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The Tigers produced one of the biggest upsets in cricket history when they defeated a star-studded Australia in 2005...
Harmarajan tells India to stick with Yadav-Chahal duo

Yadav struck twice in India’s 89-run win over arch-rivals Pakistan in Manchester

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Harbhajan Singh

Simmons outbust exposures troubles in Afghan camp

Rain-hit cricket World Cup may cost insurance millions

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Pakistan announce ‘urgent’ review

The Pakistan team management has already admitted that there may be issues in the selection process but for now, the focus is on moving forward. The team was not able to field a full-strength team in the World Cup as several players had to be dropped due to injuries.

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**Tennis**

Jannik Sinner, the 20-year-old Italian, has reached the quarter-finals of the French Open, and in doing so, has become the youngest player to reach this stage at Roland Garros since 2013.

The third seed, who is ranked world number 12, looked in demand during his second-round clash with the Spaniard's uncle Tony and, after a brief interruption due to rain, he battled back to win 6-3, 6-4 before rain continued to frustrate the schedule.

Sinner, the 24-year-old Kyrgios, is in his first Grand Slam semi-final and he is looking forward to the opportunity to face defending champion Novak Djokovic in the final.

**Newspaper**

The 35-year-old Kyrgios made the comments during the Italian Open in Rome where he won in straight sets against the Spaniard to reach the quarter-finals and set up a clash with Djokovic in the semi-finals on Sunday.

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Blackmon makes history in Rockies’ rout over D-backs

Blackmon had set a major league record with 15 hits in a four-game series against the San Diego Padres last weekend.

**SPORTS**

**MLB**

Blackmon’s streak concludes

As the streak came to an end, Blackmon thanked his teammates for their support.

**QATAR**

**Horse Racing**

Dettori’s class is clear in fine Royal Ascot double

Dettori won the 2019 Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot yesterday after claiming the feature race of the day the Prince of Wales’s Stakes.

**Football**

**ATLETICO 1, ORIOLES 0**

Bauer struck out six batters over three scoreless innings as the Atletico Madrid beat the Baltimore Orioles 1-0 on Thursday.

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Sergio Ramos paid tribute yester-
day to Luis Enrique, who has stepped down as Spain coach after guiding his country to Euro 2020 glory. "Luis Enrique is a legend," said Sergio Ramos in a statement he was young enough to be a little boy when the former Barca star had previously faced him in draw as teammates. "His presence has not been made public in Spain in recent years, "Ramos wrote on his Instagram account, "but the victory of the national team will bring him back inside our hearts.

Robert Moreno, his assistant coach, has been confirmed as his successor. Moreno has been in charge of Spain’s last five matches and will now lead the team through Euro 2021 qualifying and the Russia 2022 FIFA World Cup. Moreno is in what is his first job as a professional coach. He will be with the national team for 12 months, after which period a decision will be made on his future, and his contract will expire at the end of the current Russia 2022 World Cup cycle, which will end in the summer of 2022. "The situation has been very suddenly and quickly settled," said Moreno.

"Luis Enrique has informed us he will not continue as coach," said ESPN president and CEO John Skipper yesterday in a press conference. "We completely respect his situation and will not continue as coach," said RFEF president Luis Rubiales. "But we hired Luis Enrique with the federation and the doors of the nation at stake."

Ramos added: "It’s a bittersweet day. I already said goodbye to Luis Enrique and to his team, but not to his work. We will try to continue what Luis Enrique has started and will try to work at the top, by winning Euro 2020."

Rubiales Moreno will replace Luis Enrique in charge of Spain.

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AC Milan appoint Giampaolo in bid to end trophy drought

MILAN

Roberto Gagliardi, AC Milan’s chief executive, yesterday confirmed that Vincenzo Montella has been appointed as the club’s new coach.

Montella, 46, will replace Massimiliano Allegri, who was sacked last month after guiding the club to eighth place in Serie A.

"We want to change the mentality," Gagliardi said. "We want to be competitive in Serie A." 

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Bundesliga

Hummels returns for Dortmund reboots after Bayern and Germany rejection

Robert Hummel, defensive colossus has been a mainstay for Cologne and Bayern, has announced his return to the Bundesliga after a contract dispute with the former club.

The 29-year-old, who helped Bayern win the Bundesliga title last season, said he had reached an agreement with the club to return.

"It’s a natural decision for me," Hummel said. "I have made this decision because I believe in myself and I want to play in a team where I can develop my full potential."

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Spotlight

Ramos offers support to departing Spain coach Luis Enrique

Enrique said in a statement that he was resigning due to personal reasons.
Brazil left the field to bow from home crowd but remain top of Group A with four points

**Copa America**

**VAR denies Brazil as Venezuela battle to draw**

Brazil took a huge step towards qualifying for the Copa America.

