Al Sadd have work to do after Al Nassr record first leg win

The match opened up in the second half with Akram Afif and Hassan threatening the hosts. The visitors were hopeful of securing their first win over Qatar opponents and went into the break with a 1-0 lead in the 14th minute when Abdihakim al-Dosari, the unproven attacker, inside the centre circle and broke free before opting the ball to Saudi Al Ahli who fed Khalid pathfinder Gaafar Al-Balyani who turned in the far post for the 1-0 lead. The defence solidified on the restart, although Al Sadd were reduced to 10 men in the 60th minute when Omer Al-Bast was shown a red card for a second bookable offense. The visitors were on the front foot, but Al Nassr held firm to secure their first win over Qatari opponents.

England hailed ‘Special One’ Stokes after Ashes miracle

Matt Dickinson in The Times compared Stokes’s ability to produce his best yet when the situation demanded it to Argentina footballing great Diego Maradona and Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt.

“He produced many uplifting moments, from the situation demanded it to Argentina footballing great Diego Maradona and Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt.”

England’s Ben Stokes reacts as he leaves the pitch after England won the third Ashes Test at Headingley in Leeds, northern England, on Sunday.

Lawrence Booth, the Wisden editor, ranked it in the top five innings in the 150-year history of the Ashes, while former England captain Michael Atherton and Wisden’s Simon Dangerfield are among those to rate it as one of the greatest Test innings.

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New Zealand thrash Sri Lanka to level series-1

NZ bowlers hurled through their deliveries knowing they were racing against time

E ngland were still 73 runs short of victory when their ninth wicket fell, but the dramatic last day of the second Test at Headingley yesterday saw their innings ended by an Act of God, as the umpires could have dismissed, umpires could have called a halt at any time with the light fast deteriorating.

New Zealand's bowlers were relieved to have avoided one of their worst fears knowing too well that they were racing against time.

The first four days' play had been heavily delayed by rain, wet ground conditions and bad light, but surprisingly the five overs in which they bowled the New Zealand tail on the final day was a 30-run delayed start.

New Zealand captain Kane Williamson (2nd-L) celebrates with his teammates after winning the second Test yesterday.

New Zealand had batted 62 runs after New Zealand declared their second innings as still for six with a first-innings lead of 359.

Williamson at gully. Williamson at gully.

**BOTTOMLINE**

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**COLOMBO TEST**

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**RESUMING**

Sri Lanka were 45-0 at tea on the fifth and final day of the first Test at Asgiriya in Kandy on Wednesday.

After setting West Indies an unlikely target of 419 for victory on the fourth day, India bowled out the West Indies in two overs on the final day and won by 7 wickets with 7 overs remaining.

**INDIA ROUT WINNIES IN FIRST TEST**

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FOOTBALL

Cavani, Mbappe injured as PSG's problems pile up despite win

French giants lose Mbappe for a month with hamstring injury, Cavani out for three weeks due to hip issue

PARIS Saint-Germain forward Kylian Mbappe reacts after a collision during the League 1 match against Nimes in Paris on Sunday. (AFP)

Our aim is to regain the title: Duhail's Madibo

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Premier League

Guardiola hails Silva and Aguero

Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola described his side's victory over Southampton as "unique" and "unbelievable." City had not scored in each of their last four games, but they opened the scoring in the 14th minute through a decisive header from Gabriel Jesus. The Argentine striker put City in front before the break and added a second goal in the 66th minute to complete his hat-trick of goals in either half from Clement Lenglet's pass. City ultimately needed to hang on in the final minutes of the game to seal their 3-0 victory, which lifted them to the top of the Premier League table. Guardiola praised Silva and Aguero for their contributions, saying: "I'm really happy for this victory. We deserved to win and we did it in a great way. We played well and we played as a team." Guardiola also praised his team's resilience, saying: "We are a strong team and we have the quality to win the Premier League."
Barcelona double after Barcelona double

