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Italy turn focus to Israel

A bruised Italy will look to turn the page on a morale-sapping World Cup qualifying defeat to Spain when they host Israel in Reggio Emilia on Tuesday.

The Azzurri need three points to consolidate second place in Group B behind Spain and stay safely clear of third-placed Albania as they look to make it to the finals in Russia next year.

Giampiero Ventura's side were outclassed by the 2010 world champions, inspired by Real Madrid midfielder Isco, as they lost 3-0 at the Santiago Bernabeu on Saturday.

Tuesday's challenge against Israel at the Mapei Stadium in northern Italy has now become all the more important as the four-time world champions look to regain confidence with a two-legged play-off now looking increasingly likely if they are to reach the World Cup.

"A bad defeat which will help us now... our grit and determination for Tuesday," said midfielder Antonio Candreva.

Napoli forward Lorenzo Insigne added: "To get to the World Cup we need to remain united."

Israel – seven points behind Italy – are coming off a 1-0 defeat to Macedonia, their fourth of the campaign.

But Ventura has defensive worries.

Giorgio Chiellini is still out with a calf problem along with Leonardo Bonucci, who picked up a booking on Saturday, and Leonardo Spinazzola, injured in the last few minutes in Spain.



Latvia's Anastasia Sevastova celebrates her win against Maria Sharapova of Russia in the women's singles fourth round match of the US Open at Flushing Meadows on Sunday.

Chess World Cup Rakib ousted in first round

Grand Master Abdullahi Rakib was eliminated from the Chess World Cup in Tbilisi, Georgia after losing both bouts of his first round game against World No. 7 GM Nakamura Hikaru of USA.

The Bangladeshi GM lost the first game against the American on Sunday. Playing with black pieces, he resigned after 29 moves. In the reverse fixture on Monday, Rakib played with white pieces and conceded defeat after 27 moves.

Rakib, playing his first World Cup, had qualified as Asian Zone 3.2 champion which was held in Nepal in March.

Villa's return cut short

David Villa's return to the Spanish national team has been cut short by an anterior injury, with the forward leaving the squad before they face Liechtenstein in a World Cup qualifier on Tuesday.

The 35-year-old featured as a substitute in the 3-0 win over Italy on Saturday after a three-year absence from the team, before suffering an injury in training.

"Having monitored the strain suffered by David Villa in this morning's training session, it was decided that the player would leave the squad and not travel to Liechtenstein," the Spanish football federation said.

New York City striker Villa is Spain's all-time top scorer with 59 goals and was capped for the 98th time against Italy.

Nadal surges in to last eight

World number one Rafael Nadal notched up his 50th win at the US Open yesterday to reach the quarter-finals for the seventh time.

The two-time champion, who could meet old rival Roger Federer in New York for the first time at the semi-final stage, crushed Ukraine's Alexander Dolgoplov 6-2, 6-4, 6-1.

The 31-year-old Spaniard goes on to face either 19-year-old Andrey Rublev of Russia or Belgian ninth seed David Goffin for a place in the last-four.

"I played a solid match but not many mistakes," said Nadal, the 2010 and 2013 champion in New York, showed no signs of the struggles that bedeviled him in the two previous rounds, when he dropped the opening set before prevailing in four.

His 23 winners on Monday were just shaded by world number 64 Dolgoplov's 25 but the Ukrainian's 39 unforced errors were more than three times those committed by Nadal.

Memento to the top seed Kristina Pliskova, the runner-up in 2016, needed just 46 minutes to sweep past Jennifer Brady of the United States 6-1, 6-0 and make her third Slam quarter-final of 2017.

Sevastova stuns Sharapova

Tuesday's other quarterfinal will match Czech 13th seed Petra Kvitová, a two-time Wimbledon champion, against US ninth seed Venus Williams, seeking her eighth Slam title and third US Open crown.

Kvitová eliminated Spanish third seed and two-time Slam winner Garbine Muguruza 7-6 (7/3), 6-3 while Williams beat 35th-ranked Spaniard Carla Suarez Navarro 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

Sharapova is expected to jump from 146th to around 100th in the world rankings.

Williams is the oldest woman entered at 37 but was this year's Wimbledon and Australian Open runner-up. She hasn't reached three Slam finals in a year since 2002.

"I'm focused on myself and trying to be as aggressive as possible," Williams said. "Nobody ever gives you a Slam. You've got to take it and I'm going to try and take it."

Kvitová, 4-1 all-time against Williams, missed five months after a knife-wielding home intruder injured her left hand last December.

Anderson matched his best Slam run from the 2015 US Open by beating Italy's Paolo Lorenzi 6-4, 6-3, 6-7 (4/7), 6-4.

"I got off to a great start the first two sets and imposed my game," Anderson said. "I had to dig deep and it feels absolutely fantastic to get through."

Carreno Busta, who has not dropped a set, ended Canadian 18-year-old qualifier Denis Shapovalov's dream run 7-6 (7/2), 7-6 (7/4), 7-6 (7/3).

