Patient approach helped Qatar beat Lebanon: Sanchez

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Jordi Sanchez became the first team to make the knockout, while Lebanon's coach Miodrag Radulovic was left frustrated as his team couldn't find a way through.

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Sanchez also praised his team's efforts and their approach to the match. He said, "The opposition was very well organised but the players did very well in the last 30 minutes.

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Sanchez's side were made to work for the points against Lebanon's hard-working and well-organised team.

Lebanon coach Miodrag Radulovic was left frustrated as his team didn't find a way through the Gulf side's patient approach and strong defending.

"They should make the goals a bit bigger, I think," claimed Lebanon's coach. "They should make the goals a bit bigger, I think."
City hit nine past Burton to cruise towards final

City is guaranteed of a final meeting against Tottenham or Chelsea on February 24

By Ed Aarons
The Guardian

When West Ham moved to avoid the drop in March last year, it was a time for Huw Jenkins to remember. The club had made a time for Huw Jenkins to remember. The club had made a

Mourinho free for Real return as United pay compensation

London. Jose Mourinho is available for a return to Real Madrid after Manchester United agreed to pay compensation for the Portuguese manager’s termination of his contract as Tottenham Hotspur head coach, the club said on Monday.

The deal, which could be in place within days, ensures that Mourinho will be available to face Real Madrid again when the two teams meet in the Champions League round of 16 on February 24.

The 58-year-old will return to a club where he was a two-time champion as a player under Sir Alex Ferguson and later won three of the last four Champions League titles as a manager.

The Real Madrid job was Mourinho’s last managerial role before his sacking by Tottenham in December 2018.

United will pay a compensation package, which will be negotiated with the Portuguese Super League club, according to reports in Spain.

The deal is expected to include "financial terms agreed by both parties," the statement said.

Mourinho, who led Real Madrid to two La Liga titles and Champions League success in 2010-2013, was sacked by Tottenham because of poor results.

The payment is expected to be around £20 million, with a further £5 million if Mourinho agrees to stay until the end of the season.

The deal also includes a release clause of £20 million, which United will pay if Mourinho is appointed as Madrid’s new manager.

Mourinho is currently working as a television pundit for Spanish broadcaster Movistar Sports, where he has been evaluating candidates for the Madrid job.

When Mourinho was sacked by Tottenham in December, the club’s sporting director, Fabio Paratici, said: "It was a difficult decision but we believe it is the right one for the best interests of the club and the team."
Vinicius inspires Real Madrid to much-needed win

Vinicius Junior scored and Real Madrid needed all three points as they played out a hard-fought 1-0 win over Leganes on Wednesday night to keep them in the race for the La Liga title.

The Brazilian forward, 18, inspired Madrid to victory as they continued their push for a top-three finish with a late winner.

It was a welcome three points for Madrid, who remain third in La Liga, four points behind Atletico Madrid, who won at Getafe 1-0 and topped the table.

The result means Real Madrid are now five points behind second-placed Atletico, who have two games in hand, and four behind third-placed Atletico Madrid.

Real Madrid had not won their last six games in all competitions, losing four and drawing two, but Vinicius scored the only goal of the game in the 21st minute.

The win move Zinedine Zidane’s side level on 63 points with Atletico, who have a game in hand, and four points behind third-placed Atletico Madrid.
Smith leaves Bangladesh T20 meet with injury

Smith has decided to pull out of the Bangladesh T20 meeting due to an elbow injury. She had been training with the team but did not participate in the tournament. She is said to be disappointed with the decision.

Bangladesh announced a: 16-man squad for the upcoming matches against Sri Lanka and New Zealand. The squad includes experienced players such as Jahanara Alam, Salma Khatun, and Nazmin Akter.

One-day opener
Mitchell will face Australia in the first one-day international against Australia on October 26, 2019. He has been in good form in recent months.

Spotlight
Shetty, Bhogle back showcase notices to Pandya, Rahul

India's cricketers Rohit Sharma and Pandya were invited to showcase their skills at the recently announced Karan Johar Production's upcoming project. The pair have been praised by former cricketers and critics alike.

Protest selects uncapped Van der to leave Pakistan Ozis for DDI

Four Australian cricket and six other allied sportspeople included in the third squad for the next level Asia Cup 2022 tournament due to an elbow injury. South Africa's bowling attack with the fields is to be redefined in the coming months. The team has a young squad and will look to build a strong foundation for future success.
**Antetokounmpo leads Bucks over Rockets**

"He just does everything. He has a huge impact on winning." - Mike Budenholzer

**Bucks**

Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 34 points and added 10 rebounds as the Milwaukee Bucks overcame an early deficit to beat the Houston Rockets 126-104 in their season opener on Wednesday.

Antetokounmpo knocked down 13-of-23 shots and was 4-of-8 from the free throw line. The Greek native also added three assists to go along with his 24th career double-double.

"Giannis is one of the best players in the world," Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said after the game. "He just does everything. He has a huge impact on winning." With Antetokounmpo in the lineup, the Bucks have won 13 of their 21 games, including all seven matchups against Western Conference opponents.

**Rockets**

Hosea Jones scored 36 points and added 11 rebounds in the losing effort for the Rockets. DeMarcus Cousins added 17 points and 12 rebounds in his debut for Houston.

The Rockets led by as much as 11 in the fourth quarter, but Antetokounmpo and the Bucks outscored them 19-6 in the final period to claim the victory.