I have to admit today was an important day for Antoine. Barca coach Valverde

Barca’s books. Brahima, 21, is in

Barcelona’s French forward Antione Griezmann scores during the La Liga match against Real Betis at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona on Sunday night. (AFP)

Barcelona's French forward Antione Griezmann celebrates after scoring his first goal against Real Betis, during the Spanish La Liga football match at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona on August 25, 2019. (AFP)

Spanish striker Gerard Moreno #9 of Sevilla FC celebrates scoring with his teammates during the Spanish league football match between Sevilla FC and Barcelona on August 25, 2019 in Seville. (AFP)

Barcelona’s Brazilian forward Luiz Adriano #9 scores from the penalty spot against Real Sociedad, during the Spanish La Liga football match at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona on August 25, 2019. (AFP)

Ansu Fati made his La Liga debut on Sunday after impressing for Barca’s youth teams and became the youngest player to score a La Liga goal for Barcelona when he netted in the 81st minute.

The second-time European Champion was lacking inspiration in Citrus, against a home side who finished 17/16 last term, after fighting to avoid relegation. Madrid’s forward line of Kroos-Palace – heads high scorer in home A last season – headed...
Yankees set a major league record for homers in any month, now sitting at 5 with five games left in August

Yankees hit three HRs off Kershaw, clinch series

New York Yankees Domingo German pitches during the MLB match against Los Angeles Dodgers in Los Angeles on Sunday. (USA TODAY SPORTS)

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oyounk Harvey, the 33-year-old right-hander who led the New York Mets to a World Series championship in 2000, announced on Monday he will retire immediately, becoming the fourth active pitcher to announce his retirement this week.

"It’s an emotional decision," Harvey told ESPN in a statement. "It’s not easy for me to say goodbye, but after much thought and conversation with my family, friends, coaches and trainers, I have decided to retire from baseball because the physical elements of the sport are too much for me to handle."

Harvey, who had surgery in 2015 to repair a ligament in his left elbow and had another elbow surgery in 2016, said he was not surprised to hear of his retirement.

"I’ve been through a lot in my career, both on the field and off," Harvey said. "I’ve spent a lot of time rehabilitating, but the decision was made for me that I can’t continue to play at the level I want to."

Harvey, a four-time All-Star, went 8-10 with a 3.66 earned run average in 24 starts for the Mets last season. He was 53-33 with a 3.34 ERA in seven seasons with the Mets. He was traded to the Miami Marlins in February.

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South Africa players pose after the announcement of the 2019 Rugby World Cup squad in Johannesburg yesterday (AFP)

**RUGBY**

**Boks pick Etzebeth amid allegations of pointing gun**

Siyra Kolisi wins fitness battle to lead Springboks at World Cup

**FOCUS**

Cheika to fine tune Wallabies for WCup in New Caledonia

**BADMINTON**

**Silver girl’ no more, India’s Sindhu aims higher**

**BADMINTON**

**India’s Pusarla Venkata Sindhu slimmest in World’s Top Ten for the first time**

Forums

*India vs Australia*... the same year.

**Floyd Times**

**Tuesday, August 27, 2019**

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McIlroy banks $15m with Championship, FedEx Cup glory

Northern Irishman wins by four shots, collects biggest prize in golf history

Rory McIlroy won the first FedEx Championship and the FedEx Cup in Atlanta on Sunday, collecting the biggest first-prize cheque in golf history with $15 million, after a stellar final round at East Lake Golf Club.

The Northern Irishman, whose partnership with Tiger Woods in the U.S. Open at Carnoustie in 2018 was a defining moment of his career, was unable to reproduce the same level of performance in the final round, and instead of winning his first FedEx Cup, he had to settle for second place.

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By Sports Reporter

With just one month to go until the Oxford 2019 World Athletics Championships begin on Friday 27 September, tickets will be available to purchase easily on-line through the official event website. The organisation of glory. I’d like to have one for myself, so I may have to come out of retirement,