Squash Rafael Nadal reacts after winning a point against Switzerland's Roger Federer during their men's singles French Open semifinal at Roland Garros in Paris (AP)

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DOUGLAS HOBSON HELD UP BY BAYERN

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He will instead meet 10th seed Gael Monfils of France in the semifinals.

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England won’t panic at World Cup: captain Morgan

All we talked about is sticking to what we do well, looking at our strengths, England’s Eoin Morgan said after his side comprehensively beat South Africa in the opening match of the tournament.

"We’re disappointed with the result," he added. "But they are a good side. We did well as a group and it was a good performance overall.

"The way we played was a good start to the tournament and we will continue to improve.

"We’ve said from the start that we want to be in the top four at the end of the tournament and we are on track to achieve that."
Kiwis ready to counter Afghan spin, says Taylor

While the Black Caps have won both their matches in the tournament so far, Afghanistan are yet to open their account.

Williamson to struggle against Rashid despite IPL familiarity: Naib

Kolkata, June 8

New Zealand captain Kane Williamson will be struggling to understand Premier League IPL teammates Kohli, Rahane and Jadeja this World Cup, says Afghanistan’s Rashid Khan.

Team’s tense chase at the Oval to take wickets.

Also, the logos on the glove should not have a political or national connotation of any sort.

The West Indies' bowling talisman will prevail against him in the nets,” Naib added.

Afghanistan's Rashid Khan fields during the ICC Cricket World Cup match against Australia at Bristol, England last week.

Cricket World Cup

BOTTOMLINE COMMENT

NZ should find Afghanistan less daunting, says Vettori

Australia's Zampa censored over obscenity
Australia's Ashleigh Barty in action during her semi-final match against Amanda Anisimova of the US at Roland Garros in Paris yesterday.

**TENNIS**

Ashleigh Barty and Marketa Vondrousova set up a Roland Garros final showdown yesterday, shrugging off a season now which had seen their semi-finals drift away from the tournament’s champagne.

Barty, 23, reached her first final at the majors, the match ending at a set and 6-3 to douse 20-year-old Amanda Anisimova’s 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 in aUkraine semi-final match which saw her knock out 2019’s French Open semi-finalist and in 10 years since Caroline Wozniacki’s... 

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**SPOTTLIGHT**

**Federer won't return to French Open in 2020 Roland Garros return**

Roger Federer added he won Grand Slam titles in his career. The Swiss star’s return to the tour in 2020, Roland Garros will be Roland Garros return after a knee surgery, he announced on Monday.

Headd to-head to head against Federer 24-14, 6-3 in a French Open match for a 15th Grand Slam title. The match was the first since 2013, and it’s defending champion Simon & Langer.

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Marketa is an upgraded engine. She made her French Open debut and has won six of her seven matches so far.
Controversial goal helps Blues win game five

The Blues carry a 3-2 lead over the Bruins in the best-of-seven series into Game 6 in St. Louis tomorrow.

The Boston Bruins, the reaction of St. Louis Blues forward Tyler Bozak after tripping a visiting Minnesota Twins pitcher.

Bozak said his Blues teammate, Nick Bonino, hit him in the back of the leg, causing him to lose his balance and fall to the ice. He said he tried to get back up, but the Blues’ coach, Craig Berube, got in his face and told him to get off the ice.

Berube disagreed with the idea that his team should have been given a penalty shot.

“I don’t think it was a penalty shot,” Berube said. “I think it was a tripping call. I don’t think it was a penalty shot.”

Berube added that he thought the Blues were the better team in the game and deserved to win.

The Blues, who lead the series 3-2, took a 3-2 lead in the third period on a goal by Oskar Seite.

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Koepka eyes historic US treble at Pebble Beach

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SPORT

England must learn from painful Dutch defeat: Southgate

The Netherlands outclass England to reach Nations League final

**SPORT**

England manager Gareth Southgate promised his side would learn from an error-strewn performance against the Netherlands on Thursday in the Nations League semi-final in Guimaraes.

The Dutch outclassed England, scoring three goals in a 3-0 win. It was a disappointing end to England’s tournament and meant they would not feature at the final of the tournament.

On paper, it was a one-sided contest. England were missing key players including Harry Kane and Raheem Sterling through injury and it was always going to be a tough task to win.

But Southgate had hoped his side could use the meeting as a learning exercise.

The match started inauspiciously for England at the Estadio D. Afonso Henriques on Thursday. They fell behind to a Matthijs de Ligt goal in the 30th minute.

De Ligt, 21, scored his first international goal to give the Netherlands the lead. In a.carless handling by Kyle Walker-Peters at the heart of their defence, De Ligt scored.

The Netherlands dominated possession and doubled their lead in the second half with two goals in the space of 10 minutes.

It was an exaggerated turnaround in their fortunes from the last meeting between the countries. In March, England won 2-1 in London.

However, the young talent that has seen them progress to the semi-finals of the Nations League was on full display.

The Netherlands took the lead in the second minute when Oranje goalkeeper Donny van de Beek laid on a pass for Depay who fired in a left-footed strike.

The Dutch scored again in the 15th minute when Depay laid off for Quincy Promes to slot home.

The Netherlands failed to even qualify for the last-16 of the World Cup in Russia. Their display showed much work is still to be done if they are to end their drought on most summer since 2018.

Taiwanese captain Has- san Al-Haydos said he was pleased with the performance of his team.

"We played a good game against Brazil. The players have gained a lot of experience against Brazil," he said.

Defender Felix Sanchez, who was pleased with the performance of his team.

"We played a good game against Brazil: Qatar captain al-Haydos

By Sports Reporter

Q atar captain Hassan al-Haydos and his Brazilian counterpart Casemiro were not the only winners on Thursday.

Willian has been a surprise choice as the country’s media and fans have focused on whether his £50m move from Chelsea to Paris Saint-Germain was a success.

The Brazilian international has been praised for his performances in the last two seasons but the move has been met with criticism from some quarters.

"It is a sensitive period for me," said Willian.

In accordance with competition rules, CBF sent Conmebol a letter to explain why the appeal was rejected.

Brazilian team for most of the tournament. "This game will serve as a lot for the players. It has in the past taught us the importance of playing Brazilian against them in front of each of

Willian: "The 2-0 win was a huge boost for us. We had a few chances to score more but the important thing is that we won."

"I am very happy for the boys. We have worked hard for this and we will continue to work hard."

"The team is very strong. We have a lot of quality players and we will play in a very difficult group."