**Cricket**

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Djokovic rolls on while Serena breezes at Open

New York

"I didn't know how my body would react. That was nice."

AFP

Serena rolls motherhood, fashion while chasing history

New York

Serena Williams, chasing history at the US Open, shared an interesting experience on Thursday. She attended the final match of the women's singles tournament, in which she defeated Czech Karolina Muchova in straight sets to advance to the quarterfinals. Williams, who is pregnant with her third child, was accompanied by her husband Alexis Ohanian.

Williams, who is 39 years old, won her first Grand Slam title in 1999 and has since added 23 more, including seven at the US Open. She is one win away from tying Margaret Court's all-time record of 24 Grand Slam singles titles.

"I'm going to be an incredible mother," Williams said after her victory.

McEnroe: "Serena has always been the one..."

"Serena has always been the one..." Bob McEnroe, the former world No. 1, said during his commentary on Thursday's match.

"She's always been the one..." McEnroe continued. "She's always been the one who has been able to do it."

Williams, who is currently ranked 38th in the world, has won 23 Grand Slam singles titles and is looking to add her 24th at the US Open. She has won the US Open six times, the most recent being in 2014.

Williams' career has been marked by her ability to balance her personal life with her competitive schedule. She has been open about her challenges as a mother, including her struggles with postpartum depression.

"I'm proud of her," McEnroe said. "She's an inspiration to all of us."

Williams is also a fashion icon, and she has been a vocal advocate for women's rights. She has been open about her struggles with body image and has been an advocate for body positivity.

"She's a role model," McEnroe said. "She's a role model for all of us."

Williams' next match will be against Italian Lorenzo Musetti in the quarterfinals. She is seeded third in the tournament.

Williams: "The most important thing..."

"The most important thing is to stay healthy," Williams said after her victory. "That's the most important thing."
Cycling

Leclerc leads Ferrari front row lockout in Belgian GP qualifying

“Ferrari have done a great job and I hope we can bring the fight to them.”

It was Ferrari’s first front row lockout since 2012, clinched by Kimi Raikkonen in Brazil and Valtteri Bottas in Germany. The Monegasque, who was guided to victory in the previous practice sessions and is seeking his maiden victory in Ferrari, clocked a fastest lap in one minute 42.519 seconds. He was 0.748sec clear of his Ferrari teammate Sebastian Vettel. 

Vettel, who was 0.377sec clear in the second practice session, had said he was stewing over a late downpour that had put Ferrari at a disadvantage. “This is affecting the out lap,” he said. “It’s a little bit of a drag.”

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Spain’s Ricky Rubio (centre) dribbles past Tunisia’s Salah Mejri (left) and Michael Roll (right) during their Basketball World Cup Group C game in Guangzhou yesterday.

Rubio stars as Spain shrug off slow start to World Cup

They don’t have some of the players but they still have a great, great team, great players, great coach

The Irish camped in the Welsh half, as the defence was good against a good defensive team. However, the try was knocked on.

The team has been without their top players for some time, including Sam Warburton, who is expected to return for the World Cup opener against Tonga.

In the end, both teams were level at 0-0.

In the first half, the Irish had a penalty but were unable to score, while in the second half, they scored a try through Carty.

The Irish have qualified for the World Cup eight years after winning the Six Nations title.

The match marks the end of a difficult year for Ireland, as they suffered a series of losses, including a defeat to Wales in the World Cup warm-up match.

The Irish have been working hard to improve their game, and they are hoping to build on their momentum in the World Cup opener.

Ireland deny Gatland winning home farewell

The Lions denied Gatland a winning home farewell after the game ended in a draw.

The game was played at the Aviva Stadium in Dublin, and both teams had a chance to win.

The Lions came close to winning in the second half, but the Irish were able to hold them back.

The Lions had the better chances in the first half, but the Irish defended well to keep them at bay.

The Irish controlled the game in the second half, and they were able to hold onto their lead to secure a point.

The Lions have been without many of their key players, and they are hoping to use the draw as a springboard for their World Cup campaign.
**MLB**

**Betts homers in 1st, 15th as Red Sox edge Angels**

His 15th-hitting homer, his 23rd of the year, came on the 473rd pitch of the game.

Boston Red Sox's Mookie Betts hits a solo home run against the LA Angels during the first inning of their MLB game on Friday, in Anaheim, United States. (USA TODAY Sports)

**Rockets, Gordon agree to extension reports**

The extension is for two years, pegged the deal at four years and $24.4mn in guaranteed money, as reported on Friday.

Oklahoma City Thunder guard Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, who could be playing for a new team in 2023, has agreed to terms on a multiyear contract with the Atlanta Hawks, according to reports.

