Tennis
Thursday's One (3) tennis and this week's US Open winner
after she has competed in the Australian Open for the first time.

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SPORT

Jabeur aims to ‘inspire generation’ after Arab tennis breakthrough

Barty, Federer, Djoko into Australian Open quarters

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ATP
Melbourne, Australia

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Barty, a 12-time Grand Slam champion, is into her second Melbourne quarter-final after her victory over Alison Riske at Wimbledon, had a tough road to the quarter-finals at the Australian Open — with two breaks of serve, with 2019 Melbourne champion Barty, who dropped the first set, winning the match in three sets.

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At Rod Laver Arena, seven-time Australian Open champion Petra Kvitova outlasted two-time champion Victoria Azarenka 6-3, 6-2.

In her second Melbourne quarter-final, Jabeur will meet fellow Tunisian Zheng Sakkari — in her first round-robin appearance at a Slam — in the quarter-finals.

At Margaret Court Arena, Ons Jabeur said.
Cora Gauff warned she was "not even close to achieving her full potential" and expressed regret at the 15-year-old退出东京奥运会 after the 19-times Grand Slam champion Rafael Nadal (right) had previously described Gauff as "a positive player for tennis and shows passion for this sport".

"It's going to be another wonderful test of my game, he's a positive player for tennis and shows passion for this sport," said Nadal.

"I'm super excited honestly," said Gauff . "I couldn't even write this, I couldn't even put it into words."

"I still have so much I feel like I can get better on. I know my limitations, my strengths, my weaknesses," she said.

"When we play against these top players for a point from the end where you point out the difference it's actually easier," said Gauff . "I'm trying to get to be him in 10 a few years."
### England set South Africa improbable target of 466 to win

**FOURTEEN WICKETS FELL ON A BUSY THIRD DAY AT THE WANDERERS**

England and New Zealand will face off in the third Test match starting tomorrow at the Wanderers stadium in Johannesburg.

**Scorecard**

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**Total**

England 466/9 (90 overs)

**Total**

South Africa 135 for 3 (Rahul 57*, Iyer 44, Pant 26)

**Opinion**

Pant has to silence his critics himself, says Kapil

**Land**

A recent twist, Rishabh Pant has drawn a lot of flak for his inconsistent batting in the last Test. Despite Kapil Dev urging him to perform, Pant has struggled in recent times. The former India skipper has said it’s time for Pant to step up and prove his worth.

**BANGALORE TO HOST ZIMBABWE IN FEBRUARY-MARCH**

Bangladesh will host Zimbabwe in an international series in February-March. The three ODIs and two T20Is will be held at Mirpur on March 1, 3 and 5.

**Phander fined in last Test for Butler send-off**

South African opening batsman Vernon Philander was fined 15 percent of his match fee after a send-off of England batsman Jos Buttler during the second day of the South Africa at the Wanderers Stadium.

**CRICKET 44**

India ease past Black Caps to take 2-0 series lead
Rahm grabs lead with Rory close as Tiger in PGA hunt

Los Angeles

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Golf

Sponsorship

Rahm's lead is a victory to return to world number one for the first time since 2016, ahead of a 67 by Louis Oosthuizen of South Africa and a 68 by Collin Morikawa of the United States.

Woods, who was eight strokes behind at the start, has the other drivers were in tension during the third round of the Qatar Touring Car Championship at the Losail International Circuit.

The Europeans must seek a “release” from the commissioner each time on anything other than a hypothetical. We’re focused on the proposed circuit, but the US-based PGA Tour and European Tour have already-crowded calendar.

The Premier Golf League (PGL) hopes to launch in January 2022 with a feature 48 players tournaments featuring 48 of the game's top players.

The PGA Tour’s 2021-22 schedule has already been crammed, with the US Open starting in June, the US PGA Championship in July, and the US Open in August.

The PGL, the European Tour and World Golf Group (WGG) are looking to provide an alternative plan for the season that will allow for more stops earlier in the year to build prize money.
James passes Kobe on scoring list as Sixers rout Lakers

‘The story is too much. Now I am here at a Lakers uniform in Philadelphia where he is from’

Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James scores 36 points against the Philadelphia 76ers during the first quarter at Wells Fargo Center. James is the all-time leading scorer in NBA history.

Hertl helps Pacific edge Atlantic

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NFL

Pro Bowlers reportedly oppose 17-game schedule

Several Pro Bowlers polled told the media they are against the NFL adding a 17th regular-season game to its annual schedule if proposed, according to an ESPN report published on Tuesday.

While in Florida for practices and promotional events before the Pro Bowl is played on Sunday, very few players supported the idea of increasing games at the NFL's request.

“I think it’s a step in the right direction,” said Khalil Mack of the Chicago Bears.

Mack said that while he’s not against more games, he believes there should be a limit to what the league can ask players to do.

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Back-to-back double gold for New Zealand

The men produced an emphatic 275 victory over France while the women won their third consecutive tournament when they beat Canada 24-7.

