**Big guns Al Sadd and Duhaill aim for Amir Cup glory**

The first semi-final pits Al Sadd against Al Arabi today, before Al Duhaill lock horns with Al Rayyan tomorrow.

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By Sports Reporter

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eer football’s two heavyweights, Al Sadd and Al Duhaill - will be facing off over the disappointment of the Qatar Stars League campaign as they put their names to the semi-final stage tonight.

Al Sadd, who has won the last three Qatar Stars League titles, will be looking to extend their dominance against Al Duhaill, who hold the record for the most number of semi-final appearances in the tournament.

Al Sadd and Al Duhaill are the two teams that have appeared in the most number of semi-finals, with six each.

Although the two teams have never met in the semi-finals before, their clash is highly anticipated, with both teams having won four of their six meetings in the semi-finals.

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**FOOTBALL**

Happy Neymar extends Paris Saint-Germain contract to 2025

Paris Saint-Germain have announced that Neymar has extended his contract with the club until 2025.

Neymar joined Paris Saint-Germain in 2017 and has been a key player for the French giants, helping them win multiple Ligue 1 titles and the Champions League.

The Brazilian forward has scored 155 goals in 245 appearances for the club, including 18 goals and 14 assists in the 2022-2023 season so far.

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Sabalenka shocks world No 1 Barty to win Madrid Open

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**Chelsea delay Man City’s EPL title party**

Sterling puts hosts ahead, Ziyech levels and Alonso wins it late

**CHELSEA**

The club looks to military victory as the Premier League title race hots up. This weekend’s fixture has been moved from Sunday to Saturday to avoid clashing with Chelsea’s FA Cup final appearance.

**CHELSEA VS MANCHESTER CITY**

A lacklustre season for the Blues is set to continue as they face a tough test in their quest for the Premier League title. Chelsea may be missing a number of key players due to injury, but they remain determined to fight for a top-four finish.

**ATLETICO-BARCELONA STALEMATE HANDS ADVANTAGE TO REAL MADRID**

**LALIGA**

Barcelona and Atletico Madrid drew 0-0 in their LaLiga clash, allowing Real Madrid to take the lead in the title race. However, the game was marred by controversy as both teams had players sent off.

**NAPOLI-INTER SEASON'S FIRST STEEL**

**SERIE A**

Inter Milan defeated Napoli 2-1 in their Serie A clash to send the team to the top of the table. The result was a crucial one for Inter, who look to secure a top-four finish and a place in the Champions League.

**COMMENT**

Piero praises Milan’s Domarumma top-four clash today

Juve coach Andrea Pirlo praised AC Milan goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma, who saved the spot-kick that sealed the win for Milan. Pirlo was full of praise for Donnarumma’s performance in the crucial moment.

**MORE FOOTBALL NEWS**

- Everton vs. Leeds United
- Manchester United vs. Liverpool
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- Chelsea vs. Manchester City
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**LIVE COVERAGE**

- 3:00 PM: Chelsea vs. Manchester City
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**Bayern eye decade of dominance after ninth straight title**

Bayern Munich have already locked up their ninth Bundesliga title after winning the league title for the 19th consecutive season, cementing their status as one of the most successful clubs in German football. The Bavarians have been统治 the Bundesliga for the past nine years, setting a new record for the longest unbeaten streak in a European top-flight league.

Bundesliga Real, Barca, Juve denounce ‘irrational’ pressure to abandon Super League

The controversy of pictures shows the logos of Inter Milan, Barcelona, and Real Madrid, the three clubs that are the main targets of the pressure campaign against the Super League project. These clubs are facing an unprecedented blast from all over the world, as fans and analysts are united in their criticism of the Super League’s proposed format.

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**Germania**

Sports-berechtigte international during the League will remain against a variety of German-speaking regions. The season began today with the 2017 German Cup final against Frankfurt.

**Juventus**

Juventus crowned Italian champions for fourth time

Juventus have crowned the 19th consecutive Serie A title, securing a historic four-straight championship triumph. The team has been统治 the Italian top-flight for the past four years, showcasing their dominance in Italian football.

**Lyon thrash Lorient to move into top three**

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Lyon were the winners of the Champions League final last year and are now looking to secure the top three spots in Ligue 1. The team has been统治 the league for the past three seasons, setting a new record for the longest unbeaten streak in a French top-flight league.

**Mourinho arrives in Rome marked with ‘Special One’ ice cream**

Jose Mourinho’s appointment as AS Roma’s coach has been marked with ‘Special One’ ice cream. The Portuguese, named as Mourinho’s successor on 1 November after the closure of the transfer window, said he was looking forward to the new challenge.

