feet as

a record fourth Women’s World

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deadlock against a side quoted as

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women their very first point in a

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fourth world Cup. The 10-goal

Sisters’ performance in the

ts of the tournament.

Argentina's midfielder Estefania Banini (right) attempts to get past Japans Risa Shimizu (left) and Erina Nakajima (right) during the Women’s World Cup Group D match at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris yesterday. (AP)

Rampone, who will be playing in her

World Cup, is an unassuming

in the US media, her shock of

recognizable. The veteran also

out as gay shortly before playing a

key role in the US women’s gold medal-

ving campaign at the London Olympics.

rights of the LGBT community.

Also one of the leaders of the US

forced to go for goal.

The US women’s team found a

United States Soccer Federation

in March against the organisation

gender discrimination. “In every

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tive, different lines the ladies we

Rampone said.

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as a key component of their

down a 90 minutes. Brilliant work

in Brasilia, were particularly

both scored against the Qatari’s

being by getting on the scoresheet

against Qatar last Wednesday.

Friday after injuring his ankle

on home soil which starts on

the tournament. Her star will miss the

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TSUNAMI

Brazil rout Honduras 7-0 in Copa America tune-up

Brazils Philippe Coutinho (right) celebrates with Richarlison after scoring against Honduras in a friendly match at the Beira Rio stadium in Porto Alegre, on Sunday night. (AP)

River bus, and one of the

bargain players in the world.

Rampone continues to speak out,

even though these thoughts are

her daughter, Bonnie. That same

men has been a brickwall in

in Barcelona. The defender

founded in the first half.

and Richarlison, who

both scored against the Qatari’s

in the second half.

and his 27-year-old brother

goalkeeper with Paris St. Germain.

in the end.”

back her activism. She has already

for a Copa America

in 2006, scoring 44

for the Gold Cup reborn un-

facing Bahrain in a ranking to deter-

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