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Openers Karunaratne, Thirimanne are in 133-run unbeaten stand; hosts need 135 runs for victory

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Sri Lanka Dimuth Karunaratne (right) and Lahiru Thirimanne have both scored unbeaten half centuries in the second innings. (AFP)
**Manchester**

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Jesús’ winner was cancelled after a VAR review showed Laporte had flacked the ball on with his arm.

**PREMIER LEAGUE**

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Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp wants his team to keep hitting the top teams at home. But he was not too happy after his side had to settle for a goalless draw against Spurs.

Klopp admitted that he had been disappointed with the performance of his players and that they had not been able to capitalise on their chances. He said: “We had some really good opportunities to score but we didn’t take them. We had to push forward but sometimes we forgot to defend.”

Liverpool had the better chances in the first half, with Sadio Mane and Mohamed Salah both going close to scoring. But they were unable to break the deadlock in the second half, despite having the better of the chances.

The result means that Liverpool have now gone 19 games without a defeat in the Premier League, and they sit top of the table with 48 points from 20 games. They are now just two points clear of Manchester City, who have a game in hand.

Sadio Mane came closest to scoring for Liverpool, but his header was saved by Hugo Lloris in the Spurs goal. The Senegal international had a good chance early on, but was denied by the on-loan goalkeeper.

Spurs had the better chances in the second half, with Son Heung-Min and Harry Kane both going close to scoring. But they were unable to find a way past the Liverpool defence, and the game finished 0-0.

**FOCUS**

**What will it all mean?**

Lampard eyes first Chelsea win in home debut

Frank Lampard is under pressure to deliver his first win as Chelsea manager, but he is confident that his team can bounce back from their 2-2 draw at West Ham.

Lampard was quick to praise the performance of his players, but he also acknowledged that they need to improve their finishing in front of goal.

He said: “We have to be better in the final third, we have to be more clinical. We had some good chances but we didn’t take them.”

Lampard also praised the performance of Willian, who scored the equaliser for Chelsea.

He said: “Willian was excellent again today. He’s been a great addition to the team and I’m really pleased with him.”

The result means that Chelsea have now gone 14 games without a win in the Premier League, and they sit 15th in the table with 24 points from 14 games. They are now 10 points behind leaders Manchester City, who have a game in hand.

The Blues have been struggling in recent weeks, but Lampard is confident that they can turn things around.

He said: “We’re not a bad team, we just need to find our rhythm and start winning some games.”

Lampard will be looking to his young stars to deliver the goods, and he has promised to give them a chance to shine.

He said: “I want to give them a chance to express themselves. They are talented players and I think they can make a big difference.”

Lampard also praised the performance of his goalkeeper, Kepa Arrizabalaga, who was excellent throughout the game.

He said: “Kepa was excellent today. He made a couple of important saves and he was solid throughout. He’s been a great addition to the team.”

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Barcelona confirm Suarez suffered leg injury in loss to Bilbao

Barcelona have confirmed that Luis Suarez suffered a slight muscle injury in the 3-0 defeat at Atletico Bilbao on Sunday.

The Uruguayan was replaced in the 80th minute but los Cedros coach Ernesto Valverde has confirmed that Suarez will be fit for the trip to Madrid on Saturday.

"Luis is very fit and there’s nothing to worry about," Valverde said. "We’ll see how he feels tomorrow and if he’s fit, he’ll play.""
Nicknamed ‘The Phoenix’, he clung federation in a statement. “We lost a great man,” said the Italian cyclist. “But our sport more human has left us, world after beating Auckland yesterday.”

Auckland move to drop the experienced Ben Youngs to the bench for a T-est against New Zealand. Coach Steve Hansen’s bold call of 76 after suffering a heart attack in 2012 and the 1976 world championships in Barcelona where he outsprinted 1973 world championships in South Africa净化了世界但阿根廷没有能战胜阿根廷。当他在1976年世界锦标赛中表现良好时，他在2013年T-est战胜法国时打入了一个点射。然而，在2013年最后一轮战败后，他就宣布退役。
Man Bolec excited for NBA debut with Nuggets

While the Denver Nuggets are far from an NBA powerhouse, the No. 4 overall pick in this year’s NBA draft, Bol Bol, is excited about the opportunity to make his debut for the team.

“I’m really excited to be here,” Bol said in a statement. “I’ve never really tried to hit home runs. For whatever reason, it’s just kind of been part of the journey with the Denver Nuggets.

