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By Asim Rashid

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“Todays’ results”

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FOOTBALL

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Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic celebrates her victory against Simona Halep of Romania. Kvitova won 6-4, 6-1. PICTURES: Nathaniel Thorp

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Tennis

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The 18-year-old world number 39 will now move into the top 30 in the world rankings.

Alcaraz, who had just won the Junior World Cup in South Korea before heading to Brazil, was drawn against the world number 39 Schwartzman in the final.

A bizarre weather delay of more than three hours on Saturday night meant that Alcaraz had already played 15 hours of singles in the opening two days.

He had also enjoyed a break-out series with the South American Open tour and defeated world number nine and 12-times Grand Slam winner Roger Federer in straight sets.

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SPOTLIGHT

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TENNIS

Djokovic returns to action with victory in Dubai

Serbian Novak Djokovic celebrates after winning his first-round match against Italy's Lorenzo Musetti in Dubai yesterday. (Reuters)