Edmilson’s strike leads Duhail to QNB Stars League title

Al Rayyan’s 2-0 win over Al Wakrah went in vain as they finished one point behind and had to settle for second place. Duhail went ahead after the Belgium striker’s free kick deflected off Ahli defender and landed on the net. That slice of fortune helped Duhail on the night as they wasted plenty of opportunities otherwise.

Duhail thought they had scored in the 47th minute but Mohamed Munir of Al Arabi and his Al Arabi counterpart Mounir El Abunada did not face any serious threat even though both came to the rescue of their teams at times. Al Arabi’s Alan Al-Khalidih couldn’t equalise to Al Sadd last season. Waliid Regragui’s men, though, will know they need to fare much better to keep their title next season, which is scheduled to begin early next month.

Al Duhail fans celebrate at the Al Janoub Stadium yesterday.

QATARI HIGH JUMP STAR
BARSHIM PREPARES FOR
THE SEASON AHEAD

Neymar ready to deliver for PSG on biggest stage

With its glowing facade and brightly-coloured seats, new Al Rayyan Stadium will house the community here is deeply committed to the team, whose new arena will host up to 45,000 fans at FIFA World Cup 2022 matches. The facilities surrounding the venue will also mirror the country, with sand dune-shaped structures recalling the beautiful landscapes to the west.

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Al Rayyan Stadium slowly coming to life

Qatar’s Mutaz Barshim takes part in a training camp in Malmö, Sweden, as he prepares for upcoming athletic events, and most importantly for the Tokyo Olympic Games. The two-time World champion won the Arab Athlete of the Year award, presented by Spanish newspaper AS, after winning the high jump gold at the World Athletics Championships in Doha ten years ago. He hopes to secure for his first Olympic gold having won a silver in London 2012 and a silver in Rio 2016. (Twitter/QatarAthletics)
Bayern has scored 70 times altogether in 54 meetings for PSG since 2013.
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We are the Champions
Top seeds back on terms as Lakers, Bucks bounce back

Davis scores more than 30 points in playoff game in less than 30 minutes of action

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UPDATE

Timberwolves win NBA draft lottery to gain top overall pick

The Minnesota Timberwolves won the NBA draft lottery on Tuesday, earning the top overall pick in the 2020 NBA draft.

The Timberwolves, who have been without a top pick in the draft since 2005, will now have the opportunity to select the best player available, likely Zion Williamson or LaMelo Ball.

The Timberwolves have been in a rebuilding mode for the past few years, but the addition of a top pick could give them a much-needed boost in their quest to return to contention.

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COMMENT

Alteration happened ‘because I am black’: Raptors exec Ujiri

The Canadian basketball executive behind the Toronto Raptors franchise said he felt altered ‘because I am black’ during a heated altercation with a police officer in 2019.

Raptors president Masai Ujiri told a news conference on Tuesday he felt that the incident, which took place in Madrid during the NBA’s Europe Tour, was racially motivated.

Ujiri said the encounter was ‘falsified’ by law enforcement officials, who he said tried to make it appear as though he had tried to ‘reach around’ a body camera.

The altercation occurred after the Raptors were eliminated from the playoffs by the Milwaukee Bucks, and Ujiri was trying to reach into his backpack for his phone.

He said he was then hit by a policeman and that the police report was ‘distorted’.

Ujiri said he was later treated by paramedics for a concussion and that he was ‘viciously beaten’ by the police.

He also claimed that he was ‘dislocated’ from the playoffs by the altercation and that the NBA ‘hanseated’ him.

The NBA, however, denied Ujiri’s claims and said that the encounter was ‘isolated’ and that the police report was ‘altered’.

NHL

Stars rally to oust Flames, Islanders down Capitals to advance in playoffs

The New York Islanders advanced to the Eastern Conference finals on Monday, defeating the Washington Capitals 4-3 in Game 7 of their second-round playoff series.

The Islanders, who finished fourth in the Metropolitan Division, overcame a 2-0 deficit in the third period to secure the win and advance to the conference finals for the first time since 2015.

On Tuesday, the Buffalo Sabres defeated the Calgary Flames 4-1 to advance to the Western Conference finals.

The Sabres, who finished third in the Eastern Conference, overcame a 2-1 deficit in the first period to secure the win and advance to the conference finals for the first time since 2006.

In other news, the Minnesota Wild advanced to the Stanley Cup Playoffs for the first time since 2014, defeating the St. Louis Blues 4-1 in Game 6 of their first-round series.

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Canadiens’ Gallagher suffers broken jaw

Montreal Canadiens’ Brendan Gallagher suffered a broken jaw during the third period of Tuesday’s game against the Philadelphia Flyers.

Gallagher, who leads the Canadiens in points with 22 goals and 19 assists, was hit by a high stick from Flyers’ Shayne Gostisbehere and collapsed to the ice.

The Canadiens announced that Gallagher will be out for the remainder of the season with a broken jaw.

Head coach Claude Julien said that Gallagher will undergo surgery and that his status for the rest of the season is uncertain.

The Canadiens, who are currently third in the Eastern Conference, are looking to make a deep playoff run and are hoping Gallagher can return in time for the Stanley Cup Playoffs.
Win over Rangers

Mike Zunino capped a five-run foot drive into the right field and Tatis plus a walk drawn by off Rangers starter Kyle Gibson. connected in the fifth inning grand slams in four consecutive major league history to hit the Padres became the first team Luis Garcia (0-1). single to short center off reliever inning, Myers stopped at third a four-game, home-and-home with the 8-7 victory completing — not even a global pandemic eras — father (Mario), to son series that have connected generations — to grandson (Marco).