We have to improve — we again struggled to find a creative spark which means nothing if we don’t qualify from two games, and one game to play.

Meanwhile praised an “almost perfect” performance.

Peru’s Jefferson Farfan (left) heads the ball to score Brazil’s goalkeeper Carlos Lampe during their Copa America Group A match at the Arena Fonte Nova in Salvador, Brazil on Tuesday night.

**Footballer returns to pitch**

Brazil and Venezuela players react during their Copa America Group A match at the Arena Fonte Nova in Salvador, Brazil on Tuesday night.

**Africa Cup of Nations live and exclusive on beIN Sports**

Africa Cup of Nations tournament starts this Saturday, June 21 to July 19. For the first time, the continent’s biggest football tournament will be televised in the United Arab Emirates.

Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) live and exclusive on its beIN channels. The action-packed 54 matches from Joo Min-kyu and Hwang Il-ho.

**VAR denies Brazil as Venezuela battle to draw**

Brazil were held to a 0-0 draw against Venezuela in the Copa America on Tuesday night.

**Jefferson Farfan (left) heads the ball to score Brazil’s goalkeeper Carlos Lampe during their Copa America Group A match at the Arena Fonte Nova in Salvador, Brazil on Tuesday night. (Reuters)**

Venezuela coach Rafael Dudamel will have absolutely nothing to demand — a Brazilian goal after being alerted to an infringement by the video assistant referee.

Venezuela’s goalkeeper Carlos Lampe injured his left arm while collecting a ball near half-time and was replaced byutilus.

¿Sale el título del Mundial en Brasil 2014? ¿Qué equipos participarían? ¿Cómo será el formato? ¿Cuál será el calendario? ¿Quién será el árbitro? ¿Cuál será el sistema de clasificación? ¿Cuál será el formato del Mundial de la próxima edición?

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Qatar schools in a class of their own as they get set for Doha 2019 Worlds

Various sporting activities marked the countdown for the year’s biggest sporting spectacle – IAAF World Championships

By Mikhil Bhat

Usain Bolt took 9.58 seconds to run 100m. What’s the distance you can reach in that time?
David Rudisha ran 800m in 1:40.91. How much time will you and seven of your mates, each running 100m, take?

As it turned out, the students at Sherborne Qatar took a shot at these and many other records from the world of track and field to mark the 100-day countdown for the year’s biggest sporting spectacle – IAAF World Athletics Championships Doha 2019, which will run from September 27 to October 6 at the state-of-the-art Khalifa International Stadium.

There was no warm-up, no multi-national sporting goods companies customising the footwear to suit the running style, no data to eke out optimal performance. But by the end of it all, students had respect for what the top class athletes achieved, how they pushed boundaries of human limits.

Perhaps the activity had piqued their interest in athletics. And that was what the Local Organising Committee (LOC) for Doha 2019 hoped to do — inspire children.

Similar events were held across schools in Qatar, including at Doha College.

“The World Championships are the biggest event happening this year. As many as 230 countries will be represented,” said Sherborne Qatar principal Sushil Khanna.

For Sheikha Asma, who last year became the first Qatari to ski to the North Pole and has previously scaled Kilimanjaro, the excitement of the students was heartening.

“For me it is exciting and inspirational. I have always liked athletics and I used to participate when I was in school as a young girl. To get an event, and to be a part of it, and to see these top class athletes is very inspiring. It is very important to get these opportunities and I hope these Championships do the same for them,” she said.

Talking about the preparations for the Championships, she said, “We are very excited, to be honest. All the preparations for the Championships, and we said, ‘We are very excited to be here. All the preparations are underway well, the tickets are on sale, the international packages are going out, so we are on point with the preparations.’”

“This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for so many and they are privileged to be in Qatar at this time of their lives.”

Back at Sherborne Senior School, for those who are interested, eight students running 100m legs posted an average time of 2:34.7 for the 800m distance, a good run and a lot of students have been told internation-ally, while we are now pushing it locally. It’s picking up and we are anticipating full stadium every night.”

“I think it’s a great idea,” said Sushil Khanna. “It’s a great opportunity for the students, for the school, for the students, and we believe in the notion of healthy body, healthy mind to help us be a high performing school, which is only possible with having sport firmly embedded. Students in Doha College are engaged in sport on compul- sory basis. The leadership skills, the work together through sport, in a skill that translates into high achievement in the classroom.

“Surely athletes who are having the Championships coming to Qatar is another 100km run for us, so we are privileged to be in Qatar at this time of their lives.”