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Fields of dreams

With one stadium fully redeveloped and seven others under various stages of construction, all the venues are set to be completed well before the tournament begins on November 21, 2022.

AL WARRAH STADIUM

Capacity: 40,000
Designer: Arab Engineering Bureau
Distance from Doha city centre: 22km

Inspired by the late British-Iraqi architect Dame Zaha Hadid, the future Al Warra Stadium will host matches up to the quarter-finals stage during Qatar 2022. The design is inspired by the late architect’s relationship with the desert and is a response to Al Warra’s seating goal, the protection of cooling systems and re- tractions. The stadium will be used all year round.

Construction update: Work at Al Wakrah Stadium is on a rapid pace. The stadium building structure is near completed, and superstructure works are progressing rapidly. The roof steel structure has been installed. Meanwhile, concrete column to support the stadium façade is almost completed. Precinct works are also in progress, while the approach road to Al Wakrah Stadium is due to be unveiled in December 2018.

AL THUMAMA STADIUM

Capacity: 40,000
Designer: Arab Engineering Bureau
Distance from Doha city centre: 11km

The design of Al Thumama Stadium is inspired by the gahfiya, a traditional woven cap worn for centuries by Arab men across the Arab world. It is the first FIFA World Cup venue to be designed by a Qatari architect - Ibrahim al-Jaidah.

Construction update: More than 80 percent of the stadium’s concrete frame has been completed. Work on the stadium’s exterior steel structure is progressing well. Inside of the stadium, a cooling system and re-pression and tensile structures are progressing rapidly. Works on the stadium’s upper tier steel structural works are progressing well. There is a remarkable increase in the size of the stadium’s energy centre that will be covered by a traditional Doha’s ‘gahfiya’. The stadium will be used up to the quarter-finals stage in 2022.

ALRAYAN STADIUM

Capacity: 40,000
Designer: Dar Al-Handasah
Distance from Doha city centre: 22km

A new stadium will showcase the very best of Qatar’s culture in 2022 as it hosts matches up to the quarter-finals stage of the 2022 FIFA World Cup. The octagonal shape of the stadium will be made up of a roof structure, which will represent Qatar from its history to its present. The structure will be covered by a traditional ‘gahfiya’, and the surrounding landscape will be reformed. The façade – and in the dune-shaped hospitality areas and main entrance – will adopt the design of the stadium’s superstructure.

Construction update: Work on the laboratories (design phase) of the stadium’s superstructure has commenced, along with the laying of the energy’s network.

LUSAIL STADIUM

Capacity: 80,000
Concept designer: Foster + Partners
Distance from Doha city centre: 11km

Lusail Stadium will host the 2022 FIFA World Cup Final, opening ceremony and final match of the tournament. This design for Lusail Structure is due to be unveiled in December 2018.

Construction update: At Lusail Stadi- um, the 80,000 – and more – struc- tural column to support the stadium facade has been installed. Meanwhile, concrete superstructure works are progressing in all zones, reaching the M1 and with more than 50 percent of the facade installation. Works are progressing rapidly.

AL BATT STADIUM – ALKOR CITY STADIUM

Capacity: 60,000
Designer: Dar Al- Handasah
Distance from Doha city centre: 43km

A remarkable structure set to become the Fastest Stadium in the World. The stadium will be covered by a new state-of-the-art roof, which is inspired by the traditional ‘gahfiya’. Construction update: The stadium will be used up to the semi-finals stage in 2022, and will be renamed by a structure resembling a traditional ‘gahfiya’. The stadium will be covered by a new state-of-the-art roof, which is inspired by the traditional ‘gahfiya’. Construction update: The stadium will be used all year round.
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Introducing Qatar Rail

Qatar 2022 will be the most compact FIFA World Cup in the tournament’s long and illustrious history. Every stadium will be within a 35km radius of central Doha, with fans benefiting from seamless travel between accommodation and tournament venues.

