**SPORTS**

**FOOTBALL**

- **TENNIS**

  - Conor Gallagher
  - Seven home games

- **QNB STARS LEAGUE**

  - Youcef Belaili
  - Al Rayyan

- **LEAGUE TITLE CHALLENGE**

  - Olivier Giroud
  - Johnstone

- **OPEN QUARTERS**

  - Feel the heat!

- **PREMIER LEAGUE**

  - Aubameyang
  - Leeds United

- **CRICKET**

  - India eye victory after Ashwin spins out England

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**MANCHESTER UNITED**

- **FOOTBALL**

  - 10 away league games

- **Man Utd**

  - Against West Brom

- **Leeds United**

  - At the Emirates

- **TENNIS**

  - Out of the chart

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**FOOTBALL**

- **Valencia**

  - Atletico Madrid

- **Liverpool**

  - Sergio Taccone

- **PAULUS**

  - Patrick Craven

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**CRICKET**

- **India**

  - Against England

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**FOOTBALL**

- **Manchester United**

  - Against West Brom

- **Leeds United**

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Roma strolled to victory over Napoli on Saturday night, taking advantage of the reigning champions' loss to jump into third, Roma took advantage of the situation against Napoli, who won three points with a 1-0 victory over fifth-placed Napoli, and will take the lead if they can win their next three games.

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India eye victory after Ashwin spins out England

It’s about being very patient like you play on a seaming wicket

India built a command- ing lead of 246 after skipper Rohit Sharma hit 166 and the team’s tailenders, including wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant, contributed.

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“With the toss in play, it was a cakewalk,” Thorpe said. “I think the Pakistan team made a mistake by not bowling to win the match because the weather conditions were perfect for batting.

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Resurgent Spieth takes 2-shot lead

France’s Vincent Kriechmayr won his 1st European Tour title last month at the Italian Masters in Cortina d’Ampezzo, Italian Alps.

Kriechmayr joins Miller and Maier with golden double

Bottari Cortina’s Swiss Open

U.S. Open champion Jordan Spieth added to his list of 2-shot leads as he moved closer to winning his first Pebble Beach Pro-Am on Thursday.

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Djokovic defies injury to reach quarter-finals

Fatigued-looking Thiem shocked as Osaka and Williams survive

Seven-time Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic, who described his Australian Open quarter-final win over Alexander Zverev as a ‘fairytale’, has now won 30 Grand Slam matches, starting with his first-round victory over Britain’s Kyle Edmund two nights ago, and of course I mean sometimes I would like to do it inside, he admitted. “But the thing is that I’m also a good player,” he said. “I felt like I was intimidated by knowing about the tournament, and the intensity of the work, and then being a part of the tournament, and having to get used to the big crowd and everything, but at the same time there are so many players here, but there are really hardly any players.

As soon as you’re not a tennis player in the crowd, then they really like this tennis player and what you do.” Doesn’t that make you feel better? It certainly made Thiem feel better as he celebrates with fans in Melbourne yesterday. The Austrian third seed, a six-time Grand Slam champion, became just the second man to win a Grand Slam title without facing a fit player on his way to the final after a five-set win over reigning US Open champion Dominic Thiem, who described Russian qualifier Aslan Karatsev as a ‘fairytale’.

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