Manchester United striker Paul Pogba heads the ball during a training session in Gdansk, Poland, yesterday.

**EUROPA LEAGUE**

**‘United win could be stepping stone for more success’**

When players sign to play for Man United, they sign to win trophies.

Manchester United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer believes a Europa League triumph would be the start of “something more” for the club. United won 13 Premier League titles and won the Champions League during his United tenure, but they haven’t lifted a trophy since the Europa League success two months ago and have lost their support for the last two seasons. Solskjaer had said planned ambition projects would allow for a safe participation of the US -Uefa project.

Japanese and Olympic officials have pledged the Games will go as planned on July 23 after being postponed due to the coronavirus. A majority of Japanese want the Games cancelled or postponed due to worries over coronavirus. An online “Stop Tokyo Olympics” campaign had collected 387,000 signatures as of Tuesday, organizers said. The operator of the campaign, Ayaka Shiomura, had argued that a majority of Japanese want the Games cancelled or postponed due to worries over coronavirus. The “Stop Tokyo Olympics” campaign had collected 387,000 signatures as of Tuesday, organizers said. The operator of the campaign, Ayaka Shiomura, had argued that a majority of Japanese want the Games cancelled or postponed due to worries over coronavirus.

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**SPOTLIGHT**

**US travel advisory on Japan won’t impact Games, insist officials**

Biden administration stands by Tokyo Games as Covid cases surge

Washington (The Biden administration yesterday restated its support for Tokyo’s Summer Games this summer and for the US to send competitors there. Despite a new wave of coronavirus cases in Japan, the US travel advisory for Japan remained unchanged.

The US State Department’s “Do Not Travel” advisory and guidance for Japan on Monday was unchanged from last week, but noted that the authorities had not experienced a “true crisis” and the US had not asked the Japanese government to change its advisory.

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**Spotlight**

**Nadja, Djokovic eye history at Roland Garros**

A 14th title in Paris for Nadal would take him to a record-setting 21st major

**BOTTOMLINE**

**Focus**

**IOC still ironing out medical needs for Olympic teams**

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) is still ironing out details of a set of protocols for additional medical staff due to a surge in Covid-19 cases that has resulted in the postponement of the Tokyo Olympics.

**Botswana**

**S Africa eye sevens gold at end of long tunnel**

South Africa rugby seven stars whose Olympic sevens campaign had to answer the question of whether they had the ability to be as strong as they have been through the long, coronavirus-enforced break from competitive action.

**Belgium**

**Djokovic battles to victory as he warms up for French Open**

Novak Djokovic edged to a narrow win over his younger compatriot Alexander Bublik in his second match at the Belgrade Open. It was his first match since losing in the French Open semi-finals last year.
There’s no one to blame, as a team we just need to be better.
Mushfiqur century helps Bangladesh to break Sri Lanka jinx

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**FOCUS**

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**Scorecard**

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New Zealand cricket-keeper batsman Tim Seifert says the coronavirus pandemic has "ruined" the build-up to the upcoming Test series against England following the Indian Premier League (IPL) competition.

Seifert, who had been with IPL side Kolkata Knight Riders, said New Zealand cricket authorities have been "completely out of sync" with the England Test schedule and hence the world's top two cricketing nations will face each other for the first time in just over a week.

New Zealand Test bowler Tim Southee also echoed Seifert's concerns.

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**NZ's Seifert breaks down as he recalls Covid ordeal in India**

Seifert expressed concern about the build-up to the upcoming Test series against England.

"It is a very hard situation for us, it's been difficult to adjust," Seifert said.

**Opinion**

Hadlee expects swing bowlers to dominate WTC final

New Zealand Test bowling great Richard Hadlee expects swing bowlers to dominate the upcoming World Test Championship final.

"Both teams have high-class swing bowlers and I think this will be a key aspect of the game," Hadlee said.

"We have a lot of experience with swing bowling and I believe this will be a deciding factor in the final."
Bucks thrash Heat, Nuggets bounce back

'They're a great first quarter team when they get it going and clicking'

NBA Social Justice Coalition calls for passage of police reform bill

The National Basketball Association’s (NBA) Social Justice Coalition has called on the US Senate to pass a police reform bill. The coalition includes a letter, an American-Indian Allies by a US law enforcement official and the Democratic-led US House of Representatives, urging the passing of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, which aims to bring in a systematic and structural change to policing.

In the coalition, the measure has been backed by a number of the NBA’s players and coaches. They have been active in the coalition since its inception.