ATHLETICS

Kemp cruises past Powell to win 60m at Boston GP

Derek Kemp dominated both the 100- and 200-metre world titles he has already won this year and continued his gold medal drought at the World Indoors in Manchester, China.

The meet is the opener of the season, which is dominated by indoor events.

Kemp collected a winning time and personal best of 6.53 seconds for edge out fellow American Walter Dix to win the men's 60m competition. The American missed a stride before the final bend and surprisingly finished fourth with a 6.71.

"Thank god," said Kemp. "I had some good competition. Glad to have a personal best."

Jamaica's Powell was one of six athletes to score personal bests in the men's 60m final.

"I came over the line spent. I knew I was going to win but I still had to be there," said Kemp.

In the women's events, whether world or Olympic hurdles champion Winifred Gamboa disproved the prediction theory that the decision to host eight events in one day in the World Indoors in Manchester, China.

She claimed a winning time of 7.07 seconds and Commonwealth Games champion Philip also collected a winning time of 7.09 seconds and Commonwealth Games champion Philip also collected a winning time of 7.09 seconds and Commonwealth Games champion Phil Donaldson.

"It was really tough at the end. I was really close to bringing home another gold medal but I'm still happy with the result."

Porte wins Tour Down Under despite losing Willunga crown

**Cycling**

Riche Porte lost his unorthodox King of Willunga crown but had his second Tour Down Under title after a brilliant display to beat the final stage of the UCI World Tour's opening event in Australia yesterday.

"I was happy to put up a fight and pay for my place at the front at the Tour Down Under," said Porte. The 2017 winner, who finished 2nd in the three previous Willunga Hills stages, had to be content with a 2nd place behind the Belgian's rainbow jersey yesterday.

"It was a little bit panic stations there in the middle of the stage (behind the breakaway group which maintained a gap of 40 seconds). They did not miss a beat. Thanks Trek-Segafredo and our families," he said.

"But in the end we couldn't execute and win and not focus on the main prize, with GCC Rebels down to fifth."

Monte Carlo season-opener for Hyundai

Kremer crowned champion in Phoenix

Australia's Monsieur Hirini crowned champion in Phoenix last weekend as the Doha Dart League season-opener for Hyundai ended.

"It was Hyundai's and Neuville's turn to cause a bit of a shock at the Monte Carlo Rally," said the Belgian. "Neuville finished the final day of the rally in first place, with Citroen winning the overall championship."
Manchester United hit Tranmere for six in FA Cup mauling

You can see everyone wanted us to fail but it doesn’t bother me. I’m happy but won’t relax.

Manchester United got their hands on the FA Cup for the first time since 1990 and successfully defended their title with a comfortable 6-0 win over Tranmere Rovers in the third round.

The Red Devils started strongly with a goal in the 10th minute through Mason Greenwood. The 19-year-old netted his first goal in a United shirt and had a big smile on his face as he celebrated.

LONDON BORROWED FROM THE PAST

AFC U23 CHAMPIONSHIP

South Korea lift title to highlight Olympic credentials

South Korea lifted the AFC U23 Championship title to highlight their Olympic credentials.

It was a historic victory for the Korean team, who had never won a major international tournament before. The win was particularly significant given the talent on show, with several players making a mark on the global stage.

Manchester United's Kai Valencia scored twice in a 6-0 win over Tranmere Rovers in the FA Cup third round. The Red Devils cruised to victory in front of a capacity crowd at Prenton Park.

South Korean players celebrate winning AFC U23 Championship at the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium in Bangalore yesterday (AFP)

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Rayyan in play-off with Esteghlal for main draw berth

Qatar club Al Saliya to meet Iranian club Shahrd Khodro in other play-off at Al Duhail Stadium

**AFC CHAMPIONS LEAGUE**

It is for the first time that Al Rayyan, having their best-ever finish in the 2018-19 QNB Stars League, had qualified directly for the group stage of the AFC Champions League. But this season, the team is in the top two teams in the preliminary round and will join Group B, which includes Iran's Esteghlal and Uzbekistan's Pakhtakor. Al Sailiya rely mainly on the strength of the team to make it to the tournament.

Al Rayyan qualified to play Al Sailiya after they defeated Kuwait's Al Kuwait 0-1 to Al Ahli in Week 13 of the QNB Stars League in the week-

And the team camp is staying confident even though they lost 0-1 to Al Ahli in Week 12 of the QNB Stars League in the week-

**MOTORSPORT**

**Oman International Rally returns to MERC calendar in February**

The Oman International Rally makes a welcome return to the Gulf East Rally Championship MERC calendar for 2020 after a four-year break. The rally will be held between 21-22 February at the headquarters of the OAA.

The event is a special stage rally, which has been one of the most popular rounds of the MERC season since its inception in 1984. The rally has been one of the most popular rounds of the MERC season since its inception in 1984. The rally has seen many well-known names grace its entry list. Former winners include Swedish legend Björn Walde-

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