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"SCORING GOALS GIVES US CONFIDENCE. IT IS A GREAT VICTORY"

Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane is not concerned despite his team losing 1-0 at home to Basaksehir in the Champions League on Tuesday, as long as they qualify for the last 16. "For me, being here for the last matches of the Champions League is important. It’s my duty to ensure we rise to the occasion," Zidane said after the game.

But Zidane does not think Hazard will turn out like Bale, who returned to Tottenham Hotspur last season.

"No, I’m not worried, I’m positive and I’m positive about Hazard, that’s a mistake that we’ve learned from working very hard in the past and getting to know him," Zidane said after his team’s 2-0 win over Real Sociedad.

"Zinedine never felt comfortable during his spell with the club, after the Belgian was ruled out for up to four weeks. He proved himself once again against Angers, he pushed his weight as a captain, he helped the team to park the ball out of the back because it’s so important to keep the ball when you have one less player. “There’s no debate, for me he has always been the best player in the world, a thought that before from the outside and from later from the same people and committee, it’s an example to me and a reference," Koeman said.

Neymar also praised the former Barcelona winger, who has named him in his top 10 players he has trained with at Barca and Paris Saint-Germain.

"Some day I see Cristiano and I play with him and it’s difficult to stand up to him, he’s such a good player," Koeman said.

"He’s a great player, he’s had a lot in England and it’s important for him to get to the best out of each player and find his best form. He’s good," Koeman said.

"Messi has given maximum since ending transfer saga"

"After the break, the level of control and the way he get at the Parc des Princes for the rest of the team for the way he had no complaints about him on and played well and has given the rests of the team for the way he has one less player. "There’s no important to keep the ball when you have one less player. “There’s no debate, for me he has always been the best player in the world, a thought that before from the outside and from later from the same people and committee, it’s an example to me and a reference," Koeman said.

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Bad Lak for Al Nassr as Persepolis reach final of AFC Champions League

Iranian club emerge the top team in Asia's west zone as they beat Saudi club on penalties

Persepolis players and officials celebrate their victory over Al Nassr at the Asian Champions League finals in Doha yesterday. Pictures: AFP

FOOTBALL

Malcolm City were denied a late chance to reach the quarter-finals as they were held to a 1-1 draw by Leeds. Chelsea's French forward Kylian Mbappe scored in the 37th minute to put the Blues on the verge of a place in the semi-finals, but they were unable to capitalise on their chances.

Man City will have to try again next year after being knocked out of the competition by Chelsea in the semi-finals. However, they will be looking to improve on their performance in the Champions League next season.

Meanwhile, Porto will be looking to continue their impressive run in the Europa League, as they look to secure a place in the quarter-finals of the competition.

BENDIGERNA

Haaland nets twice as Dortmund run riot

The Norwegian striker scored twice in the second half as Dortmund shocked champions Manchester United to seal their place in the Champions League semi-finals.

Dortmund, who had already eliminated AC Milan in the round of 16, were far more composed in the second half. They took the lead through Haaland, who finished off aendid pass from Marco Reus.

However, the home side were unable to capitalise on their lead, as they struggled to create further chances. Manchester United, on the other hand, continued to push for an equaliser, but were unable to find the back of the net.

The result means that Dortmund will face either Atalanta or Sevilla in the semi-finals, with the winner from the tie advancing to the final.

Ricardo Rodriguez scored for Atalanta, while Julian Draxler scored for Sevilla. However, both sides could not find the back of the net, as they played out a goalless draw.

The result means that Atalanta will face either Manchester United or Atletico Madrid in the semi-finals, while Sevilla will face either Bayern Munich or Liverpool.

Meanwhile, in the Europa League, Arsenal were held to a 1-1 draw by Slavia Prague, while Lyon were able to secure a 2-0 win over Valencia. The results mean that Arsenal will face either Manchester United or Atletico Madrid in the semi-finals, while Lyon will face either Bayern Munich or Liverpool.
Kohli’s unbeaten 72 helps clinical RCB thrash RR

Kohli received able support from young opener Devdutt Padikkal, who made 63.

R

oyal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) skipper Virat Kohli silenced the critics with a 72-run unbeaten knock to help his side to a commanding 8-wicket win over Rajasthan Royals (RR) in the 15th match of the Indian Premier League (IPL) here on Thursday.

