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2019 World Cup: England v Bangladesh (Reuters)

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I want to try and get up to speed on putting again as he heads into the weekend rounds at the US Open next week. The 29-year-old delivered 11 birdies and one bogey for a five-under-par 65 to lead the opening round of the tournament, which was played in calm conditions.

The French pair are level par for the tournament so far, with 12 strokes separating them from the leaders. The teams won't go head-to-head until the final round on Sunday, but they will play out their results in four-ball and four-ball formats.

Frustrated Sharma hopes to rediscover putting magic

Almost 10 years ago, Tiger Woods was in a similar situation when he was on the verge of achieving a major championship. He had a terrible start to the US Open, with a 77 in the opening round. But he bounced back and won the tournament.

When I was young, I was able to hit the greens, but I wasn't able to control them. I was doing well in the first half, but then I lost it in the second half. I was struggling with my irons and woods.

The 15-time major champion was left off the Ryder Cup roster after finishing in a tie for 14th place. But he had a great week at the Arnold Palmer Invitational, where he tied for 10th, and is now looking to build on that form.

As he heads into the weekend rounds at the US Open, he is feeling confident and looking forward to the challenge of the tournament.

India's Shubhankar Sharma was looking forward to pressing on at the British Open after a first round of 68 at last year's event. But he struggled in the second round and finished 10 shots behind the leaders.

The Indian then made seven birdies on the back nine to finish with a 67 and a three-under-par 291 for the tournament. It was his lowest score in a major championship.

In the end, he was left with a missed opportunity. But he has taken heart from his performance and is looking forward to playing in the tournament again next year.
Zimbabwe minister denies interference in cricket

**COMMENT**

Zimbabwe sports minister

Zimbabwe's government has denied any interference in the running of the country's cricket. The minister, a former Olympian, has been under pressure following a tweet in which she was "mocking" the country's sports policy. The minister’s comments have sparked concerns about possible political interference.

In a statement, the government said it was committed to ensuring that cricket was free from political influence. The ICC has been urged to ensure that the game remains free from political interference.

**SPOTLIGHT**

Concussion substitutes approved by ICC

The ICC has approved the introduction of concussion substitutes in all forms of international cricket. The rule will allow players to be replaced immediately if they suffer a head injury.

**FOCUS**

No decision yet on future after World Cup win: Morgan

"I've not been able to get into a logical mindset and actually ask myself a couple of questions," said Morgan.

**England’s Stokes nominated for New Zealand’s award**

England’s Ben Stokes has been nominated for New Zealand’s Sportsperson of the Year award. Stokes has been a key player for England in recent years, helping them to victory in the World Cup.

**SQUAD FOR ODIs**

The Sri Lanka squad for the upcoming One Day International series has been announced. The team will face Bangladesh in the first ODIs on August 30.

**SQUAD FOR TESTS**

The Sri Lanka squad for the upcoming Test series against England has been announced. The team will face England in three Tests from August 30.

**T20 AWARD**

The World T20 awards ceremony has been held in London. The award was given to the outstanding player in the tournament, Adam Zampa of Australia.

**ZIMBABWE INTERFERENCE**

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Swim bad boy Sun under fire, US stars set to shine at worlds

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as the months of world-ranked uppers the pace, it’s all about racing now, about staying positive and really just rolling with it. Sun Yang’s doping allegations persist with the Chinese star’s five-year ban for doping to access his disqualifications still pending and the road to qualifying for the Tokyo Olympics. His absence from these world championships, his fifth, will be a notable absence from the pool. The 2018 FINA World Championships, known as the world championships, are a biennial international swimming event organized by FINA, the international federation for the sport of swimming. The next world championships will be held in Budapest, Hungary, in 2022. Sun Yang is a Chinese swimmer who has won multiple Olympic and world championship gold medals in freestyle events. He is known for his sprinting abilities in freestyle events, particularly the 200 meters freestyle.

Sun Yang’s doping case has generated international attention. The FINA World Anti-Doping Agency (FINA Doping Control Panel) announced a five-year ban for Sun Yang for a failed drugs test at the 2018 World Championships. This ban is the most severe punishment that can be given for a doping offense. The ban is in addition to other sanctions, including a four-year ban from swimming in China and a ban from the Olympic Games for two years.

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The next world championships will be held in Budapest, Hungary, in 2022. This event will be an important opportunity for athletes to showcase their skills and compete for Olympic and world championship medals. The event will attract athletes from around the world, including Sun Yang, who will be absent from the competition due to his doping ban. The event will be a test of the athletes’ ability to cope with the pressure of the biggest stage in the sport and to deliver their best performance.

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The Nationals rallied for eight runs in the eighth. Strasburg (12-4) pitched 5 1/3 innings and allowed five hits.

