**FOOTBALL/QNB STARS LEAGUE**

**Sayyar double as champs**

**Al Sadd start season in style**

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By Sports Reporter

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t in the opening match of the QNB Stars League campaign, scoring an emphatic 4-1 victory against Al Wakrah.

Al Sadd's goals were scored by Abdullatif al-Ansari (ninth), Cristian Ceballos (35th), and Ahmed Sayyar (74th and 84th minutes), while Al Wakrah's only goal came from Mohamed Benyettou in the 26th minute.

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Tottenham Hotspur plans to refinance stadium debt

Tottenham Hotspur is in talks to refinance the £335 million stadium debt through bonds issued by its parent company, the English Premier League club, before the season kicks off in August.

Racism threat remains on teams such as themselves who lack the strength in depth of the big clubs.

In a recent interview, Juventus’ head coach, Andrea Pirlo, acknowledged that the club’s signing strategy must be aimed at bringing in top-level players who can help the team compete at the highest level.

Coaching shuffle gives Napoli hope of toppling Juve

The appointment of Gennaro Gattuso as the new coach of Napoli has given the club a much-needed boost. Gattuso, who was previously an assistant under Maurizio Sarri at Chelsea, has a reputation for bringing young talent into his teams.

The former AC Milan and Italian national team player was appointed as the new Napoli coach after the departure of Maurizio Sarri, who took the club to the Champions League final last season.

Gattuso’s first task will be to stabilize the team, which has had a tumultuous summer, with the departure of star player Dries Mertens and the arrival of new signings on loan.

He will need to work closely with the team’s experienced players, including Cristiano Ronaldo, to ensure a无缝过渡 into the new season.

A bridge too far for Atalanta?

Though they have made significant progress in recent seasons, Atalanta’s hopes of challenging for Serie A titles remain uncertain.

With several key players set to leave, including Alejandro Gomez and Remo Freuler, the team will need to find a new balance.

Can AC Milan get it right this time?

AC Milan’s season initially began with high hopes and strong performances, but the team’s lack of consistency has come back to haunt them.

The team missed out on the top four last season and will need to improve in the upcoming campaign to challenge for the Serie A title.

Focus

I won’t be a one-man show, says designated DFB chief Keller

The former Bayern Munich and Germany midfielder, Franck Ribery, has joined Fiorentina on a two-year deal.

Ribery, who is the club’s all-time top scorer with 115 goals, will wear the number 7 shirt and is expected to play alongside Kevin Mirallas.

Ribery’s arrival is a significant boost for Fiorentina, who have struggled for goal-scoring in recent seasons.

New head coach Vincenzo Montella has a wealth of talent at his disposal, including a number of young players who could make an impact.

Ribery’s impact on the pitch is well documented, and he is expected to make a difference to the team’s attack.

Fiorentina will be hoping that the 36-year-old can help them to push for European qualification.
Al Sailiya hope to better last season's show 

‘We’ve a tough season as well for us to participate in the AFC Champions League. 

Michelle Liu has become the youngest amateur golfer to earn an exemption into the field of the event, breaking the record when I've one or two stars on my team management. We don't want to be in utmost readiness for all teams. Our team management has no key players in their team this season. The team has a new coach, but that doesn't prevent us from playing to win against Al Sailiya.

Al Sailiya will be also taking part in the AFC Champions League, something which Trabelsi is looking forward to. Meanwhile, Al Khor coach Jose Murcia was also positive.

Al Sailiya are no longer behind champions Al Sadd and Al Gharafa, so I definitely say it's going to be a bit of a crazy experience. Liu said Tuesday.

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Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Clayton Kershaw struck out 11 and allowed no runs in six innings as the Dodgers beat the Tampa Bay Rays 3-0 on Tuesday.

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Fit-again Vunipola eager for England return vs Ireland

A fit-again Mako Vunipola is eager for his first senior start for England in 20 months when they face Ireland in the opening round of the Autumn Nations Cup on Saturday, the prop said on Tuesday.

"I'm excited if I do get the chance," he said. "I've been working on my game and I'm looking forward to making that step."

England have announced a 36-man squad for the Autumn Nations Cup, and Vunipola is one of three props named in the squad, along with Sam Underhill and Kyle Sinckler.

Vunipola was injured in a tackle against South Africa during a World Cup warm-up match in July last year and has been out of action since then. He has been named in the squad for the Autumn Nations Cup, which begins on Saturday at Twickenham.

"I'm excited to get back out there and play with the boys," he said. "I've been working on my game and I'm looking forward to making that step."
Black Caps look to exploit Sri Lanka’s Oval weaknesses

New Zealand will be looking to exploit Sri Lanka’s lowest test score of 166 for the series when the Black Caps take on the home side in the third Test in the Oval this weekend.

Both teams have won a Test each in the three-match series so far, with New Zealand leading the overall head-to-head series 2-1.

New Zealand captain Kane Williamson expects his side to bounce back after losing the second Test in Galle.

“Pressure will be on us to take a lead in the series because they have won the last Test,” Williamson said.

The Black Caps have won their previous three Tests in the Oval, including a famous victory in 2015.

However, Sri Lanka coach Mickey Arthur is not taking the Black Caps lightly.

“New Zealand are a good side and we are expecting a tough game,” Arthur said.

Sri Lanka have not won a Test in England since 2001 and will be hoping to end that streak.

The Oval is a challenging venue for Sri Lanka, who have struggled on English wickets in the past.

The Black Caps will be looking to take advantage of the Oval’s fast and bouncy wickets.

Williamson said his side will need to be at their best to win the Test.

“I think the Oval is a really good opportunity for us to really step up our game,” he said.

The Black Caps have a strong bowling attack led by Tim Southee and Trent Boult.

Southee has been in good form, taking 13 wickets in the series so far.

Boult is also expected to make a big impact on the Oval’s bounce-friendly wickets.

Sri Lanka’s batting will be under pressure with the Black Caps’ fast bowlers at their disposal.

The Black Caps will be hoping to break the Sri Lanka batting line-up early and put the visitors on the back foot.

Williamson said his side will need to be patient and take their chances when they arise.

“I think we need to be patient and wait for our chances,” he said.

The Black Caps have a strong batting line-up led by Williamson and Ross Taylor.

Taylor has been in good form, scoring 153 in the second Test and 147 in the first Test.

Williamson said his side will need to be creative with the bat to score runs on the Oval’s bounce-friendly wickets.

“I think we need to be creative with the bat and use our spinners,” he said.

The Black Caps will be hoping to win the Test and level the series 2-2 before the final Test in Manchester.

Williamson said his side will need to be at their best to do so.

“I think we need to be at our best to do that,” he said.

The Black Caps are currently in second place in the World Test Championship standings.

They will need to win the series to keep their hopes of winning the title alive.

Williamson said his side will need to be focused and disciplined to do so.

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CRICKET

Australia's focus on winning Tests, not hitting helmets, says coach Langer

"We have a plan. We have decided to focus on winning Tests. We are not going to be hitting helmets," Australia coach Justin Langer said on Thursday.

Langer was addressing the media ahead of the third Ashes Test against England starting at Edgbaston on Friday.

"We have cast aside the idea of hitting helmets, or of trying to make the opposition lose the game," Langer said.

He added that the team would continue to use helicopters to monitor the game and keep players safe if required.

"We have decided to focus on winning Tests and not on hitting helmets," he said. "We have decided to focus on winning Tests and not on hitting helmets."