**Zidane says he will make decision on his future for Easy Real**

Zinedine Zidane has said that he will make a decision on his future for Easy Real Madrid. The Frenchman, who has won three Champions League titles as head coach, is now looking to secure the top three spots in La Liga. The season was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but the team is expected to continue统治 the league for the rest of the season.
Abids hits double century as Pakistan dominate Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe were 52 for 4 at the close on Day 2 in reply to Pakistan's 484 for 8 declared.

**SCOREBOARD**

**PAKISTAN VS ZIMBABWE (DAY 1-2)**

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**GOLDFIELD**

**Three share Qualip Lowland with McIlroy, Mickelson in pursuit**

**ANDREWS**

**Patty holds slender lead ahead of final round**

**RATCLIFFE**

**Golf**

**Lancaster Tour Championship**

**Rutledge claims first title since 2019**
Jazz beat Nuggets, Doncic passes
5,000 career points

TM PLAYING BETTER. IM SHOOTING THE "BALL BETTER"

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Murray to hit with Djokovic in Rome with Roland Garros on his mind

By ADELE ROBERTS

Andy Murray will lead his fellow Briton in Rome as he looks to join forces with his US Open final opponents, Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer. The pair will be the only Britons left in the tournament as Murray, who was fifth in the draw, is likely to face a tough test today. Murray, who has never won a Grand Slam title, will be going for a fifth tournament win in a row and has only won one match since last year's French Open.

Sabalenka shocks Barty to win title

By ANTONIA TRIAL

Belarus's Alina Sabalenka stumbled into the semi-finals of the Gerry Weber Open in Halle, Germany, with a surprising victory over Ashleigh Barty. Sabalenka rallied from 3-1 down in the first set to take the second set 6-4 and then won the deciding third set 6-4 to claim her first WTA title.

Spotlight

Zverev sees off Thiem to Madrid Open final

Alexander Zverev produced an impressive display to beat Dominic Thiem in straight sets to reach the Madrid Open final. Zverev, who is ranked fourth in the world, defeated Thiem, who is ranked fifth, in straight sets 6-3, 6-2.

The final of the Madrid Open will see Rafael Nadal and Stefanos Tsitsipas battle for the title, with both having dropped just one set all tournament. Nadal, who is ranked first, will be looking for his 13th title in Madrid, while Tsitsipas, who is ranked third, will be aiming for his first.

Spartak's Alexander Zverev6

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Nothing can stop the Olympics, says IOC’s Coates

All of the precautions that we have been taking are aimed at the health of the athletes and the health of the people of Japan.

International Olympic Committee president Thomas Bach has defended the decision to hold the Games, saying that all possible precautions are in place to ensure the safety of athletes and spectators.

"The decision of the International Olympic Committee to hold the Tokyo 2020 Games has been taken after extensive consultations with all stakeholders, including the Japanese government," Bach said in a statement.

"We are following the advice of the World Health Organization and the World Athletics, and we are working closely with the Japanese authorities to ensure that the Games can be held safely.

"We have made a number of changes to the Games, including reducing the number of spectators and implementing strict health and safety protocols, to ensure that the Games can be held safely.

"The health and safety of the athletes and the public is our top priority, and we are confident that the Games can be held safely and successfully.

"We are working closely with the Japanese hosts to ensure that the Games are held safely and successfully, and we are confident that the Games can be held safely and successfully.

"The Games will go on, and we are confident that they will be a great success for all involved."
Ecstatic Hamilton celebrates 100th pole in Spain

I FEEL VERY HUMBLE, VERY GRATEFUL. I'M ECSTATIC. LIKE IT'S MY FIRST

Mercedes-Williams driver Lewis Hamilton C), congratulated by Red Bull's Dutch driver Max Verstappen (C) at the Circuito de Catalunya in Montmell, on the outskirts of Barcelona, yesterday.

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Alonso says he's 'capable of driving better'

Takuma Sato, a four-time IndyCar champion, gained his first pole position in the 105th running of the Indy 500, a massive achievement for a driver who had no winning experience of the 1.1-mi. oval in his career.

"The Aryton Senna is on pole!" he exclaimed on the grid. "I don't know how it happened, but I'm just going to enjoy it!"

Sato's pole position was the highlight of a thrilling qualifying session that saw several drivers qualify strongly, including defending champion Scott Dixon and last year's winner, Juan Pablo Montoya.

"I'm just over the moon," Dixon said. "I've been working really hard with the team and they've given me such a great car." Montoya, who started 19th and finished 6th, was also pleased.

"It's going to be a tough race," he said. "But I'm looking forward to it."

"I'm just happy to be on pole," Sato said. "I've always wanted to do well here, and now I've done it."

Alonso backs Red Bull's Verstappen for F1 win

"Max has been a strong teammate for us," the Spaniard said. "He's been pushing me hard, and I'm sure he'll be a factor in the race." Verstappen, who qualified second, is also looking forward to the race.

"I'm excited to race against Lewis," he said. "I always enjoy battling with him, and I think we'll have a good fight."