Washington Nationals starting pitcher Stephen Strasburg has a new home run call against the Atlanta Braves during their MLB game at SunTrust Park. PICTURE: USA TODAY SPORTS

**MLB**

**Shirasuugs homers, knocks in five as Nats rout Braves**

*Stephan wasn’t as sharp as he could be, but man, he swung the bat really well***

Joe DeMers

Stephen Strasburg did it all for the visiting Washington Nationals on Wednesday night, hitting a grand slam in the first inning, throwing a shutout in the ninth and leading the Nationals to a 4-0 win over the Atlanta Braves. Strasburg became the first player in major league history to hit a grand slam and throw a no-hitter in the same season.

The Nationals took a 4-0 lead in the first inning, with the help of a series of errors by the Braves. In the second inning, Strasburg allowed a double to Ozzie Albies, but retired the next three batters to keep the score at 4-0.

In the third inning, Strasburg allowed a solo home run to Darby Kerrigan, but retired the next three batters to keep the score at 4-1.

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The Nationals won the game 4-7, with Strasburg pitching a no-hitter in the ninth inning.

**NFL declines to punish Chiefs wide receiver Hill**

Tony Dungy

The Kansas City Chiefs will not report wide receiver Tyreek Hill to the NFL, a person with knowledge of the situation told ESPN. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the team has not announced any decision.

The decision comes after a No. 1 Miami-Ohio running back was cited for domestic violence. In a statement issued Wednesday night, the Chiefs said they had "no reason to believe there is a security risk" to Hill. The team said it would continue to gather information, however, and that it would make a decision based on that information.

"We are committed to gathering all available information," the statement said. "We will consult with the NFL and law enforcement officials to determine the best course of action."
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Reuters

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(ELF/Erik) has been linked with a move away from the club. “I’m looking to get all the players back together. I think we can do the job, but we need to work hard to

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Klopp committed to Liverpool as US tour kicks off

“Everybody is competing and the squad will be picked in time,” Lampard said. “Chelsea maintained pressure on the hosts throughout the match but were unable to translate that into goals.”

In the 50th minute, Chelsea forward Pedro showed off his skill by zigzagging past a group of Kawasaki defenders before heading in a Kengo Nakamura cross from the left.

However, Kawasaki hit back with a 14th-minute goal, as a defensive mistake by Chelsea’s Francisco is scored inside the six-yard box.

Lampard hoping to rely on youngsters Zouma and Mount

Chelsea are on a pre-season tour of Japan and will play a friendly against FC Barcelona on Tuesday in Saitama, north of Tokyo.

The Blues have lost their last two pre-season matches, to Malaysian side Selangor and Kawasaki Frontale, after they were eliminated by the J-League team in the round of 16 of the 2019 AFC Champions League.

In the 15th minute, Kawasaki forward Sho Yano headed in a Nakamura cross from the left, but Chelsea were unable to capitalise on the mistake made by Kawasaki defender Yuki Otsu.

In the 37th minute, Kawasaki forward Yuto Hongo scored for the second time, as he headed in another Nakamura cross from the left.

Chelsea returned to the match in the second half, as they were able to create several chances but were unable to find the back of the net. Chelsea's next match is against Japanese side Kawasaki Frontale in the 2019 AFC Champions League on Wednesday.
Alaphilippe stuns Thomas in time trial

Frenchman Julian Alaphilippe stuns Frenchman Thibaut Pinot to win the 104th edition of the Tour de France on Saturday.

Alaphilippe beat Pinot and other rivals to win the 130-kilometer time trial in the Pyrenean town.

The 27-year-old Alaphilippe recorded a time of one hour, 39 minutes, 40.2 seconds, 0.32 seconds ahead of Pinot and 0.55 seconds in front of Thibaut Pinot.

“Alaphilippe stuns...”

AFP

Boxing

Pacquiao battling age, hungry Thurman in title showdown

Welterweight boxing dons Manny Pacquiao and Keith Thurman will fight for the WBA championship this Saturday.

Pacquiao, 40, is expected to win.

The fight will take place in Las Vegas.

“Pacquiao vs Thurman...”

AFP

Italy

Italian community mourns shooting champion Scalone's passing

The Italian community is mourning the passing of shooting champion Andrea Scalone.

Scalone was a world champion in the sport.

“Many tributes were paid...”

Reuter

Tennis

US Open to be richest Slam in history

The US Open will offer the richest prize money in the history of the men’s and women’s singles.

There will be a total prize pool of $70 million.

“US Open to be richest...”

AFP

Spotlight

Tour de France organizers looking to launch major women’s race

The organizers of the Tour de France are looking to launch a major women’s race in the future.

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