Denmark star Eriksen stable after collapse on pitch during Euro 2020 match vs Finland

Denmark midfielder Christian Eriksen is stable in hospital after collapsing during his country's opening Euro 2020 game against Finland in Copenhagen.

The Inter star went down during the opening half of the Group B match and required extensive medical attention on the pitch before he was removed on a stretcher.

After Eriksen was taken to the hospital, UEFA went out word that his condition was stable. The Danish FA also confirmed that Eriksen was awake and undergoing further tests. The game was initially suspended before it was later restarted after a delay of more than 90 minutes, with Finland winning 1-0.

What was said?

UEFA provided the first update on Eriksen's status, saying in a tweet: "The player has been transferred to the hospital and has been stabilised."

The Danish FA also sent out a tweet saying: "Christian Eriksen is awake and is undergoing further examinations" at the hospital.

Eriksen's agent Martin Schoots told Dutch radio station NPO Radio 1 that Eriksen was awake, saying: "I've been in contact with his father for a while and he says that Christian is breathing and can talk, that's the good news. He is conscious, but everyone is in shock. His girlfriend is with him."

What happened?

Play came to a halt just before half-time as Eriksen, without any players around him, dropped to the ground.

Referee Anthony Taylor immediately blew his whistle and brought proceedings to a halt. Denmark and Finland immediately called for the medical staff, who raced onto the pitch to administer treatment.

His Danish team-mates formed a shield around him as the medics provided treatment, before white sheets were held up around him to provide privacy.

Following several minutes of on-field treatment, UEFA announced that the match was suspended. The European governing body said just over an hour later that following a request from both teams' players, the match would be resumed.

Following the request made by players of both teams, UEFA has agreed to restart the match between Denmark and Finland tonight at 20:30 CET (TBC).

The last four minutes of the first half will be played, there will then be a 5-minute half-time break followed by the second half.

The 29-year-old came up through Ajax's academy before going on to become a star for the Dutch giants.

Eriksen's exploits in the Netherlands earned him a move to Tottenham in 2013, where he would go on to become one of the north London club's top players.

After six and a half seasons with Spurs, Eriksen moved to Inter in January 2020. Eriksen took time before becoming a key figure in Milan, but was a major part of Antonio Conte's 2020-21 Serie A title winners. goal

CAFA Women's Championship: Afghanistan beats Tajikistan by one goal

KABUL: Afghanistan's U-20 national football team beat Tajikistan 1-0 on Saturday night in the U-20 Women's Championship 2021 in Dushanbe. The competition is run by the Central Asian Football Association (CAFA).

Afghan striker Zahra Foladi scored the one goal that won the match in the 17th minute.

Afghanistan lost its first match in the tournament 11-0 to Uzbekistan.

The Afghan team will face Iran on Monday in its third match of the tournament.

The tournament started in Dushanbe on June 9 and will end on June 18.

Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Iran, Uzbekistan, and Kyrgyzstan are participating.

The CAFA Junior Championship is an international football competition in Central Asia for member nations of the Central Asian Football Association (CAFA).

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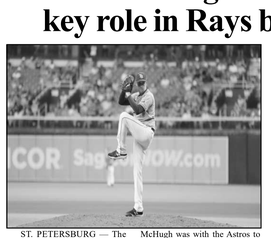
Collin McHugh slides into key role in Rays bullpen



ST. PETERSBURG — The win Collin McHugh earned Saturday for two dazzling innings of relief was a small reward for the impressive work he has done since returning from a back strain that landed him on the injured list.

In 18 innings over 11 appearances, McHugh has allowed one run (for a 0.50 ERA), 10 hits, six walks and has logged 31 strikeouts of 69 batters. for a 44.9 percentage), working as an opener and multi-inning bridge reliever. Saturday was a prime example, as he faced seven Orioles and struck out five.

"McHugh was awesome," Rays manager Kevin Cash said. "He's got just great feel for the slider right now. He's picking up strikeouts from righties (and) from lefties. He's throwing the ball over the plate early. Then that slider he's featuring right now from the side, it looks like a Frisbee going up there.

"Hitters can't give up on it and then it just expands and carries out of the zone and looks like a strike for a long time."

Rays centerfielder Kevin Kiermaier saw enough when McHugh was with the Astros to know how big of a weapon he can be.

"He's nasty," Kiermaier said. "I hated facing him back in the day. … He said about a month ago, 'Don't let the kid get hot.' He was kind of joking around. But he meant that at the same time. … I get excited every time he takes that mound because the way he can spin the ball and make it go many different ways."

Kiermaier, on why he missed Brett Phillips' entertaining reaction to being hit by a pitch in the fourth inning:

"I actually didn't see it right when it happened. I was taking a potty break. I was going pee in the urinal to clear that up. …That was a No. 1 one by the way. Let's just be very cordial about that, people. Come on now."