Mariners

Giancarlo Stanton hit two more runs on his home run to give T to the Yankees this season.


MLB

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NFL

Washington coach Rivera diagnosed with skin cancer

Washington football team's first-time head coach is recovering from a form of skin cancer, the team said Friday. Rivera diagnosed with basal cell carcinoma, the National Football League's team also said his treatment is expected to be successful and will continue coaching, the team said in statement the cancer was at an early stage. Rivera, 58, said he was surprised and happy to learn he had been diagnosed and was told he was in the pink of health.

Washington said he was not only angry because I felt like I was going to die. I was elated! "I was elated!" Rivera told ESPN.

Washington lost coach head coach in January. There was no immediate word on if he will be replaced. His diagnosis comes during a tumultuous start for Washington, which last month said it would rename its Redskin name and logo which had been used since 1933 but had become a lightning rod for criticism.

"We are exploring all options for the name and logo change from the Deacon Boys that marks a meaningful step forward between our fans and our players but also represents the spirit of significant changes in the name in honor of Native American rights groups."

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**Tour warns teams: two virus positives and you’re out**

The 2020 edition of Tour de France will start on August 29 in Nice with 28 teams

**CYCLING**

**Tour de France**

Tour de France organisers have told teams they will be pummelled if the raced fit for the 2023 Tour de France, which was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, starts on August 29 this year.

**Feisty Bok De Klerk spurned on by being told he was too small**

Feisty South African lock Duane Vermeulen is hoping to impress the Springboks’ new head coach Jacques Nienaber when he takes on the London Irish forwards on Saturday. Vermeulen was signed from the Harbour Chiefs in New Zealand last year by Nienaber, who was then the defending Super Rugby title winners.

**REFERENCES**

**CARREFOUR**

The retail giant and supermarket chain has a $100m funding agreement with HSBC and a potential $25m further lending facility. The firm operates more than 11,000 stores in 35 countries and reported $102m net profit last year.

**MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL**

It is the fifth time the luxury hotel group has been fined in the past five years, after previously being fined $10m in 2019 for failing to comply with data protection laws.

**TIER CORPORATION**

It aims to raise $500m in the listing, which is set to be one of the biggest offerings in Europe this year. The company has a fleet of around 50,000 electric vehicles and has seen demand rise during the pandemic.

**GROUP OF COMPANIES**

The group, which owns around 300 businesses, is set to be acquired by Blackstone for around $10bn.

**LONDON MARATHON**

Organisers have announced that the 2020 edition will be a virtual event, with runners being able to complete the 26.2-mile course in their own time, using a mobile app to track their progress.

**GULF TIMES**

The newspaper’s website is one of the most visited websites in the Gulf region, attracting an estimated 10 million visitors per month. It covers news from across the Middle East and beyond.
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World champ Carlsen confirms participation in Katara chess tournament

SPORT

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The 22-year-old got off the mark with a boundary and rarely looked troubled

SPOTLIGHT

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ENGLAND 1ST INNINGS

O. Pope b Yasir Shah 3

Z. Crawley c Nathan Coulter-Nile b Yasir Shah 4

R. Burns c Matt Parkinson b Yasir Shah 27

J. Bairstow c Matthew Parkinson b Yasir Shah 73

K. Jennings c Moeen Ali b Yasir Shah 0

J. Foakes c Moeen Ali b Yasir Shah 1

P. Pope c Moeen Ali b Yasir Shah 2

S.pritam c Moeen Ali b Yasir Shah 9

T. Dale c Moeen Ali b Yasir Shah 0

Total scored 332 in 90 overs

SCORECARD

Enamul Karim, chairman of the Dhaka Chess Association — Katara, said that Katara as a cultural and sports powerhouse, has the potential to host a number of important sporting events, whether local or international, including the Katara International Chess Tournament. This year’s event is a special one, he added, adding that the quality and quantity of participants will be in line with the precautionary measures taken by the country to combat Coronavirus Covid-19.

He added that the tournament has succeeded in garnering numbers that match the expectations, which enables it to attract a larger audience.

He praised the fruitful relationship between the Dhaka Chess Foundation – Katara and the Qatar Chess Association.

For Bangladesh cricketers, the two-month-long extended tour of the West Indies in July to August has proven to be a successful one. Mohammad Rizwan and Nurul Hasan have been the heroes for Bangladesh, with the former scoring a century as England established themselves in the second Test match against Pakistan. The visitors have scored 226 for the loss of six wickets at stumps after captain Joe Root won the toss.

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England’s Zak Crawley celebrates his century on the first day of the third Test cricket match against Pakistan at the Ageas Bowl in Southampton, England, on Friday. His team-mates, in a season of Tests against the likes of England, have been made to feel a part of the team.

Bolton for four on the way to a straightforward victory. After Root won the toss on a blustery first day, Crawley, whose previous highest Test score was 45, handed Pakistan their first Test century and highest score, of his just his eighth Test, got off   the mark with a boundary. At stumps, he was unbeaten on 176.

The century was Crawley’s in the crease. Crawley, whose previous Test-best was 76, hit the milestone against the West Indians at Southampton last month, becoming the first batsman to score a century as England established themselves in the second Test match against Pakistan.