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Sport



Wimbledon 2021: Andy Murray relations, Afghanistan's home fixtures in Sharjah

KABUL: During the meeting The delegations discussed the SCC officials expressed their as it had done in the past. held at Sharjah Cricket Council strengthening of bilateral relations interest in providing required ashead office, Dr. Shinwari met between ACB and SCC and other sistance for ACB on their behalf. ing, ACB CEO extended ACB's SCC's Patron in-chief Abdul Rah- relevant affairs, especially possi- Abdul Rahman Bukhater add- invitation to SCC officials to visit man Bukhatir, Chairman SCC Mr.
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bility of Afghanistan's upcoming ed that he was pleased to see the home fixtures at Sharjah Cricket excellent progress over the years cordially by its Patron- in chief who expressed his gratitude and Bukhater and Mr. Waleed Bukhat- players and a permanent office for team all the success in future. He said he will available opporer who serves as a Board Member ACB in Sharjah to handle relevant further added that SCC will contunity to visit Afghanistan soon.

ACB, SCC discuss strengthening bilateral

of Emirates Cricket Board. affairs. tinue to support Afghan cricket The Kabul Times Messi shines after breaking Argentina

and delivering an assist in the first half against Bolivia after taking the field for the 148th time in his ca-The winger passed Javier Mascherano with his Monday appearance in the Copa America group stage. He also reached 75 goals with the Albiceleste. Argentina topped Group A with the eventual 4-1 victory and will face Ecuador in the quarter-Messi has played the role of distributor and scorer brilliantly in the first half on Monday. He sent Alejandro "Papu" Gomez through with a dinked pass for the opener before netting from the spot and chipping goalkeeper Carlos Lampe in transition. As a result, Argentina entered the break up by three goals. They went on to win 4-1. Goal



Gary bettman claims the NHL has the best officials of every sport



Bettman met with media ahead of Bettman addressed this issue game."

still the best at what they do. "Our officials have the hardest game to officiate, but no sport comes close to managing the speed and split-second reaction time required to make or not make hundreds of calls in real-time," Bettman said. "Yes, our officials miss For those hoping for sweeping officiating changes following the 2021 postseason, Bettman's

wins on singles comeback Andy Murray recomposed himself to ensure his Wimbledon match on Wednesday, knowing he himself to ensure his Wimbledon match on Wednesday, knowing he will play a qualifier as Germany's na - allowed because Wimbledon

singles return ended with a dramatic four-set victory over 24th seed Nikoloz Basilashvili.

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When Murray limped off The Briton could not convert

Centre Court following his 2017

Switch tags, section ratgs, section r two match points and wobbled as quarter-final defeat by American of the opening two sets. Basilashvili, 29, fought back to Sam Querrey, few would have "It is amazing to be back out predicted the 2013 and 2016 here again on Centre Court. It was force a fourth set. After a break to shut the Cenchampion would not play in the such a brilliant atmosphere, I have tre Court roof, Murray returned reinvigorated to win 6-4 6-3 5-7

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fans," Murray said. 6-3 under the lights. of the injury problems which led That joviality continued as he There was still more tension at the end of the fourth set, though.

There was still more tension to him contemplating retirement raced away with the third - until tension kicked in when victory Murray was unable to take a third postponed last year because of the loomed. match point when Basilashvili nailed a forehand winner down the While it was not quite like the good time for Murray and, line, but clinched victory with the heady days of old on Centre Court, watched on throughout by wife



fourth when his opponent hit into 34-year-old Murray did offer a Kim and mum Judy, came out rethe net. reminder to those 7,500 allowed invigorated in the fourth. The majority of the home fans leapt to their feet, with a relieved ing at home - of what they have traded the opening three service Murray coolly raising his arms in the air before launching into a more manic leap moments later.

Murray coolly raising his arms in been missing.

From playing smartly, confidently and coasting towards vicually and then claim victory at 21:49 "I was really disappointed I had lost the third set and had to remember what I was doing to get into the winning position. I managed to turn it back around," said Murray, who is now ranked 118th in the world.

"I was really disappointed I tory, Murray suddenly clammed up and the match took an unexpected turn.

As one woman overheard at the back of Centre Court - along with many more on social media - caid while world went to the shower and to the toil.

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Anthony Joshua's victory in the Olympic 2012 final has been questioned by his Italian opponent Roberto Cammarelle

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said while waiting for the fourth set: "It wouldn't be Andy without some drama, would it?"

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