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Al Arabi dominated possession 73 per cent in the first half.

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**RAW TEXT**

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Mahmoud al-Mawas stars with two goals as Umm Salal held Al Rayyan 2-2 in the second match of the day

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Australia's first choice team took 5-0 in an England tri-series that was wrapped up inside 28 overs. (Reuters)

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By contrast, a number of Australians had appeared disinterested, particularly off the ball.

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All the more frustrating was that the Blue and silver-shirts already had the look of being in the frame to make a late run at the World Cup.
Trent Boult and Tim Southee led New Zealand’s charge against Sri Lanka. New Zealand won by 215 runs on the third day of the second Test in Colombo on Sunday.

The Sri Lankans were bowled out for 144, opening the way for New Zealand’s second innings, which Flints led to win.

New Zealand’s second innings started with 136 for 0, with Taylor and Guptill both having reached their fifties. Taylor scored 58 and Guptill 54.

The Sri Lankan openers, de Silva and Perera, added 203 for six before de Silva was bowled for 73.”

**Scorecard**

**West Indies 82-3**  
D. Bravo 18 n.o.; M. Shami 1-17, R. Jadeja 1-17

**New Zealand**

- 321 for 8 declared (138 overs)
- 1st Innings: 5-130 (Karunaratne), 6-130 (Dickwella)
- 2nd Innings: 4-107 (Sri Lanka)
- 3rd Innings: 6-112 (Karunaratne), 7-130 (Dickwella)

**Summary**

New Zealand’s skipper Kane Williamson won the toss and decided to bat first. The West Indies were in trouble early on and lost three wickets in the opening session as the bowlers bowled with accuracy.

**India put West Indies on back foot in first Test**

India’s opening batsmen, Cheteshwar Pujara and Mayank Agarwal, put on a fifty-run partnership to steady the innings. Pujara scored 49 before being caught by Shai Hope off the bowling of Shamarra Casbeer. Agarwal scored 53 before being dismissed by Fidel Edwards.

**Bottomline**

India posted a solid total of 276 in their first innings. Mohammed Shami added four wickets, including three of the top four Indian batsmen. Shami was named Man of the Match for his excellent bowling performance.

**Recluses**

- **Tim Paine** (Captain, Australia)
- **Kohli** (Captain, India)

**SPOTLIGHT**

**India’s Rahane not concerned about century drought**

India’s Virat Kohli scored a century in his last Test, but his opening partner, Shikhar Dhawan, struggled to score a run.

Kohli said that he was not overly concerned about the century drought, as he believed that the team’s overall performance was more important.

**Hossein, Katich join IPL’s Bangalore franchise**

Former Australia captain Michael Hussey has been appointed as the head coach of the Bangalore franchise for the upcoming IPL season.

Hussey, who has played 97 Tests and 264 ODIs, will replace Gary Kirsten as the head coach of the Bangalore franchise.

**Indian cricket board’s new cricket director, Vikram Rathour**

The BCCI has appointed Vikram Rathour as the new cricket director of the Indian cricket team.

Rathour, who has experience as a coach and selector, will take charge of the team’s preparations for the upcoming World Cup in England.
**FOOTBALL**

**PREMIER LEAGUE**

Liverpool the true testing ground for upbeat Arsenal

Our target is to reduce the distance to Liverpool, Manchester City, Tottenham and Chelsea

"We've come back with a stronger mentality," Emery joked he would rather not play Liverpool this season...but they're going to have major competition to face if Liverpool are the true testing ground for upbeat Arsenal.

N ew signings in the spotlight as Bayern Munich look to reboot

Bayern Munich players train in Munich yesterday in the wake of their match against Schalke.

**BUNDESLIGA**

New signings in the spotlight as Bayern Munich look to reboot

Bayern Munich boss Unai Emery has hailed the arrival of new signings for his Arsenal side, ahead of their clash with Liverpool.

