A Duhail take on Qatar SC in the QNB Stars League title chase this weekend, with both teams eager to get back to winning ways after last week’s defeat. Reigning champions Duhail had gone down 1-2 to leader Al Sadd while Qatar SC lost 1-2 to Al Rayyan in the last round. They have now爬 Korean club Jeonbuk. They move directly to the second round.

By Sports Reporter

Reigning champions will be keen to catch up with Al Sadd, who are 11 points ahead of them on the table.

**FOOTBALL**

Duhail aim to close Al Sadd gap

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Al Duhail players train yesterday on the sunset of their QNB Stars League match against Qatar SC.

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Qatar Handball Association president Ahmed al-Shaabi (right) speaks at the Sony Open.

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Education City and Ahmad Bin Ali stadiums to host FIFA Club World Cup 2020

By Sports Reporter

The tournament will be staged at Education City and Ahmad Bin Ali stadiums, which are specially designed to host matches of this nature.

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Qatar will aim for their third straight victory in the World Handball Championship when they take on Croatia in their third Group C encounter today. Qatar had the group’s top two points following their wins over Angola and Japan and another victory would see them advance to the second round. Zakar was all pumped up about the Croatia clash.

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Klopp says Liverpool have a fight on their hands to finish top four

Jürgen Klopp says Liverpool have a tough road to a top-four finish after they were comfortably beaten 2-0 by Manchester United, who are now third in the Premier League. Klopp acknowledged Liverpool’s recent run of form but said they had a lot to do to catch their rivals.

In the season when we came second, the Champions League was never the only goal on the horizon and there were other things as well. But there was praise too for his predecessor Rafa Benitez, whose team lost in the Champions League final. The 53-year-old German acknowledged the importance of winning titles in the first place. “This is for the fans, this is for the team, and in the same way, who brought us here, “said Williams, who joined for a world-record fee for a defender from Leicester in August 2019.

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PREMIER LEAGUE VS COUPLES TO AS PRESSURE EASES

The Premier League has welcomed the news that just three players and 17 staff at four clubs have been cleared to return to action following the recent coronavirus testing. The Premier League and the English Football League have been working closely with clubs to ensure the safety of players and staff.

Barca to clinic Super Cup

Messi saw an arm at Villarreal, who had early scored a 90th-minute equaliser in normal time to deny Barca victory

Barcelona’s Luis Suarez was given treatment for an arm in Saturday night’s Supercup final loss to Spanish rivals Athletic Bilbao.

Athletic Bilbao players celebrate after winning the Spanish Supercup at La Cartuja stadium in Sevilla on Saturday night. (AP Photo)
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**Inter stem Juventus to move level with leaders AC Milan**

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Bulls overcome Doncic's historic triple-double

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Luka Doncic said a knee injury was a factor in the late-game comeback by the Los Angeles Clippers.

Doncic, the Dallas Mavericks star guard, was helped off the court late in the fourth quarter and left with 1:05 on the clock of the Mavericks 117-101 win over the Chicago Bulls on Sunday.

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The Penguins said on the first half of a season to the advantage of the NHL's No. 1 team, but the team's positive winning streak was ended by the Carolina Hurricanes. The Hurricanes scored four goals in the first two periods and took control of the game. They outscored the Penguins 5-2 in the third period. The Penguins were playing well in front of their fans and scored four goals in the third period. They took a 3-2 lead after 40 minutes and went on to win 6-2.

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Yandle and Luostarinen scored goals that helped the Panthers secure a win against the Blackhawks. Yandle scored the first goal of the game, giving the Panthers a 1-0 lead. Later in the game, Luostarinen added another goal, making it 2-0 for the Panthers. These goals were crucial in securing the victory against a heavily-possessed team.

Englands skills coach Rayns to miss Six Nations due to Covid-19 lockdown

Eurosport's Sarah Wollaston revealed that Jason Ryles, the England skills coach, had tested positive for Covid-19. As a result, he is unable to travel to Scotland to coach the team. The Six Nations fixture is scheduled for February 26 and will be held in Edinburgh.

South Africa President Cyril Ramaphosa (centre), head coach Rassie Erasmus and Springboks captain Siya Kolisi during a press conference on February 18, 2021.

The Springboks will play against the British & Irish Lions this summer, but the series is in doubt due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Lions are scheduled to tour South Africa for four matches between July 3 and August 7 this year, including two Tests against the world champions.

The Lions have already lost two Tests against the Wallabies in Australia, and a win over South Africa would be a significant achievement. The Springboks, on the other hand, are looking to extend their winning streak and maintain their top ranking in the world.

The match between the Springboks and the Lions will be held at Ellis Park in Johannesburg. The Lions have won all three of their previous matches against the Springboks, and they are looking to make it four in a row.

The Springboks will be hoping to rekindle the rivalry between the two teams, which has been a source of pride for South African rugby fans.

The match is expected to be a highly-competitive encounter, with both teams determined to come out on top. The Lions have been in excellent form in recent games, while the Springboks are ranked as one of the best teams in the world.

The Springboks are currently ranked third in the world, while the Lions are ranked fifth. The match will be a great opportunity for both teams to demonstrate their skills and potentially improve their rankings.
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South Africa’s skipper Faf du Plessis impressed with the security arrangements as the Proteas arrived in Karachi for the first Test against Pakistan on Friday.

The Proteas, who are playing six Tests and three T20Is in Pakistan, were hosted by the Pakistan Cricket Board at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore on Thursday.

Du Plessis said: “It’s a big, big relief to come to Pakistan and feel this level of security as you’ve heard all the reports of what’s happened recently.

“We’ve been talking to our security guys, using some of the resources that we have here, and seeing how we can be best prepared.”

The Proteas were the first international sides to travel to Pakistan since the 2009 attack on the Sri Lanka team in Lahore.

India eye fairytale win, as Australia fret over Starc

Heistory-rich India will clinch its first ever test series victory in the fourth Test de- cided against Australia in an epis-odic series that has ebbed and flowed over a unique structure.

At the end of a rain-hit final day, India’s batsmen positioned a wicket in hands with continuous cricket across the millennia.

Australia fretted over the fitness of pace spearhead Pat Cummins, who failed to bowl on day three.

The second innings was held up by India’s wicket-keeper-batsman Rishabh Pant, with underworld boss elements.

India may also wonder whether their batsmen have to build such a fourth Test so early to play their part in the subcontinent’s Test history.

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