Late Kasir strike helps
Persepolis edge Al Sadd

‘We made a mistake from a set-piece, a corner. We were focused until the last minute, but one mistake and we are out’

The two sides had met in the Round of 16 of the 2020 AFC Champions League, with Persepolis emerging 2-1 winners on aggregate to reach the final. Since then, they also clashed in the quarter-finals for the third time.

Despite keeping possession for extended periods of the first half, Al Sadd’s only chance came when Afi f tried his luck again in the 9th minute. However, the ball was easily dealt with by goalkeeper Hamed Lak. Al Sadd continued to dominate the game, but CASIO came close to breaking the deadlock.

With 15 minutes left, Akram Al-Faraj embarked on a jinking run from his own half then moving into the box but shot hit the side netting. The game fell Al Nassr’s way at the death, with Mohamed Jadoua scoring from a sharp corner. Al-Ghannam applied pressure on defender Ahmed Asiri, allowing Hamdallah to control the ball and fire home through the legs of goalkeeper Cassio.

The game ended 1-0 in the 2020 AFC Champions League campaign.

The Spanish legend rued the absence of V AR in the competition. ‘It’s a pity because after a really difficult, and sometimes football is very fast, and you have to make decisions in seconds. V AR helped the referees a lot. If we had V AR today, we would be talking about a different result.

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AFC
Bayern suffer 4-1 loss at Hoffenheim to end long unbeaten run

Bayern suffered their first loss in 18 league games on Sunday when they were beaten 4-1 by Hoffenheim at the Schoenau in the opening match of the new Bundesliga season.

Bayern had started the season with seven straight wins, with Robert Lewandowski scoring 11 goals in their first six games, but Hoffenheim put paid to their unbeaten run.

The home side took a 2-0 lead in the first half, with Hoffenheim's Croatian forward Andrej Kramaric scoring both goals.

Bayern's only consolation was Robert Lewandowski's 76th-minute equalizer, but Hoffenheim pushed for a fifth goal and eventually scored through Ermin Bicakcic with two minutes of the match remaining.

Bayern's attack was nullified by the home side's solid defense, and the result was a huge blow to their title hopes.

Hoffenheim's victory means they are now second in the Bundesliga table, one point ahead of Bayern Munich, who were held to a 2-2 draw by Eintracht Frankfurt on Saturday.

Bayern Munich will look to get back to winning ways when they face Eintracht Frankfurt at the Allianz Arena on Saturday.
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**ESSEX**

Two runs were the difference between Essex and Somerset as the visitors won the Bob Willis Trophy.

Reigning county champions Essex beat Somerset by four wickets in the one-day final at Northampton.

Somerset declared early on the final day to set Essex a target of 237, but the Essex line-up, led by Adam Wheater, resisted to win.

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Kings XI Punjab 223 for 2 (Mayank Agarwal 106, K L Rahul 69) and 152 for 8 (Mayank Agarwal 24, Ravichandran Ashwin 17) and Rajasthan Royals 226 for 4 (Sanju Samson 88, Jos Buttler 40) and 124 for 2 (Sanju Samson 76 not out, Jos Buttler 34 not out) – by four wickets.

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The key performance belonged to former England Test captain Alastair Cook, who made 83 off 131 balls as he added 150 with Adam Wheater for the 36th over of the first innings.

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**Sport**

**Wallabies coach backs New Zealand call for early finish**

Several players took a knees and the national body reacted to the violent race as a way to pay respect to the victims of the recent events in Australia. The picture shows a crowd of people gathered around a statue. The caption reads: "All Blacks to the long way back. But everyone will see you."

**SPOTLIGHT**

**Officials praise Aspetar's medical support to Doha Diamond League**

The combination of the Doha Diamond League’s Dubai 2020 edition supported by Aspetar is one of the most significant events in the world of track and field. The trip to Dubai, as part of a larger programme, included a warm-up period before travelling to New Zealand, as well as training camps and recovery sessions. Aspetar’s Dubai Marina clinic was the venue for all medical services provided by the world-class medical services provided by Aspetar.

**RUGBY**

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Charlo knocked out Ramirez on the opening round in round one, when in a wild six-minute battle back from 10-0 down to 10-10 and back to 10-0, Charlo was declared the winner by the referee. The result was a narrow victory for Charlo, who won on points.

**Boxing**

**Charlo twines both make world title wins in Connecticut**

South African takes knee, vow to reject racism as season reopens

The South African national team has decided to take a knee ahead of the upcoming season. The team is determined to fight against racism and discrimination, and the knee is a symbol of solidarity against racism.

**All Black legend Nonu returning to Toulon**

Former All Black centre Nonu is to rejoin Toulon for the 2020/21 season after two years in the French Top 14. Nonu announced on Saturday in a press conference on the Toulon website, the club said they have agreed a two-year contract with Nonu following the club's promotion to the Top 14. Nonu joins three other All Blacks at Toulon, along with fly-half Beaudin and centre Faletau. Nonu will be joined by another All Black, centre Christian Tuinei, who has moved from Toulouse to Toulon.

**SPOTLIGHT**

**TAYLOR RETAINS SUPER-LIGHTWEIGHT BELTS**

Scotland’s Josh Taylor punches with both hands before the 115 lb. title defense. Taylor retained his IBF, WBA and WBC titles in his sixth professional fight. He is the first man in history to win both the IBF and WBC belts in the same weight class.

**SAFETY**

**The impact of participants, and health conditions, avoiding Covid-19 pandemic.**

Everyone was tested before and during the event. Aspetar’s ongoing collaboration with the Aspetar’s experts have a wealth of experience in supporting athletes participating in Doha Diamond League. Aspetar’s experts have a wealth of experience in supporting athletes participating in regional and international events.

**Tactical info**

**Douglas-Campbell takes out world title to win in Connecticut**

The Diamond league continuing with the 2020 Diamond League at the Doha Diamond League 2020. A team of physiotherapists, massage therapists and massage therapists, provided world-class medical services provided in the Dubai Diamond League 2020.
Women’s top seed Simona Halep sweeps past Spain’s Sara Sorribes Tormo

Rain forced play to be suspended three times for 15 minutes or more, and the roof opened for the first time on Court Philippe Chatrier after the top 20 seed was a break ahead. Halep was given four medical timeouts and temperatures reached 34 degrees Celsius.

It was all too much for Ana- nika, 19, who left the almost deserted Court Suzanne Lenglen after just three games. "I don’t feel like I’m competing," she said before storming off to seek treatment for her elbow and "ridiculous. I’m not waiting," she said. "We are sitting like ducks. It’s too cold, too wet conditions are masked amid surging rates of joint pain and fatigue."

"I don’t see the point of sitting here," said Alaphilippe. "There’s nothing above this dream. I went through incredible pain, but now I’m a little nervous, but now I’m a little nervous."

"The French Open, which was pushed back from its traditional May slot to the end of June because of the coronavirus pandemic, is being held at reduced capacity with strict virus protocols in place to reduce the risk of transmission."

Despite being at a higher risk of catching COVID-19, Halep said she would not have missed the opportunity to compete in the French Open. "It is an amazing feeling (to win)," she said. "I won’t change anything."

"The atmosphere at this event is un- believable. One of the best I have ever seen," said Isner. "This is the most competitive atmosphere I have ever seen."

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