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Policymaker Azhar Ali (left) and sometime Shannon Afridi take part in a training session on the eve of their third Test against England at Ageas Bowl in Southampton, United Kingdom. (IANS)

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The ECB said that after the coin toss, which is held on the pitch in the match before, the match referee, ground staff would decrease the start times for the next two days, and if the pitch remains good, play could begin at 1000.

"If weather permits, if it's all raining across the entire session, we will increase the start times of the day," an ECB statement said.

The coin toss will be delayed by 15 minutes due to protocol.

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Organisers hope of fan presence in IPL matches

The 2020 IPL will be played across three venues — Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Sharjah. The third venue, Sharjah, will see the IPL final.

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Toronto Raptors rally over Nets, Jazz and Celtics win

“We've been here before. You've just got to stick with it, weather the storm.”

Thursday's thrilling overtime win over the Brooklyn Nets, powered by two straight-to-the-paint baskets by Kawhi Leonard, motivated his teammates to make the necessary adjustments in Game 5 of the NBA playoff series.

Despite a gutsy performance by the Nets, the Raptors were on their game, as Leonard scored a career-high 44 points, including 35 in the second half, to seal the victory and even the series at 2-2.

With their backs against the wall, the Raptors showcased their resilience and determination in a match that tested their mettle.

In the 11th hour, Leonard’s thunderous slam dunk, which forced overtime, was the icing on the cake. His team’s gritty play, combined with a masterful performance from Leonard, was enough to carry them to the series' decisive moment.

“This is what we tell each other,” Leonard said. “You've just got to stick with it, weather the storm.”

Forced to travel the night before due to a late-season hurricane, the Raptors were determined to make the most of their opportunity. They trusted their defense and offense, as the Nets' defense gave them a run for their money.

The Raptors' victory was a testament to their team cohesion and individual contributions. Leonard, Kyle Lowry, Fred VanVleet, and Pascal Siakam, among others, all played a pivotal role in the win.

The win not only extended the series but also gave the Raptors a boost of confidence as they head into Game 6. The Jazz and Celtics also secured victories in their respective games, keeping the NBA playoffs exciting and unpredictable.

Leonard's historic performance earned him the NBA Finals MVP award for the second time. His statistical dominance was highlighted by his 35 points and a career-high 10 rebounds in the deciding game.

In a series that has been full of twists and turns, the Raptors have proven themselves to be a force to be reckoned with. As they face the tough challenge of the Brooklyn Nets in Game 6, the team remains undeterred and ready for the next chapter in the NBA playoff series.
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On Wednesday, the French club becomes the first club to declare a mass suspension at the beginning of the new season. The lack of players has no impact on the team's leaders but the club president Jean-Michel Aulas.

The postponement of the match had been called off after the first French city to declare face masks in the stadium, the team's home, has been postponed. The match at the Stade Velodrome was supposed to be in the league’s top five matches of the season being broadcast on Wednesday, with all fans at the stadium.
Only winners are remembered, Conte warns Inter

"History is written by the conquerors, the winners. That is added motivation for us." - Antonio Conte, head coach of Inter Milan

Conte's team will face off against Atlético Madrid in the Europa League final on May 12, in a contest that will decide which of Europe's top clubs emerges as the champions of the competition.

Conte's philosophy is built on a defensive approach, emphasizing teamwork and tactical discipline. Inter's success in reaching the final is a testament to his ability to organize and motivate his players, who have shown exceptional resilience and determination throughout the season.

The Italian boss will be hoping to replicate the success he enjoyed at both Juventus and Chelsea, where he led the teams to multiple trophies. Inter's progress to the final is a significant achievement for Conte, who has faced numerous challenges during his tenure at the club.

In addition to managing Inter, Conte has also been involved in international football, serving as head coach of the Italian national team.

Conte's words to his players reflect the determination and resolve that has characterized the team's campaign. The victory at the final will be a significant milestone for both Conte and his players, who will be looking to write their names in the history of European football.
Chelsea in the last 16, first leg tie. The Blues have never made it to the Champions League final after playing in the last 16 before. 'We are very strong,' said Bayern's Robert Lewandowski. 'They are probably the favourite, but we are doing very well.'<br><br>Bayern Munich's forward Thomas Muller has taken his game to another level this season. He has scored 16 goals in all competitions and is currently the top scorer in Europe. Muller is expected to be a key player when his side takes on Paris Saint-Germain in the final on Sunday. Muller said: 'We have been playing great football so far this season. We are looking forward to the Champions League final and we are confident of winning.'

After three days of hard-fought battles, the two teams will finally meet in the final of the Champions League. The match is set to take place in the Estadio da Luz in Lisbon, Portugal. The game is expected to be a high-scoring encounter and both teams will be looking to win their first Champions League title. It will be a battle of the best teams from Europe as they compete for the biggest club prize in football. The match is scheduled to start at 3 pm GMT.

Bayern have a tough task ahead of them as Paris Saint-Germain are looking to secure their first Champions League title. They are looking to continue their dominance in European football and are determined to win the title this season. The French club is supported by a strong fanbase and has a star-studded squad. However, Bayern Munich are no pushovers and will be looking to make their mark in the competition. They are one of the most successful clubs in Europe and have won the title twice in the past.

Bayern Munich's German midfielder Leon Goretzka has been a key player for the team this season. He has been instrumental in their run to the final and is expected to continue his good form in the final. Goretzka said: 'We are very happy to be in the final and we will do our best to win the title.'

Paris Saint-Germain have a strong team and are led by their captain, Lionel Messi. The Argentine has been in great form this season and is expected to play a key role in the final. Messi said: 'We are very happy to be in the final and we will do our best to win the title. We are a strong team and we are determined to win this season.'

The match is set to be a fiercely competitive encounter and both teams will be looking to make their mark in the competition. It will be a battle of two of the best teams in Europe and is expected to be a match not to be missed.