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HORSE RACING

Mohamed al-Attiyah’s Sahab lands Qatar Prix Denouste

Jean de Mieulle-trained Zafran Qardabiyah races to victory in the seven-furlong Qatar Prix Denouste

Sahab winning the Group 1 Qatar Prix Denouste at Bordeaux-le-Bouscat, France, yesterday. (Robert Poole)

FOOTBALL

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Mumbai condemn Hyderabad to third defeat

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SPORT

Action from the AFC Champions League Group D match between Al Sadd (in black) and Al Nassr (in yellow) yesterday.

Al Sadd continue quest for first 2021 AFC Champions League win

Al Sadd's Hajdedh's second-half header rescued a valuable point in a 1-1 draw yesterday to continue their hopes of progressing through to the knockout stages of the competition. Al Sadd played out a goalless draw against Al Ain at the Hazza bin Zayed Stadium in Al Ain yesterday, which saw the hosts claim a宝贵的 point to remain in contention for a place in the next round of the tournament. The result leaves Al Sadd on 7 points, level with Al Ain and six points ahead of Al Nasr and Al Fateh. The match was a cagey affair, with both sides creating chances but failing to convert them. Al Sadd went close on multiple occasions, with Najib Al-Madadi and Mohammad El-Sharif sending shots wide of the target. Al Ain's best chance came in the 35th minute when a cross from Mohamad Al-Masoudi was headed wide of the goal post. The game was devoid of any clear-cut chances, with both teams playing a cautious brand of football. The result leaves Al Sadd seven points clear of Al Nasr, who sit in third place on 4 points. The match was a tight affair, with both sides creating chances but failing to convert them. Al Sadd went close on multiple occasions, with Najib Al-Madadi and Mohammad El-Sharif sending shots wide of the target. Al Ain's best chance came in the 35th minute when a cross from Mohamad Al-Masoudi was headed wide of the goal post. The game was devoid of any clear-cut chances, with both teams playing a cautious brand of football. The result leaves Al Sadd seven points clear of Al Nasr, who sit in third place on 4 points. The match was a tight affair, with both sides creating chances but failing to convert them. Al Sadd went close on multiple occasions, with Najib Al-Madadi and Mohammad El-Sharif sending shots wide of the target. Al Ain's best chance came in the 35th minute when a cross from Mohamad Al-Masoudi was headed wide of the goal post. The game was devoid of any clear-cut chances, with both teams playing a cautious brand of football. The result leaves Al Sadd seven points clear of Al Nasr, who sit in third place on 4 points. The match was a tight affair, with both sides creating chances but failing to convert them. Al Sadd went close on multiple occasions, with Najib Al-Madadi and Mohammad El-Sharif sending shots wide of the target. Al Ain's best chance came in the 35th minute when a cross from Mohamad Al-Masoudi was headed wide of the goal post. The game was devoid of any clear-cut chances, with both teams playing a cautious brand of football. The result leaves Al Sadd seven points clear of Al Nasr, who sit in third place on 4 points. The match was a tight affair, with both sides creating chances but failing to convert them. Al Sadd went close on multiple occasions, with Najib Al-Madadi and Mohammad El-Sharif sending shots wide of the target. Al Ain's best chance came in the 35th minute when a cross from Mohamad Al-Masoudi was headed wide of the goal post. The game was devoid of any clear-cut chances, with both teams playing a cautious brand of football. The result leaves Al Sadd seven points clear of Al Nasr, who sit in third place on 4 points.
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**PREMIER LEAGUE**

Klopp admits Liverpool under pressure in top four race

**AFP**

靓丽的教练想和利物浦一起。这将是他三年来第二次担任利物浦的教练。他曾在2020年10月31日合同到期后离开了球队，但在2021年10月31日与球员们的合同终止后，他宣布有意返回利物浦。他希望在南安普顿的第三场比赛中改换门庭。

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**Serie A**

Juve without Ronaldo for Atalanta game due to flexor problem

**Gulf Times**

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The two of us were set but it proves that if you don’t bat deep, you can’t win.

MI’s Chahar takes sharpest in IPL final

New sport Picdock winning fans, races and rave reviews

Honourable ... fans, the 21-year-old Briton Tom Pidcock was swift to thank the Mumbai captain. · "I feel a bit silly celebrating, I’ve still got four and a half overs left to bat."
**BOSTON THREE-ER HITS A THREE-PERSON HOME RUN**

Bruins’ Swayman shuts out Islanders

who flipped a shot off the top post and into the puck to Mike Reilly, who was stationed behind left for the Bruins, who have won three straight goals of the first when Patrice Bergeron fired the underright injury and Jaroslav Halak second-place New York in the East Division. victory over the Islanders on Thursday, pulled Boston Reuters

Sixers beat Clippers, Utah down Pacers

coach Tyronn Lue said. 37 points, nine rebounds and six assists. bounds and six assists, and Danny Green was averaging 28.7 points and 7.7 assists. An-

Schwarber homer lifts Nationals over Diamondbacks

Rows six-time all-star Damian Li-

lent set Friday’s game due to a light hamstring injury.

MVP” on Friday from the crowd of 4,100 tests was Allen Iverson in 2006.

three straight overtime goals for Vegas, while Mark Stone had two as-

restricted in Philadelphia.

hitting up only four hits while striking out nine. Under a 2-1 sinker for a 463-foot blast to right center.

