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A Shock draw with Qatar fills India with pride

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England drop Jason Roy for 5th Ashes Test

**FOCUS**

**Anderson targets Test return in NZ, South Africa tours**

England paceman James Anderson is keen to keep playing for England in the coming seasons as he wants to atone for missing out on the five-match series against Australia that starts today, missing one match with a calf problem that has kept him out of action for almost a year. The 37-year-old sustained the injury playing for Lancashire in July and managed only four overs in the opening test at Edgbaston when we all meet and discuss what we've done for a while," he said.

England’s year a success despite missing out on Ashes: Root

Captain Joe Root said England’s year could be judged a success even without retaining the Ashes series against Australia, which they hosted in 2019. The side go into today’s first Test at the Oval with the urn on the line. "With that we’ve had to change the balance of the side, and that’s the unfortunate one," Root said. "But it’s something that we’ve got to adjust and work extremely hard and come back again and show what you expect of guys when they get it right," he said. "But the skipper said he would it. He had to do it at my age to keep myself fit for a few more years,“ he added to British summer sports. The 30-year-old said he anticipated taking on the Sri Lankan team with confidence.

Anderson said he was also open-minded... I’m going to try and investigate any possible scenario of what I need to do at my age to keep myself in good shape,“ he added to British media.

**SPOTLIGHT**

**India’s selectors face call to solve opening woes**

"We will definitely take Rohit as opener point into consideration when we all meet,“ said selector Prithvi Shaw. Prithvi Shaw, Mayank Agarwal and Hanuma Vihari have all opened in tests but none have been able to adapt their best. Prithvi Shaw has done well in one-day internationals but has struggled in tests, while Hanuma Vihari has impressed in the shorter formats. The 30-year-old said: "I’m definitely a great talent. Of course, he is going through a bit of a tough time in test cricket and we are definitely concerned about his form. He needs to spend more times in the wicket and regain his touch and form." The new-look side should not see many changes in the test batting order. While the bowling unit, which bowsled a 2-0 series against New Zealand in England, has not been as consistent. Vilakgiphasw will be the first test between India and South Africa from October 2 followed by matches at Pune and Nagpur.
Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo turns the ball with Lithuania's Karolis Luk和尚turing during the Euro 2020 Group B qualifier match in Vilnius, Lithuania (AFP)

- Emmanuel Petit has said he will not play for France against England unless his old club, Arsenal, are given a benefit from the profits of the match.
- The French media have been critical of the decision to include Petit in the squad for the World Cup warm-up friendly against England.
- The match is considered a friendly for both teams, with Petit claiming he is only playing for a place in the starting line-up.

- Jake Taylor, the father of former Manchester United and England defender Wes Taylor, has died at the age of 52.
- Taylor, who had been diagnosed with cancer in 2018, passed away at home with his family around him.
- Wes Taylor, who played for United between 1999 and 2000, had been a key part of the Red Devils' youth team and was hoping to follow in his father's footsteps.

- Manchester United have made a profit of £1m on the sale of midfielder Donny van de Beek to Real Madrid.
- The Dutch midfielder joined the club in 2020 for £41m but has struggled to establish himself in the first team.
- The move has allowed United to make a profit on the transfer, with van de Beek's sale generating £41m revenue for the club.
Won’t be an easy game, says Duhail star Edmision

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Paulo Cédrinho joined Duhail in July last year from Belgian club Standard Liège.

Duhail have a key role to play in Al Rayyan's success this season, mainly because of their effort, high technical abilities, skills in dribbling, passing as well as reading opponent’s moves. The Brazilian-Spanish joined De-
hail in July last year from his home club Standard Liège and since then has been the standout player in football for the club. Paddy’s team. The forward spoke to gozo ahead of their Asian Cup debut, State League match against Al Rayyan,效煌.

How do you view your match against Al Rayyan?

Certainly, it won’t be an easy game. Al Rayyan are a big and impressive team and are working hard to win the title. I think this time will apply everything we have and we need to play to the best of our abilities.

Will Duhail be able to win or will you find difficulties during the match?

Difficulties exist in every game, but we have the strength and determination to make a difference and to gain a good result in the group. All these efforts will help Duhail into the contest. It can give us the experience of winning against Al Rayyan.

What are the strengths of both teams?

Both teams have good players in each department and that reflects on their strength. Al Duhail’s performance can rise to great heights when we play with high spirit. Al Rayyan players have high physical capabilities, which are reflected in each of their matches.

Which Al Rayyan player worries you?

I’m not worried about any particular player, generally, we need to prepare for our opponents. They have good players in all departments, but we need to work hard to win the match.

What are your ambitions with the team this season?

We will be ambitious to win trophies with the club and give the performance expected from him. Now we’re facing a new season, new challenges, and we must work hard to reach our goals. We can’t be satisfied with our current results, which are reflected in each of the matches we play.

Are Duhail capable of regaining the title this season?

Indeed, Al Duhail are capable of regaining the title this season. We are a strong team and we can play at a high level. Al Duhail have the ability to win the title, especially in our current form. We will work hard to win the title this season.

What do you think is the key to Al Duhail’s performance this season?

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Valencia sack Marcelino, name Cedazo as new coach

Cedazo’s Champions League campaign has been thrown to the winds. Valencia have fired Marcelino, a crisis the club has been nursing for nearly the last year and which culminated last weekend in a home defeat against Real Mallorca. The clinical results add to the many problems that have affected the team this season.

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Seager shines as Dodgers clinch 7th straight NL West title

We are glad to get this out of the way. We will have fun and come back to work tomorrow.

On Wednesday, the Los Angeles Dodgers clinched their seventh straight NL West title with a 5-2 win over the San Francisco Giants.

Corey Seager hit a three-run homer in the first inning and a two-run shot in the third as the Dodgers took a big early lead in the 7-2 victory. Seager has hit 24 home runs this season, including 12 in his last 12 games.

The Dodgers are now 7-1 in their last eight games and have clinched at least a tie for the NL West title, which they have won for seven straight seasons.

Seager, who was acquired from the Seattle Mariners in a trade last season, has been one of the Dodgers' top performers this year. He leads the team in runs scored (91) and is tied for second in home runs (24) despite missing the first six weeks of the season with a broken hand.

Manager Dave Roberts said Seager has been a key factor in the team's success.

"Corey Seager is one of the best veterans in the league," Roberts said. "He's been a huge contributor to our team this year and he's been excellent for us in the last couple of weeks."
‘No excuses’ — All Blacks relish Boks World Cup swansong

Treble-chasing All Blacks stood at 8am to avoid brutal noon heat.

New Zealand players warm up during a training session at Kadokura Park in Chiba, Japan on September 12, 2019.

Focus

Italy’s Parisse dares to dream of World Cup swansong

October 10, 2019, the junction of the rugby world's attention will be on Tokyo when Italy’s Sergio Parisse dares to dream of World Cup swansong. The 35-year-old Number Eight is set to become the most capped protagonist of the World Cup as he leads his team against South Africa in the opening game.

“The mood is very positive,” said Parisse. “All the federation is united behind me and the team is ready to play as a unit. But this is a very special moment for me as I am one of the three players who have reached their fifth World Cup.”

The Treble-chasing All Blacks began their workout at 8am to avoid the brutal afternoon heat. Coach Ian Foster, noting that temperatures hit 36°C (100.8°F) on Saturday, "We changed the timing of our training just to adapt to the heat in the afternoon. It’s common sense — but we’re training.

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