

BCCI keeping 'all options open' on RTI

NEW DELHI, APR 25 /-/ The BCCI is keeping all options open after the Law Commission last week recommended the powerful cricket body be brought under the RTI act...

"BCCI is waiting for the law commission report to be sent to the government and keeping all options open. The BCCI will have to come under RTI if mandated. The BCCI is all for transparency and if that means coming under RTI, it will be considered," said a senior BCCI official...

ICC apologetic for tweet on PM, launches inquiry

NEW DELHI, APR 25 /-/ The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Wednesday apologised and launched an investigation into a social media post relating to Prime Minister Narendra Modi that went from its official Twitter handle...

Oxlade-Chamberlain's World Cup in doubt after injury

LIVERPOOL, APR 25 /-/ Liverpool and England midfielder Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain's hopes of heading to the World Cup are in doubt after suffering a what appeared to be a serious injury in the 5-2 win over AS Roma in their Champions League semi-final, first leg on Tuesday...

Jürgen Klopp shrugs off late Roma goals

LIVERPOOL, APR 25 /-/ Liverpool manager Jürgen Klopp refused to dwell on the two late goals they conceded in a 5-2 win over AS Roma in their Champions League semi-final, first leg on Tuesday...



"Of course, we would have been more happy with 5-0 or 5-1 but 5-2 is a fantastic result. We go there and try again," he told reporters. "The second is brilliant play. Bobby (Firmino) between the lines and he (Salah) makes the play. Then he makes the other two goals..."

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Salah superb but five-star Liverpool give Roma life line

LIVERPOOL, APR 25 /-/ Liverpool manager Jürgen Klopp labelled talisman Mohamed Salah a "genius" as the Egyptian came back to haunt former club Roma in spectacular style with two goals and two assists in a 5-2 Champions League semi-final...



However, Liverpool's night was soured by the concession of two late away goals and a serious injury to midfielder Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain that looks set to end his season and World Cup chances with England...

been in stunning form but even he was powerless as Salah struck again in first-half stoppage time with a trademark dinked finish over the advancing keeper...

Salah wreaked more havoc five minutes later when he sped past the helpless Jesus and pulled the ball across goal for Firmino to tap home. Firmino then rose highest to head in James Milner's corner to take Liverpool's fearsome front three's combined tally for the season to 38 goals...

Dhawan, Smriti recommended for Arjuna awards

NEW DELHI, APR 25 /-/ The BCCI today recommended India opener Shikhar Dhawan and women's team captain Smriti Mandhana for the Arjuna award...

"We have nominated Shikhar for Arjuna award," BCCI's acting secretary Anurag Chaudhary said. The 32-year-old Dhawan is presently playing in the Indian Premier League (IPL) for Sunrisers Hyderabad and has been a regular across all three formats for India ever since a debut Test hundred against Australia in 2013...

Under-fire Gambhir steps down as Delhi Daredevils captain

NEW DELHI, APR 25 /-/ Gautam Gambhir today stepped down as captain of perennial IPL laggards Delhi Daredevils, saying he just wasn't good enough for the job...

India batsman Shreyas Iyer was announced as the new skipper at a press conference which was also attended by coach Ricky Ponting and team CEO Hemant Dua. The 36-year-old Gambhir has been a part of the team for the remaining eight games of the season...

"I was not good enough and that is all," he added. The experienced combine of Gambhir and Ponting were roped in by the franchise ahead of the season, hoping that it would result in a successful season. However, it has proved to be exactly the opposite with Delhi losing five out of their six games...

"I am 36. May be I could handle pressure better than," he said. Daredevils CEO Dua also faced questions over his future with a team that has under-achieved over the last 11 seasons. "It helps the team, I will happily do it," he snapped back when questions were asked about his tenure...

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The man is being treated for his injuries at a neurological centre, where his condition is described as critical, Merseyside Police said. Two men - aged 25 and 26 - have been arrested on suspicion of attempted murder after attacking the 33-year-old man, who had reportedly travelled from Ireland for the match...



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"We believe the victim was in Liverpool with his brother for the Liverpool v Roma semi-final and was assaulted during an altercation between Roma and Liverpool fans near the stadium at about 7:30 pm (GMT)," said detective inspector Paul Speight. "Witnesses report that the victim was hit with a belt and then fell to the ground. Paramedics treated him at the scene and he was taken by ambulance to Walton neurological centre, where he is being treated for a head injury..."

European football's governing body UEFA said it was "deeply shocked by the vile attack," adding it was waiting to receive full reports before deciding on potential disciplinary charges. The alleged assailants were among a total of nine men, aged between 20 and 43, who were arrested for various offences before and after the match...

We lost our heads but we have to believe, says Di Francesco

LIVERPOOL, APR 25 /-/ AS Roma's coach Eusebio Di Francesco said they lost their heads in the 5-2 defeat by Liverpool in their Champions League semi-final, first leg at Anfield on Tuesday but added that his team had to believe they could turn the tie around...

"We had an excellent start but then we lost our heads and the ability to stay in the game and so we got ourselves into difficulty," he told reporters. "We really were in good form for 50 minutes and we lost all the challenges and duels and couldn't even make simple yard passes..."

Di Francesco's side had lost their quarter-final first leg 4-1 at home to Barcelona but advanced with a 3-0 win at where they have not conceded a goal in this season's Champions League. "We have to believe for the return game. You have to believe because in football everything is possible, even if it will not be easy," said Di Francesco. "I don't want to hear about miracles because it is about believing in your work and what we do. It is going to be different from the Barca game, it will be tougher. But whoever doesn't believe should stay at home..."

Roma full-back Alessandro Florenzi said Liverpool had been close to finishing off the contest but the door was now open for a battle in the Italian capital. "We must wait after the opening half-hour and were practically dead, but they didn't kill us off completely. With heart, grit and pride we were able to reprieve a tie that had seemed chashed," he said. "I can promise the fans that we'll spit blood for this jersey and will put a very different match next week."