orts of bahrain Arab Cup drama hits final four

Morocco meet UAE, Saudi Arabia face Jordan



Moroccan players in high spirits during training

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treat tonight as the FIFA works. Arab Cup semi-finals take

dium. With the quarter-finals providing stunning upsets and drama, both semi-finals promise ootball fans are in for a another night of football fire-

The Atlas Lions and the Green center stage in Doha, with Mo- Falcons booked their semi-final rocco facing UAE at 5:30 PM at spots last Thursday. Morocco with Mohamed Kanno heading shootout following a riveting Khalifa International Stadium narrowly defeated Syria 1-0 at home the winner from a per- 1-1 draw.



Mohamed Kanno celebrates Saudi Arabia's quarter-final winning goal

goal after a parried attempt from the last four. Mounir Chouiar, ensuring the

Meanwhile, UAE and Jordan while, Saudi Arabia secured a separated in 120 minutes as UAE 2–1 extra-time win over Pales- stunned defending champions tine at Education City Stadium, Algeria in a marathon penalty



Jordan players work through drills before semi-final match

after goalkeeper Hamad Alm- through a dramatic knockout Atlas Lions advanced after large- both booked their places last sudden death. Earlier on, Jor- feated in the tournament, while ly controlling the match. Mean- Friday. Neither side could be dan edged Iraq 1-0 thanks to Ali UAE are riding the momentum of mat to an early knee injury.

and Saudi Arabia taking on Jor- Al Rayyan, with substitute Walid fect cross by Salem Al Dawsari, Richard Akonnor eventually Arab Cup semi-finals feature cember 18, alongside the thirddan at 8:30 PM at Al Bayt Sta- Azaro scoring the decisive late sending the Green Falcons into converted the decisive spot-kick four sides that have advanced place decider.

eqbaali made a crucial save in stage. Morocco remain unde-Olwan's controversial first-half a narrow escape. Jordan are also penalty, holding on despite los- yet to be beaten, while Hervé Reing star forward Yazan Al Nai- nard's men, Saudi Arabia, will be looking for a comfortable route With so much on the line, the to the final, which is set for De-

Green says no complacency as Australia aim to seal Ashes in Adelaide

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All-rounder Cameron Green said Sunday there was no room for complacency in the third Test this week, conscious that Australia let England bounce back from 2-0 down in the last Ashes

Australia were on top in England in 2023, winning at Edgbaston and Lord's, before the hosts won two of the last three Tests with the other drawn.

Despite the series ending 2-2, Pat Cummins' side retained the Australia's Cameron Green in action



Ashes as holders.

the third Test at the Adelaide intense media glare. Oval starting on Wednesday.

look a bit far ahead, but that's on Saturday as they departed a great reminder for us to stay Brisbane airport for Adelaide, as good as we can be and finish it off."

The odds are stacked in Australia's favour on home soil after eight-wicket wins in Perth and Brisbane, with England winless

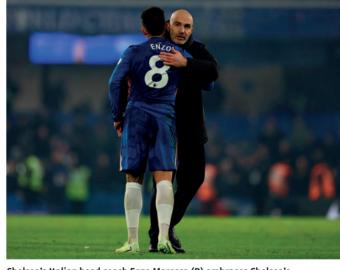
Ben Stokes' side have been "That's a good reminder for widely panned for their lack of our team to stay really level," fight and perceived poor prepa-Green told reporters ahead of ration, with the team under an

A security guard for the team "I think you can at times had a run-in with a cameraman with pictures showing him seemingly pushing the Channel Seven operator away.

Green said he had sympathy for England.

"You never like getting filmed, Down Under since their 2010-11 especially when you want to get away from it," he said.

Maresca bemoans 'worst 48 hours at Chelsea' after lack of support



Chelsea's Italian head coach Enzo Maresca (R) embraces Chelsea's Argentinian midfielder #08 Enzo Fernandez (L) on the pitch

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Enzo Maresca said he had suffered his "worst 48 hours" since joining Chelsea after a 2-0 win at home sponding to a question about to Everton on Saturday as he the performance of Malo Guslamented a lack of support.

club into fourth place in the comments about an absence Premier League table and end- of backing, although he did ed a run of four winless games not specify who he was talking in all competitions, with Cole about. Palmer scoring on his first home start since August.

Yet Chelsea boss Maresca, though he stressed he was not plains". criticising the London club's

the worst since I joined the as they ended a poor run of reclub because many people sults that included losses away didn't support me and the at Leeds and Atalanta and a team," he said.

Maresca, asked whether he was referencing Chelsea supporters, replied: "I love the fans and we are very happy with the fans."

Maresca was initially reto, the scorer of Chelsea's sec-Victory took the London ond goal, before he made his

During a pre-match press conference on Friday, the Chelsea manager insisted only who in his debut 2024/25 sea- victories would stop supportson in charge guided the Blues ers from complaining on social to both the Europa Conference media, saying all his decades in League and Club World Cup football meant "I know that if titles, was far from happy, al- you don't win everyone com-

But there was no doubting Maresca's backing for his play-"The last 48 hours has been ers, and Palmer in particular, goalless draw at Bournemouth.

Bhalla, Singh and Al Shaikh Win Black Knights Blackball Title



Zuzar Madarwala ringing the bell as individual winner and on behalf of the sponsor, the Black Knights.

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Blackball team title at the an-third hole. nual "Black Knights" Blackball

The traditional format, spon- throughout the day.

sored by the Black Knights social group since 2013, sees teams anjeev Bhalla, Balbir Singh of three share a single black golf and Abdulrahman Abdul- ball, with each player responwahed Al Shaikh claimed the sible for scoring with it every

competition, one of the most black ball at the end of the round anticipated events on the club are eligible for the main prize, McIlear taking the Division with players and guests roundadding pressure and drama One title on countback after ing off the event at a post-com-



Winners, Balbir Singh and Abdulrahman Abdulwahed Al Shaikh, with Captain

topped the team standings with and Zuzar Madarwala post-38 points, ahead of Hamad Sa- ing the best score of the day lem Al Aathem,

Hussain Salem and Abdulra- Three. him Fakhroo on 35. Individu-Only teams able to return the al honours were also decided captain Steve Newall and touracross three divisions, with Lee nament director Balbir Singh, a strong gross 71, James Wil- petition dinner.

Bhalla, Singh and Al Shaikh liamson winning Division Two, with 40 points to win Division

Prizes were presented by club