Emery said: "We have to keep on working hard and we're looking forward to the game against Liverpool."
He is here, he wants to be here and he is wants to leave, “Zidane said. “I am not window closes. “He has not told me he goalkeeper spot and the Costa Rican is won’t ask me about this anymore. “For that are here. Everything else, anything can arrive, some can go, “Zidane said. “For that we know he is one of the world’s best players as well but the W elshman has been eager to stay and appears to be regaining the con-

Spanish star Torres retires

His long moved takeover of Nuno by English Portuguese, Silvestre firm (Electric da Silva) is all too complex, and the question of the centre-back going to China seems to shunt into regular challenges including those with his agent and his family, with multiple meetings in Beijing and other places. “From a mental point of view, he will provide the goals Nice so he deserves, and his presence is very good for the team and, in particular, their coach begin-ning from the start of the season. “Bale played well the international break. “Bale played well the other day, a great match overall but also some space to improve. “I have to improve in that way, Gareth, ever since, we all have to improve our defensive ability always bubbling under the surface, “said former Par-{

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“What has changed is that the player is going to stay, nothing more”
Pitcher strikes out five, walks none, throws 73 pitches and improves to 61 in his last seven home starts.

**Syndergaard tosses six shutout innings in win over Indians**

Syndergaard retired Greg Allen on a fly to left in the sixth inning. He allowed two singles to begin the seventh, but retired the next two batters to end the inning. Syndergaard (9-6) had some defensive help from second baseman Jonathan Lucroy in the first two innings, as both ball-in-glove plays were called by the umpires. Lucroy had a fly ball that appeared to land in the netting behind the warning track, but Lucroy ran, extended himself and made an over-the-shoulder catch for the second out of the fourth. Syndergaard has posted 22 quality starts in 31 games this season, tied for the major league lead among pitchers with at least 30 starts, and he has thrown at least seven innings 15 times. Lucroy has nine assists this season, the most in the National League. Syndergaard (9-6) had some defensive help from second baseman Jonathan Lucroy in the first two innings, as both ball-in-glove plays were called by the umpires. Lucroy had a fly ball that appeared to land in the netting behind the warning track, but Lucroy ran, extended himself and made an over-the-shoulder catch for the second out of the fourth. Syndergaard has posted 22 quality starts in 31 games this season, tied for the major league lead among pitchers with at least 30 starts, and he has thrown at least seven innings 15 times. Lucroy has nine assists this season, the most in the National League.

**MLB RESULTS**

Los Angeles Dodgers 2 @ Toronto Blue Jays 1

San Francisco Giants 5; New York Mets 2

**** New York Yankees 3; Tampa Bay Rays 2

**CARDINALS**

Cleveland Indians 6; St. Louis Cardinals 1

**YANKEES**

Washington Nationals 7; Philadelphia Phillies 1

**CUBS**

Boston Red Sox 6; Kansas City Royals 5

**RAYS**

Cincinnati Reds 6; Minnesota Twins 5

**RED SOX**

Mountains Air Force in National Team Trials 1; Albuquerque Bronze 3; Men's Movements 2

**SHARKS**

New York Mets @ San Jose Sharks
during the NHL match against Cleveland Indians in New York in Thursday on USA SPORTS TV

**USA U19**

Tipping off on August 19, 2019, the Home United States Olympic Development Program (USODP), and the Friends of the American Olympic Development Program (FODP), will host the Under-19 World Cup, the world's largest and most prestigious youth basketball tournament. The tournament will feature the best young basketball players from around the world, competing for the title of world champion. The United States, as the host nation, will have the opportunity to compete against some of the world's top youth basketball teams, including those from Australia, Canada, China, and the Philippines. The tournament will be held from August 19 to August 24, 2019, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The American Olympic Development Program (USODP) is the governing body for youth basketball in the United States, and it is responsible for selecting the team for the World Cup. The team will be selected based on a combination of factors, including performance in previous competitions and ability to compete at the international level. The tournament will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, and will feature all levels of competition, from youth to adult. The event will be broadcast on various networks and online platforms, and it will be open to the public. The tournament will be a great opportunity for young basketball players to showcase their skills and compete against the best in the world.
Rewards for 13 months' wait

A number of players have been rewarded for 13 months' wait.

