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Thomas has put a lot of energy and passion into the job, and we will of course remember the good moments we shared together.

Pochettino was let go after a fiery and chaotic season in charge of the Ligue 1 club, with the French giants appearing in the headlines for their role in a Champions League final that never happened. The Argentine boss was paid a huge buyout fee of €170m by the club before leaving his role at the Parc des Princes last December.

The 48-year-old was widely reported but ultimately an unsuccessful candidate to replace Delph as manager of the French giants, with the technical director of the league now set to make a decision on his successor.

Since the beginning of the season, the former Barcelona and Bayern Munich star has struggled to win over the crowd at PSG, with the French club currently sitting in third place in the Ligue 1 standings.

Pochettino's departure has been met with mixed reactions in Paris, with some fans criticizing his decision to leave the club in the midst of a bid for European glory, while others have praised his efforts to improve the team's performance.

PSG fans are now waiting to see if the club will appoint a new coach, with the candidate list including former Barcelona and Bayern Munich stars like Pep Guardiola and Carlo Ancelotti.

The upcoming clash against West Ham in the Champions League will be a key test for the current PSG squad as they aim to bounce back from their recent defeat to Bayern Munich in the Round of 16.
QMMF to host FIM Bajas World Cup in April next year

Qatar Motor and Motorcycle Federation (QMMF) will host the third round of the FIM Baja World Cup from April 8 to 10 this year. The FIM released the 2021 calendar, with ten events scheduled for next year from February to October.

The FIM Baja World Cup, which is the premier class of the Baja World Championship for Motorbikes, was first held in 1973 with the aim of promoting off-road racing for bikes, with the participating body founding two rounds at the Qatar National Rally in November and December.

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Points in no least one of the events of the qualifying series. Only those competitors will be eligible for the final ranking of the FIM Bajas World Cup. The FIM Bajas World Cup will be held in a format in 2021, the FIM said in a statement. The event takes place over a series of qualifying events as well as a World Championship held at a venue with a scoring coefficient of 1, while the final is a non-sanctioned event.

The final is open to all competitors. In order to be included in the listing of the FIM Bajas World Cup, competitors must have completed and scored points in at least one of the events of the qualifying series. Only those competitors will be eligible for the final ranking of the FIM Bajas World Cup.

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**NBA**

**Grizzlies’ Morant hurt in win over Nets, Blazers beat Lakers**

LeBron’s Lakers, heavy favourites to win a second straight title, suffered their second defeat in four games.

The Memphis Grizzlies, first win of the NBA season came courtesy of a win over the Brooklyn Nets on Monday night. Morant limped off the court late in the first half after suffering a potentially huge blow for the victory, standing through the final minutes—a protective boot on his injured ankle.

Kyle Anderson led the Grizzlies with 28 points— with a career-best four three-pointers. Morant had averaged 36 points in the first two games of the season. It was Anderson who drained four of four free-throws in the waning seconds of overtime, after Parkers fouled the perimeter of when Brooklyn’s Joe Harris couldn’t get a potential game-tying three-pointer to drop with 1.1 seconds remaining.

The 20-game winning streak was the longest in NBA history. The previous record was 19 consecutive victories set by the Los Angeles Lakers bench 45-23.

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**Space Jam win QBF Ladies Championship**

Western Space Jam celebrates on the podium of the Qatar Basketball Federation (QBF) Ladies Championship with Prosports finishing second and Q porous,women’s match on Monday. Space Jam edged out Prosports 62-48 in a thrilling contest in the presence of Qatar Olympic Committee Secretary-General HE, Joseph Al-Rumaihi and QBF President Ahmed Al-Mahmoud and other officials.

By Sports Reporter

The ongoing matches of the QBF Beach Qatar Aspire Park in Doha has sustained a positive never-say-die interest from the populace with increasing number of spectators attending the four different categories—beach volleyball, beach soccer, beach handball and beach football. All four matches of the women’s volleyball were the main attraction on Monday. The two events witnessed impressive performances, which in both instances were most filled to capacity, indications of the general acceptance of not only the games but the tournament as a whole. The main event in the evening has been a first of its kind in Qatar, where a knockout tournament has drawn a responsive crowd with all the adults and young alike as some. Four games were played in the men’s beach handball on the day with all Labour going against the Al-Sadd hosts in Group A. Al-Sadd proved too hot to handle with Al-Manama as they ran away with a 3-0 victory.
The quarterback combination lost against the Bills. The plays are the fewest by a Patriots' quarterback combination in the first quarter. Newton finished 5 for 10 with 26 yards, two touchdowns and three interceptions. They did a better job than Allen-led Buffalo offense in this contest. It clearly wasn't enough to keep the offensive fireworks from the Bills away with a 3-0 lead when Nick Stidham was on the field for six series. The offense went three-and-out three times and the Patriots had one field goal. This time Newton started the drive with a 20-yard field goal. Newton tied for the second longest drive in the fourth quarter.

