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**NHL Stanley Cup Final: Lightning advance on réseau TUDN.**

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**Asian championships to make debut in North American event next year**

Qatar drawn with Honduras, Panama in Gold Cup

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"Nowadays, I think every team is well-prepared. They have technical staff and all the resources to see and to follow other teams and the players. It is not advantage for any side these days. When we know all the other teams, and our rival teams will know about us, our team and the players, profiles etc. This does not give any advantage to anyone," Sanchez said.

"Regarding to Group D that Qatar has to play, our rival teams have qualified to play in this tournament. They have a good level to play in this competition. Honduras and Panama national teams played at the World Cup in recent past. They have good players. Their players play in Europe, and elsewhere and they have good level to compete. It will be a big challenge for us. It will be playing for us to play in this league. We hope to qualify to this competition and to follow other teams and to get good experience in a good stage," Sanchez added.

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Djokovic eases through opener; Rublev back from brink to advance in five sets

Top seed Djokovic will meet Lithuanian Ricardas Berankis for a place in the last 32. Berankis, the world number 66, won his first main draw match at Roland Garros after six losses when he beat Hughes-Dellien of Bolivia 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Meanwhile, Ukrainian Illya Rublev was about to suffer a Querrey it seemed as though American Sam Querrey in the first round on Monday night.

"It felt like when a snake kills its prey," was the blunt words of 23-year-old Querrey who never recovered from dropping the first set in just 20 minutes under the roof of Court Philippe Chatrier.

"He's pretty gifted, had chances to rally but I didn't get suffocated. It was coming to corner and I was missing".

"At the beginning, it was past normal. The court felt big and I was nervous because I was facing the best on the other side."

Yesterday's demolition was the next time Ymer faced Djokovic who is chasing a second French Open title and 18th career major.

"I've had big hits against this guy before but never in the history of my career," he added.

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The tournament was originally scheduled for May 28-June 13 before being pushed back to July 31 to August 9 after the three nations to advance to a preliminary round on July 2-6.

Many top Europe-based players from CONCACAF nations have reported to their rules for progression by the knock-out stage and will not be allowed to participate in World Cup qualifiers during the three-nation tournament starting August 30.

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IPL: Hyderabad open account with 15-run win over Delhi Capitals

Brief Scores
SRH 162/5 in 20 overs (Manish Pandey 74, Warner 45) 2/21) beat DC 147/7 in 20 overs (Dhawan 34, Pant 38; Rashid Khan 10/47) by 15 runs.

Earlier, Kane Williamson, playing his first match of the season, helped SRH to 162-4 with a quickfire 48 off 17 balls. Jonny Bairstow played the role of a steady captain at No. 3, scoring 48 while his opening partner and captain David Warner made 45.

Meanwhile, in form, Rashid Khan (2/21) again made his mark with the bat, scoring 48. He also took another wicket, that of Shikhar Dhawan, who was caught behind off a ball that was deflected by the wicketkeeper. With the wicket of Dhawan, the visitors lost their hopes of winning the match.

Kane Williamson was praised by the management for his quickfire 48, which helped the team to get off to a flying start. His 48 came off 17 balls, and he was supported by Jonny Bairstow, who scored 48 off 17 balls.

SunRisers Hyderabad (SRH) eventually recorded a five-wicket win with the help of Williamson and Warner. The win puts them in the lead in the tournament, with 14 points from six matches. Delhi Capitals, on the other hand, are struggling with only 10 points from seven matches.

The win was a much-needed one for SRH, who were on the brink of elimination. With this win, they have moved to the top of the points table. Delhi Capitals, on the other hand, are struggling to find their rhythm. With this loss, they have fallen to the second spot in the points table.

Kiwis to end cricket drought with T20s against West Indies

New Zealand captain Tim Southee said after winning the third T20 against West Indies: “As soon as I’m done with the New Zealand cricket team, I will play for West Indies. It’s not easy to be stuck in the same team for so many years. I will enjoy the time I get with the West Indies team.”

The third T20 was played at the Waikato Stadium in Hamilton. The match was a thrilling one, with both teams putting up a good fight. In the end, New Zealand emerged victorious, winning by 73 runs.

The New Zealand cricket team is currently on top of the points table, with 18 points from three matches. They have won all their matches so far and are looking to continue their winning streak.

On the other hand, the West Indies team is struggling to find their form. They have won only one match so far and are looking for a turnaround in their form. With this loss, they have fallen to the second spot in the points table.

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London Marathon virus testing finds runner, coach positive

AP - LONDON

An Ethiopian runner had to pull out of the London Marathon after she and the coach of two other Ethiopians tested positive for the coronavirus, the race director said yesterday.

