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Rally in Saudi Arabia yesterday clinched the West Asia Beach Volleyball Zonal Tour title, overpowering Omani pair of Haitham al-Sharqi and Mazen al-Hashemi in Ha’il and Al Artawiyah in Saudi Arabia, yesterday.

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### Former Pakistan captain retires

Four years after impressing Indian captain Virat Kohli as a net bowler, Junaid Jamshed announced his retirement from international cricket yesterday, writing an emotional letter on Twitter that included a 13-month ban from bowling due to a warped action.

The 41-year-old last played for his country at the Twenty20 World Cup in 2018 and not figuring in Pakistan’s team since the 2019 World Cup, Hafeez scored 3,652 runs and also has 61 international dismissals at 2,514. He is also remembered for a five-wicket haul in Adelaide - his first Test match - and for bowling for a year in July 2015. He is expected to take charge in the bowling department of the touring party. They include Jeetan Patel and strength and conditioning coach Jon Lewis, spin coach Mark Boucher and batting coach Stephen Fleming.

If recovered from a side strain, Olivier plunged India into more trouble with his bowling in his second over yesterday, finishing with 17-1-64-3 (1nb), which boosted his confidence and he says he’s right for the job. The team management is expected to announce its decision on his availability soon.

### England: The lads are pretty much in a good place

Former England skipper Joe Root needs to carry on as England captain, says Michael Vaughan.

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Bangladesh batted cautiously as the fast bowler bowled into the outside off stump. Das could not resist an incoming yorker and his stumps were brought into line as he was bowled. The tourists were all out for 86.

Both sides have been hit by the rain forecast for Sydney could come to an end as the first Test at the SCG is due to start tomorrow. If the match is abandoned without a result, it would be the first time in a Test match in Australia that a result is not achieved due to the weather.

### Bangladesh lead before Boult fights back

Mominul and Yasir both have a chance to play in the first Test as Bangladesh have only two players fit and capable of bowling in the second Test. The trio includes the rested bowlers and the two players currently bowling against New Zealand. They have reached 361 for six wickets as Boult and Co. have failed to take three wickets in the first innings.

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### England look to salvage pride as Covis-19 hangs over Sydney Test

Former England captain Michael Vaughan backed the team to gain full Engagement from the fans following widespread criticism of the 31-year-old’s captaincy. He also backed them to come to Sydney in Australia.

Root’s concerns are in stark contrast to the opinion of English great Geoffrey Boycott, who called on Root to step down, and Michael Atherton, who suggested his replacement should be two years away.

Boycott has also said that he does not believe Root has the confidence to beat Australia. Vaughan wrote in a column for The Telegraph on Thursday:

But with a better forecast for the first four days, that now appears less likely. He conceded from a side strain in the second Test and his bowling was ruled out for the first Test with a side strain. If he isn’t quite ready, Scott Boland could return to bowl for a quarter-hour, but he would need a lot of work in the nets first.

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Mominul’s innings included 11 boundaries and lasted 188 balls. It was his first 50 in Test cricket since the 2019 World Cup, his first fifty in Tests since the 2019 World Cup and his first Test fifty since the 2019 World Cup.

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Tsitsipas goes down fighting as Argentinia, Spain stay unbeaten

‘I was ready for that and I think everything is going very well, playing Stefanos is not easy’

World number one Ashleigh Barty told reporters ahead of the Australian Open that playing Stefanos Tsitsipas, the 25-year-old opted out of the WTA rankings list, “Genuinely it’s one of the best players, to go back home with a result again to be able to compete with Stefanos is exciting.”

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SPOTLIGHT
Crowd capacity limited to 25% for Turkish Super Cup

Al Sadd (in black) beat Al Gharafa 3-1 in the Qatar Women’s Football League at the Qatar Women’s Sport Committee (QWSC) Ground in Aspire Zone yesterday. The League, being played in a single round-robin format, will conclude on January 25.

Al Sadd manager Mohammed Al Maktoum said: “We are happy with the win against Al Gharafa, which is another three points for our season. We are now looking forward to the next round of matches.”

Al Sadd’s second goal came in the 42nd minute when Ali Akhlaqi scored from the penalty spot after Soufiane Hanni was brought down by Al Gharafa goalkeeper Abderrazack Elhaouie. The goal was a great relief for Al Sadd coach Luis Castrillo, who had suffered his third consecutive defeat in the competition.

Al Sadd were deservedly the better team throughout the match, and they were able to convert their dominance into goals. Despite Al Gharafa’s resistance, they were unable to prevent Al Sadd from securing their third consecutive victory in the competition. The win moves Al Sadd to the top of the league table, with 18 points from six matches.”

The LOC confirmed Qatar’s readiness to host the event, with the teams all set to participate and the weather conditions expected to be ideal for football. The LOC has also made arrangements for the spectators’ return, with measures in place to ensure safety and health protocols are followed.

As for the match itself, it was a tight and competitive encounter. Al Sadd started the game strongly, with Al Gharafa under pressure from the outset. However, Al Gharafa managed to hold their own in the first half and came out of the dressing room with renewed determination.

In the second half, Al Sadd stepped up their game, with Al Gharafa struggling to contain the hosts’ attacks. Al Sadd’s second goal came in the 53rd minute, with Al Sadd midfielder Ali Akhlaqi scoring from the penalty spot after Soufiane Hanni was brought down by Al Gharafa goalkeeper Abderrazack Elhaouie.

Despite Al Gharafa’s efforts to get back into the game, Al Sadd maintained their lead, with Al Sadd midfielder Ali Akhlaqi scoring his second goal in the 70th minute from the penalty spot after Soufiane Hanni was brought down by Al Gharafa goalkeeper Abderrazack Elhaouie.

In the final minutes of the match, Al Sadd coach Luis Castrillo made some changes to his team, with Al Sadd midfielder Ali Akhlaqi being replaced by Al Sadd midfielder Ali Akhlaqi. The game ended with Al Sadd taking all three points, with Al Gharafa accepting defeat.

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