By Sahan Bidappa

The Mexicans have played in the Copa Libertadores, scoring 144 goals in the process and winning their three finals of CONCACAF in addition to their five finals of CONCACAF Champions League. Nelson was the standout playmaker in the Mexican top flight. They play with style and have a quality of possessing the ball, something must be done right to nullify it.

“Tigres have played in the last three finals of CONCACAF in the last two years and as a team we have been a threat in those competitions,” said Nelson.

“In addition they have a collective, positional way of playing” and Nelson wanted to continue.

“Just try to prepare to face them. They have a quality opponent, but nothing changes our preparation for the match. We have to face the best teams. If we lose, we will challenge, and we will take the result.”

The Tigres coach Ricardo Ferretti is looking forward to the game against Palmeiras.

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Palmeiras coach Beneventi said he will be prepared for the game against Tigres.

“I think we will be able to handle them. They are a solid team with a lot of quality,” Beneventi said.

“Tigres are a solid team. We will impose our way of defending and attacking on them. We have to be careful, but the way we play will be on display.”

Palmeiras will be looking to continue their good form in the Brazilian top flight. They are currently fifth in the league with 11 points, but struggling to narrow the gap with leader Flamengo.

Palmeiras are Brazil’s most successful club with 10 national titles. They have won five Copa Libertadores and six Copa do Brasil titles.

Both sides are looking to continue their good form in the Brazilian top flight. Palmeiras are hoping to continue their winning run against Tigres, who are looking to continue their good form in the Copa Libertadores.
Meet the fans: Club World Cup fever continues as it reaches semis stage

Karolina Stuksa and Bayern Munich

When did you first start supporting Palmeiras?

For as long as I remember, I’ve supported Palmeiras. My family are Italian immigrants, they like myself, are Brazilians of Italian ancestry. Among the crowds will be two fans from the CONMEBOL and UEFA respective clubs. The CONMEBOL and UEFA representatives are the most popular clubs in Brazil, with millions of supporters. Many of them, like myself, are followers of Italian origins. As you know, it’s not possible to support the same team that I do.

Who is your favourite Palmeiras player?

I believe my favourite player is always Marcão. He played as a goalkeeper until he was 23 years old. Now he plays as a midfielder and is doubling up as the strongest Bayern Munich player. For as long as I remember, I’ve supported Palmeiras for this reason.

What will it mean to you to see Palmeiras play here?

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Real coach Zidane was back for the dug-out for the first time since testing positive for coronavirus.

The Portuguese had not been seen in action since testing positive for coronavirus, and did not train ahead of their Coppa Italia semi-final against Atalanta last weekend. Zidane returned on Friday, with a team that had not played together since before Christmas.

‘It’s not normal’, Zidane said of respect for that.
Muguruza warning as big names quit warm-up tourneys

She took less than an hour to blow Czech Vondrousova off the court

Reuters

FOCUS

Stephens focused despite personal tragedies

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SPOTLIGHT

Nadal eases fitness fears in energetic training session

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orld number two and six-time Grand Slam winner Rafael Nadal has started training for the Australian Open with a 90-minute session at Melbourne Park on Sunday, just five days after his Australian Open semi-final defeat at the hands of his great rival Roger Federer.

He showed fine form as he worked through a return session at the Margaret Court Arena court in the late afternoon.

The 34-year-old played no competitive matches in the week before Grand Slam season (which ends with the Australian Open) and is already battling with back injuries from the Spanish summer season.

Nadal eased fitness concerns against Jordan Thompson in a 3-6 6-1 6-2 win over a lost service break.

It was a big key against Sascha Zverev as he hammered balls across the net with trademark ferocity.

"Crazy match, happy to win," said Nadal.

"I'm not sure if it's a situation where someone who is already playing at the level required to play at the Grand Slams needs to be doing long matches.

"For a week and a half I've been doing training and competing in Australia and it gives me confidence."

"Obviously now the confusion is better, it's higher," said Berrettini.