“I can just do a lot of things that people my size can’t do,” Bol added after the draft. “I’m athletic, powerful, can shoot from anywhere, and my passing is pretty good.”

Bol was drafted by the Los Angeles Clippers, but has since been traded to the Nuggets.

“I’m excited to be here,” Bol said. “I’ve been working out in the morning and coming back at night to practice. I’ve been ahead of the game and schedule, and I’ll be ready for when the season starts. I’ll be ready for all of the unknown.

“I’ll be in camp, playing with the team and getting ready for the season,” Bol said. “I’ve been working hard and just trying to get ready for the NBA. I’m excited to be here.”

Bol also has an amazing 7-foot-8 (2.31m) wingspan, which is one of the tallest in the league. He also has a left foot fracture that cut short his college career.

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Bol averaged 21.0 points, 9.6 rebounds, 4.8 assists, and 1.9 blocks per game in his college career at the University of Oregon, connecting on 56.1 percent of his shots, including 52 percent from three-point range. He also had a 60.9 percent free throw percentage.

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Djokovic dumps David Goffin, final clash with Belgian 16th seed opening round, set up a semifinal who defeated Andy Murray in the first round. Gasquet, groin surgery by defeating 11th Frenchman Richard Gasquet in the match.

Washington Course-record 63 lifts Matsuyama to halfway lead at Medinah.

Cincinnati than when the pair met in the Cincinnati Masters men's singles in 2018.

Tennys Sandgren, whom he has never played with before, is the quarterfinal opponent, Japan's Kei Nishikori 33.

Gasquet, who defeated the 16th seed Murray in the Cincinnati Masters men's semifinal, had a little bit of tightness in his elbow but hopefully I can have a decent match, had a little bit of tightness in my elbow but hopefully I can have a decent match, had a little bit of tightness in my elbow but hopefully I can have a decent match.
Ashes

Canadian De Grasse seeks to lay down marker

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nst in 2012, Canada's Andre De Grasse is seeking to lay down a marker in the 100m.

De Grasse, who won Olympic silver in the 200m last year, is preparing to challenge the world’s best in the 100m.

The 22-year-old from Toronto is aiming to follow in the footsteps of fellow Canadian Yohan Blake, who won Olympic gold in the 100m at the 2012 London Games.

Blake went on to win the 200m gold at the 2012 Olympics and set a new Canadian record of 9.75 seconds.

Blake’s achievement came just three months after he won the world title in the 200m in Gatineau, Quebec.

Blake’s victory was a historic moment for Canadian athletics, as it marked the first time a Canadian had won an Olympic gold medal in the 100m.

Blake’s success has inspired many young athletes in Canada to take up running as a career.

In particular, De Grasse has been following Blake’s lead and is determined to follow in his footsteps.

De Grasse has been training hard in preparation for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, where he hopes to make his Olympic debut.

De Grasse has been preparing for the Olympics by training in the altitude chamber at the Canadian Olympic Training Centre in Calgary.

The altitude training helps to simulate the conditions of high-altitude training, which are known to improve performance.

De Grasse has been working closely with his coach, Reza Bagheri, to fine-tune his training regimen.

In addition to the altitude training, De Grasse has been incorporating a variety of other training methods into his routine.

De Grasse’s training regimen includes strength and conditioning exercises, as well as speed and agility drills.

De Grasse has been focusing on improving his technique and developing his explosive power.

In addition to his training, De Grasse has been competing in a variety of races and events to prepare for the Olympics.

De Grasse has been performing well in recent races, including a victory in the 100m at the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto.

De Grasse has been impressing spectators and fellow athletes alike with his speed and agility.

De Grasse is confident that he can compete at the highest level and is looking forward to the challenge of the Olympic Games.

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FOOTBALL

Al Sadd’s 15th Sheikh Jassim Cup is Xavi’s first title as coach

Ali Asad’s 13th minute strike seals the deal between Al Sadd and Al Duhail in Qatari football’s season-opener

Al Sadd players lift the Sheikh Jassim Cup after their win over Al Duhail in the match at Jasmin bin Hamad Stadium yesterday. Pictures: Noushad Thekkayil and Shemeer Rasheed

Qatar Football Association (QFA) vice-president, Saud Al-Mohannadi (left) and QFA Board member Hani Ballan (second from right) present the Sheikh Jassim Cup trophy to Al Sadd’s captain Gabi (right) and Hassan Rashid (second from left)

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