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Opener Roy to make Test debut against Ireland

England’s Test side will not alter its approach in the one-off match against Ireland at Lord’s today, according to captain Joe Root.

"We’ll want to be binary, focused and intense in the way we play the game," Roy said yesterday, with Eoin Morgan set to make his first Test appearance at the moment.

"Joe has made a real impact in his first two Tests and he is a great player," Roy said. "He brings a lot of energy and enthusiasm to the side.

"He brings something different to the team. He has been a brilliant addition to the group and he brings a lot of experience and nous to the team."
Kuchar joins world-class field at Porsche European Open

‘Christian is going to go down as one of the best starters ever, if not the best. He has nothing to lose’

Number 11 Xander Schauffele in the rankings in the United States will tee it up at the Porsche European Open in Hamburg, from September 11-14. 'I’m excited for my week in Europe in September. “I’m excited to return to the European Open at Green Eagle Golf Club in Hamburg.” said Kuchar. “I always enjoy coming over to Europe and have found a lot of things to see and do.”

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Chicago White Sox defeat extended safety netting

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The Chicago White Sox lost their first home game since ending their 115-year wait for a World Series title on Oct 28, 2005. The team's first home game in the 2020 season was a no-decision against the Minnesota Twins, who had just defeated the Red Sox two days earlier. The game was played in front of a socially distanced crowd of fans who were allowed to enter the stadium with their own food and drinks, in violation of the state's ban on indoor dining. The game was suspended after seven incomplete innings due to a power outage, and resumed the next day with the Twins leading 5-4. The game ended in a 5-5 tie, with the Twins winning the second game of the series 6-5.
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SPOTLIGHT

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Wednesday marks one year until the opening ceremony in the almost-completed National Stadium, and organisers claimed the “compact” Games — “We’re very pleased that the delivery of the construction has been on track,” said John Coates, in Tokyo re- emphasising the preparations are ahead of one-year-to-go events.

“... all of the sentiment is growing... the eyes of the world are on Tokyo which is罗toro to host in next 24 months,” he added.

Over 200,000 people in Japan and elsewhere have signed a petition to save the original emblem — known as the “souvenir” — as it passed with minimal criticism over the use of public funds. Local sponsorship revenue has passed $1 billion, more than any other Games, which is necessary to Tokyo 2020 organisers battle rising costs.

Coates added in December 2018 that total cost of 8.6 billion, well above their original estimate of under 13 billion.

The Australian contingent is expected to set off for Tokyo next week to compete on the track, where courses are heading into the final straight with few major headaches.

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