Djokovic keeps title bid on track as Kenin survives

Tsitsipas overcomes an eye problem and Dimitrov to become the first Greek man to reach the last eight at French Open

**SPORT**

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Sofia Kenin of the US returns the ball to France’s Fiona Ferro (not pictured) during their French Open fourth round match at Roland Garros in Paris, France, yesterday. (AFP)

Women (Round 4)

1-Novak Djokovic (SRB) bt
2-Gael Monfils (FRA) 6-7 (4), 7-5, 6-3, 6-4
3-Maria Sakkari (GRE) bt
4-Sofia Kenin (USA) bt Fiona Ferro (FRA) 6-2, 6-4
5-Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE) bt
6-Andrey Rublev (RUS) bt
7-Marton Fucsovics (HUN) 6-7 (4), 7-6 (7-4), 6-3, 6-1
8-Elina Svitolina (UKR) bt
9-Elise Mertens (BEL) 6-2, 6-4
10-Agnes Szavay (HUN) 6-3, 6-4
11-Veronika Kudermetova (RUS) 6-2, 6-3, 6-2
12-Elena Rybakina (KAZ) 6-4, 6-4

**TENNIS / FRANCE OPEN**

Djokovic defeated Gael Monfils in straight sets to make the French Open quarter-finals for the 12th consecutive year while Sofia Kenin won her first round to also claim a spot in the last eight.

It was Djokovic’s first appearance since losing to Russian Andrey Rublev in the US Open quarter-finals last month.

He overcame in-form Frenchman Monfils 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 in a match that lasted just one hour and 49 minutes to claim his 12th French Open quarter-final appearance, and 11th major.

With the roof closed it’s not as hot,” Djokovic said.

Kenin ended a storming comeback from Frenchwoman Fiona Ferro in an entertaining 2-6, 6-2, 6-1 victory.

It was the Russian’s third round victory in a row, after defeating Stuttgart Open champion Marta Kostyuk and Estonian Anett Kontaveit in the opening rounds.

She became the fourth unseeded player to make the last eight this year, joining Jil Teichmann, Nadia Podoroska and Martina Trevisan.

Missed last year’s tournament due to an arm injury, defeated 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-3

But Kenin, who was taken to a tie-breaker, and was still able to play on all courts,” said Kerber, semi-finalist last year.

Kenin overcame a 3-0 deficit in the opener to claim a roller-coaster 7-5, 6-4, 6-3 triumph.

*AFP/Paris*
Boxer’s son Rublev refuses to be counted out

Rublev is one of 2020’s in-form players with three titles – Doha, Adelaide, Hamburg

**FOCUS**

Djokovic admits ‘awkward deja vu’ after ball hits line judge again

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The incident came just

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Djokovic was

defeated at the US Open in

swinging angrily at a ball which

hit a female line judge, standing
just behind him, in the stands.

That embarrassment

ruined the day.

"My goal, it was very

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I guess are going to make the story

out of this. It has happened to me

and many other players in the

last 15 years that I’ve been in

the tour."

"Obviously because of what

happened in New York, people

are going to make the story

out of this."

"I prefer to try to

get some carb, some potato

or something else. I just

wanted to tucked in with fork in

hand."

"I’ve been playing really good. I

think it’s been a mistake for me

to make the same thing here in

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for her semifinal

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eight at the US Open last month.

"I

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need to do on court, what you

need to do at out of court. I was

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The 150-kilometre route between Enna and volcano Etna, Linguaglossa-Piano Provenzana, Sicily, yesterday.

Campaign but a full men’s international due to financial implications and men’s rights.

In the end it was just a suff erfest until the finish... I’m really happy.

Caicedo breaks free with less than two kilometres to go as the break’s lead Thomas slipped away and kept falling behind beyond all expectations.

One of Thomas’ overall rivals, Jakob Fuglsang (AST) +01:13.

Anger: Thomas lost more than 22 minutes in two accidents in the last two days.

Filippo Ganna as Italian Giro d’Italia’s third stage on Mount Etna.

Despite the early slip up the duo took charge after RCB lost the opening six overs. As the peloton slowly ate into the break’s lead Thomas slipped away and kept falling behind beyond all expectations.

We don’t have a bottomless pit of resources — it’s as stark as that, “ Harrison said.

Several players experienced family injury scares during this unfortunate injury.

Stoinis dropped out of competitive cricket for the first time after a months-long term of injury.

ONE PLAY TO REMEMBER

Rabada bowls Delhi to IPL win by four wickets in 20 overs.

Delhi Capitals’ Amit Mishra out of IPL after finger injury

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Reuters

The San Diego Padres relief pitcher Trevor Rosenthal (right) and catcher Austin Nola celebrate after defeating the Los Angeles Dodgers 3-1 during Game 2 of the National League Division Series (NLDS) at PETCO Park on October 9, 2020 in San Diego, California. (Photo by Denis Poroy/Getty Images)

By Jack Karlin
Los Angeles Times

NBA

Butler wills Heat to win over Lakers

IT STARTS WITH ME, BEING THE STARTING POINT GUARD FOR THE TEAM.

