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**Neymar helps PSG to Champions Trophy win over Marseille**
Bundesliga place to be for young US talent: Klinsmann

F ollowing Matthew Hoppe’s penalty heroics in the Super Cup, US-based forward Matthew Hoppe is a dark horse for young talent at Borussia Dortmund.

The 19-year-old American striker is among the young talents lining the 2021-22 season. He is seen as a key player for the Bundesliga side.

Hoppe is a star in the making and one of the most promising young talents in world football.

The former Germany coach Jurgen Klinsmann, who managed the US men’s team three years later, said Hoppe is “one of the best young talents in the world.”

Klinsmann is on a whirlwind tour of the Bundesliga and has sparked a debate about the future of US football.

Hoppe, who joined Real Madrid for 60 mn euros in the summer of 2018 after five years in the Italian capital, is the “place to be.”

He hopes to build his strength and physique — it was a no-brainer to come to Schalke. “Now you are laughing here,” he fumed to a reporter he felt was amused by his comments.

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**PREMIER LEAGUE**

**Fulham silence Mourinho with late leveller to deny Spurs**

"Once more we concede a goal that is completely avoidable. You have to keep a clean-sheet, not make mistakes" said Harry Kane after Spurs' 2-2 draw with Fulham. The Londoners were held to a draw by their London rivals at the weekend. Fulham were the better team for most of the game and were rewarded for their efforts when they equalised in the 88th minute through a header from Joachim Andersen. The result leaves Spurs in the relegation zone while Fulham remain six points clear at the top of the table. **Round-up**

**Colombia appoint Rueda as coach**

Ricardo Rueda has been appointed as Colombia's new coach. The former coach of club sides Flamengo, Velez Sarsfield and River Plate in Argentina, as well as the national team in those countries, will now take charge of the Colombian team. **Football**

**Villa vs Everton postponed due to Covid-19 concerns**

The match between Villa and Everton has been postponed because of Covid-19 concerns. Villa had initially offered to replace the game with a fixture against Tottenham Hotspur, but Tottenham also have Covid-19 concerns and the match has been called off. **FOCUS**

**Rafia rescues Juventus to reach Italian Cup quarter-finals**

Juventus goalkeeper Rafia kept a clean sheet as they secured a 3-2 win over Modena in the Italian Cup. The result means that Juventus will face Spal or Sassuolo in the quarter-finals. **SPOTLIGHT**

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B RITISH Open star Andy Murray is doubtfully fit to play in the Australian Open after organisers confirmed positive Covid-19 results.

Murray, 31, was awarded a wildcard for the event in Melbourne.

Andy Murray has confirmed that he has tested positive for Covid-19 and is isolating in quarantine in Melbourne.

"Unfortunately this means he will miss the beginning of the Australian Open flights arriving in Australia in the coming days," the Australian Open said in a statement.

"He has been in contact with the other players. The ALL-ACT live chat, which we know how much he loves, computing honours in Melbourne and how good it has been able to compete in a practice environment, which has been pushed back three weeks.

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The players will be able to communicate with teammates and offi cials outside their hotel rooms to preclude the possibility of viral fragments for some time - which can only happen if the infected person is totally healthy now. "There's not a single 8 weeks apart. I was sick in November, said he was feeling okay."

"With restrictions on arrival for the Feb. 8-21 tournament, which was announced yesterday he has tested positive for Covid-19 and will enter the quarantine period when the other players are allowed five hours outside their hotel rooms to perform before the major.

"For his age, he has quality. I just had him today for the first time and I could feel how good he was. He has good techniques; it was tough for me in the second games," said Grigor Dimitrov.

Nadal and Thiem suffer coaching setbacks ahead of Australian Open

W oman number two Rafael Nadal and second men's seed Dominic Thiem have both lost their coaches due to infectious virus policies and will have to make the trip Down Under on their own.

Professional players have now been asked to self-isolate on arrival in Australia for four days before being allowed to train.

"Our players have been asked to self-isolate four days prior to the tournament," ATP chief interaction Will Welch said.

"We will be in touch again in a few days. We hope that he will be able to follow us and will be able to play in the tournament," said his father.

In the previous round, Saina Nehwal was unable to make the trip Down Under for the first time in her career.

"I am regularly checked according to my contract, " Thiem’s father Wolfgang was quoted as saying by Austria’s Kurier daily. "Nico will be tested again in a few days. We hope that he will be able to follow us and will be able to play in the tournament," said his father.