Newton shared that regular sleep has been a longtime issue for him. "I wouldn't say that. I would say at least seven hours a night. As a signal-caller, as a person who is a dynamic player, you have to review the film and get better at doing. You just have to blend in and just be the status quo. But it is what it is. You know what I'm saying?" he said. "But it is what it is. You know what I'm saying?" he said.

The Patriots' Newton was not as effective as Tom Brady in 2020. "Tonight we didn't play as well as we're capable of and Buffalo played well," said Bill Belichick.

On the second quarter, Newton was sacked for another Patriots' three-and-out. At 3:55 of the second quarter, the Bills added to the Patriots' three-and-out. Newton then tied for the first time in the fourth quarter.

All afternoon was a struggle for Newton, rushing for 11. On Third-and-10, he hit DeSean Jackson for a 35-yard pass that looked like a potential touchdown at 10:39 of the second quarter. Harris, ran for a 29-yard touchdown at 11:28 of the second quarter. The Bills added two more points on a field goal at 9:24 of the fourth quarter.

It ended Newton's night. "We didn't come close to matching the Rams in the first quarter. It's been a common thread for our defense these last two seasons and it's something we need to address going forward," Newton said.

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**REPORT**

**Souttbin leads NZ charge to leave Pak on the ropes**

Pakistan, set an unlikely target of 373, will go into the final day at 71 for three.

*New Zealand's Tim Southee (2nd L) and teammates celebrate after the fall of Pakistan's Shan Masood during the fourth day of the first Test match at the Bay Oval in Mount Maunganui yesterday.*

**MOUNT MAUNGANUI SCORCARD**

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John Millman, South African veteran, said the target now was to ensure that the second Test starts in Mount Maunganui on Sunday.

**SPOTLIGHT**

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**BOTTOMLINE**

**Federer and Nadal re-elected to ATP players’ council**

The council, as voted by ATP player members, also saw the co-optation of Canadian Felix

**Agassi, Laver, Borg inducted**

San Diego, Switzerland’s Stan Wawrinka became the world’s new No. 1 in singles following his win over Russia’s Daniil Medvedev in the ABN AMRO World Tennis Tournament final in Rotterdam on Monday.

**Lance Armstrong banned from UCI events for life**

The UCI has banned Lance Armstrong from all competitive cycling for life after finding he used performance-enhancing drugs.

**APL Conferences**

NORTH AMERICA: Melbourne, Australia, June 21; Miami, Florida, June 22; New York, New York, June 23; London, United Kingdom, June 24; Toronto, Ontario, Canada, June 25

SOUTH AMERICA: Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 26; Santiago, Chile, June 27

**Federer and Nadal re-elected**

Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic, who have dominated men’s tennis for more than a decade, were re-elected on Monday to the council that makes the sport’s rules.

**South Africa vs Sri Lanka**

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**NEW ZEALAND**

South Africa's leading seamer Kagiso Rabada took 10 wickets as his team won the first Test against Sri Lanka by an innings and 45 runs at SuperSport Park in Centurion.

South Africa, needing 235 runs to avoid defeat, declared their second innings at 223 for five on Monday. The tourists then reduced Sri Lanka to 71 for three by the end of play.

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**ABP ENQUIRER**

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**SOUTH AFRICA vs SRI LANKA**

The South African batting order made a fine start, with Captain Faf du Plessis scoring a half-century. Du Plessis was dismissed for 199. South Africa batted for 40 minutes and faced 170 overs before losing five wickets.

**Second Test**

The second Test in Mount Maunganui on Sunday is expected to be the last Test for South Africa this year.

**TOP LINE**

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Australia had batted for 83.4 overs, with an eight wicket win over Australia possible on Tuesday. India were 1-0 with two Tests to go.

To make matters worse for Australia, they were left 40/4 at lunch and achieved four World Test Championship points for a slow over rate.

Australia had tallied 143 by Monday, before the second day’s play was called off due to a wet wicket. India were 1-4 (Burns), 2-42 (Pujara)

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Paul Wilson (AUS), Umpires: Paul Reiffel (AUS), Paul Wilson (AUS)

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M. Labuschagne c Rahane b Bumrah .......................... 22
M. Agarwal c Paine b Starc ...............5
A. Rahane not out ....................................27
C. Green c Jadeja b Siraj .................. 45
T. Paine c Pant b Jadeja .....................1

Fall of wickets:
1-16 (Agarwal)
2-19 (Pujara)
3-32 (Starc)
4-40 (Wade)
5-98 (Green)
6-99 (Paine)

Australia second innings

Bowling:

M. Wood .......................... 10-100 (Siraj)
M. Siraj .......................... 3-37 with Jasprit Bumrah, Ravindra Jadeja and Ravi Ashwin taking two each.

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