When Jimmy Butler traded whose name? 

Trend

The Los Angeles Lakers fell to the Miami Heat 119-107 in Game 2 of the NBA Finals, with Butler scoring 25 points to lead the Heat. The Lakers, who had won the first game of the series, are now down 2-0 in the seven-game series. The Heat are looking for their first NBA title since 2006.

NHL

Kings acquire defenceman Maatta from Blackhawks

By Jack Karlin

The Los Angeles Kings agreed to acquire one of the NHL’s biggest needs in the off-season, acquiring left-handed defenceman Olli Maatta from the Chicago Blackhawks. Maatta, 28, played 81 games, 48 of those as a top-4 defenceman, for the Hawks last season. In the trade, the Kings will send a 2021 second-round pick to the Hawks for Maatta, who is in the final year of his contract. Maatta, who can play both left and right, will be able to help with the Kings’ depth issues on the blue line.

Sharks to acquire Donato from Wild

The San Jose Sharks announced that they have acquired left wing Ryan Donato from the Minnesota Wild in exchange for a 2021 seventh-round draft pick. Donato, 24, recorded 94 points (34 goals, 60 assists) in 362 career games. He has scored three points in his first two games with the Sharks.

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Brady throws 5 TDs as Buccaneers rally to beat Chargers

“How CAN YOU NOT BELIEVE IN HIM? He’s THE GREATEST OF THEM ALL!”

Tom Brady of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers celebrates after defeating the Los Angeles Chargers at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Florida. (AFP)

RUGBY

Eddie Jones calls up 12 uncapped players for early England camp

The RFU announced on Thursday that 12 uncapped players for the upcoming Six Nations and Autumn Internationals will be called up to training camp this month. The squad will include prop Joe Marler, hooker Ben Moon and centre Piers O’Gorman, who has been named as senior development coach for the Six Nations. The squad will also feature three uncapped players from the Women's Six Nations: Stacey Hering, Harriett Millard and Emma Greenhalgh.

MOTOSPORT

FIA calls for Turkish GP to be held without fans due to Covid-19

The FIA has called for the Turkish Grand Prix to be held without fans due to Covid-19. The race was scheduled for May 14-16, but has now been postponed to a date yet to be decided.

NBA

Robots Lucas a candidate for Rockets’ opening

Lucas has been a point guard for the Houston Rockets since 2016. He was drafted by the Rockets with the No. 10 overall pick in the 2016 NBA draft and has become a key player for the team. He was chosen in the first round of the draft by the Memphis Grizzlies and traded to the Denver Nuggets in August 2016. Lucas has averaged 8.3 points per game and 4.1 assists per game in his career so far. He is a strong candidate for the team’s starting point guard position.

EDEN PARK SET FOR BATTLE AS BRISBANE RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP TAKES ON SYDNEY

New Zealand’s biggest rugby league stadium, Eden Park, will host the all-New Zealand blockbuster as Brisbane and Sydney prepare for an epic clash.

GOLD TOWNS

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Sport
Garcia ends PGA Tour drought with Mississippi triumph

The 40-year-old Spaniard dropped his only bogey of the week at the par-3 17th but found the right rough and a bunker and a four-putt. He sank a clutch 12-foot par putt on 18 to win the Sanderson Farms Championship at the Country Club of Jackson Mississippi. (Getty Images/AFP)

Leading scores after final round

273-Mel Reid (ENG) 68-64-67-70 (Reid rolled in another birdie putt on 16 to tap-in for birdie and the American Energy Bradley made a late 12-foot eagle putt at the par-1 18th and finished on 19 and the 2011 PGA Championship winner closed with a bogey and settled for a share of 20th.)

276-Thomas Pieters (BEL) 68-70-68-60"=". 369, Aaron Wise 68-69-72-72, Brandt Snedeker 70-66-67-73"


278-Hinako Shibuno (JPN) 64-69-72-74, Park Sung-hyun (KOR) 64-69-72-74, Moriya Jutanugarn (THA) 64-69-72-74, Tan (MAS) 68-69-65-74"


288-José M. de la Torre (ESP) 71-69-69-71, Martin Kaymer (GER) 70-69-69-72, Dustin Johnson 70-69-69-72"

291-Patrick Cantlay (USA) 68-70-70-74, Hideki Matsuyama (JPN) 68-68-68-72, Cameron Smith 70-71-70-72"

292-Johnny Bida 66-70-68-78, Steve Stricker 66-69-71-76, Shingo Katayama (JPN) 66-69-70-77"

296-Jamie Donaldson (GBR) 66-68-68-76, Matt Kuchar (USA) 69-68-69-76, Russell Knox (SCO) 69-68-69-76"

300-Most medals 66-64-64-64, Wentworth (for the final-round 68 with Ameri- cans $1.1 million) winners cheque. Together with compatriot Georgia Hall, a winner last week at the Portland – Grand Slam 2021, Dubai Desert Classic and Argentine Pianos in Paris. At Fairmont, Fleetwood rounded out a four-stroke victory with a 60-foot eagle putt at the par-5 14th to pull one off Malnati. But Poston found the rough and a bun- dung each side to three-putt from nine to 12 before finding the green at 18 to set up a birdie but couldn’t get it in and settled for a par.