Shapovalov would have been the youngest Slam quarterfinalist since Michael Chang at the 1990 French Open and youngest at the US Open since Andre Agassi in 1988.

"The biggest lesson is that I'm able to compete with these guys," Shapovalov said. "I still think I have a lot of work to do."

Schwartzman eliminated French 16th seed Lucas Pouille 7-6 (7/3), 7-5, 2-6, 6-2. At 5ft 7ins (1.70m), he is the shortest Grand Slam quarterfinalist since Peruvian Jaime Yzaga at the 1994 US Open.

QUICK SINGLES

The following are a few samples of stories that did not make the print edition. However, if they pique your interest, you can always read them online on the Daily Star website by simply scanning the QR codes listed below:

Argentina aim to rebound

Lionel Messi and Argentina will seek to maintain the pressure on Chile with a victory over Venezuela on Tuesday as South America's 2018 World Cup qualifying race enters the home stretch.

A faltering campaign has left Argentina fifth in the standings with three games remaining, just outside the top four spots which guarantee automatic entry to next year's finals in Russia.

It would still take a dramatic sequence of results for the unthinkable – a World Cup without Argentina and Messi – to become reality.

Even if Jorge Sampaoli's side fail to look up automatic qualification, and finish fifth, they would still be favourites to qualify via a two-leg play-off at the Estadio Monumental in Buenos Aires.

Yet the gloom that has enveloped the Argentinian squad throughout the qualifiers means that little is being taken for granted ahead of Tuesday's game at the Estadio Monumental in Buenos Aires.

An uninspiring 0-0 draw with Uruguay in Montevideo on Thursday left Argentina level on 23 points with Chile, who lead on goal difference.

Sampaoli is expected to persist with the bulk of the team who started against Uruguay, with Messi leading a potent front from three that features Paulo Dybala and Mauro Icardi. Javier Mascherano could return for the suspended Gabriel Mercado, while Ever Banega may replace Pablo Pizarro.

Argentina were frustrated by a Uruguayan win over defending champions Chile and packed the midfield. With Venezuela likely to use similar tactics, Sampaoli has urged his team to be more aggressive on Tuesday.

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Dembele eyes titles at Barca

Barcelona's new signing Ousmane Dembele said Monday he has eyes firmly fixed on winning titles and a place in France's squad at next year's World Cup.

Dembele, 20, transferred to Barca from Borussia Dortmund in a 105 million euro (\$125 million) deal that could rise to 145m with add-ons depending on his performance, as the Catalan giants splashed out to fill the gap left by Neymar's own world record 222m-euro move to Paris Saint-Germain.

"What I want is to be here, to play with the world's best players," Dembele said in an interview with Mundo Deportivo newspaper.

The best players, he said, "are at Barca and it's for that reason I came here. To win titles for the team and then to be able to be with the France team at the World Cup in Russia."

Dembele again played down any comparison with Neymar.

"Neymar is a great player and I still have to strive to improve, to play as I know and offer up my best qualities," the Frenchman said.

"I like to dribble and give the decisive pass to my teammates."

"What I hope is to be able to adapt well to the team and to know them all, Messi, Suarez, Iniesta... But above all, to have a good entry into the squad."

At Rennes, he played more down the left wing, but also down the right and sometimes in midfield. At Dortmund, it was the same, I alternated wings. I don't have problems with the position I'll take up."

Dembele acknowledged that Barca had been interested in signing him last season, but he said he "would not have played what I needed to."

"I had only been playing professionally for half a year. I had to learn more," he said.

Dembele will now form a fearsome forward line alongside five-time World Player of the Year Lionel Messi and Luis Suarez as Barca aim to wrestle the Champions League and La Liga titles back from rivals Real Madrid.

He will have to wait, however, until at least September 9 to make his debut when Barca host Espanyol in a Catalan derby.

Dembele announced himself as one of Europe's top prospects with a stellar season at Dortmund, scoring 10 goals, after joining from Rennes for just 15 million euros a year ago.

Sabir reminds me of Kohli: Lyon

Sabir Rahman is only eight Tests old, but he has been picked to represent Bangladesh by Australia off-spinner Nathan Lyon after the two starred on the first day of the second Test between Bangladesh and Australia at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chittagong.

Pollard's 'no' to Lewis's ton

Ronnie Pollard, leading Barbans. Trends in the ongoing Caribbean Premier League, came under fire for perceived sportsmanlike conduct after deliberately bowing a no-ball that may have denied St Kitts and Nevis Patriots opener Evn Lewis a century at the end of an astonishing seven-over chase of 129.

SL to play day-night Test against Pak

Sri Lanka will play its first day-night Test match later this month when they meet Pakistan for a two-match series in the United Arab Emirates, the cricket board said.

Belgium self World Cup place, France held by Luxembourg

Romeu Lukaku's goal allowed Belgium to become the first European nation to clinch qualification for the 2018 World Cup as much-fancied France are held to an embarrassing goalless draw by Luxembourg.