The Jazz said that Mitchell would un-

107-106. 31 McGee scored 36 points, which cut the margin to 89-103. He had lost four of their last five games.

the puck. Hall then sprinted ahead of Mayfield after leaving with a sprained ankle

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**NEW YORK ONE NIGHT AFTER THE DIAMONDBACKS CLUBBED FOUR HITS FOR WASHINGTON.**

**NEW YORK**

Schwarber’s home run came with 2.4 seconds left. A nifty exchange be-

**MVP**

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Kevin Durant poured in 25 points as the

Embiid has really shined. The last Sixer to score more than 35 points in three straight consecutive games was Allen Iverson in 2006.

**NEW YORK**

Embiid became the first Philadelphia
center has carried the offensive load

have lost two straight.

so far this season.

**TREND**

Embiid heard muted chants of “MVP, MVP” as the crowd of 21,903 on the road. Embiid heard muted chants of “MVP, MVP” as the crowd of 21,903 on the road. Simmons said of Embiid.

In the bottom of the eight

**NEW YORK**

The Dodgers earned their seventh

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**NEW YORK**

Heads up.

The National pitchers in an 11-6

Taylor Hall scored a goal with 22

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Embiid’s modest two-game winning streak came within two points of the West Division-leading Colorado Avalanche, who had their next three games postponed because of Covid-19 con-

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**Focus: Olympic President Bach to visit Japan**

**Tokyo**

International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach will visit Japan in May, his office said yesterday, as the nation struggles to boost spirits in the face of Covid-19 cases spread.

Bach will attend a torch relay ceremony in the western city of Hiroshima on May 17 and meet athletes who have trained for these games and will be competing in the best traditions of the Olympic spirit,” the statement said.

The Tokyo Games are due to open in July, with only Japanese spectators permitted to attend. All tickets have been sold by lottery, with sales limited to 10,000 people per day due to the pandemic.

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**Biden backs Japan PM on holding safe and secure Games**

**Washington**

US President Joe Biden said Friday that the Tokyo Olympics this year can go ahead if Japan and the US can follow through with vaccine rollouts.

“Vaccines are key, and the US is doing everything possible to support Japan’s vaccine deployment efforts,” Biden said.

Biden added that Japan was “on a path” to hold the Games “as scheduled”, and said Japan is “on the right track”.

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**SWIMMING**

Olympic champ Chalmers ‘hungering for more’

Deuling Olympic 100m freestyle champions Kyle Chalmers yesterday said he is “hungering for more” after a dominant semi to clinch the Australian national title.

The 22-year-old, who is on the comeback from shoulder surgery after a fall last year, is set to compete at the Tokyo Games.

“I’m so happy, I’m so happy, I’m definitely hungry for more,” added Chalmers, who won the 200m freestyle title on Thursday.

Chalmers has already eaten up the time Shcherbakova began her title-winning programme.

Russia’s Anastasia Shcherbakova completed with a women’s free programme score of 160.58 to lead Russia to its first title at the biennial competition, ahead of the US and Japan.

**Swimming**

Australia’s Kyle Chalmers won the 100m freestyle today, setting up a showdown with US champion Caeleb Dressel in the final.

Chalmers, who won the 200m freestyle last month, clocked 47.51 to take the title in 24.18.

Meanwhile, Chalmers’ main rival Dressel is set to win the 100m freestyle final later today.

**TOPLINE**

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**GOLF**

**Couples grab lead at LPGA LOTTE Championship**

F ormer world number one Shasta Averyhardt-Young fired a one-under 71 on Thursday at the third round of the LPGA LOTTE Championship at Ko Olina Golf Club to take the lead at 11 under, one shot ahead of Lydia Ko of New Zealand, who fired a 1-under 71 on Friday.

Averyhardt-Young, who has won four times on the LPGA Tour and was second at the 2017 United States Women’s Open, got off to a good start with a birdie on the par-5 first hole before making par-save on the par-3 second after a 15-yard chip shot that she converted for birdie.

Averyhardt-Young made birdies at the third, fifth, seventh and 11th holes to increase her lead to two shots before the break. She also made two key par saves on the 13th and 15th holes to maintain her four-stroke advantage over Ko.

Averyhardt-Young is one of 12 players in the top 15 who held their lead into the third round, with Ko finishing two strokes back at 9 under.

**SPOTLIGHT**

**Veteran Cink takes five-shot lead in RBC Heritage**

I didn’t really have any anticipation about shooting a certain number or anything,” said Stewart Cink, who is making his 22nd start in the RBC Heritage, which he won in 2017.

Cink led the LPGA Tour in driving accuracy in 2019 and had six top-10 finishes on the Sentry Tour in 2020, including a T5 at the American Family Insurance Championship.

“My club fits the course really well,” said Cink, who finished second at the American Family Insurance Championship at Whitetail Club in Pewaukee, Wisconsin.

He added four birdies in his round of 66 to move 18 under par for the tournament.

**BOTTOMLINE**

Coupled fires 63 for two-stroke lead at Chubb Classic

**SPORT**

**Force keep finals dream alive with thrilling win**

A late penalty from Donncha O’Callaghan helped the Western Force re-route a potential disaster with a 20-15 victory over Canterbury in a Super Rugby Aotearoa thriller in which the home side edged closer to a final with a superb inter-passing result as McKenzie landed four penal-ty kicks.

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**FOCUS**

Waikato Chiefs pip Canterbury in dramatic finish

The winless Waratahs’ misfor-est competition for the defending champions Canterbury but they proved costly as they struggled to make inroads.

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BOTTAS DISAPPOINTS
Alfa Romeo's Pierre Gaslyqualiﬁed in 13th with Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton leading the way. 
“...I feel good, I know the pace I want the victory. ...”

Rublev said his first victory over Nadal was among the
"...It's so tough to play with this feeling."