Skipper Akbar steers Bangladesh to U-19 WC triumph

It’s an unbelievable experience. We came here with plans and it worked out really well.

Pakistan's young cricketers shone better on the day with 41 and 32 in the total without a loss.

The day started with the Bangladesh when Akbar and his team-mates got off to a good start. The team’s first half-century came as the team lost only one wicket in the total.

Biased attacks by the Pakistan team during the final 50 overs saw the Pakitan side lead by 10 runs. The Bangladesh team needed 10 runs to win, but Akbar and his team-mates stuck to their plans and won the match.

The victory will give Bangladesh a lot of confidence ahead of the World Cup in Australia.
Naseem’s hat-trick edges Pakistan closer to victory

I WANT TO DO SOMETHING THAT PEOPLE REMEMBER ABOUT ME.
France survive Claire, beat Italy with bonus point

Romain Ntamack and Baptiste Serin scored the pick of Les Bleus’ tries

 REUTERS

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Fred scores 29 as Raptors beat Nets for 14th straight win

WE’VE HAD A TON OF GUYS OUT THIS YEAR. WE DON’T REALLY THINK ABOUT IT

Fred VanVleet scored 29 points, including the winning free throw with 2.2 seconds left for the Toronto Raptors, who have also won 14 consecutive home games.

The Raptors squandered a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter. But VanVleet scored 10 of his 29 points in the final 1:44 of the game, including the go-ahead free throw.

Toronto (36-10) rallied 26-12 in the final 2:43. The Nets (26-19) had ridden the high of a three-game winning streak entering the game. They were winless at Scotiabank Arena this season.

VanVleet, who scored 20 points, made 8 of 12 shots. Colin Carswell had 17 points for Brooklyn, Spencer Dinwiddie added 10 and Caris LeVert scored 10 in the fourth. Dinwiddie and LeVert each played 34 minutes and 14 seconds for the Nets, who lost six of their last seven games.

Toronto has won the first three meetings between the teams this season.

The Raptors had an 18-point lead during the fourth quarter and 14 of VanVleet’s 15 shooting attempts came from behind the arc. VanVleet knocked down 8 of 10 three-pointers.

VanVleet made the free throw attempt, but the Nets cut the lead to 118-115 on a layup by Dinwiddie. VanVleet’s final shot attempt was blocked by the Nets’ Jarrett Allen.

Lou Williams scored 21 points and 13 rebounds for Milwaukee, Antetokounmpo added 21 and W esley Matthews also scored in double figures.

The defending champion Raptors, however, are back to their winning ways. They’ve won 14 straight.

Whether the Nets can win their eighth straight game is questionable. The Raptors, however, have a chance to break the franchise record.

The game started off well for the Raptors as Fred VanVleet drained a three-pointer off the pass from Pascal Siakam and finished with 29 points to help Toronto pull away.

The Raptors are looking to improve to 34-10 overall this season.

The Raptors, who have averaged more than 130 points per game in their past four games, will look to extend their winning streak to 15.

VanVleet scored 15 points in the fourth quarter to help the Raptors pull away for the win.
**Al-Maahed unshadowed again in QTCC 2K class**

By Sports Reporter

It was the first time this season that Abidabba Khalif had faced the problem. "I'm not sure what happened," he said. "But I'm not feeling too well today."

In the QTCC 2K Class, the Lotus Elise driven by Abidawba Al-Maahed achieved its third win of the season and thus secured the championship. The car was very quick and the driver was very aggressive, which made it difficult for the other drivers to keep up with him.

Abidawba Al-Maahed had been practicing his driving for the past few weeks and had been working hard to improve his skills. "I'm very happy with my car," he said. "I'm very happy with the championship."

The race was held at the QTCC 2K circuit and was attended by many spectators. The weather was very hot, and the drivers had to work very hard to keep their cars on the track.

**Mickelson stalks Taylor in pursuit of record win**

By Sports Reporter

If you can miss it on the correct side, you can still have a shot and get up and down and get close.

Phil Mickelson of the United States plays a shot from a bunker on the second hole during the third round of the 2007 Phoenix Open at TPC Scottsdale on Saturday. AFP

Phil Mickelson, chasing a record-setting 61, shot 64. He is 14 under for the tournament and one stroke behind leader Davis Love III, who shot a 65. Love III is at 15 under.

Mickelson is tied for the lead with Tom Lehman, who shot 63. Lehman is at 15 under.

Mickelson would need a 60 to tie the course record set by Bruce Lietzke in 1982.

Mickelson, who is coming off his first victory of the season at The Northern Trust Open, said he is "playing great right now, and I'm just trying to stay consistent.

"I'm happy with where I'm at," he said. "I'm happy with the tournament."

Mickelson added, although, the 44-year-old native South Carolinian is not looking for anything else. "I'm just trying to enjoy the moment.

"Every time I play, I try to enjoy the moment. I try to enjoy the tournament. I try to enjoy the day."
Ronaldos sets scoring record but Juventus fall in Verona

"We have to understand that winning is not a foregone conclusion"
**SPORT**

**FOOTBALL/LA LIGA**

Barcelona stars Ansu Fati and Pedri have signed new five-year contracts with the club, according to reports.

Fati, who has been with Barca since he was nine, has been a key player for the team since making his debut in 2019. He has scored 21 goals in 108 appearances for the club.

Pedri joined Barca in 2019 from Las Palmas and has quickly established himself as a key player. He has scored 10 goals in 46 appearances for the club.

Barcelona's president, Joan Laporta, said: “These young players are the future of Barca. They have shown that they can play at the highest level and we are confident that they will continue to improve.”

**FOOTBALL/BUNDESLIGA**

Bayern Munich continued their dominant form in the Bundesliga with a 2-0 win over Leverkusen on Saturday.

The champions took the lead through a neat dummy past Manuel Neuer to beat Osasuna into the team and Vázquez came on after going off on a decent showing from the stands by Tottenham Hotspur bench.

**HORSE RACING**

**QNB official sponsor for His Highness The Amir’s Sword Festival**

QNB has signed an agreement with the Qatar Swimming Association (QSA) to become the official sponsor of the Amir's Sword Festival, which will be held in the week from February 20-22, 2020.

The agreement was announced by the QNB’s General Manager Group Communications Yousef Al-Dabbagh, who said: “We are delighted to be part of this prestigious event and we are confident that we can help support the Amir’s Sword Festival to be a success.”

The Amir’s Sword Festival is the most important event in the Qatar swimming calendar, and it is held in the presence of the Amir of Qatar, HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani.

The Amir is the patron of the event, and the festival is held annually with the agreement of the two parties.

“QNB has been a partner of the Amir’s Sword Festival for the past five years, and we are pleased to continue our support for this important event,” said Al-Dabbagh.

The Amir’s Sword Festival will take place at Katara Beach on February 20-22, 2020.

**SPOTLIGHT**

The Qatar Swimming Association (QSA) has announced that the Amir’s Sword Festival will take place this year on Katara Beach.

The festival will be held from February 20-22, 2020, and will feature a range of events including the Al Biddah Mile (QA Group 3), Qatar International Cup (Group 1), and the Amir’s Trophy (QA Group 3).

The festival will also feature the Amir’s Sword Trophy and the Amir’s Cup, which are two of the most prestigious races in the country.

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