Big victory against Afghans a boost, says Sanchez

Qatar take on India in their second Group E qualifier on Tuesday in Doha

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Qadir made his debut in 1971 and played 74 Tests, 66 ODIs and 34 T20Is. He recorded 64 Test wickets at 28.23 and helped Pakistan win the 1979 World Cup and the 1987 World Cup.

Former Pakistan cricketer Wasim Akram paid tribute to Qadir, describing him as a “great player and a great personality”.

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"WE COULDN’T PUNISH THE OMANI TEAM HEAVILY IN THE FIRST HALF"

Oxlade-Chamberlain relishes England return after injury woe

Ireland grab late draw with Swiss as Danes close gap

David McGoldrick’s injury-time header derailed Ireland’s Euro 2020 hopes on Sunday night as the Republic of Ireland settled for a frustrating 0-0 draw in the Group E opener against Switzerland at the St Jakob-Park.

The slender Swiss side were always likely to be the more creative threat against a stubborn Irish team and it was a relief for the home fans when Ireland held out for the all-important point after their prime mover McGoldrick struck late from the scene of the game.

The Irishman was on the end of a set-piece when the ball found him in acres of space inside the penalty area and his left-footed strike sailed over the swerving Swiss goalkeeper Yvon Mvogo to provide the match with a moment of joy.

But despite having McGoldrick briefly in the standsfor the last three minutes, Switzerland always looked the likelier side in the game.

Ireland’s tactics were clearly to frustrate, with a view to possibly striking at any moment in the second half.

There was nothing wrong with Martin O’Neill’s approach and the Irishman’s role in the game was to create chances rather than take them.

But when McGoldrick was sent off, the Irish team looked more_like two halves than one.

O’Neill said: "It’s a number of things. You can’t have a top player like McGoldrick sent off, it组织领导了 the lads and we’ve got to accept that decision.

We missed a game plan and that’s the reality. We had to adjust and we didn’t adjust well.

"I think you could see it when we had to go one man down and we gave away a penalty.

"We knew we would get chances, but we had to take them as we went forward.

"But tonight we couldn’t do that. It’s a difficult time for us but we have to move forward and we have to accept it."
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Spain squeeze into quarters with no-frills Italy win

It says a lot about our togetherness, toughness, commitment.
The Cincinnati Bengals could get a do-over after a crucial blown call in what appeared to be a sure touchdown in the fourth quarter. They’ll likely take it.

With a new coach and offensive system, star receiver A.J. Green out with an ankle injury and an uneven offensive line, heading into Zac Taylor’s first season, the Bengals are just trying to get back to being Relevant. Everybody’s watching.

“We’ve prepared for it. We know it’s going to be loud. It’s going to be loud and we’re not going to be able to hear ourselves,” Bengals offensive coordinator Bill Lazor said.

In the third quarter, it was all hands on deck. After Green Bay defensive end Preston Smith forced a fumble and linebacker Blake Martinez recovered it at the Cincinnati 3, Smith and Outside linebacker Jordan Love took the ball to the end zone. Smith leaped for the goal line. The officials called him down after a review but the call was overturned.

It was one of two key plays in the game that I’ve seen that the Bengals offense comes into the game with this defense.

Not exactly the debut first-year head coach Zac Taylor, who is familiar with the setting in Cincinnati, gets his first test. The early going had been largely bad.

After two seasons with the NFL’s worst offense last season and picking the No. 1 overall pick in the NFL draft, the Bengals opened their season at Soldier Field in Chicago in a meeting of teams that starred – thwarting the Bears one touchdown.

But it was the Packers that were able to expand their lead on a 38-yard field goal from Eddy Pineiro with just over five minutes to go to make it 10-3.

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Rodgers has been named to the NFL’s starting quarterback and offensive line for the upcoming week.

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SPOTLIGHT

Carol Leclerc set the pace in his Ferrari's home Grand Prix yesterday with Formula One world champion Hamilton hot on his heels for Mercedes.

The 25-year-old Monegasque had a green light at Monza, themys of Tuscan steel, to 2.145 and a 2007 win after also dominating practice in the opening session and taking pole position.

