



It's just two months that Mikel (Arteta) has been here and we have improved a lot tactically.

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Cairns Cup: In St Louis, USA, Koneru Humpy and Dronavalli Harika settled for contrasting draws in the fourth round of the Cairns Cup chess tournament.

Rising star: India forward Lalremliam has been named the 2019 Women's Rising Star of the Year, the international hockey federation said on Tuesday.

Marathon masks: Organisers of the Tokyo Marathon will distribute surgical masks to runners and volunteers if they request them over concerns about coronavirus.

Farah cleared: The International Tennis Federation has lifted the provisional suspension it imposed on reigning Wimbledon and the US Open men's doubles champion Robert Farah following his positive test for the banned substance Boldenone.

McNamara collapses: Former Celtic defender Jackie McNamara is in hospital after collapsing near his home. McNamara, 46, is understood to have been admitted to the hospital for brain surgery.

'Pele depressed': Football legend Pele is experiencing "a kind of depression" and barely leaves home anymore because health problems have left him unable to walk normally, his son said in an interview.

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DAWN/ANN & AGENCIES KARACHI/LAHORE/NEW DELHI, 11 FEBRUARY:

The Pakistan Kabaddi Federation yesterday rejected Indian authorities' claims that they had not "approved" any team to participate in the ongoing Kabaddi World Cup 2020. Earlier yesterday, the Indian authorities said they had not approved any team from the country to participate in the kabaddi World Cup currently underway in Pakistan, a day after the athletes had arrived via the Wagah border.

Addressing the media in Lahore, PKF president Chaudhry Shafay Hussain held "enemy elements" responsible for the confusion and said: "The fact is that the Kabaddi World Cup is being held in Pakistan for the first time. It was held only in India previously. Some enemy elements are conspiring (against the event)."

The PKF president also said that a first information report would be lodged against those spreading "false propaganda". PKF secretary Rana Sarwar said that the visiting team happened to be India's national team and cautioned against mixing sport with politics. Sarwar urged critics to "check the rankings of all the players" in the Indian team. He said that the statements by



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Indian officials were the result of rifts between national-level factions. DawnNewsTV approached Indian players and the team management too, but they did not comment on the situation. All of the previous six-circle-style kabaddi World Cups have been hosted by India, the most recent event having taken place in 2016.

Pakistan is hosting the event for the first time this year. The tournament will be eight-day-long with matches in Lahore, Faisalabad, Kartarpur and Nankana Sahib. Other than India, teams from Iran, Canada, Australia, the United States, Sierra Leone and Kenya are also participating in the event.

Amid the ongoing confusion, the Indian side defeated Germany yesterday.

'No idea' who went: Indian Olympic Association chief Narinder Batra said yesterday he had "no idea" about the players who had gone to

Pakistan as neither the Indian Olympic Association nor the Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India (AKFI) had approved any team to participate in the World Cup. "The IOA has not approved and it has also not been approved by the federation so I don't know who has gone. Whether 60 or 100 have gone,

I have no idea. The kabaddi federation, which is a member of the IOA, has confirmed that they have not sent anyone. I have seen statements from the (sport) ministry which confirm they have not approved anyone. So I don't know who they are and what the story is," he was quoted as saying.

Indian Arrows, Neroca play out goal-less draw

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA IMPHAL, 11 FEBRUARY:

Dishing out a strong performance, the national football federation developmental side India Arrows held hosts Neroca to a goalless draw in a I-League match, here on Tuesday.

The Arrows defended stoutly to deny Neroca on several occasions at the Khuman Lampak Stadium. Neroca, with the draw, have climbed up to the eighth spot on the table with 12 points from as many games while Arrows are at the rock bottom with eight points from 11 matches.

Srikanth leads India's rout of Kazakhstan



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA MANILA, 11 FEBRUARY:

Kidambi Srikanth (in photo) spearheaded India's 4-1 mauling of Kazakhstan in their opening group match to brighten their chances of reaching the quarter-finals of the Asia Team Badminton Championships here today.

Former world number one Srikanth, the up and coming Lakshya Sen and Subhakar Dey won their singles matches easily. Srikanth took just 23 minutes to beat Dmitry Panarin 21-10, 21-7 while Sen was even quicker, notching up a 21-13, 21-8 win over Artur Niyazov in 21 minutes. Dey beat Khaitmurt Kulmatov 21-11, 21-5 in 26 minutes in the third singles.

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It's Ronaldo v Ibrahimovic

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Cristiano Ronaldo and Zlatan Ibrahimovic are set to go head-to-head in Thursday's Italian Cup semi-final, first leg between Juventus and AC Milan at the San Siro.

Both Ronaldo and Ibrahimovic scored at the weekend in defeats as Juventus fell 2-1 at Hellas Verona, while AC Milan threw away a two-goal lead in a 4-2 defeat by city rivals Inter.

"It wasn't the result we wanted," said the 35-year-old Ronaldo despite becoming the first Juventus player to score in 10 successive league games, just one game short of the Serie A record.

The five-time Ballon d'Or winner has scored 23 goals in all competitions this season.

Ibrahimovic, 38, has scored three goals since returning to Milan last month. The Swede headed in the second goal on Sunday after setting up the first, but Inter hit back with four second-half strikes.

"I showed that I can still make a difference, even at 38," he said. But Inter striker Romelu Lukaku will be looking to upstage the two other former Manchester United players against Napoli in the other last-four first leg on Wednesday.

Gennaro Gattuso's Napoli, despite their current slump, ousted holders Lazio in the quarter-finals. "There's a new king in town," a jubilant Lukaku wrote on Twitter after scoring the fourth goal for Inter in Sunday's derby.

"We run this town." The Belgian was replying to Ibrahimovic's pre-derby post saying that "lions don't compare themselves to humans". Juventus coach Maurizio Sarri has reason to be worried by his side's away form, with the defending Serie A champions having lost their last two games on the road. "I hope that someone will help me, it's something we have to resolve," Sarri said after the loss to Verona. "Right now we have a difference in performance between home and away." AFP

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