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"Initially it was very difficult to make it to the tournament due to strict and offi cial measures. We are very happy that we can compete in the Australian Open, which has been pushed back three weeks."

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"The world number 50, a quarter-fi nalist in the Dubai Open, self-disclosed that he previously tested positive in May, but was in Dubai earlier in the week, under the strict health regulations set by the local health authorities," said Tennis Australia.

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**NHL**

**Leafs open with overtime win over Canadiens**

Easton Nygard scored at 1:10 of the third period after a rush down the left side, and Vladislav Gavrikov tied the game 11:23 in a wild shoot-out.

**LIGHTNING START STRONG, LIGHTNING END STRONG**

Ondrej Palat scored on Tampa Bay’s first power-play shot of the game in a three-goal first period, and the Lightning began their Stanley Cup title defense with a season-opening win over the visiting Chicago Blackhawks.

During their first game without Nikita Kucherov, who remains out with a lower-body injury, the Lightning showed why they were the defending champions.

**NBA**

**Lakers beat Thunder for best road start in team history**

Adding an All-NBA player such as James to our roster better positions our team to compete.

Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James (23) looks to pass the ball against the Oklahoma City Thunder during the first quarter of their NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, U.S., February 23, 2022. (Photo by CC Pyle/Reuters)
**England in control after bowling out Sri Lanka for 135**

I know that I haven’t bowled as well as I could have done and got away with probably one or two, but that’s cricket!

England captain Joe Root struck his fifth Test fifty to put them in a strong position at the end of the third day in Galle. His 50-ball knock helped the tourists to make a modest total of 135 after the hosts were bowled out for 82, thanks largely to a sound performance in the field.

England took two wickets in the final session to secure a first-innings lead of 53 runs. Despite England’s success, Sri Lanka showed signs of fighting back, with Kusal Perera scoring a quickfire 44 and Niroshan Dickwella and Dinesh Chandimal both showing their intent.

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Australia (probable): Tim Paine (capt), David Warner, Marcus Harris, Cameron Green, Steve Smith, Matthew Wade, Josh Hazlewood, Patrick Cummins, Jhye Richardson, Adam Zampa, Nathan Lyon, Jasprit Bumrah.

Harbhajan played cricket the Aussie way: Steve Waugh

“Harbhajan approached the game, according to former captain Steve Waugh, in the same vein, the same method and with the same spirit as an old-worldly cricketing hero.

“Australia and India will always try to knock each other out of the game. India will always try to smash Australia into smithereens. Australia will always try to come back with a bang, with a thud. It happens every time when they play against each other. India will not lose their spirit. It has been a great series."

India were on a 16-match winning streak in Tests and ended their longest losing streak of 26 Tests against Australia in the third Test. It was arguably the wicketkeeper-captain’s finest hour so far in this series.

“W e’ve spoken a lot... about controlling the bowlers. We just couldn’t counteract his bounce. He got this amazing delivery and bowled India out. He won the series for India in 2001. 32 wickets in three Tests. He played in the same vein, the same method and with the same spirit as an old-worldly cricketing hero."

Muralitharan sits at the top of the chart in the list of Test wicket-takers, ahead of2,328 compared to 34-year-old Australia’s Nathan Lyon’s 1,701. In 405 Tests, Muralitharan took 887 wickets at an average of 29.79, whereas Lyon has 778 scalps at 35.82.

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According to former captain Steve Waugh, Harbhajan played cricket the same way as Australia’s Nathan Lyon.

"The Covid-19 pandemic has seen both nations confined to their hotel rooms in Brisbane before and after training sessions."

"If Bumrah cannot play, their already walking wounded attack will have to bowl with a rank turner."

Ashwin can take four wickets in an over and keep the Aussies guessing. He bowled India out in the first innings of the third Test last week.

"We've seen a lot... about controlling what we can control and focusing more inwardly on ourselves. Because if we do that, then we shall be in a good position."

Spitfire Tim Paine warned mot- toying that his team ‘fed off’ the criticism directed at skipper Steve Smith without injured spinner Will Pucovski.

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Generation youth advocates learn about UN Sustainable Development Goals

The opening session and panel with generation Amazing programme, such as gender equality and inclusion – in line with the SDGs. In the months ahead, the Generation youth advocates will undertake further training to boost their knowledge of the SDGs and their contribution to the betterment of communities.