**Sport**

**Study links NFL career length to cognitive health problems**

The study found that players who regularly experienced concussions had an increased risk of developing serious cognitive problems.

**NFL ROUND-UP**

**Edelman injury reportedly not deemed serious**

Edelman was seen consulting with trainers while sitting out the remainder of the contest.

**ROCKETEER UNDIES**

Ready made: During games in which the Rockets are leading by more than 10 points, Gordon is more likely to shoot the ball.

**UPDATE**

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CRICKET / ASHES

Marsh ‘good option’, says Aussie chief ahead of fourth Test

Marsh is expected to score the fourth Test against West Indies. India are 1-0 up in the series after winning the first Test, and the third Test is scheduled to begin on Friday.
**Football**

**Union Berlin upset Dortmund for first Bundesliga victory**

Persis bags his first goal as Bayern Munich rout hapless Mainz 6-1

**FOCUS**

**Icardi treated correctly, insists Inter’s Conte**

**FOOTBALL**

**Splitting Paris Saint-Germain gave debates to two teenagers but Henry met with success in another domain. He has helped his father, Thierry Henry, develop talent in their French Ligue 2 club, AS Heracles. He has also assisted in the club’s youth academy. With his father not always around, Henry hopes to provide a strong influence. He is seen at the training ground with his son in an undated picture.**

**AC Milan could lose Hernandez for new contract talks**

**Italian midfielder Hakan Calhanoglu has been handed a new deal at AC Milan.**

**Barca offer for Neymar has not met PSG demands: Leonardo**

**Barcelona boss Ernesto Valverde is on his way out as the Catalan club seek a new head coach for next season.**

**Agent Di Maria (left) celebrates with teammates after scoring a goal against Metz during the French Ligue 1 match on Friday.**

**Union Berlin pulled off perhaps the biggest victory in their team’s history, defeating Bayern Munich 6-1 at the Allianz Arena. The result marked the 11th time that Berlin have beaten the reigning champions in the Bundesliga.**

**Union Berlin 6-1 Bayern Munich**

**Union Berlin**

**Bayern Munich**

**In his first season in charge, Berlin coach Sebastian Schindelmeiser has guided his side to their best start to a Bundesliga campaign. The team has scored 19 goals in their opening six games, including five in a 4-0 victory over Wolfsburg in the latest round.**

**The victory over Bayern Munich was Berlin’s first against the reigning champions, who had won 6-0 when the teams met in the German Cup last season. Berlin have scored 34 goals in their last 10 matches, including seven in their last two games.**

**Berlin’s Robert Andrich scored a first-half strike to give his side a 1-0 lead. He was later substituted for German forward Abdul Rahman Baba, who added a second goal after the break.**

**Berlin’s goal was a statement of intent as they looked to establish themselves as genuine title contenders.**

**Spalletti still not given a new contract by Inter**

**Inter Milan’s Italian head coach Antonio Conte.**

**Surviving four years amid a long contract dispute, Inter Milan’s Italian head coach Antonio Conte has still yet to be given a new contract.**

**Conte was sacked in April 2019 after a difficult season in the Pre-sea**
Barcelona pegged back by Osasuna despite Fati heroics

**LIVERPOOL, CITY CRUISE AS UNITED, CHELSEA FLOP AGAIN**

LIVERPOOL have now won a club record 13 straight Premier League games after a 3-1 win at Bournemouth on Saturday. The Reds have moved 13 points clear at the top of the Premier League with 13 games to go. The win was a seventh in a row for the Merseyside club, which has not lost in any competition since September 1. It was also their fourth consecutive victory on the road.

The goal was scored by Mohamed Salah in the 34th minute. He tapped in from close range after Virgil van Dijk had headed the ball back from a corner. The Egyptian striker has now scored 12 goals in his last 13 games and is the top scorer in Europe’s top five leagues.

Arsenal’s Monreal signs for Real Sociedad, Elneny loaned to Besiktas

**FOOTBALL**

**SPOTLIGHT**

Arsenal’s Sokratis Papastathopoulos has joined Real Sociedad on loan until the end of the season. The Greek defender has spent the last two years at the Emirates Stadium and has not played since March last year.

Sokratis has been a regular player for Arsenal since 2016, making over 100 appearances in all competitions and scoring 10 goals. He has represented Greece at international level and was part of their squad at the 2018 World Cup.

**REVIEW**

Sergio Ramos made his return to La Liga action after missing the game against Osasuna due to injury. The Real Madrid captain was back in the starting lineup and played for the full 90 minutes. Ramos has been a key player for Zinedine Zidane’s team and his return will boost their chances of winning the title.

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