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West Indies are underdogs against Bangladesh: Holder

Bangladesh have won seven of their last nine meetings against West Indies, including last month's Tri-Nation Series in Ireland. "We've played them quite a bit and we're underdogs a bit, so it's a different scenario," West Indies captain Shimron Hetmyer said yesterday. "But we've played them quite a bit in the past and they've got us down a little bit of late, so I think they'll want to get the better of us, but it's a different scenario, I think."

Afghanistan, who look out of contention for the semi-finals, have the West Indies underdogs in this World Cup. "We've been quite successful in the past against them. Also he's an all-rounder category, fair enough," Afghanistan captain Gulbadin Naib told reporters yesterday. "We've played them quite a bit in the past and they've got us down a little bit of late, so I think they'll want to get the better of us, but it's a different scenario."

"It's a very important match for us, especially losing a few points in the last three matches," Naib said. "We've played them quite successfully against them off-spinnners. And if you look at mostly, mostly handled very well against them. Also he's bowled us well in this World Cup as well."

The West Indies' chief said his players had upped their game as South Africa, missing injured paceman Dale Steyn, lost to England, Bangladesh and India earlier in the tournament in pursuit of a world-class performance. "Hopefully this is a real confidence booster for everyone on the team," he said. "And there's a little bit of weight that you feel a little bit of shoulder now, so we're all up for it."

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"What I've added (from the T20I stage to the World Cup) is being able to play different roles. In different conditions, I might come up with a different plan. I might go for more runs, but I'm there to try and take a break through," he told Talksport Radio. "Five cricket is still the pinnacle for me but the fact I've kept it in a pretty simple way because I'm still enjoying the game. I'm not sure if I can stay on for a long spell, but I'm fighting through."

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Fury downs Schwarz in second round technical KO

It was a first career loss for Schwarz (24-1) and an impressive statement from Fury in his first bout since his controversial draw with Deontay Wilder in December.

The former world champion, who entered the fight as a heavy favorite, controlled the bout in the first two rounds before finishing his evening in Las Vegas with a victory.

The 30-year-old landed several shots to the head of Schwarz on Saturday as the Briton struggled to keep up.

Fury danced and jabbed his way to a dominant second round TKO, before finishing his evening in a first round technical KO.

He switched to a southpaw stance with his jab in the first round before ending it with a devastating left. It was a good shot, it would have put anybody away, he said.

No. 28 Davis heading to Lakers in blockbuster deal

Athletic Davis will fight a high-profile NBA trade following a second-place finish for the Los Angeles Lakers, who reached the Western Conference finals last season.

ESPN and the Los Angeles Times reported on Saturday that Davis will join the Lakers in a move that would make the former Houston Rockets guard a key piece in their pursuit of a championship.

The deal is expected to include a trade package for a second-round pick, according to the sources.

The Lakers have been linked to several trades, including a deal for Davis, who is coming off a second-place finish in the NBA and is considered one of the league's top players.

The 28-year-old former Kentucky star is known for his defensive skills and ability to shoot the ball from the perimeter.

He averaged 15.6 points and 13.7 rebounds per game last season and is expected to be a key addition to the Lakers' roster for the upcoming season.

Davis, who has played in four straight All-Star games, has also been linked to the Los Angeles Clippers and the Denver Nuggets.

The Lakers, who made the playoffs last season, are expected to have a strong roster next year with Davis and other key acquisitions like Dennis Schroder and P.J. Tucker.

The deal is expected to be announced in the coming days.

NBA

The Lakers have acquired a key asset in the form of Davis, who has been a consistent performer in the NBA for years.

He has played for the Hornets and the New Orleans Pelicans before joining the Lakers in 2015.

Davis, who has played for the Hornets and the Pelicans, has also been linked to the Lakers in the past and is expected to stay in Los Angeles for the foreseeable future.

The deal is expected to be official in the coming days and will arm the Lakers with a stronger roster for the upcoming season.
Record-breaking Lloyd propels USA into World Cup last 16

Sweden cruise into the knockout stages after comfortably seeing off Thailand 7-1

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Carli Lloyd became the first American female footballer to score in an associative women’s World Cup match as the United States brushed aside Chile 3-0 yesterday to secure their passage to the last 16. The winning margin might not have been as large as Carli Lloyd’s goal in normal time from a penalty kick, but it was enough to have ensured the USA were through to the round of 16 as the Nordic powerhouse met their expectations by putting the South American side to the sword.

