Lewandowski double puts Bayern Munich in final

Egypt’s Al Ahly put up great fight but the European champions set up title clash against Mexico’s Tigres with 2-0 win

By Sahan Bidappa

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Tigres came here for the trophy: Gonzalez

When Tigres UANL faced Palmeiras in the FIFA Club World Cup semi-final at the Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium in Doha on Sunday, the Brazilian side were heavy favorites. However, it was the Mexican club who emerged victorious, winning 3-2 to reach the final of the tournament.

**BOTTOMLINE**

Tigres coach Ferretti ‘calm and happy’ ahead of final

Edmilson Ferretti has been a coach after reaching the FIFA Club World Cup semi-final with Tigres UANL on Sunday, his side could have taken the lead as early as the fourth minute, but Edmilson Ferretti’s men were unable to make the most of their opportunities. However, they were rewarded in the second half when Edmilson Ferretti’s men scored the opener through Luis Advincula.

**SPOTLIGHT**

Lamouchi proud of Duhail’s Club World Cup experience

Hassan Lamouchi, coach of Al Duhail, was full of praise for his team after they reached the FIFA Club World Cup semi-final on Sunday. In a high-stakes encounter, Al Duhail defeated Tigres UANL on penalties to reach the semi-finals. Lamouchi spoke of the importance of the win and how his team had performed throughout the tournament.

**AGONY**

Duhail’s goal against Palmeiras

Al Duhail’s goal against Palmeiras was a moment of pure joy for the Qataris. It was a well-earned goal that showcased the quality and determination of the team. The crowd erupted in celebration as the ball nestled in the back of the net, lifting the spirits of the supporters and the players alike.

**Image:**

A scene from the FIFA Club World Cup semi-final match between Al Duhail and Tigres UANL, where Al Duhail secured a 3-2 victory against Tigres to set up a final against Palmeiras. (FIFA.com)
Mbappe sparks PSG win over Marseille, but Lille top in France

The French giants stay third, a point behind Lyon and three adrift of Lille

Kellan Mbappe set Paris Saint-Germain on their way to a 3-0 victory over Marseille as his brother Thibaut watched on from the stands in the 100th meeting of Marseille and PSG had a dicey time against the visitors in every game and that can mean cause we are forced to play with inten-

Chelsea striker Timo Werner is brought down by Sheffield United's goalkeeper Aaron Ramsdale during the Premier League match in Sheffield, northern England. (AFP)

Super-sub Messi leads Barcelona comeback against Real Betis

Lionel Messi scored his 100th Champions League goal as early as the 12th minute to open the scoring against Real Betis at the Camp Nou on Wednesday, setting up a semi-final date with Sevilla for the first leg of the semi-final against the Sevilla ahead of Wednesday's Copa del Rey semi-final.
Dublin
AFP
Ireland confirm postponement of Zimbabwe tour

Pakistan can get even better, says captain Babar

AFP

Pakistan's new Test captain Babar Azam said on Tuesday that his side can get even better after a historic first Test win over India in Rawalpindi last month.

"We made a lot of mistakes, but we're happy with the result," Babar said after the series sweep in Rawalpindi. "We played well in the first Test, which was the best Test for Pakistan in recent history."

"We have to work hard and be consistent if we want to make big improvements," he added.

The match was Babar's 100th Test and he said he was proud of the team for their performance.

"I am very happy with the team's effort," Babar said. "We have to continue to work hard and improve our game to become a strong Test team."
Brady’s magnificent seven sees Bucs upset Chiefs in Super Bowl


"Everything we did all year… but the team had a lot of confidence. We did it collectively and I think that’s from French center Rudy Gobert and finding ways to impact the game."

Utah won for the 15th time in 16 games but just missed a triple double as Washington, United States.

Tampa, United States

Chiefs in Super Bowl

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Andreevsca played. The focus is on the court and grateful to be back in Melbourne. Hills, 33, is seeking a maiden triumph at Melbourne Park, having fallen short to Caroline Wozniacki in the 2018 quarter-finals. She was the seventh seed, but missed out to unseeded Montenegro’s Dijana Dzumhur in the second round.

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By Sports Reporter

QF A and Qatar Shell launch virtual programme for Koora Time's ninth season

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After the torturous build-up, the 2019 Australian Open winner, Williams, did whatever it took to win her first title on the continent court against Romania's Alina Fomicheva and stoke just 64 minutes at a 3-0, 6-2 victory.

VINTAGE SERENA

Williams showed her class for a second time in Melbourne as she beat a highly coloured, one-legged man.

The 2019 US Open champion, 39-year-old Serena Williams, won an enthralling first match against 51-year-old Alex Lascu from Romania in 49 minutes.

This was a good start, it was vintage Serena," said the 30-year-old, "winning both 6-1, 6-2, tennis court.

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