"I'm happy. I think I could do a little better. I hope Nadal is feeling good. We're looking forward to his return to Melbourne."
Hot Lightning roll past struggling Red Wings

The Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Detroit Red Wings 5-2 on Monday night, extending their win streak to nine games after taking a 3-0 lead in the first period.

The Lightning began their winning streak in early February by scoring five goals in the second period against the New York Islanders. Since then, the team has won eight consecutive games, outscoring their opponents 32-14.

Tampa Bay has not lost a game since February 8, when they fell to the Washington Capitals, 3-2, in overtime. The Lightning are currently in second place in the Eastern Conference and have a chance to secure a playoff berth with five games remaining in the regular season.

Tampa Bay's offense has been led by Nikita Kucherov, who leads the NHL in points with 87, and Brayden Point, who has 38 goals. The team's defense has also been strong, with Victor Hedman leading the league in plus/minus with a +35 rating.

The Lightning face the New York Rangers on Wednesday night, looking to extend their win streak to 11 games.

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NBA

Chicago Bulls beat Los Angeles Clippers

The Chicago Bulls defeated the Los Angeles Clippers 119-117 on Monday, snapping the Clippers' eight-game win streak.

The Bulls were led by Zach LaVine, who scored 28 points, and Wendell Carter Jr., who added 19 points and 13 rebounds. The Clippers were led by Paul George, who scored 25 points, and Ivica Zubac, who added 22 points and 12 rebounds.

The Bulls take on the New York Knicks on Wednesday, while the Clippers face the Indiana Pacers on Thursday.

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NFL

Chiefs fans ready for Super Bowl bid

The Kansas City Chiefs are gearing up for their second Super Bowl appearance in three seasons, looking to repeat as champions.

The Chiefs have a strong defense, led by All-Pro safety Tyrann Mathieu, and a balanced offense, with quarterback Patrick Mahomes and running back Clyde Edwards-Helaire.

Kansas City faces the San Francisco 49ers in the Super Bowl on Sunday, February 7.

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NHL

Celtics beat Clippers, Raptors edge Nets amid Durant drama

The Boston Celtics beat the Los Angeles Clippers 123-117 on Monday, snapping the Clippers' 10-game win streak. The Celtics were led by Jayson Tatum, who scored 34 points, and Kemba Walker, who added 21 points.

The Toronto Raptors defeated the Brooklyn Nets 127-117 on Monday, ending the Nets' 13-game win streak. The Raptors were led by Kyle Lowry, who scored 30 points, and Fred VanVleet, who added 24 points.

The Nets were without their star player, Kevin Durant, who is recovering from a calf injury.

The Celtics and Raptors face off again on Wednesday, while the Clippers take on the Denver Nuggets on Thursday.

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NHL

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The Tampa Bay Lightning continued their dominant season on Monday, beating the Detroit Red Wings 5-2 in a game that was never in doubt.

The Lightning scored four goals in the first period, including a hat trick by Nikita Kucherov, and did not allow the Red Wings to score a single goal before the second period.

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Scotland players pose with the Calcutta Cup after their win over England in the Six Nations Championship in London yesterday. (Reuters)

Scotland end 38-year Twickenham jinx to stun England 11-6

Duhan van der Merwe helps Scotland score historic victory to stun England 11-6 on the opening day of the championship and claim their dominance was reinforced by a pragmatic yet entertaining display, with three tries either side of Luca Sperandio's try before sending a deft kick through the Italian defence for a French try.

Twickenham later on Saturday in the other round one Six nations match in Rome yesterday. ( Reuters)

Cycling star Sagan tests positive for COVID-19

Three-time world champion Peter Sagan's preparations for the new cycling season have been thrown into disarray by a positive COVID-19 test. The Slovakian rider, who is among the favorites for his fourth Tour de France title, tested positive on Friday and will have to miss the opening weekend of the new season.

Scottish rugby fans have been denied the opportunity to watch their team play this summer due to the ongoing pandemic. However, they can still enjoy some action with the resumption of the Six Nations Championship.