Garcia, who won his first PGA title as a teenager, has won three times on European Tour since gaining his membership in 2015.

“That’s the great thing about being out there, the best players are up there. It beats me to stand there on 18 to rip a nice draw and hit the oblique have helped. “It feels great to find a couple things here and there that’s that. I struggled with my

Fleetwood for his part was determined to improve on his fourth-place finish from the 2021 BMW PGA Championship, where he never recovered from three front-strokes adrift of co-leaders Garcia, J.T. Poston and Kristoffer Ventura.

Fleetwood also struggled with his putting and his closing 40-foot eagle putt but tapped-in for birdie at the par-5 14th to pull one off Malnati. But Poston found the rough and a bunker and a four-putt. He sank a clutch 12-foot par putt on 18 to win the Sanderson Farms Championship at the Country Club of Jackson Mississippi. (Getty Images/AFP)

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Kharaitiyat, Arabi post Ooredoo Cup wins

Kharaitiyat had defeated Ali Rayani 4-1 earlier in the tournament.

FOOTBALL

By Sports Reporter

Al Khor (Qatar) - Al Kharaitiyat defeated Al Arabi 2-1 in round 3 of the 2021-22 Ooredoo Cup at the Al Arabi Stadium yesterday.

In other games yesterday, Al Kharaitiyat defeated Al Rayyan 2-0, while Al Arabi beat Umm Salal 3-0.

Evans Mensah (19th minute) and Abdulhadi Amin (90+3) opened their account as they surpassed possession with 66 per cent.

Younis Ali, had played out a 1-1 draw with Al Wakra in Round 1. Al Kharaitiyat, who had scored two goals in the first half, seemed a target this time around as he gave runners-up Al Markhiya, a shock in the opening round. Al Khor had beaten Al Sailiya 2-1. The Kings are now in eighth position. Al Rayyan, 21st, are play-off win over Second Division this season, seemed a

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The Wolves, currently placed second in the 2021-22 QNB Stars League through their first match in the tournament. Al Sadd are now in Round 3 (Group A) of the Ooredoo Cup at the Qatar SC Stadium.

It was Al Kharaitiyat more with the ball in the second session as well and they went 1 unbelievable two goals, the first from Al Kharaitiyat skipper and former Qatar Under-23 captain Jassim Al Muraikhi.

Barca feeling the strain after intense week, says Koeman

Barcelona coach Ronald Koeman said he would be suffering from fatigue after their 6-1 defeat to Valladolid on Saturday and was in no mood for any more intense week this season.

Barcelona were in action in the La Liga after a weekend of tough matches. The Catalans were playing their third match in a week and were still feeling the effects of their 2-0 loss at Celta Vigo on Thursday, when they failed to prove Koeman’s point.

The Barca coach said: “It’s been a very intense week for us and a very exhausting game. We have been playing a lot of matches this season and we are a lot of matches this season and we are now trying to recover.”

He said Al Kharaitiyat was ready to take on the giant

Barca face needing strain after intense week, says Koeman

By Sport Reporter

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These offers were put to one side in the first round of the competition.

BBVA

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Action from the Umm Salal vs. Al Arabi match in the Ooredoo Cup yesterday.

United grab Telles, Bayern make double move

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FOXSPORT

UNITED

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The Azzurri are “well aware” of their right-back’s capabilities.

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Klopp shocked by Liverpool collapse

The Reds were not beaten until their 28th game while winning the title last season

**FOOTBALL**

**GULF TIMES**

**Man United mired in crisis again after 6-1 rout by Spurs**

Manchester United suffered a shock 6-1 defeat at home to Tottenham Hotspur on Sunday as the pressure continues to mount on manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer.

The visitors, who are currently in 10th place in the Premier League, got off to the perfect start when Son Heung-Min scored after just two minutes.

Solskjaer's side had looked solid at the back in recent games but United were torn apart by Spurs.

Spurs moved up to fifth in the table with their victory, while Man United are now 12th.

Solskjaer's team have won just two of their last five league games and have lost three of their last four matches.

The defeat means United have only two points from their last five games and are struggling in all competitions.

But Spurs, who had not scored more than four goals in a league game since November 2019, were clinical from the start.

They had already scored four goals before half-time thanks to孙, Heung-Min, Harry Kane, and Son Heung-Min.

Spurs also got off to a flying start in the second half when Kane added his second goal to complete his hat-trick.

The victory was a much-needed boost for Spurs, who have been in a relegation scrap for much of the season.

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