Edmilson, Dudu on fire as Duhail rout Wakrah

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By Sports Reporter

Al Arabi's El Neel scored the winner as they maintained their excellent form by defeating Al Hilal. The goal came in the 45th minute when El Neel scored after a good combination with teammates.

Al Hilal started the game strongly, but were unable to find a breakthrough. They were pinned to the backline and Al Arabi took advantage of their defense, scoring several times.

The final score was 3-0 in favor of Al Arabi, who now move to the top of the table. Al Hilal, on the other hand, have lost their fourth consecutive match.

FOOTBALL

FIFA to allow concussion subs at Club World Cup

The use of concussion substitutes in football has been agreed upon by FIFA in a major step forward. The new rule will come into effect during the Club World Cup in Qatar in February 2023. This means that each club can have one concussion substitute available during the match. The substitute will replace the player who has been deemed by the medical staff to be suffering from concussion. The substitute will be allowed to play for a maximum of 15 minutes. They cannot re-enter the game if they leave the pitch for any reason.

New subst...
LALIGA

No room for complacency as Atletico’s rivals find their rhythm

Wins over Getafe and Alaves last week made it four victories on the bounce since Atletico’s setback at Real Madrid.

**FOOTBALL**

Spotlight

LIVERPOOL AND EVERTON HELP OUT FA CUP MINNOWS MARINE

**TRANSFER**

IN talks to join Fenerbahce

ON loan from Arsenal

**FOCUS**

Lampard is 'excited' as he aims to end Chelsea slump

**APP**

Lampard told reporters that Chelsea's poor form of late has been "frustrating" and "difficult," and said the team needs to improve its performance if it wants to compete for major titles.

"I have to say personally because I'm so close to the club, I'm a bit like a bit of a nightmare for the players," he said. "We don't want to lose games, but when things go wrong we get more pressure on ourselves, because I don't think things get better when you're not winning."

"We have to go through this now and make sure we get back to where we want to be."
Pochettino looking for first victory with PSG

Star forward Neymar will again be missing when PSG face Brest today.

Martin Pochettino decried Paris Saint-Germain’s previous defensive display, with 5-1 loss, as not good enough, and the former Tottenham Hotspur manager took aim at the gap between talent and performance.

“PSG were not the same team that played against Brest at the weekend,” he noted. “The players had not had the chance to express themselves well. We have to improve by playing well against Brest.”

Pochettino, who faced 5-1 loss, added: “We cannot make excuses. The players need to be in form.”

Qatar-Sepp Blatter was not involved on the pitch against Lyon in the first leg, and Neymar is unlikely to return from 4-1 loss against Lyon. However, the Brazilian forward could make an appearance in the second leg.

Player to watch: Neymar

Meet one of the most exciting players in the world today. Neymar is known for his dribbling skills and ability to create goals for his teammates. His presence on the pitch will surely make for an exciting match.

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** SERIES A**

Milan teams regroup as Roma, Juventus close gap

AC Milan remains the point ahead of second-placed Roma after +5 in Serie A.

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**FOCUS**

PSG to begin defence of French Cup against second-tier opponents

Paris Saint-Germain will begin their French Cup defence against Second-tier opponents on March 10th.

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**BUNDESLIGA**

Dortmund hunt win at high-fliers Leipzig

Borussia Dortmund are hosting Leipzig in the Bundesliga clash on March 10th.

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**SELECTED LAST 4 TITLES**

Former Poles Lukasz Fabiański and Robert Lewandowski are your last four champions.

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**HISTORY**

Bundesliga is the top division of football in Germany and is considered one of the most competitive leagues in Europe.

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**FUTURES**

Dortmund are heavy favorites against Leipzig, with the odds at 1/10.
Defending champ
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SPOTLIGHT

Brady ready for Washington battle as NFL playoffs kick off

By Jeff Glantz, Special to The Times

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers have won Super Bowls and NFC championship games. They’ve been to the league’s grandest stage of all. Yet there’s something special about Sunday, when they face the Washington Football Team in the divisional round of the NFL playoffs.

"I feel like we’re kind of the underdogs in this game," Bucs quarterback Tom Brady said. "They’re an exceptional team. We know what we’re up against. We’re ready to go, we’re ready to make some noise and make some history."

The Buccaneers (11-5) and Football Team (10-7) are meeting for the sixth time this year. The teams split their regular-season series, with the Football Team winning 20-19 on Sunday night in Week 17 and the Bucs winning 27-20 in Week 8.

Brady is 31-5 all-time in the playoffs, including a 9-0 record in the Super Bowl, where he led the New England Patriots and Bucs to championships in 2016, 2017, 2020 and 2021.

"I think we’re just way too familiar with them," Bucs tight end Rob Gronkowski said. "I think we’re just about ready to put things behind us and just move on."

Despite the familiarity, the Bucs are aware of the challenges they face against the Football Team, which features a tenacious defense that has struggled at times but has been exceptional in recent weeks.

"We know this is a team that’s really good on defense," Bucs coach Bruce Arians said. "We’ve got to play great defense to give us a chance to win this game."
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Halep ready for ‘mentally hard’ quarantine

Halep's last competitive match was at the French Open earlier this year.

**CRICKET**

Smith finally fires to bolster Australia's run tally in Sydney

**BORDER**

Smith needed 49 runs at the start of play on the fourth day to win

**SPORTS**

Legendary Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda dies at 93

**SPOTLIGHT**

Lasorda passed away after a long illness on January 8, 2021.

**ATHLETICS**

Olympic medallist Manyonga gets provisional ban

**FOCUS**

More questions over fourth India Test after Brisbane lockdown

**NEWS**

Brisbane was one of the worst-hit Australian cities during the pandemic.
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