The win, which was RCB’s sixth of the season, took them to the top of the table with six points from four matches, while RR fell to nine points from seven games.

Kohli, who struggled in the initial stages of the tournament, rescued RCB from a perilous situation with a 154-run partnership with opener Devdutt Padikkal. The duo scored at a rapid pace, putting on 99 runs in the first 13 overs.

Kohli’s unbeaten 72 came off just 53 balls and included eight fours and a six. The run-machine lived as Padikkal, who has been in fine form with the bat, continued his brilliant run.

Padikkal, who was in fine form with the bat, made 63 off 47 balls, including six fours and a six. He added 154 runs in the opening stand with Kohli.

The win comes just after Kohli had announced his retirement from international cricket.

“It was a superb performance by the team, especially in the bowling department,” Kohli said post-match.

For RCB, Yuzvendra Chahal continued his brilliant run. He took three wickets for 32 runs, including the wicket of RR’s skipper Sanju Samson, who was dismissed for 11.

DC beat KKR in yet another Sharjah thriller

Delhi Capitals (DC) beat Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) by six wickets to move to the top of the points table after winning the thrilling encounter in Sharjah on Thursday.

DC, on 164/4 in its 20 overs, defeated KKR, who scored 168/6, to move to 13 points from seven games, while KKR fell to 12 points from eight matches.

DC’s Shikhar Dhawan and Rishabh Pant put on a record 156-run opening stand, and Shreyas Iyer’s 31-ball 72-guided the side to victory.

SPOTLIGHT

Stokes set to join Royals

England all-rounder Ben Stokes is set to join Delhi Capitals for the remainder of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020 season, after missing the first two weeks of the “world’s most entertaining cricket competition” due to paternity leave.

Stokes, who was born in London and raised in Jamaica, is a national hero in the Caribbean and has been ruled out of the Indian Premier League 13 (IPL) due to personal reasons.

The 31-year-old all-rounder is set to join the Capitals for the remaining seven matches of the season, which start from October 19.

Stokes will be available for the remaining matches of the season, starting with the game against Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) on October 23.

NBA

Butler says Heat capable of rallying against Lakers

Miami Heat star Jimmy Butler said his team has the ability to bounce back from a 106-101 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers in Game 4 of the NBA Finals.

Butler, who scored 23 points in the Heat’s loss, said his team is capable of rallying against the defending champions.

“We’ve got to play better,” Butler said. “But we’ve got to get back to Houston where we’ve played well in the last few games. We’ve got to go out and get a win and then see where we’re at.”

Butler also praised the Lakers’ defense, saying they have been able to stop the Heat’s stars.

“I mean, they’re a good defensive team,” Butler said. “But we’ve got to get back to Houston and get a win.”
The San Diego Padres used nine pitchers to get their first win over the Chicago Cubs and cinched a spot in the first round series with the host Cubs in the National League wild-card series.

"That’s probably the best feeling I’ve had in my baseball career, the biggest home run that I’ve had in my baseball career," Cooper said. "It’s just something that you can’t replace."

He will have to carry the job with the win the win in 2021. Cooper was named the Padres’ 2020 AL West Player of the Year.

Armando Galarraga, who had been a majorleague third baseman and pitcher for the Detroit Tigers, had been out since early July with a left foot injury.

The Lakers were leading 23-13 at the end of the first quarter and never trailed in the second half.

"I just got the horrible news of the passing of Bob Gibson," Molina said. "I’m a bit worried about some of the younger players."

"It’s an extra bit of motivation to try and do everything in that game, which don’t get to go again," said James, who had 22 points on 18 of 27 first-half attempts from beyond the arc. They finished with 16 three-pointers on an astonishing 47 attempts.

"They have five guys on the floor who can make three-pointers and they’re right in your face," James said. "If we can make three-pointers, we can do a lot more defensively as well."

"Bob Gibson is arguably the greatest pitcher of all time, and considered one of the best to ever play the game. He was a hero fighting pancreatic cancer for over a year, reported to be in hospice care in Omaha, Nebraska, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch newspaper reported."

