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AFC CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Al Sadd take on Foolad in key clash

"We are ready to compete, and from my point of view, this will be the final battle," said Sabri Lamouchi. "It will be another tough game against Foolad, and we’ve had some difficult matches so far, but we have to try and win this."

The Qataris are top of the group with six points, three clear of Al Duhail and Foolad, who have three points each. Al Sadd have won both their matches so far, while Foolad have bagged a point in each of their opening matches.

The in-form Sabri Lamouchi knows that his team must win to remain in contention for the group stage. "We need to win and we need to perform our best to get the three points," he said. "We have a strong team and we are confident in our abilities."
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NBA

Knicks win ninth straight, Bucks dominate Sixers

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The Knicks improved to 34-12 on the season and won a sixth straight game against the Milwaukee Bucks, 116-109, on Friday night at Madison Square Garden. The Knicks improved to 1-2 against the Bucks this year.

The Bucks are in the middle of their longest winning streak in 20 years, since winning 22 straight games from March 20 to April 3, 1993, in the final 4 1/2 months of the 1992-93 season.

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“We’re peaking but we can still get a lot better,” Barrett said. “Obviously offensively we’re playing well, defensively for 40-45 minutes like we can be a team for the whole year.”

Barrett and the Knicks were one of three teams to make at least 18 three-pointers in a game as the Bucks fell to 40-18.

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**Morgan hopes change of venue will change Kolkata’s fortune**

Kolkata Knight Riders captain Dinesh Karthik said a change of venue will bring in change for his team in their Indian Premier League (IPL) tournament clash against Royal Challengers Bangalore.

At the toss Karthik said: “We will continue to back him, we know he has been the star of the show for his team.”

Karthik said: “Wizwan and I wanted to make sure we got the ball to the hill. But it’s a long game and we have to be consistent.”

Delhi captain Shreyas Iyer said: “We want to continue our unbeaten run against Sunrisers Hyderabad.”

**Jadeja blitz ends Bangalore’s unbeaten run; Capitals win thriller**

Rajasthan Royals beat Sunrisers Hyderabad by six wickets

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**Azam fastest to reach 2,000 T20 runs as Pakistan beat Zimbabwe**

Pakistan captain Babar Azam became the fastest player to score 2,000 Twenty20 international runs yesterday, achieving the feat in just 52 innings, four fewer than Indian counterpart Rohit Sharma.

Focusing on the final session, the hosts ensured Pakistan would not suffer the same fate as Bangladesh, who were bowled out for 181 in their 20 overs.

As the Pakistan bowlers tightened the noose on the Zimbabwe batting line-up, the hosts pushed on to claim a comfortable victory. Foremost, Azam’s 52 not out guided the way.

Pakistan’s Oliver Mershed, who was once again the most impressive bowler with figures of 3-34, grabbed two wickets to end the innings as Zimbabwe were bowled out for 181 in their 20 overs.

Zimbabwe captain Sean Williams was upset after the result.

Williams said: “It’s a little bit disappointing for us today. We were always the underdogs but we were pretty confident that we could win the game.”

**SL-Bangladesh Test ends in draw**

Sri Lanka and Bangladesh end the first Test between the two nations at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium in Kandy yesterday.

The third Test between Sri Lanka and Bangladesh will be played in Colombo later this month.

**Scorecard**

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**SUPER OVER SCRAMBLE**

Jadeja simples 24 runs in 12 balls as RR beat SRH by six wickets

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Rajasthan Royals narrowly avoided a first-innings loss and went on to register a six-wicket win over Sunrisers Hyderabad in their Indian Premier League (IPL) encounter at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium in Hyderabad yesterday.

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By Sebastian Satorn

The 25-year-old Berrettini, the 18th seed, who had stunned Novak Djokovic in the semi-finals, beat the Russian who had topped the world rankings to win the title.

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**Nadal back from brink to beat Tsitsipas for title**

Spanish top seed won the Barcelona Open for the 12th time

Rafael Nadal saved a championship point and beat Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-4, 6-7 (6), 7-5 in the Barcelona Open final yesterday, and Nadal is a 12-time Barcelona Open champion, equaling his own record of 12 wins. Nadal, who has won 12 Grand Slam titles, including 10 French Open titles, is the first player to win 10 or more titles in a single year.

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