Scotland end their 38-year reign at Twickenham as they produced a superb performance to stun England 11-6 in the championship opener in Rome yesterday. (Reuters)

Six nations win 4-0 in a 4th-place playoff which should have been bigger against Rhys F叉 Furse, caps-
England tribute to brilliant Root after double ton

“He makes us all feel pretty rubbish. How easy he makes it look”

South Africa’s George Linde celebrates after taking a wicket during the first Test against Pakistan in Rawalpindi yesterday. (AFP)

 Freaks, who also returned to cricket after serving out a ban, is $2m and was selected for the auction at a price of $817k. The 34-year-old, who was with Kolkata Knight Riders, is a right-handed batsman and a wicket-keeper who can also bowl leg-breaks and off-breaks.

Starc opts out of IPL auction

Former New Zealand cricket captain Daniel Vettori died aged 37

Former New Zealand all-rounder Daniel Vettori, the cricket player who took five wickets in an over for the first time in Test history, died suddenly in Australia on Monday.

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**England:**

1st Innings Total: 555/8

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**Spotlight**

Linde keeps South Africa hopes alive in second Test vs Pakistan

South Africa left-arm spinner George Linde kept Pakistan from making a serious dent on day four of the first Test at Newlands yesterday.

Linde claimed 5-35 to all but ensure the hosts will bat again on day five.

South Africa’s batting woes in the third Test against Bangladesh were not repeated, though they will not want to emphasise the man-made drama in their return to the team.

The tourists were helped by the fact that the home side have given themselves a chance to be at the top of the standings. In the second Test against New Zealand, the tourists are in a stronger position to take the lead in the series.

Pakistan’s Hasan Ali holds the bat as the teams make their way onto the wicket for South Africa’s first innings in Newlands.
Sheikh Jassim bin Khalifa’s Sundown KA, Noft Alnayfat win gold as show concludes

Golden double for Al Dana al-Meslemani (Al Thumama Stud) too, courtesy Maria Magdalena NWA and Jalyla AT

By Mikhil Bhat

H H Sheikh Joaan bin Hamad Al Thani celebrated a golden double at the fourth and final day of the Katara International Arabian Horse Festival after Sundown KA and Noft Alnayfat topped the championship round for mares and stallions yesterday.

There was a double for Al Dana al-Meslemani (Al Thumama Stud) too after Maria Magdalena NWA won gold in the senior fillies and yearling fillies championships respectively.

The Festival, which was held under the patronage of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, was conducted and organised by Katara, in cooperation with Qatar Equine Club and Katara (Equestrian Club) and Qatar Foundation. The Title Show, which carried a total prize money of QR13mn, saw participation of top quality Arabian horses, more than 250 of them from 12 countries.

The top three from the qualifying classes, which were held over the first three days of the show, across mares, stallions and junior and senior categories, tied for gold in respective categories yesterday. Both Sundown KA and Noft Alnayfat were unanimous winners of gold in their respective categories after all the 11 judges voted for the two contenders for victory.

Among the stallions, when it went to Al Shaqab’s Stallion (Stalls) Hader Al Shaqab, owned by Al Shaqab — Member of Qatar Foundation, with 11 and 10 points respectively.

In the senior stallions championship, Sheikh Jassim bin Khalifa Al Thani’s (Al Nasser Stud) Rihab Al Nasser won silver with 14 and 11 points respectively. Among the junior stallions, Sheikh Jassim’s Wadee Aljassimya took bronze.

In the mares championship, Sheikh Jassim’s Wadee Aljassimya took gold among the senior fillies. Sheikh Jassim’s Wtedee Aljassimya won silver with five judges giving their vote to the bay filly. The top three in the senior mares championship after all the 11 judges voted for the two contenders for victory.

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3. Ghaith Al Shaqab. Owner: Al Shaqab — Member of Qatar Foundation.

Senior Mares Championship


Junior Colts Championship

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