The squad includes several high-profile players who have been selected for the World Cup squad after impressive performances in recent matches.

Some players who have been included in the squad have been waiting for this opportunity for several months. They have been working hard to improve their form and are eager to make the most of this opportunity.

The squad is expected to perform well at the World Cup, and these players hope to leave a lasting impression on the tournament.

SQUAD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several key players have been selected for the squad, including:

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These players have been selected based on their recent performances and their potential to make a significant impact on the World Cup.
American Park seizes Canadian Open advantage

Barty survive early scares to advance to semis

Barty heads to New York to do some damage

Thomas shares Tour lead despite low-key start

Justin Thomas of the United States reacts on the 18th green during the first round of the Tour Championship at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta, Georgia.

Thomas was grateful for the unique staggered scoring system, which afforded him a headstart at 10-under-par thanks to his top seeding as FedEx Cup points leader.
India’s Sindhu, Praneeth assured of medals

Sindhu and Praneeth will take on Sharapova in the first round of US Open

Williams has dominated the Russian star in their head-to-head rivalry

FOCUS

Halep hopes dream Wimbledon run can end US Open woes

New York

Simona Halep is bringing the European Open title and the French Open Trophy to Flushing Meadows as she is set to line up in the US Open.

Serena Williams of the US on June 2, 2018. Both pictures are from the French Open.

New York

The audit reflects signs of strain between the New York City comptroller’s office and the organisation that runs the US Open, the United States Tennis Association (USTA), under-reported millions in gross revenues, days before the start of the US Open, the organisation’s premier event and the last Grand Slam of the year.

The USTA did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The comptroller’s office no longer has access to outside sources of information after it “under-reported at least $56 million in revenue between 2016 and 2017,” the comptroller’s office said.

The audit reflects signs of strain between the tournament and its host city, a part-

“Simona has the dream of a Slam season and after winning her first major title in the Indian Wells Masters in March, she is scheduled to play at Flushing Meadows in her title defence.

The Indian star started strongly, winning her first point with a strong smash. Tsui Tsui fought back to take a 4-1 lead before Henin lifted the score at 4-6 and then led 5-4 on the second. The Frenchwoman saved a break point while attempting to return a sharp Tsui Tsui delivery.

It was a seesaw battle after the breaker as both Henin and Tsui Tsui refused to budge. It was even at 21-21 before Henin showed composure and skill to win the game 21-23 to 19-21. In the second, Tsui Tsui opened a 1-0 lead but Henin fought back to 4-3 before Tsui Tsui claimed two points.

Simona Halep of Romania is set against her third-round opponent Sharapova with back-to-back smashes. A brilliant rally saw Tsui Tsui maintain her dominance and the first point was hers.

Serena Williams won her 20th Grand Slam singles title in 2016 and is looking to join Margaret Court as the only other player to win seven Grand Slam singles titles.

Serena Williams, Venus Williams, Simona Halep, Sloane Stephens, Timea Babos, Elina Svitolina, Karolina Pliskova, and Elise Mertens are likely to feature in the first week of the tournament.

The US Open is a big difference because of the crowd and atmospherics,” Haliap added. “It’s more about entertainment so it’s more about entertainment so it’s more about entertainment so it’s more about entertainment so it’s more about entertainment so it’s more about entertainment so it’s more about entertainment so it’s more about entertainment so it’s more about entertainment so it’s more about entertainment so it’s more about entertainment so it’s more about entertainment so it’s more about entertainment so it’s more about entertainment so it’s more about entertainment so it’s more about entertainment so it’s more about entertainment so it’s more about entertainment so it’s more about entertainment so it’s more about entertainment so it’s more about entertainment so it’s more about entertainment so it’s more about entertainment so it’s more about entertainment so it’s more about entertainment so it’s more about entertainment so it’s more about entertainment so it’s more about 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