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Sanchez concluded his remarks by saying that the players gained a lot of experience from the match and will be better prepared for the upcoming matches.

We managed to keep up with the Brazilian team for most of the first half. And in the second half they really played very well. Sanchez, who guided Qatar to their first ever Asian Cup title earlier this year, said the experience of playing Brazil will help them in the future.

Sanchez added that the Qatari players have gained a lot of experience from this encounter, which will give them a boost in their opening matches at the Copa America. He also said that the team will play in a very difficult group.

Sanchez concluded by thanking the fans and wished them good luck in the upcoming matches.
**Coulter-Nile sparks Aussie revival win over West Indies**

No. 8s 92 helps Australia to 288 before Starc scalps five wickets for 15-run victory

**REPORT**

Australians Nathan Coulter-Nile (right) takes his century during the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup match against West Indies at Trent Bridge in Nottingham, Britain, yesterday. (Reuters)

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**FOCUS**

Battling, fielding cost Bangladesh against Kiwis, says Mashrafe

**REPORT**

England paid the price for a below-par batting performance and made things easy for Bangladesh in their 50-run win in the World Cup on Wednesday, as their grimypartnership has said.

Bengaluru based to fail in tall Al Hasan and Mashrafe Rahman's 10-run partnership, which allowed New Zealand a target of 245 at the Oval, and Rahman ended his innings at 46 after 20 runs short of a determined finish.

"We could have managed to score 250-260 at most from this pitch," said Rahman, who told reporters: "It was very slow, a rain short but very cloudy.

New Zealand put under pressure by losing six wickets in quick succession to give Mashrafe hope, but the con-

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former England batsman Kevin Pietersen has offered a piece of advice to all the aspiring, emerging right-handers — to help them break into international and ICC World Cup standard.

To Twitter to help the batters in the same way.

Quick means to at least hundred rated runs — can come from a top-three score and can come from a top-four score. It’s important to score runs in both innings to get a decent total.

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**SPOTLIGHT**

Selectors right to reject De Villiers for World Cup: convener

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Pressure-free Pakistan ready to deliver against Sri Lanka

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PTI’s running story over the World Cup favor- ites England has been a constant source of joy for Pakistan fans. The team has shown great resilience and has been able to turn things around in their favor.

Rohit’s ton will ease pressure on Kohli, says Srikanth

Karunaratne unfazed by Sri Lanka’s World Cup woe against Pakistan

Rohit Sharma’s unbeaten century in India’s Cricket World Cup opener against South Africa augured well for the team and will help take some pressure off captain Virat Kohli, former opening batsman Krishnamurthy Srikanth has said.

“Rohit Sharma’s century gave us a good start. He showed his true class and brought up his milestone with a hundred. The team is looking good and the pressure on Kohli has been taken off,” Srikanth told AFP.

Sri Lanka captain Dimuth Karunaratne (left) and teammates celebrate an Afghanistan wicket during match on Saturday (AFP)

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The trio of Shikhar Dhawan, Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul ran the young Sri Lankan bowlers ragged and made them look silly. The trio combined to knock over four wickets and put the team in a strong position.

The 24-year-old has already made an impact since his debut for Pakistan. In his first 10 matches, he has scored 431 runs at an average of 43.1.

But he was untroubled by his knock as he guided his team into a comfortable one with an unbroken 60-run partnership with Mohammad Rizwan.

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Sri Lanka, on the other hand, were bowled out for 105 after losing two wickets in the opening overs.

Sri Lanka are optimistic that they can turn things around in their opening match against New Zealand on Monday.

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**ROUND-UP**

*Qatar Football Association President Sheikha Hind bin Hamad al-Thani was present at the pitch-side touchline with Brasileirao President Jose Bolonka (second left) in Brasilia on Wednesday.*

*Real Madrid move into fifth in La Liga with a comfortable win over Celta Vigo, before three consecutive losses.*

*QFA chief meets Brazilian president.*

*Transfer news.*

*Gianluigi Donnarumma was unveiled as a new Chelsea signing on Monday.*

**FOCUS**

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**STORY**

‘Genius’ Ronaldo hat-trick sends Portugal into final

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**TRANSFER**

Real Madrid agree to deal to sign Chelsea’s Hazard: reports

*Real Madrid have agreed a blockbuster deal to sign Chelsea winger Eden Hazard.*

*The deal, according to a report from ‘Gol’, could break the club’s transfer record for Hazard.*

*Hazard, who has come under scrutiny in recent weeks following the club’s move to sell him, was asked about allegations that CAF President Ahmad Ahmad had interfered in his selection to the Olympic Games squad.*

*Hazard is also on the verge of leaving Stamford Bridge after negotiating his release from his £150m (€162m) contract at Chelsea.*

**SPOTLIGHT**

Man City appeal possible Champions League ban

*Manchester City have appealed against their possible Champions League ban.*

*The club are appealing against the UEFA decision toban them from the competition for two seasons due to financial fair-play breaches.*

*The investigation was triggered by ‘AFC, the sports court, in a complaint from La Liga club Barcelona.*

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Golden State Warriors to regain lead

Toronto Raptors forward Kawhi Leonard shoots the ball against Golden State Warriors centre Andrew Bogut in game three of the 2019 NBA Finals at Oracle Arena. REUTERS/PICTURE: USA TODAY Sports

Spotlight

Mavs’ Cuban enjoys when Lakers are in trouble

Los Angeles

Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban told Reuters on Wednesday he takes delight in the plight of Los Angeles Lakers who have followed a tumultuous season with another 7-10 record and total of 15-42 off-season losses.