Debora Augustine, who won the 2019 Amsterdam Marathon and coach Tegno Alfo tested positive for the virus.

"As a result of the positive tests, they didn’t get to run," London Marathon race director Hugh Brasher said after a conference call ahead of Sunday’s race.

Addis Ababa, the coach of the Ethiopian runners Getalem Mekides and Diama Merga, both of whom will compete in the race because was no “face-to-face contact with the past two weeks," Brasher said.

That is one reason for the strict testing of the 2020 sporting event because for athletes, competition modifications and no spectators. Athletes and their coaches are staying at a hotel reserved only for them outside London.

Preliminary results required virus testing before athletes left for London and on the day of their arrival. They also had to be tested on Friday.

Instead of walking along the River Thames, the athletes will complete on a 26.2-mile (42.2-kilometer) closed loop course consisting of 22.5-kilometer laps around Eel Pie Island, ending at the Royal Albert Hall.

It should be a fast course for defending champions Shura Kitata and Birhan Kebede.

"They are in ideal conditions," Brasher said of current front-runners.

"You want light winds, you want dry conditions."

"We, whoever the conditions, believe that there will be some incredible racing that will live long in people’s memories and it could be incredibly quick."

Only one other World Marathon Major - Tokyo - was held this year as Boston, Chicago and New York all called because of the pandemic. Coronavirus had caused more than 200 deaths as of Saturday in the U.K. and 1,000 worldwide.

The 2020 Olympic marathon was held in Japan. The new Tokyo Olympics have been postponed until 2021 because of the pandemic.

"The 2020 London Marathon held the world record held world record of 2:14.02, set in winning the 1948 Olympic marathon."

Kipchoge’s top challenger is expected to be Kibiwott Kandie, a three-time Olympic champion on the track. The 38-year-old Ethiopia won the 2019 Berlin Marathon in a time that was only 2 seconds off Kipchoge’s world record set the year before. He is also in Berlin.

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Al Nassr and Al Ahly face compatriots Al Ahli Saudi in the quarter-final of the 2020 competition today.

Both Al-Fahad and Al-Hilal are among the best teams in the AFC Champions League quarter-finals for the third time in four years, having made a sensational run to the 2020 AFC Champions League semi-finals will take place at Al Janoub Stadium on Saturday.

"It is an advantage for both teams to face a fellow Saudi team," said Al Hilal coach Hadi Saeed.

"As a result (of the positive tests), they didn’t get to run," London Marathon race director Hugh Brasher said after a conference call ahead of Sunday’s race.

"We have, we believe, some athletes in great shape but they’ve all been training in unique conditions, so it is probably the most difficult mar-

A handout picture released by the London Marathon shows Kenya’s Eliud Kipchoge, the 2019 and 2020 London Marathon champion, competing on Sunday in the 2020 London Marathon on September 27, 2020. (Handout photo by London Marathon/Handout via REUTERS)
Sports Diary for September 30 to October 23

Wednesday, September 30
TENNIS: ATP and WTA at Finals Open at Roland Garros (Until Oct 11)
CRICKET: IR in UK (Until Nov 20)
Australia Women vs New Zealand Women at Cardiff, T20; England Women vs West Indies Women at Derby, EN 120
FOOTBALL: UEFA Champions League play-off round
BASKETBALL: NBA Finals, Milwaukee Bucks vs Phoenix Suns; WNBA at JW Marriott at Ostrava (Until Oct 18)
CRICKET: IPL in UAE (Until Nov 10)
CYCLING: Giro d’Italia (Until Oct 25); Liege-Bastogne-Liege (October 25)

Thursday, October 1
TENNIS: ATP and WTA at Finals Open at Roland Garros (Until Oct 11)
CRICKET: IR in UK (Until Oct 12)
GOLF: DP World Tour at DP World Championship, Jumeirah, Dubai (Until Dec 6)
FOOTBALL: UEFA Europa League 2020/21 play-offs; UEFA Champions League group stage
CRICKET: IPL in UAE (Until Nov 10)

Friday, October 2
TENNIS: ATP and WTA at Finals Open at Roland Garros (Until Oct 11)
BASKETBALL: NBA Finals, Milwaukee Bucks vs Phoenix Suns; WNBA at JW Marriott at Ostrava (Until Oct 18)
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TENNIS: ATP and WTA at Finals Open at Roland Garros (Until Oct 11)
CRICKET: IR in UK (Until Oct 12)
GOLF: DP World Tour at DP World Championship, Jumeirah, Dubai (Until Dec 6)
FOOTBALL: UEFA Europa League 2020/21 play-offs; UEFA Champions League group stage
BASKETBALL: NBA Finals, Los Angeles Lakers vs Miami Heat; Game Four
CRICKET: IPL in UAE (Until Nov 10)