**Why is Qatar Rail important?** Making Qatar change towards sustainability, as part of Qatar National Vision 2030, a mass rapid transit system are being constructed by Qatar Rail. Once complete, the metro will provide a fast, cost-effective and environmentally friendly way for fans to travel and accommodation during the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

**How many stadiums will have direct access to the rail network service?** During the tournament, Doha Metro will provide direct service to the stadiums, with dedicated shuttle service to the remaining three.

**What about the trains themselves?** A world-class network requires world-class trains, and Doha Metro will have 110 driverless trains – capable of reaching speeds of up to 100kph. The carriages will cater for all – with three classes available: gold, silver and standard.

**What is the current status and when will it be ready?** Fans can already travel on 50 percent complete and will be fully operational by 2020.

**How will the network be?** There will be operational 150 service stations, with plans to extend the network in 2030.

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**Friendly atmosphere, new metro, beautiful landscapes, Qatar gears up for some of football’s most ardant fans**

Qatar’s economy is focused on fishing and pearl hunting before the discovery of oil in 1939. Qatar has the world’s third highest natural gas reserves in the world and is our top priority. There are currently more than 90,000 workers on site Wohnen in Qatar. Qatar Airways Jacobs and other partners to ensure the safety and security of visitors in 2022.

**Safety**

Qatar benefits from one of the lowest crime rates in the world and is commonly valued as the safest country in the region. Qatar is working with international experts such as Interpol, the Council of Europe and the International Labour Organisation to ensure strict rules on ethical recruitment, accommodation and working conditions. Regular welfare support measures, including contracts with the standard are subject to enforcement measures, including contract termination and blacklisting.

**Worker’s Welfare**

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**Football in Qatar**

The 12-team QNB Stars League is the top professional league in Qatar. Famous players include World Cup winner Javier Hernandez and Dutch legend Wesley Sneijder.

**Sun, beach and water**

Fans will enjoy a family-friendly atmosphere in 2022, along with plenty of activities. From sunbathing at one of Qatar’s many beaches, to dune bashing and water sports, visitors will have plenty to do away from the football. The National Tourism website has more information.
QATAR HOLD WORLD CUP REPEATS ICELAND

‘Freak’ Cahill makes emotional Aussie swansong

‘It’s the first time I’ve cried on a football field and I’m proud of it’

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VAN COOGH – Van Coogh

The former Australia international striker Martin Boyle scored twice for his newly-adopted country.

Cahill, the Socceroos all-time top scorer with 50 goals, came off the bench for his final appearance for the country at the World Cup. His replacement, defender Bailey Wright, scored on his debut.

Boyle, the Traralgon-born forward, took an immediate shine to Cahill when he arrived at Socceroos training earlier in the year.

Australia had been in a deep funk since their World Cup exit. Cahill went from the bench to the starting XI for the Socceroos in their final match against Peru.

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FOOTBALL

QTSBF and Qatar Rail to organise squash, tennis events

The Qatari Tennis, Squash and Badminton Federation (QTSBF) and Qatar Rail Company have officially announced a new agreement to organise squash and tennis events in Qatar.

As per the new agreement, Qatar Rail will sponsor a local week-long tennis event and a team squash league that will last 10 weeks.

The company also aims to encourage fans to open squash and tennis clubs.

QTSBF Secretary-General Tariq Zainal said in a press conference attended by Qatar Rail's Chief of Strategy and Business Development Division Ajlan Eid al-Enazi, concluding the agreement yesterday.

“We are looking forward to working with the Federation to support Qatar Rail players and help them develop their skills,” he said.

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BOOMERS

‘Freak’ Cahill

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TOKYO 132, HAWAII 127

Tokyo scored 24 points, which included seven 3-pointers. Hawaii leading the comeback until Tony Parker scored 14 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter to beat the Spurs for the sixth consecutive game against the Spurs. Mike Conley scored a game-high 28 points, nine rebounds and a career-high 10 assists from the floor. The win was the third straight for the Spurs, who completed a sweep of a three-game homestand that also included games against Miami and the Kings.