The coalition’s letter reads: ‘As a group of NBA players and coaches, we have come together to call for the passage of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act. This act is necessary for the well-being of our communities and for the good of this country.’

The letter notes that the act would help to bring about a more just society, and that it would be a step towards ending systemic racism.

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Man City, Chelsea: From outsiders to European elite

A look at the key moments that transformed the fortunes of both clubs as they prepare for the all-English final

In the Premier League in 2003/04 but brought in a clutch of top-class players as they prepare for the all-English final in Porto on Saturday. (APP)

Guardiola wins England’s manager of the year award

British football has come a long way since the side rode their side onto a massive international tourist market and its success made it difficult for others. Finns expect a ‘Pukki party’ in Euro debut

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London: Manchester City's Pep Guardiola lines up to collect the year in football award for the second time, in addition to the LMA manager of the year award, at the home of English football on Monday. Guardiola steered City on towards the Premier League title and Champions League final this Saturday the Spaniard’s prize. He has been the most challenging task I have ever faced,” added Guardiola. "As is usual for Nordic teams based on a strict training regimen, the Finns expect a 'Pukki party' in Euro debut. It has been a breakthrough season for In-form Tielemans’ time is nigh as Belgium’s talisman into the opposition penalty area.

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High stakes for Emery as Villarreal aim for Europa League shock

We respect United but we think we’re capable of winning this trophy

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beIn Sports to telecast UEFA Champions League and Europa League finals


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**SERIE A**

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**INJURED ALIENS RULED OUT OF BRAZIL WORLD CUP QUALIFIER**

Veteran defender Dani Alves of Brazil was ruled out of the national team squad due to a severe groin injury. The 37-year-old defender is a key player for Brazil but could not travel to the training camp in the United States due to his injury. The absence of Alves will be a huge blow for Brazil as they prepare for the upcoming World Cup qualifier against Peru. The match is scheduled for October 7, and Brazil will need to find a suitable replacement for Alves in the team. Other players who are ruled out due to injury include Everton midfieldertheses. The absence of key players will be a huge challenge for Brazil as they aim to qualify for the World Cup.

**GATTUSO CHOSES FREEKICK LINKED TO ZAZIO**

Gennaro Gattuso was appointed Fiorentina coach yesterday, but he did not have any players available until today for the team’s match against Lazio. Gattuso, who was hired by the club earlier this month, was expected to make his debut in the Serie A match against Lazio, but he announced that he will not make his debut until the next match against Bologna. Gattuso, who has won numerous trophies as a player, is expected to take charge of the team and guide them to a victory over Lazio. The match will be a crucial one for Fiorentina, who are currently sitting in 10th place in the Serie A table.

**Serie A**

Bein Sports will broadcast the UEFA Champions League final and the Europa League final on its channels worldwide. The channel will also show special packages and highlights of the matches, including a special presentation for the finals. In addition, Bein Sports will provide news and analysis of the matches, including post-match interviews with managers and players. The channel will also broadcast exclusive packages dedicated to the Champions League and the Europa League, including special documentaries and behind-the-scenes access.

**SPORTS**

**Football**

**Portugal to allow 16,500 spectators at CL final**

Portugal will allow 16,500 spectators at the Champions League final this Saturday. The decision was made after the government decided to ease COVID-19 restrictions, allowing fans to return to the stadium. However, the number of spectators allowed will depend on the city’s COVID-19 situation. In addition, fans will need to present proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test to enter the stadium. The Champions League final will feature Manchester City and Chelsea, who will be competing for the title.

**Football**

**star forward Ronaldo says achieved his goal at Juventus**

Cristiano Ronaldo has achieved his goal at Juventus, according to star player Paulo Dybala. Dybala, who is set to leave the club this summer, has praised Ronaldo for his dedication and hard work in achieving his goals. Dybala said that Ronaldo’s work ethic and dedication have inspired him and the rest of the team. Ronaldo, who joined Juventus in 2018, has won numerous trophies with the club, including two Serie A titles and a Serie A Supercup. He is expected to leave the club this summer, with a number of teams interested in signing him.

**Football**

**Galtier quits new French champs Lille**

Gianpiero Talamonti, the former Fiorentina coach, has quit his new club Lille after just one season. Talamonti was appointed as Lille’s new coach in July 2020, but he was unable to replicate the form that the club showed under Christophe Galtier. Lille finished in 13th place in the Ligue 1 table last season, and the club’s results have been poor this season, with only one win in the first five games. Talamonti’s resignation is a blow for Lille, who were expected to compete for European football

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Southgate buys time with unproven English squad

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