Wednesday, October 7
TENNIS: ATP and WTA at Finals Open at Roland Garros (Until Oct 11)
CRICKET: IR in UK (Until Oct 12)
GOLF: DP World Tour at DP World Championship, Jumeirah, Dubai (Until Dec 6)
FOOTBALL: UEFA Europa League 2020/21 play-offs; UEFA Champions League group stage
BASKETBALL: NBA Finals, Los Angeles Lakers vs Miami Heat; Game Four
CRICKET: IPL in UAE (Until Nov 10)

Thursday, October 8
TENNIS: ATP and WTA at Finals Open at Roland Garros (Until Oct 11)
CRICKET: IR in UK (Until Oct 12)
GOLF: DP World Tour at DP World Championship, Jumeirah, Dubai (Until Dec 6)
FOOTBALL: UEFA Europa League 2020/21 play-offs; UEFA Champions League group stage
BASKETBALL: NBA Finals, Los Angeles Lakers vs Miami Heat; Game Four
CRICKET: IPL in UAE (Until Nov 10)

Friday, October 9
TENNIS: ATP and WTA at Finals Open at Roland Garros (Until Oct 11)
CRICKET: IR in UK (Until Oct 12)
BASKETBALL: NBA Finals, Los Angeles Lakers vs Miami Heat; Game Four
CRICKET: IPL in UAE (Until Nov 10)

Saturday, October 10
TENNIS: ATP and WTA at Finals Open at Roland Garros (Until Oct 11)
CRICKET: IR in UK (Until Oct 12)
BASKETBALL: NBA Finals, Los Angeles Lakers vs Miami Heat; Game Four
CRICKET: IPL in UAE (Until Nov 10)

Wednesday, October 14
TENNIS: ATP and WTA at Finals Open at Roland Garros (Until Oct 11)
CRICKET: IR in UK (Until Oct 12)
BASKETBALL: NBA Finals, Los Angeles Lakers vs Miami Heat; Game Four
CRICKET: IPL in UAE (Until Nov 10)

Thursday, October 15
TENNIS: ATP and WTA at Finals Open at Roland Garros (Until Oct 11)
CRICKET: IR in UK (Until Oct 12)
BASKETBALL: NBA Finals, Los Angeles Lakers vs Miami Heat; Game Four
CRICKET: IPL in UAE (Until Nov 10)

Friday, October 16
TENNIS: ATP and WTA at Finals Open at Roland Garros (Until Oct 11)
CRICKET: IR in UK (Until Oct 12)
BASKETBALL: NBA Finals, Los Angeles Lakers vs Miami Heat; Game Four
CRICKET: IPL in UAE (Until Nov 10)

Saturday, October 17
TENNIS: ATP and WTA at Finals Open at Roland Garros (Until Oct 11)
CRICKET: IR in UK (Until Oct 12)
BASKETBALL: NBA Finals, Los Angeles Lakers vs Miami Heat; Game Four
CRICKET: IPL in UAE (Until Nov 10)

Sunday, October 18
TENNIS: ATP and WTA at Finals Open at Roland Garros (Until Oct 11)
CRICKET: IR in UK (Until Oct 12)
BASKETBALL: NBA Finals, Los Angeles Lakers vs Miami Heat; Game Four
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Monday, October 19
TENNIS: ATP and WTA at Finals Open at Roland Garros (Until Oct 11)
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Tuesday, October 20
TENNIS: ATP and WTA at Finals Open at Roland Garros (Until Oct 11)
CRICKET: IR in UK (Until Oct 12)
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Wednesday, October 21
TENNIS: ATP and WTA at Finals Open at Roland Garros (Until Oct 11)
CRICKET: IR in UK (Until Oct 12)
BASKETBALL: NBA Finals, Los Angeles Lakers vs Miami Heat; Game Four
CRICKET: IPL in UAE (Until Nov 10)

Thursday, October 22
TENNIS: ATP and WTA at Finals Open at Roland Garros (Until Oct 11)
CRICKET: IR in UK (Until Oct 12)
BASKETBALL: NBA Finals, Los Angeles Lakers vs Miami Heat; Game Four
CRICKET: IPL in UAE (Until Nov 10)

Friday, October 23
TENNIS: ATP and WTA at Finals Open at Roland Garros (Until Oct 11)
CRICKET: IR in UK (Until Oct 12)
BASKETBALL: NBA Finals, Los Angeles Lakers vs Miami Heat; Game Four
CRICKET: IPL in UAE (Until Nov 10)
As the Stanley Cup was being lifted, Lightning Lightning teammates, Travis Kucherle and Brayden Point, were standing among Cup favorites for the series due to injury, said on the opening round of the playoffs. The Montreal Canadiens, falling short.

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