Medical matters

First baseman Ji-Man Choi played in the second of two extended spring games with no issues from the left groin strain that landed him on the injured list, and he could be activated Sunday or, more likely, Monday. .... Starter Chris Archer, out since early April with forearm tightness, threw off the mound for the first time (10 pitches) and will continue to build volume for two weeks, then start facing hitters. … Reliever Chaz Roe, out since an early-April shoulder strain, made his fourth rehab appearance Friday for Triple-A Durham, striking out two in a nine-pitch, 1-2-3 inning.

Miscellany

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· Attendance was a Tropicana Field season-high 9,225. But this was only the fourth game since the Rays expanded capacity back to around 20,000, drawing 7,173, 7,616 and 6,211. For the first 28 games capacity was 9,021, which they reached only for the April 9 home opener.

· The Rays have won all five games against the Orioles this season, 11 of the past 12 overall and 10 straight series at the Trop dating to July 17.

· The O's lost their 14th straight road game overall, their longest such streak since moving to Baltimore in 1954, but only the third-longest such streak in the majors this season, behind the Diamondbacks (19) and Rangers (16).

Austin Meadows' fifth-inning single snapped an 0-for-15 stretch.

· Kiermaier logged his 102nd career stolen base, tying Ben Zobrist for third on the Rays' all-time list. Carl Crawford had 409 and B.J. Upton 232.

England cricket players face review of social media posts

England's cricket authorities will review players' social media to "address any historical issues" following fast bowler Ollie Robinson's suspension for discriminatory posts on Twitter in 2012-13.

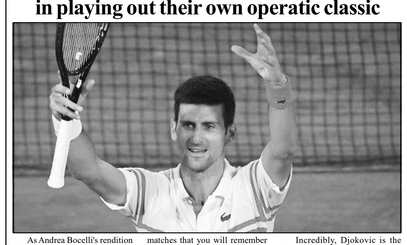
The England and Wales Cricket Board's announcement Saturday opened the door to taking disciplinary action against other players, if necessary.

Robinson was suspended from international cricket last Sunday pending a disciplinary investigation into the racist and sexist tweets he posted as a teenager.

The 27-year-old Robinson, who made his test debut in the first match of a series against New Zealand last week at Lord's, has apologized.

The review will "address any historical issues, remind individuals of their personal responsibilities going forward, and help them learn lessons along the way," the ECB said.

French Open: Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal went one better than Andrea Bocelli in playing out their own operatic classic



As Andrea Bocelli's rendition of Nessun Dorma rang around the Stadio Olimpico in Rome, so the two tenors of tennis played out an operatic classic of their own on a bonkers Friday night 900 miles north at Roland Garros.

Never has a tennis match had such an immeasurable amount of interest on social media as Novak Djokovic's stunning four-set victory against 'The King of Clay' Rafael Nadal at the French Open.

Andy Murray called it "perfect" while Andy Roddick said it was one of the "best matches" he had ever seen and golfer Sergio Garcia described it as "out of this world". We even had Cher tweeting about it. Who even knew the 'Goddess of Pop' was a tennis fan!

In his press conference, Djokovic said it was the "most beautiful" match he had ever played in Paris.

The world No 1 said: "Definitely the best match that I was part of ever in Roland Garros for me, and top three matches that I ever played in my entire career, considering the quality of tennis, playing my biggest rival on the court where he has had so much success and has been the dominant force in the last 15-plus years, and the atmosphere, which was completely electric.

"Just one of these nights and matches that you will remember forever."

The great Spaniard went into the contest having won 105 of his previous 107 matches on the Parisian clay, losing only to Robin Soderling in the French Open fourth round in 2009 and Djokovic in the last eight six years ago.

He had won all 13 of his previous semi-finals but, in a 58th match between the pair that for three sets maybe surpassed any that came before, Djokovic found the answers to the greatest challenge in sport to win an instant classic 3-6 6-3 7-6 (7-4) 6-2.

The biggest cheer of the night came with the announcement that the fans, who had been expected to be ejected to comply with Paris' 11pm curfew, were in fact being allowed to stay.

The French Open and local authorities had quickly shifted gears ... a "Thank you, Macron" chant referring to France's president, Emmanuel Macron rang around Court Philippe Chatrier before a passionate rendition of La Marseillaise.

Djokovic saved a set point at 5-6 in a pivotal third set full of spellbinding rallies before taking the tie-break. He then reeled off the last six games of the match to take his record over career-long rival Nadal to 30-28.

Incredibly, Djokovic is the first player in 116 matches to beat Nadal in best-of-five sets on clay after losing the opener.

Asked what it meant to beat Nadal at a Grand Slam he has owned almost exclusively since 2005, Djokovic said it was difficult to put into words.

"I mean, he has been the most dominant player of the Roland Garros history. He lost two, now three times, in his entire career here," Djokovic said.

"The amount of wins that he has made on this court is incredible. Each time you step on the court with him, you know that you have to kind of climb Mount Everest to win.

"It's just one of these matches that I really will remember for a very long time, not just because I won the match but because of the atmosphere, the occasion was very special."

Nadal, always the most magnanimous of losers, said: "That's sport, you know. Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose. I tried to give my best.

"It was probably was not my best day out there. My position on shots were not that effective. Against a player like him who takes the ball early, I was not able to take him out of his positions, then is (becomes) very difficult.