RONALDO BANNED FOR 5 GAMES

PALLEKELE: Indian cricketers pose for photographs after victory in the third day of the third and final Test match between Sri Lanka and India at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium in Pallekele yesterday.

PALLEKELE: Sri Lankan skipper Dinesh Chandimal, who made 96, 65 and 17 in his side's second successive innings defeat after a drubbing in the first. — AP

BANLLEKELE: Indian captain Virat Kohli hails ‘special’ Pandya after series sweep

India captain Virat Kohli heaped praise on his star all-rounder Hardik Pandya for his marvellous century in the third Test after the visitor's inflicted a crushing series defeat on Sri Lanka yesterday.

Pandya, who ended the three-match series with 328 runs and 11 wickets, described Kohli as his ‘mumma’ and said he had grown under the mentorship of the Indian skipper.

But Kohli, who produced a subcontinent record 457 for his 12th Test century in Colombo on Monday, said Pandya was his ‘special boy’ and had been ‘a great help’ to him.

The two sides now play a limited-overs series, with Sri Lanka hosting the first of five one-day internationals on August 20 in the first of five one-day internationals on August 20 in the first of five one-day internationals on August 20 in Dambulla. They will play a single Twenty20 match later this month in Kandy after a one-off T20 last week

Meanwhile, southpaw Shikhar Dhawan became the first Indian to score a double century in a Test in Sri Lanka. Dhawan hit 218 not out in the third Test as India won the series 3-0.

BANLLEKELE: In this photo taken on Sunday, referee Ricardo de Burgos, right, shows a red card to Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo during the Spanish Supercup, first leg, soccer match between FC Barcelona and Real Madrid at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona, Spain. Left, Ronaldo takes off his jersey to protest his red card. — AP

IRAN Rivals: Iran will host Russia on May 24 for the return leg of their qualification match for the 2022 World Cup.

BRAZIL: Brazil has won its first match of the World Cup in 2022 with a 4-1 victory over Paraguay.

SPORTS

BARCELONA: Cristiano Ronaldo lost his cool, and now Real Madrid has lost its main man for five matches after the浙江的 21st century of the Super Cup final against Barcelona on Monday. Ronaldo was sent off for diving in the 31st minute and was given a three-match suspension.

Ronaldo's actions have also drawn criticism from other players and coaches, with former Real Madrid teammate Cristiano Ronaldo describing the incident as ‘a moment of madness’.

Ronaldo is one of the world's most high-profile players and has been consistently linked with short-term moves to other clubs. However, his actions on the pitch have led to speculation about his future at the club.

It remains to be seen whether Ronaldo will remain at Real Madrid for the season, or whether he will be sold to another club.

In the meantime, the club will focus on their upcoming matches, with Ronaldo's absence likely to impact their performance.

ZVEREV UPSSETS FEDERER

WASHINGTON: Alexander Zverev's stunning upset of Roger Federer means a new world No. 1 is emblazoned on tennis' horizon.

The German beat the 33-year-old Swiss 6-3, 6-4 in the Rogers Cup final on Sunday for his 10th tournament victory in 2019.

It was only the third meeting between the two, with Federer having won their previous two encounters.

However, Zverev put on a impressive display to secure the victory, earning praise from fans and experts alike.

The win is a significant moment for Zverev, who has been making waves in the sport in recent years, and it marks a new chapter in tennis history.

With his win, Zverev has climbed to world No. 1 in the rankings, becoming the youngest player to reach the top spot since 2005.

The victory was also a measure of his growth as a player, as he took on a seasoned veteran like Federer and emerged victorious.

Zverev's rise to the top of the rankings is a testament to his hard work and dedication, and it will be interesting to see how he performs in the future matches.

Meanwhile, Federer, who has reigned at the top of the rankings for so long, will have to navigate a new landscape without the Swiss legend.

The German's victory comes at a crucial time, as he looks to establish himself as the dominant force in the sport once again.

With the win, Zverev has cemented his place at the top of the rankings and is poised to compete for the highest honors in the sport.

It will be fascinating to see how he continues to grow and evolve as a player, and how he fares against the other top players in the world.