Formula One is both exhilarating and exhausting, added the day (614 slower) but beautifying today, the way now to hit the streets.

Ferrari's Monegasque driver Charles Leclerc leaves the pits during the first practice session in Monza, Italy, yesterday.

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Senior South African athletics board president James van Wyk, after whom the club is named, told AFP she take testosterone-reducing medication.

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ANOC launches new World Beach Games website

By Sports Reporter

The Association of National Sports Commissions has launched the new World Beach Games website which will serve as the central hub of all news, information and results for the inaugural multi-sport event in the UK.

The user-friendly website www.worldbeachgames.com is hosted within the ANOC website and includes information on the Games venues, participating countries, general competition rules and an FAQ section and photo gallery. The website will be continually updated with more detailed information and news over the coming months and weeks in the build up to the multi-sport event.

When the Games, fans want- ing to watch the competitions, will be able to do so through the website’s live stream feed. Fans will be able to follow the event on social media platforms, too.

New Instagram (www2019.com) and Twitter (@WorldBGames) accounts have also been created to maintain connectivity with athletes, fans, NOCs and international media.

ANOC Secretary General Gauthier Duclos said: “We are delighted to launch the ANOC World Beach Games website which will be the go-to resource for NOCs, athletes, fans and even and GBF and IOB, as well as for the media and for the fans about the Games and the latest information on the format and results.

“An easy way to access the websites as comprehensive and informative as possible, we will be constantly updating it with new information and facts. The social media platforms will allow us to interact directly with our NOCs, their athletes and beach sports fans around the world.”

As well as the first-ever ANOC World Beach Games, there is a huge amount to look forward to and our digital platforms will be keeping everyone updated every step of the way.”

Roglic tightens grip on Vuelta lead as Pogacar wins stage 13

Seventeen-year-old Primoz Roglic strengthened his grip on the overall leader’s red jersey as Slovenian rider Tadej Pogacar claimed the 13th stage of the Vuelta a España.

40-year-old British tomcat Chris Froome is not in the top 10, and there is no room for Team Ineos’s pair of Asian stars, his team-mate Egan Bernal and Japanese youngster Kohei Ueda, who are both outside the top 20. Froome was replaced by Welshman Geraint Thomas, who is better suited to the GC battle.

The Vuelta’s new leader, Nathan Ortiz, hails from a small Andalucia city but is not used to the spotlight, and had to deal with some unpleasantness during stage 13.

The stage started in Calahorra and finished in Leiva Larioja, with 92km of flat, medium and hilly ramps, and included two tough ascents.

The stage was a gruelling test for all GC contenders, so much so that many of them had to drop out, and the race was won by a group of just five riders.

Roglic, who started the stage in second place, edged out his nearest rival Pogacar to claim his second stage win of the Vuelta a España.

Pogacar, 22, won the team time trial earlier in the race, and started the day in the race lead, with Roglic in second place.

The Slovenian began the stage in the overall lead, but Pogacar shone in the second half, and took over as the new race leader.

The Slovenian duo then set the pace and extended their lead, with Roglic taking his second stage win of the Vuelta.

The Tour of Britain started in Lancaster on September 14, and will take in stages over the coming days and weeks in the build up to the multi-sport event. Fans will be able to follow the event on social media platforms, too.
Hazelwood rips through England

Paceman takes four wickets in four as Sri Lanka claim consolation win

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Sri Lanka's Lasith Malinga celebrates his hat-trick against New Zealand in the third Test international at Pallekele in Kandy yesterday (20/7).

AFP

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Paceman takes four wickets in four as England in a way that only Stuart Broad got close to for the hosts.

AP

Malinga claimed three wickets in the first over for the visitors as the bowler had taken four wickets in five balls in the previous match. Rashid earlier bowled Seth Rance lbw for 7.

Malinga was pretty happy after his all-rounder performance in the series, having claimed a total of 72 runs in 25 overs. He also set a new record by becoming the first Sri Lankan bowler to take a hat-trick in a Test match.

Malinga's bowling was complemented by the aggressive batting of Danushka Gunathilaka (24) and Lahiru Thirimanne (24), who both secured their half-centuries in the match. Dickwella also contributed with 27 runs before being dismissed by Ajantha Mendis.

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