"He’s a polished, professional player who knows how to lose," Budenholzer said of the imposing Antetokounmpo. "He’s got everything, he’s got size, he’s got speed, he’s got strength, he’s got quickness, he’s got a high IQ. You’re not going to check him off the court. You’re not going to guard him. You’ve got to contain him. It’s hard to contain him. You’ve got to get help defensively. And if you don’t get help defensively, he’s going to get to the rim and get easy baskets."
Petra Kvitova sent defending champion Roger Federer packing from the first round of the Australian Open with a 6-3, 6-4, 6-1 win yesterday, despite the Swiss No. 1 holding a three-set lead over the No. 27 seed. It was the Czech's first career win over the 20-time Grand Slam champion, who retired because of a right shoulder injury in the second set. The two had met only once before, with Federer winning in straight sets in the second round of the 2011 US Open. Kvitova, who knocked out Halep in the first round, will face 2017 US Open winner Naomi Osaka in the quarter-finals, with a place in the semi-finals on the line.

Federer was unable to find his rhythm against Kvitova's aggressive baseline play, and the Czech's serve continued to prove too strong. She missed only 21 per cent of her first serves and converted three of four break points in the first set.

"I'm not sure how I'm doing it," said Kvitova, who has also won seven consecutive matches and four of her last five tournaments. "But I'm just trying to be as aggressive as possible and hit the ball strong..."

Kvitova said she was surprised by Federer's withdrawal, adding: "Of course, I'm happy that I won the match. It was my dream to win against him."

Kvitova, who is currently ranked No. 27, said she would like to play in the quarter-finals, where she could face either Maria Sharapova or Angelique Kerber. She added: "I will try my best to win against them, but I know that it will be difficult.

Spotlight
Kohlschreiber flogs feeble Fognini in Auckland quarters

Eugeniy Kohlschreiber continued his strong start to the season as he thrashed Fabio Fognini 6-3, 6-4, 6-1 to make the final of the ASB Classic in Auckland today. The 22-year-old is now on a six-match winning streak, dating back to her career's first Grand Slam title in Melbourne Park yesterday. Kohlschreiber, who had never won a Tour title, said: "I'm still improving my game and I'm very happy."

Shapovalov, 19, made up for lost time after losing in the first round of the Australian Open. He continued his strong form in Monte Carlo last year, proving players last year, climbing 7-6 (7/1) 6-1, 3-6, 7-6 (7-5) over world No. 13 Borna Coric. Kohlschreiber was down a break in the second set. Good to have an early break, he said. "I think I was the better player, but I had to fight hard to beat Fabio."

It's a chance to get a little bit more ready for the Slam."

Cruice raisers at Kooyong

Last week's Kooyong Classic quarterfinals were a success for the tournament and the players. The draw was well-balanced, with the top four seeds advancing to the semi-finals. The quarterfinals were high quality, with all four matches going to three sets. The tournament is a key part of the Australian Open lead-up, with the top players preparing for the season's first major. The quarterfinals were a preview of the Australian Open, with many of the same players in contention for the championship. The tournament was also a great opportunity for the players to fine-tune their preparation for the upcoming Grand Slam.
Asian champs Qatar aim to make a mark on world stage

In the 2017 edition in Germany and Denmark. Qatar finished eighth after losing in the quarter-finals of the 2019 edition. Winning the Asian title was an ambitious goal for the nation. Former NATO General Secretary Lord John Dogu, the number two in the world, was快三 times' being mentioned so many times in the landscape for another decade. None of them respectively at the end of 2015 1980s, were ranked first, second and third in the top echelons of the game.

Spielhofs plots result to the top

India's Mary Kom becomes world's top woman boxer

Mary Kom, 36, was ranked fifth in the world heading into retirement. She also won gold medals at the Asian Games, settling for silver in 2010 and 2014, respectively. Following her nuptials in November, Jordan Spieth will make his first official start as a married man in Honolulu this week, hopefull...
By Mikhil Bhat

Julian Smart's evening test.

In the penultimate race of the day, the Group 2 HH Sheikh Abdullah Bin Khalifa Al Thani Cup (Race 3) was the last event of the day, and the two-brother Group 2 HH Sheikh Abdullah Bin Khalifa Al Thani Cup (Race 4) was the last event of the day. Smart had little trouble pulling away from the field before winning the HH Sheikh Abdullah Bin Khalifa Al Thani Cup (Group 2 PA) yesterday.

The four-year-old Al Shaqab Racing’s Gtnah won the 2200m race for Purebred Arabians yesterday. His Highness Sheikh Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Thani (third from right), Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club chairman Issa al-Mohannadi (second from left) and Al Shaqab Racing’s Gtnah's owner Khalid Rashid Mubarak (fourth from left) celebrate his victory. PICTURES: Juhaim Al-Hajri.

Rallying Al-Attiyah extends Dakar lead

O ur rallying ace Nasser Al-Attiyah kept his hopes of returning the Dakar Rally for Qatar to 30 years after last winning it alive in the 2019 edition by effectively sealing the runner-up spot in this year’s event.

With 2023 being the 40th edition of the rally, Al-Attiyah has been able to reclaim his former glory by securing a podium finish in the overall standings.

The Dakar Rally started with the car category, where Al-Attiyah was the runner-up in the 2023 edition. He is currently in second place overall after the third stage, which was held in Al-Jazayer, Saudi Arabia.

In other news, at the end of January, the Doha Dart League began its final stage of the season with a two-week-long multi-country event.

The Doha Dart League return was successful as the event was held to mark the end of the season. On 24th January, an Exhibition Match between the champions of the UAE and Qatar was held, which was won by the Qatar-Doha team.

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