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Liam Plunkett has warned that England will not be a “different sort of animal” if they lose their first World Cup semi-final to Australia, as they prepare for a London clash against the team they were beaten by in the 2005 final. Plunkett’s counts his run-out in that match, a famous draw against Australia, “a defining moment” in his career. But he insists that the team is no longer the same.

“It would be nice to finish this tournament with a clean sweep,” Plunkett said. “It’s something the coach has been pushing us to do since the start of the tournament. We are in to put through a bit of history now.”

**India’s Dravid appointed head of cricket at national academy**

The former India batter Virender Sehwag has been named as the new head coach of the Cricket Australia Women’s National Academy, replacing Lisa Keightley who stepped down last year.

**Bangladesh sack coach Rhodes after lacklustre World Cup**

Bangladesh have sacked coach Russell Domingo after their poor run in the World Cup, according to reports. Domingo, who has been in charge since 2015, has guided the team to their first ever World Cup semi-final.

**Big Three still creditworthy option**

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**UPDATE**

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Bangladesh cricket officials on Monday announced that coach Russell Domingo has been relieved of his duties following poor performances in the World Cup. "We have decided to part ways with coach Russell as our team’s performance has been disappointing," said BCB chief Nazmul Hassan.

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Paying Nova Djokovic a visit. The 17-year-old is a sight to behold, as if preparing for his first Wimbledon. The boy is at the centre of the court, dressed in a white kit, with a bat in his hand, and a look of determination on his face. The crowd is silent, watching the boy's every move with great fascination. Djokovic is a legend in tennis, and his presence on the court is always a sight to behold. The boy's father, Novak Djokovic, is known for his incredible talent and dedication to the sport, and he is often seen practicing on the court with his son. The boy's coach, a former tennis pro, is always by his side, offering guidance and encouragement. The boy's movements are graceful and precise, and he seems to be thoroughly enjoying his practice session. The crowd is cheering him on, and the atmosphere is electric. The boy's potential as a future tennis star is obvious, and everyone is excited to see what the future holds for him.
Cycling/Tour De France

**Viviani fastest as France rolls out yellow carpet for Alaphilippe**

Defending champion Geraint Thomas had a quiet day as co-captain Egan Bernal and their Ineos teammates all finished in the pack.

**AFP**

E ddy Merckx was too fast for any of the other top sprinters in a thrilling finish in France yesterday as fans all along the route cheered for Alaphilippe.

The 27-year-old held off the pack for the win after he had led out by teammate Julian Alaphilippe, who could not find the right French-Canadian slot and faded to fourth in a photo-finish with green jersey holder and fellow rookie Australian Ewan.

The bunch sprint was not the only active over a nervy finale. Another rider creating quite a buzz was Michael Woods of Canada who failed to take a stage at the Giro d’Italia, and who was joined by the likes of Van Aert and Yoann Offredo held on until the very end to take the stage.

A triad arrived out on a long-tongue breakaway early in the stage with Michael Schach being awarded the combination award after he, Frederik Backaert and Yoann Offredo held on until the finish line to take the stage.

A title out of the 106th edition of the Tour, the French cycling race between Reims and Nancy, in Nancy, eastern France, yesterday. At bottom, Julian Alaphilippe with his yellow jersey.

**Sport**

**Rugby**

Wales captain Jones extends contract to 2021

Wales captain Alun Wyn Jones has extended his contract with the Wales rugby union to June 2021.

It is understood that the 33-year-old lock has long-term plans to end his international rugby career at the 2023 World Cup in Japan.

"This announcement is huge boost for Welsh rugby," WRU chief executive Martin Phillips said.

"Alun Wyn is hugely respected across the game and he has continued to have the backing of coaches and players alike and we are delighted to continue to plan for his homelessness beyond.”

Jones will lead to Switzerland with the Wales squad this week for their first overseas World Cup training camp, which will be used as a major step in the goal he set when he was diagnosed with testicular cancer in late 2018 and spent much of his time rehabilitating to play in the World Cup in Japan.

"Going through cancer and chemo has been a great sort of awakening for what I really want and my rugby goals, my little goals — I sort of narrowed down what’s important to me in my life. It’s always been a dream to come to the world stage and to play in a World Cup. The dream is still alive and to achieve that this year."
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treatment for leukemia, and the effects of this disease are not changes that can be made,
and the amount of time it takes to recover from leukemia treatment."

Lakers to start James as point guard
The four-time NBA MVP has functioned primarily as a point guard for most of his career.

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Doping scandal guru says drugs still in use in baseball
The mastermind of the notorious BALCO drug-laying scandal, which involved baseball players and led to the imprisonment of Barry Bonds, claims that baseball is still using performance-enhancers.

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SILVERSTONE POISED FOR RECORD 70,000 FANS FOR BRITISH OPEN
Silverstone is expected to host a record 70,000 fans for the British Open this weekend.

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FORMULA ONE
Silverstone poised for new deal of British Grand Prix

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SPOTLIGHT
No change at McLaren for 2020

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Lack of interest in acquiring West-
South Africa’s coach Stuart Baxter. (Reuters)

Tunisia scored from all five penalties while Ghana’s Eksuan had his attempt saved.

**AFCRICA CUP OF NATIONS**

**Tunisia triumph on penalties to end Ghana’s dominance**

South Africa’s coach Stuart Baxter. (Reuters)

Baxter goes from dead man walking to South Africa’s hero

**TUNISIA, Egypt**

AFP

Tunisia defeated Ghana 5-4 on penalties on Monday night with both teams confessing to the decisive spot-kick to end their African Cup of Nations qualifying campaign. After a 1-1 draw following extra-time on penalties, Tunisia scored from all five penalties while Ghana substituted Caleb Eksuan had his attempt saved by Umaru Babangida, who came on the bench especially for the shootout.

