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He’s a guy who stands up when we need him and he showed that again today.

AFP

Wettling picks a wicket as Sri Lanka’s wicketkeeper Niroshan Dickwella looks on on third day of the first Test cricket match between New Zealand and Sri Lanka at Galle International Cricket Stadium, Galle, Sri Lanka, yesterday (AFP)

CRICKET

England pick up crucial wickets before rain wreaks day

E N g l a n d f r o m l o s t on the third day to the second day in the second Test of the Ashes yesterday, picking up 143-1 declared. Australia were 152-2 at stumps on the third day as the host side was left with a narrow lead of 119. England were put in to bat after winning the toss and declared their innings on 263-5, with Ollie Pope and Jack Leach helping to put the team in a strong position. Australia were then bowled out for 149, with Mark Wood taking 4-37. The tourists ended the day on 152-2, with Joe Root and Tom Curran at the crease.

ASHES

Lyon joins Lillee but reserves praise for Hazlewood

Antipodean duo

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SPOTLIGHT

Shastri wins ‘close race’ to continue as India’s head coach

Reactions

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The current coach, known to be one of the most influential in the country, had two names picked as the alternatives to the current system. The selection panel is expected to take a decision in the next 24 hours. The different system under the first coach, known for his players, was also communicated to the second coach, with the new system.

Former Test and one-day skipper Shastri was appointed head coach in 2017, succeeding former captain Anil Kumble, who stepped down after losing out with Kohli de- clared a successful ten-match tour of South Africa. The second Test of the Ashes yesterday was won by England, following a 10-wicket victory in the first Test. The series is now tied at 1-1, with a third Test due to be played on Friday.

As per the board’s decision, the selectors have decided to name a third coach for the third Test, with the announcement expected on the day of the match.
HORSE RACING

Qatar Racing's Kick On lands first black type win

Dykobrat beat Currita Bansen at Copenhagen Masters to set up a match with Pouille

TENNIS

Federer stunned by Russian qualifier

Naomi Osaka wins battle of 'nutation' at 2020 test event

Qatar's medal haul swells at West Asia youth athletics meet

TRIATHON

Mislavukh wins ‘battle of nutrition’ at 2020 test event

A day after the women’s race had to be shortened over heat concerns, the men’s event went ahead in2020 test event.

All the colours of Qatar Racing's Kick On were on show when he won the $120,000 Dubai Millennium Stakes at the Meydan Racecourse in Dubai on Thursday following his win at Newmarket in the Tattersall's Stakes Series (Grade 1) on Friday. Thrombolytic for John Gosden, the colt was sent in as an 8-10 favourite and made light work of the field, taking the win by almost five lengths from three-year-old and older colts and geldings.

The three-year-old broke securely to set up the pace, making two more markers from the fly. He saw off a strong attempt from Plan B, before pulling clear through the final furlong with Accelerated Agent at his heels to win in a time of 1 minute 49.4 seconds at Meydan.

"I’m very pleased with the performance," said the British trainer, whose horse won seven of his 11 starts last season. "It’s not often that you get a three-year-old in these conditions and to come back next year and for him to progress the way he has this season was fantastic for him."
RUGBY

Wallabies win could end losing run and NZ's top ranking

These are the games you want to be a part of and it's even a level up again this week.

Brits urge Bok teammates to seize World Cup chance

The Boks are in need of a win and have been losing ground in the world rankings. They have been performing inconsistently and are in need of a strong showing at the World Cup to avoid slipping further down in the rankings. The team will be looking to their veterans, such as Schalk Brits, to lead the way and motivate the younger players to perform better.

‘Old Blacks’ Aussies pose fun at ‘ageing’ New Zealand

The Australian team have been poking fun at the “Old Blacks” and referring to them as “ageing” players. The Aussies are expected to perform well in the World Cup, and their banter suggests they are confident in their chances of winning.

Fiji name 15 World Cup rookies for Japan

Fiji has named a new squad of 15 World Cup rookies for the upcoming tournament. The team is composed of promising young players who are expected to make a significant impact on the field.
Bryce Harper hit a walk-off grand slam in the second to give the Philadelphia Phillies a 6-3 win over the Atlanta Braves on Thursday. The Braves rallied to score four runs in the ninth inning to rally but fell short in the end.

The Cubs rallied back in the third inning against the Chicago Cubs, with 11 wins in a row and a three-game series sweep. After dropping the first two games of the series, the Cubs ended up with three straight home wins, allowing seven hits and two runs. Harper homered in 11 innings of work. Anthony Rizzo homered, singled and walked in the six innings of work. Anthony Rizzo homered, singled and walked in the five innings of work.

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Thomas and Kokrak share lead, Tiger six back

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