

# SPORTS

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# Son shines for Spurs

Son Heung-Min's solo effort secures win for Spurs after Hugo Lloris saves Man City penalty

● **Tottenham joy at City win overshadowed by Kane injury**

AFP | London

Tottenham ignored Harry Kane's latest injury woes as Son Heung-Min sealed a priceless 1-0 win over Manchester City after Hugo Lloris saved Sergio Aguero's penalty in a dramatic Champions League quarter-final first leg on Tuesday.

Mauricio Pochettino's side earned a slender advantage thanks to Son's clinical strike late in the second half at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.

Son scored the first goal in Tottenham's posh new abode against Crystal Palace last week and now the South Korea forward has bagged their maiden European strike in the arena.

While Son soaked up the plaudits, much-maligned keeper Lloris also enjoyed a sweet moment of redemption in a troubled campaign when he kept out Aguero's first-half spot-kick.

Tottenham's victory was an unexpected twist to an enthralling encounter, especially after Kane injured his left ankle in a tackle on Fabian Delph early in the second half.

But City had only themselves to blame for failing to earn an advantage for the second leg in



Son Heung-min of Tottenham scores the only goal against Manchester City

Manchester on April 17.

Having won the League Cup, reached the FA Cup final and kept the destiny of the Premier League title in their own hands, this was City's next hurdle in the race for an unprecedented quadruple.

But City boss Pep Guardiola is adamant it is "almost impossible" to achieve a clean-sweep of all four major trophies.

He might be right on the evidence of a City display that lacked the cutting edge and intensity required to keep Tottenham at bay.

City's first defeat since a January 29 setback at Newcastle is not fatal to their European ambitions, but they will have to



**Manchester City faced first defeat since a January 29 setback at Newcastle**

improve on this tired effort to stop Tottenham reaching their first European semi-final since 1984.

This was City's 52nd competitive match of a draining season

and Guardiola made four changes from the team that laboured to a 1-0 win over Brighton in the FA Cup semi-final on Saturday.

Fernandinho was selected instead of Kevin De Bruyne, the defensive-minded Brazilian lining up in midfield in a move that showed Guardiola was willing to sacrifice a little of his attacking philosophy in deference to Tottenham's quality.

Tottenham have been riding a wave of excitement in their new £1 billion, 62,062-capacity stadium, while City wilted in the red-hot atmosphere at Anfield in the Champions League quarter-finals against Liverpool last season.

If Guardiola was concerned

about subduing Tottenham and their boisterous crowd, his side were handed a golden opportunity in the 12th minute.

Raheem Sterling cut in from the left and left three Tottenham defenders in his wake before unleashing a shot that struck Danny Rose's raised arm as the Tottenham left-back slid in to block.

There were no penalty appeals from City, but after consulting VAR, Dutch referee Bjorn Kuipers awarded the spot-kick.

However, Lloris plunged to his left to keep out Aguero's penalty with a superb save.

### Son rises

Kane was embroiled in a physical battle with City defence's but his attempt to fight fire with fire proved his downfall in the 55th minute.

Crunching into a late challenge on Delph on the touchline, Kane appeared to twist his ankle before immediately signalling he would have to come off.

The sight of the England captain limping badly down the tunnel could have been fatal for Tottenham.

Kane, who has scored 24 times for Tottenham this season, is no stranger to ankle problems.

Yet Tottenham thrived in his absence for seven matches with left ankle ligament damage earlier this season.

And once again they rose to the challenge to snatch the lead in the 78th minute.

### Diploma chapter concludes

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The second chapter of the Sports Management Diploma, organized by the Olympic Academy of the Bahrain Olympic Committee in cooperation with the International Olympic Committee's Olympic Solidarity, came to a close yesterday at K Hotel in Juffair.

The first chapter discussed financial management and focused on good financial management methods, financial planning, budget preparation, accounting processes, evaluation and reporting.

The second chapter focused on initiating a series of workshops and applications with a special presentation on the first chapter in regards to sports and Olympic institutions management.

### BOC General Assembly set

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The ordinary general assembly of the Bahrain Olympic Committee is all set to take place today at Swiss-Belhotel in Seef area.

During today's meeting, Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa will be officially elected unopposed president of the committee for a fresh four-year stint. Shaikh Khalid was the sole candidate for the BOC presidency campaign, replacing former president Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Bahrain Martial Arts Association member Faisal Kanoo has also won the only available seat in the BOC board of directors after the withdrawal of opposing candidates - Bahrain Swimming Association president Mohammed Mejbek and Bahrain Triathlon Association general secretary Mai Al Haji.