“More screwed up than the Lakers, I guarantee it,” Cuban told Reuters while he was in downtown LA for the social innovation summit.

He added: “I feel every night about every franchise that got screwed over this year. A year ago when the Lakers turned, they moved through cycles, and when they don’t cycle into their last year, you just can’t.”

Despite that sentiment, Cuban said he supports Lakers controlling owner Jeanie Buss.

“I feel bad for her personally, because she’s got a great person,” he told Reuters.

Cuban also disappointed superstar team president Magic Johnson’s claim last month that he would consider moving the Lakers to LA.

“A little bit of self-serving,” Cuban said. “I don’t think someone could afford them. And that’s what I’ve been saying. That’s just a reflection of just how well we’ve done.”

Johnson resigned from his position, without warning anyone, including Buss, a close friend of his in April 27, 2019, six months before the team’s regular-season finale. In mid-May, Johnson accused general manager Rob Pelinka, who reports to Johnson, of back-stabbing him.

Last week, famously ESPYs-nominated star player LeBron James, Johnson’s former team-mate and employee, announced that he intends to move his 10-year-old son LesVia to the team’s management centre staple.

Johnson has made his 22nd 200-win debut, and the Mavericks are now in the top three in the NBA for the last time since 2006-07.

It was the seventh time in his last nine starts.

Sale got more than 10.
**GOLF**

**Exhausted Lee6 ready for encore after US Open triumph**

"My fingers are tired because I've been sending so many messages and phone calls to everyone."

Lee6 Jeong-eun of South Korea hits a tee shot on the first hole during the final round of the US Women's Open Championship at the Country Club of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina, on June 2, 2019. (Getty Images/AFP)

**McIlroy shoots 67 as Bradley takes early lead**

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Shane Lowry, South Korean Im Sung-jae and 2018 winner Graeme McDowell are competing in Hamilton. (Getty Images/AFP)

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**NFL**

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Hamilton wants F1 to be more of ‘a man’s sport’

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euve Hamil-ton said yesterday that Formula One should be a more “manly” sport if drivers and they should be allowed longer-distance entries at the end of a Grand Prix. “I could do two or three races in a row and Formula One really shouldn’t be like that. It’s a man’s sport and a lot of youngsters come in and see what it’s all about and we should allow them to do that,” he said in a press conference ahead of this weekend’s Canadian GP. “You should be physically educated and all that – to the point that it should be educating like a marathon,” he added. “If I had a child who would go back in time to Formula One I would have a muscular gastro. It’d make it harder to be in that genre, take more of those big hits if you have ever-where.

Asked to reflect on themes men- tioned during his appearance on David Letterman’s chat show, Hamil-ton spoke of his father Anthony, who had passed away in 1996. “He was my first manager. He was the guy behind the scenes,” he said. “I don’t think you’ve been so eluci- dary” said Hamilton, who concealed those tears with a smile. “I’m afraid I was just out today,” below it all was being: “fantastic work.”

He also spoke of his brother Miles and whole family for the first time – my si- ster, my mum, my step-mum and broth- ers, my best friend ever – talking about how they’ve been so supportive. “I was just out with my mum and my family and they were just so amazing.”

Many of the greatest men I know have done that. Maybe if I had him back in the days I’d be a lot fitter being a much better driver. I’ll be forced to do the fitness in a way that I couldn’t have been.

Miles Hamilton has been a driving force in his brother’s career for the past two years. It was his dream to be in tonus to perform well. “I think it was one of my biggest

moments in his role as a sportsman, giving great credit to a change in his diet for giving him the physical performance.

He said there were still humps along the way but he had enjoyed the years so far. “One of the best things to handle and deal with them was to know that we have a man behind him,” he said. “I know that he’s always been there to support me and physically. I wish I had done it a lot more when I was younger, because it’s just how I think you should be fit to be a sportsman.

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The 17-year-old美国人 from Pennsylvania hit the second of her two match points on the 20-second dozen in the opening set of her impressive 6-3, 6-4 victory over the Romanian at Roland Garros.

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Anisimova, who was born in Russia, was given a wildcard entry to play in the French Open last year, where she reached the second round after defeating Monica Puig.

The world number eight Anisimova is the highest-ranked player in the semi-finals, ahead of 16th seed Krejcikova and the unseeded American teenagers Anisimova and Vondrousova in the final.

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