"The injury depleted Heat hung on for dear life," James added of Miami. "So we have to continue to stay on our P’s and Q’s and our T’s and our V’s and our E’s."

"I’m a bit worried about some of the younger players," James added of Miami. "In those moments of truth when you have to emerge from the opening period unscathed."
Confident Bradley takes two-shot PGA Tour lead

After the second round, Bradley was two strokes in front of fellow Americans JT Poston and Charley Hoffman

Golf

Japan's Hataoka grabs one-shot LPGA ShopRite lead

In her first round at the ShopRite Classic, Hataoka finished two strokes ahead of the rest of the field.

LPGA

Ethiopia's 'town of runners' tries to outpace pandemic

The town of Bekoji is famous for its distance-running talent, but the pandemic has posed challenges.

Athletics

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Ganna first leader, Thomas opens early gap
Ineos’ Italian rider beats Portugal’s Joao Almeida by 22 seconds

Ineos’ Italian rider Filippo Ganna won the opening stage of the Giro d’Italia on Saturday, a 13.5-km individual time trial between Monreale and Palermo to claim the first Maglia Rosa leader’s jersey of this year’s race as Geoghegan Hart of Team Ineos struggled to finish due to technical issues. Ganna’s time trial title at the world championships last week, clocked 15 minutes 29 seconds to take the lead. The Ineos-Grenadiers rider, who claimed the time trial title of the world championships last week, clocked 15 minutes 29 seconds to take the lead. Ganna, who is the father of five, who is a good man for the rest of the race,” said Robert Ska, the team’s general manager.

Tommaso, also from Ikonos, was the best of the pre-race favourites but he took fourth place in 1:07:57, with his compatriot Vincenzo Nibali a minute and 30 seconds behind the Italian. Nibali had been due to start the Tour de France on Wednesday but was taken into quarantine after testing positive for Covid-19 on Monday.

After having been raced in the Ardennes since 1892, the Giro d’Italia is traditionally the last monument of the season.”

But Premiership chiefs said they were confident the game could go ahead as they had been retested as part of a rigorous process that applies to all Covid-19 protocols and procedures can be put in place to protect the players and staff.

We did it, what a great result and I am very happy. This was the first stage and I knew I had to do well, said Ganna.

But Ganna was far from the only winner on Saturday as the race favourites when he took fourth place in 1:04:33. We were struggling at the beginning, but then I started to get better and I felt strong. I was happy to win.

Despite being relatively in-form in Sydney, at the moment we are still divided on the pitch and will do our best to play in the current unprecedented and worrying circumstances,” said Ganna.

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Djokovic into last 16 as Altmayer stuns 7 seed Berrettini

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Spanish Rafael Nadal during his third round French Open match against Italy's Stefano Travaglia in Paris. (Reuters)

**Today’s order of play**

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**SERENIS One tbour of the game’s best shots from the Round of 16 match between Novak Djokovic and Daniel Galan at Roland Garros in Paris yesterday. (Reuters)**

**NEW YORK**

New York City's Novak Djokovic announced Sunday that he had withdrawn from the Rolan Garros tournament with a right foot injury. The 33-year-old, who was seeded at 3rd seed, did not make it past the 3rd round, losing to Colombia's Daniel Elahi Galan 6-0, 6-3, 6-2.

Despite the injury, Djokovic, who has won nine Grand Slams and the 2008 Olympic gold medal, still has the chance to become the first man to win four titles in a row at the US Open in September. He is currently 11th in the world and is making his 20th major.

**TSITSIPAS, RUBLEV, KHACHANOV THROUGH, KENIN RACES INTO FOURTH ROUND**

Greek Stefanos Tsitsipas, Russian Andrey Rublev and Ukrainian Andrii Rublev all advanced to the fourth round of the US Open on Sunday, setting up a clash of the titans between Tsitsipas and Rublev in the quarter-finals.

Tsitsipas, who won the 2020 Australian Open, defeated Spanish Rafael Nadal 6-3, 6-7(5), 6-1. Rublev, who also advanced to the fourth round, defeated Austrian Dominic Thiem 6-4, 6-4, 6-3. Rublev's victory means he will face Tsitsipas in the quarter-finals for the second time in a row, after they met in the semi-finals of the 2020 Australian Open.

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