The goal came on the day that Lloyd became the first American to win the Sportswoman of the Year award, and it was a fitting way for her to cap a remarkable career.

Carli Lloyd’s goal was the perfect way to start the match, as the USA dominated from the beginning. Lloyd had a shot on goal in the first minute, but it was saved by Chilean goalkeeper Alexandra Gonzalez. Lloyd then had a chance from the penalty spot, but her shot was saved again by Gonzalez.

In the second half, Lloyd doubled the USA’s lead from a precise cross from Julie Ertz, who was picked out by her team-mate Ertz’s crossing header. Lloyd then scored her third goal of the game from a lovely pass from Jessica McDonald, who had come on as a substitute for Lloyd in the 75th minute.

The win means that the USA have secured their place in the quarter-finals of the World Cup, where they will face Sweden on Thursday. The USA have never won a World Cup, but they have made it to the final of the tournament three times, in 1999, 2003, and 2015.

Chelsea confirm Sarri’s exit and will ask for Lampard talks

After a disappointing season, Chelsea have confirmed that Maurizio Sarri will leave the club at the end of the season, and they are now looking to replace him. Sarri has been in charge of Chelsea for two seasons, but the club have not been able to replicate the success they had under Guus Hiddink in the 2016-17 season.

Chelsea have already been in contact with several managers, including Lampard, who was their manager from 2004 to 2011. Lampard has been out of management since leaving Derby County in 2019, and he has been linked with a return to Chelsea.

Lampard has been a long-term target for Chelsea, and he has been linked with the job since the summer. Lampard is a former Chelsea player, and he was manager of Derby County for three years, during which time he led the club to promotion to the Premier League.

Chelsea will now begin the process of appointing a new manager, and they are expected to make an announcement in the coming weeks. The club have expressed their gratitude to Maurizio Sarri for his work, and they have wished him all the best for the future.
Lissandro Meza said his team was feeling bitter after Argentina lost their opening Copa America match to Peru. It was an early tournament shock for the 2015 runners-up, who had finished third in South America’s qualifying campaign and were considered among the tournament’s favorites.

Argentina had been looking for a better result than the 2-2 draw with Qatar, the Asian champions, in their first tournament under coach Lionel Scaloni. But they couldn’t make the most of their chances against an resilient Peru team that had dominated for large parts of the game.

The game sparked into life in the final quarter when Mago was sent off after a reckless tackle on Peru’s Carlos Zambrano. The 21-year-old midfielder had not been at his best for Argentina and was shown a second yellow card for a reckless challenge on Zambrano, who was left holding his head in despair.

Both sides had to think about Paraguay. “Their goalkeeper is a great goalkeeper, they have a lot of experience,” said Queiroz. Peru were also just as good as they had been against Qatar, the Asian champions, in their first tournament under coach Ricardo Gareca. But it was Kubo who was in the ascendancy, putting in a man-of-the-match performance.

The youngster, described by many as “Japanese Messi” or “Japanese Neymar”, has matured a lot in the past year. “It’s a good opportunity for him to show his skills,” said Zavgorodnyy. “It’s come around once in a lifetime. It will be a great experience.”

Kubo, who could become the first player to score in all four international tournaments, has already made a significant impact at the tournament. He has scored twice in the opening match and is set to continue his impressive run against Paraguay.

But even a “Japanese Messi” could not withstand Argentina’s defence, which made life difficult for the teenage sensation. He was denied a late goal that would have secured a famous victory for Japan.

The result means that both sides now need to win their remaining games to have any chance of qualifying for the knockout stages. It was a bitter start to the tournament for both teams, but Kubo was not about to let it get to him. “We’re still a long way from where we want to be,” he said. "It’s an Asian team that’s familiar with the coaching staff and the players in the Jersey. We tend to think in a different way."
Qatar @roadto2022 Exhibition kicks off in Sao Paulo

The event features FIFA World Cup memorabilia, croquet and wall graphics which highlight football culture in Qatar, models of the eight Qatar 2022 stadiums and details about Qatar's Asian Cup victory.

The exhibition has been organised to coincide with Qatar's debut in the Copa America. The Matildas have been shown Group D with Argentina, Colombia and Peru. The reigning Asian Cup champions have been included in the tournament for the first time, along with Japan.

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