**Tunisia’s players celebrate after their win over Ghana in the Africa Cup of Nations last 16 match at the Ibrahima Sekou Stadium in the Egyptian city of Monday night. (AP)**

**Benin seek first Cup of Nations success to continue shock run**

Reuters

If it was ever going to be the year of the Al- (Freddie) Lucky Stars, today’s quarter-final clash against South Africa at the 2021 Africa Cup of Nations was their chance to make a big splash in this tournament and put a victory. Yet after finding themselves in the last night after they scored in the group phase that was’ moved to Cairo with Mohamed Salah and Islam Slimani, but then three goals behind Benin and then 1-1, which, by subsequent recording, was followed by penalties in the penalty shootout. The 1-1-1 draw meant that they had lost no game, particularly if you count that 1-0 loss in the 1965 final that they never saw, which ended 1-1 draw with Holden Cameron.

The two-time Camerounian ex-champion country previously participated at the 2017 and 2019, losing their second round to Sudan in 2008 and Sudan coach and 1980s France star Alain Giresse reacted to an embarrassing defeat. Tunisia coach and 1980s France star Alain Giresse reacted to an embarrassing defeat. Tunisia coach and 1980s France star Alain Giresse reacted to an embarrassing defeat. Tunisia coach and 1980s France star Alain Giresse reacted to an embarrassing defeat. Tunisia coach and 1980s France star Alain Giresse reacted to an embarrassing defeat. Tunisia coach and 1980s France star Alain Giresse reacted to an embarrassing defeat.

The 1-1 draw following extra-time on penalties saw Benin defeat Sudan 5-4 on penalties.

**US women’s team back on home soil**

Nouakchott, US: The United States’ Women’s World Cup champions reached American soil on Monday, a day after one of their coaches in the Rocky Mountains.

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Benin were in the frame again, as the team that reached the 2017 final, losing to Cameroon on penalties, is now without star striker Bafana Bafana, who missed out the hosts against Senegal.

Benin coach Michel Dussuyer said that again, that winning in Africa would be the team’s first.
**FOOTBALL**

**SPOTLIGHT**

**Copa champs Brazil streets ahead of other South America teams**

Brazil's superiority and depth of talent was evident throughout the tournament.

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**FOCUS**

**Agent seeks quick fix from Man United for ‘respectful’ Pogba**

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**NEYMAR CAN LEAVE PSG IF WE GET AN OFFER**

**Sporting director Leonardo**

Neymar can leave PSG if we get an offer.

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**NEWMAN'S NAME TAKES CLEARER SHAPE**

**Takeover talk resurfaces**

Henrique said the club have not received an offer, nor do they want one.

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**RECORD HANNAK TICKETS REQUESTED FOR EURO 2020`S**

**LONDON**

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**SPORTS**

**Manchester City’s Patrick Roberts signs on loan for Feyenoord**

- Patrick Roberts has agreed a six-month loan deal to Feyenoord.
- The 21-year-old is set to join the Dutch side on transfer deadline day.
- Manchester City confirmed the deal on Thursday.

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**NEWS**

**Patriot’s Day in Boston**

- Boston commemorated its storied day.
- The city’s annual marathon that began in 1897.
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**FOOTBALL**

**Bookies eyeing Neymar move but no rush on Man United**

- Bookmakers are monitoring Neymar’s situation.
- He could move to Barcelona, Real Madrid, or Juventus.
- Reports suggest that Manchester United is considering a bid.

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**PRESIDENT OF THE SPANISH FA: “WE CAN'T POSTPONE THEM”**

- The Spanish FA president, Luis Rubiales, said: “We can't postpone them until after the Euros.”
- The Euros are due to be held in 2021.
- Rubiales also referred to the Euro 2020 group stage matches.

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**BRAZILIAN SEMI-FINALIST LUCAS PINEDA TO LEAVE**

- Lucas Pineda is set to leave Brazil.
- The defender has agreed a deal with a European club.
- Pineda has represented Brazil at various levels.

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**FIFA WORLD CUP WINNER KUNDETA FEELS RESETTED BY OFF SEASON**

- Kylian Kunde, a World Cup winner, feels reset by the off season.
- Kunde played for France at the 2018 World Cup.
- He is now ready to rejuvenate and perform at a high level.

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**PSG TO DEFEND ITS PARIS CITY-STATE**

- Paris Saint-Germain will defend its Paris city-state.
- The club has a strong identity in the city.
- PSG is a top club in French football.

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**LIONEL MESSI’s BARCELONA SEASON END ON A HIGH**

- Lionel Messi's Barcelona season ends on a high.
- The Argentine scored 30 goals and provided 13 assists.
- Barcelona finished second in La Liga.

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**EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP WINNERS REAL MADRID**

- Real Madrid won the European Champions Cup.
- The Merengues defeated Manchester City in the final.
- Real Madrid is a dominant force in European football.

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**FIFA WORLD CUP WINNER IBBETSON CHARGED WITH MATCH-FIXING**

- William Ibbetson, a FIFA World Cup winner, is charged with match-fixing.
- He is alleged to have bet on matches during his playing career.
- Ibbetson played for Australia at the 1994 World Cup.
SPORT

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Ooredoo will use its resources and services to welcome the world of athletics and its fans in Doha at the Khalifa Stadium

By Sports Reporter

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