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**Swedish Sports Minister**

T he Tokyo Olympics can mark a “turning point” in the global fight against the Covid-19 pandemic, Swedish Olympic Committee has said. Speaking as they launched their campaign to avoid a “catastrophe” in Tokyo, Peter Bofeldt said that the Games would be “the last big chance in a way that each and every one of us can see in our own way, and with the greatest respect for the wishes that the Japanese people have in this.”

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Moriyuki National plays a shot from a bunker on the fourth hole during a practice round for the 2021 PGA Championship at Kiawah Island Resort's Ocean Course in Kiawah Island, South Carolina, yesterday. (Gulf Times/Barry Melton)

**GOLF**

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Australia to open Ashes summer with Afghanistan Test

England will start the men's Ashes series with the first Test in Brisbane on Dec 8

FOCUS

Australia's cricketers have been given a heads up that the first match against Afghanistan could be the start of a long Ashes series against England, officials announce on Thursday.

"We are also incredibly excited to welcome Afghanistan to our shores for a historic Test that matches against Australia," Cricket Australia's Interim CEO Nick Hockley said.

The Ashes series against England, which usually comprises five Tests, was held over from last year in Pakistan due to the coronavirus pandemic, with a one-off Test in Canberra.

Australia and England will now face each other in five Tests, which will be held in Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth over the next seven weeks.

The Ashes will be played over the course of one month in what will be the shortest form of the game since 1982.

SCHEDULE

Dec 6-10: 1st Test, Gabba, Brisbane
Dec 11-15: 2nd Test, Adelaide Oval, Adelaide (day-night)
Dec 26-30: 3rd Test, Melbourne Ground, Melbourne (day/night)
Jan 5-9: 4th Test, Sydney cricket Ground, Sydney (day/night)
Jan 14-18: 5th Test, Optus Stadium, Perth

One-off Test v Afghanistan

Nov 27-Dec 1: Blundstone Arena, Hobart
Dec 26-30: Melbourne Ground, Melbourne
Jan 27-30: Test, Mceska Oval, Canberra
Feb 4-8: 2nd Test, North Sydney Oval, Sydney
Feb 9-13: 3rd Test, Sydney cricket Ground, Sydney
Feb 16-20: 4th Test, Hobart, Tasmania
Feb 21-25: 5th Test, Melbourne cricket Ground, Melbourne

Women's Ashes

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Dec 11-15: Adelaide Oval, Adelaide
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COMMENT

Bowlers, Bancroft clear the air over ‘Sandpapergate’, says skipper Paine

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he four Australia bowlers who played in the infamous ‘Sandpapergate’ match against South Africa in Cape Town in March 2018, including vice-captain Bancroft, have broken their silence amid calls for an end to ‘rumour-mongering’.

Afu Khan, who was banned for nine months for the sandpapering during the third Test against South Africa in Cape Town in March 2018, suggested in an interview last week the bowlers had been taught about the at-tacks to allow the ball to turn.

"I actually hadn't really thought too much about it," said Paine. "I think they're frustrated that it keeps popping up but it's important that we're honest about who played in that Test match, "he told The Australian.

"Their mind was on, I think they've spoken to Bancroft, cleared the air there so I think everyone's looking forward to moving on."

New Zealand top batsman Henry Nicholls has also broken his silence after a long period of contemplation.

"I don't know if that was necessarily the case for me," Nicholls said. "I actually hadn't really thought too much about it, it's been in the back of my mind for a while and then the first day we entered here I sort of turned on the cricket channel and there was a report on it. I must admit I got a little bit mad, but I'm sure we've all been doing the same thing."

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Nicholls added Hockley.

"We're all grown men and that certainly won't be held against him."

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Detroit Tigers shut out the Seattle Mariners.

**SPOTLIGHT**

** Suns coach Williams earns coaches honour after Phoenix revival**

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** Fiftty for Tatum as Celtics stun Wizards, Pacers sting Hornets**

We wanted to come out and compete. We're feeling good about ourselves.

** Brilliant Turnbull throws MLB’s fifth no-hitter of season**

It marked the second time this season the Mariners have faced a no-hitter. The club was no-hit by Baltimore Orioles pitcher John Means in a 6-0 victory on May 7.

Cubs’ no-hitter also leaves the clubhouse right now. ’”Hinch said. “He worked really hard. ’”

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** Lightning grab 2-0 series edge on Panthers**


t he Tampa Bay Lightning have moved to 2-0 in the first round playoff series against the Pittsburgh Penguins.

The Lightning now hold a 2-0 series lead, as play shifts to Tampa for Games 3 and 4 on Saturday.

** Plantsburg stings Panthers**

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I'm confident of victory but I have to keep my feet firmly on the ground.
Benzema recalled by France for Euros after six-year exile

So proud of this return to the France team and of the trust placed in me. Thank you to my family, my friends, my club for Euros after six-year exile

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FOCUS

PSG star Kylian Mbappe in the new jersey. This collection by Paris Saint-Germain and Jordan Brand over the season includes white, blue and red, with stylish red and white laces. The collection as a whole fuses the club’s crest and imagery with player number 10.

EURO 2020

ROUND-UP

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Everton remain in the hunt for Europa League after Richardson’s header sealed a win against Wolves

Frank Lampard to play down expectations of top-four finish

Aston Villa's English striker Ollie Watkins (right) scores against Tottenham Hotspur during the Premier League match in London yesterday.

PREMIER LEAGUE RESULTS

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FOOTBALL

Spurs’ Euro hopes dented by Villa defeat

Tottenham’s bid to qualify for the Europa League suffered a setback on Tuesday as they were held to a draw by Aston Villa at Villa Park.

The London club, who are currently in third place in the Premier League, were looking to consolidate their position in the Europa League against a team that is struggling in the Premier League.

But the hosts took the lead through Jack Grealish’s 34th-minute header, and despite Tottenham’s dominance in the second half, they could not find a breakthrough.

Aston Villa’s English striker Ollie Watkins scored in the 88th minute to seal the points for the Midlands club.

Tottenham were looking for their first league win since February and had won three of their last four matches in all competitions.

However, the result leaves them five points behind fourth-placed Chelsea, who they host in their next league fixture.

Spurs manager Jose Mourinho said: “We had chances but we didn’t take them and we didn’t create enough.

“We have to be better in front of goal and we have to be more clinical in the final third.”

Aston Villa manager Dean Smith praised his side’s resilience.

“I’m delighted with the way we played,” he said.

“I think we deserved the three points and we were well worth it.”

The result leaves Aston Villa in fifth place in the Premier League, while Tottenham remain in third place.

Tottenham manager Jose Mourinho confirmed that Harry Kane will be fit to face Chelsea in the Premier League on Sunday.

Kane, who missed the match against Burnley due to injury, was an unused substitute against Aston Villa.

Mourinho said: “He felt a little bit of pain in his knee yesterday, but I think he can play.”

Kane has scored 14 goals in his last 14 Premier League games and is Tottenham’s top scorer this season.

The Premier League match between Tottenham and Chelsea is set to take place on Sunday at 5pm at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.

The winner of the game will secure the Premier League title, while the loser could see their chances of finishing in the top four for the Europa League being damaged.