RANGERS 2, STARS 1

Victor Oloso's game-winning goal and also had an assist for the Rangers. He also had a goal and an assist, and Nicklas Backstrom, Phil Kessel, and Jake Guentzel scored for the Penguins, who added 27 points for Oklahoma City. Hield's late treys helped the Kings, all in the first half.


deficit in the final quarter to beat the Penguins for the sixth consecutive game for the first time since a 7-0 win. Hield had added 27 points off the bench to add a triple-double as the New Orleans Pelicans bench to a 13-7 lead after Randle's 3-pointer.

Raw USB Key

The Pelicans, who improved to 6-1 at home, scored a season-high 47 points in the first quarter. The Sixers have won 11 of their last 13 games.

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ARAB SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Qatar’s Aisha and Nasra shine on day three

By Sports Reporter

Qatar won a pair of individual and team golds on the final day of the Arab Shooting Championships at Losail International Shooting Range. Qatar’s Aisha Al-Aseiri claimed 50m rifle prone individual bronze and was part of the team that also won the team gold medal-winning title.

In the men’s section, Qatar’s Ahmad Al-Shammari won individual 25m pistol gold. Mohamed Afshin claimed bronze for the hosts as he finished behind Saudi Arabia’s Hassan Al-Hasemi for the 10m air rifle individual and team golds.

Qatar’s Fetoulaa Al-Awadi claimed 10m air pistol individual bronze and was part of the all-Qatari gold medal-winning women’s team.

By Sports Reporter

Halfpenny ruled out of Wales team for Springbok Test

‘Legh is out. He did some training on Saturday morning, and he was still feeling a little bit light-headed. It is just a commonsense approach, really. A player’s welfare comes first!’

By Sports Reporter

Rugby Cup selection led to form return, says Garcia

Former 15-man champions, Samoa and Fiji, battled against the Springbok’s captain’s pick for his second game in form is the Springboks. The Springboks will play against a strong South African team on November 10.

By Sports Reporter

Flowercup vows to return after injury

German Formula Three driver Floersch vows to return after injury. Floersch was injured in an accident at the Nürburgring racetrack last weekend, but she is confident about her recovery.

By Sports Reporter

Golf: Garcia vows to improve

Sergio Garcia vows to improve his Golf performance after missing several chances in the Ryder Cup. Garcia is looking to improve his performance in the next season. "It's definitely been a good run so far and we're hoping to make it even better," said Garcia. "It's been a good year so far, and I'm looking forward to next season."
18 teams to take part in AVC Aspire Beach Volleyball Championship 2019

The AVC championship is set up as a preparation phase to train Qatar teams for future tournaments

FOOTBALL

Qatar Airways, Bayern Munich launch 6th edition of FC Bayern Youth Cup in India

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ATHLETICS

Qatar's Samba on IAAF award shortlist

The IAAF (International Association of Athletics Federations) announced the shortlist for the World Athletics Awards 2019, which included Qatar's Samba, a former Olympic champion in the 100m hurdles. The awards ceremony will be held during the World Athletics Championships in Doha, Qatar.

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"When we step on the field we have 11 individuals striving for excellence, they said. "Individuals like the ones who have been selected today, who have world-class cricketing ability but it will boil down to how we think in the little things right so we can win more Tests and series."

India’s Kohli says weakened Australia still ‘world-class’

"We are still very confident in this (T20) format," Finch told ABC Radio sports service Radio 613. "We are very excited. We've had a couple of little bumps in the road but they've been positive, obviously been a bit of focus going our way so far. It'll be good as though we've been building and going our way so far to win.

The last time India played a T20I series in Australia in January 2018, it was South Africa who beat Kohli’s India. Finch said that the South Africans' win was "a slap in the face" and demonstrated "the amount of talent" that they had. Finch also said that Australia will have "some attacking players" and are "very competitive".

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