### Shaikh Salman AFC win reflects continued success: Shaikh Isa

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Shaikh Isa bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Second Vice chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, and Honorary President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, has congratulated the leadership on Shaikh Salman bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa's recent re-election as AFC president and vice-president of FIFA.

In an official statement, Shaikh Isa said Shaikh Salman's victory reflects his distinguished efforts and contributions during his stint at the helm of the AFC, during which he has made a string of achievements for the game

## Sheraton rally past Wyndham Garden

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Sheraton defeated Wyndham Garden by 14 runs in the Eighth Inter Hotel Charity Cricket Tournament match held on Tuesday. Ajay was declared man of the match.

Score: Sheraton(53/5 in 6 overs) defeated Wyndham Garden(39 for all out in 5 overs) by

14 runs.

Man of the Match: Ajay

**In other matches**

Match 2: Downtown Rotana (52/5 in 6 overs) defeated Royal Phoenicia(50 for all out in 6 overs) by 2 runs.

Man of the Match: Kassim

Match 3: The Domain Hotel(67/4 in 6 overs) defeated Wyndham Grand(52/3 in 6 overs) by 15 runs.

Match 4: Intercontinental Regency (63/3 in 6 overs) defeated Art Rotana Amwaj (46/3 in 6 overs) by 17 runs.

Man of the Match: M. Naem

Match 5: Diplomat Radisson Blu (98/2 in 6 overs) defeated Majestic Arjaan by Rotana (36/6 in 4.5 overs) by 62 runs.

Man of the Match: Saurav

## Klopp pleased with Henderson's contribution

Reuters | London

Liverpool manager Juergen Klopp hailed the performance of his skipper Jordan Henderson in Tuesday's 2-0 Champions League win over Porto, with the England midfielder delivering another impressive display in a more advanced role.

Henderson recently said he had been badgering Klopp to allow him more freedom to break into the final third and, after scoring as a second-half substitute at Southampton on Friday, he started and delivered a killer pass for Liverpool's second goal.

"Hendo is a brilliant player.



Juergen Klopp and Jordan Henderson celebrate at the end of the match

He obviously likes the position. We've not used him there for 3.5 years - sorry about that!" grinned Klopp.

"I'm glad he can show it. There were a lot of good indi-

vidual performances," he said.

Henderson has often played in a defensive midfield role but with Fabinho taking care of that responsibility, he is now able to push into advanced areas.

## Young Blasters edge Rising stars



Antony - COLTS

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Young Blasters beat Rising stars in a super over in the CBA Division D T-20 Knockout Tournament.

Batting first, Blasters scored 106 runs at the end of 20 overs, with Rishabh (32) becoming the top scorer as Alan took three wickets for Rising stars.

Chasing the target Rising tied the score with Blasters. Vinoy (45) became the top scorer for Rising stars while Rishabh took three wickets for Blasters.

In super over Rising stars could score only three runs on Rishabh's balls while Blasters reached the target in 3 balls to win the match.

### Other Match Results

Kooheji Contractors 200/7 in 20 overs (Region 68, Vaseem 47, Abdullah 4/56) beat Friends XI 122/10 (Jaison 62 Region 3/13) by 78 runs



Sheraz - Spartans

Infonas 137/6 in 20 overs (Musaib 41, Reji 4/13) beat Tornado Riders 87/10 (Vijeesh 21, Rashid 3/14) by 50 runs

Colts 151/2 in 19.4 overs (Antony 75, Disbin 47, Waqar 2/22) beat Brave Warriors 150/10 (Waqas 55, Diljo 4/20) by 8 wickets

Spartans 179/9 in 20 overs (Sheraz 73, Farhan 26, Jabbar 2/15) beat ETS 117/10 (Hamza 28) by 62 runs

Alpha Fire Bahrain 162/6 in 20 overs (Amila 48, Thilina 34, Ashwani 2/24) beat Indian Super Kings 120/10 (Ashwani 53, Ajay 35, Lalit 3/20) by 42 runs

CBA Division D 25 overs league

Suha Travels 164/10 (Zohaib 59, Waseem 4/24) beat Fateh Curtain 160/10 (Nomi 51, Zohaib 3/27) by 4 runs

Royal Blasters 128/7 in 16 overs (Diju 35, Meharan 2/12) beat Santy Excavation 127/10 (Shinu 41,) by 3 wickets