Sanchez backs Qatar in tough game against S.Korea

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Qatar coach Felix Sanchez addresses a press conference ahead of the quarter-final against South Korea yesterday "It's the same when I play with Fadi al-Assaad or Assim Madibo after the key duo are absolutely used to these kinds of situations. Sanchez was not great but sometimes it's the same when I play with Fadi al-Assaad or Assim Madibo after the key duo are absolutely used to these kinds of situations.

South Korea's Son Heung-min will leave the pitch under the applause of the crowd during the 2019 AFC Asian Cup Round of 16 match against Bahrain on Tuesday [AFP]

"We know we are going to face a very tough game against what many people believe are one of the favourite in the tournament," he said. "Of course, it would be better to have everyone available, but we are sure that we will maintain our [current level] and be ready to compete against Korea Kaepernick."
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SPOTLIGHT

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A 2014 before the inauguration of a bronze deira Medal of Merit, the autonomous authorities for the Emirate of Dubai, which was a tribute to the outgoing director of the Fine Arts Department in Dubai. The sculpture was unveiled by the Emir of Dubai, HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, in the presence of the Emir of Sharjah, HH Sheikh Sultan bin Muhammad bin Sultan Al Qasimi, and other dignitaries. It is a symbol of the Emirate's commitment to excellence in the arts and culture sector.

Pele today ended their search for Taremi, who was last seen in Iran's capital, Tehran, on January 25. The police said Taremi was last seen in the city's north, near the stadium where Iran played against Japan in their AFC Asian Cup quarter-final match.

Iran reached the quarter-finals of the AFC Asian Cup after a 3-0 victory over China. The victory means that Iran now faces Portugal in the semi-finals, with the winner going on to the final.

Iran's head coach Carlos Queiroz praised his team's performance, saying: "We knew it was going to be difficult, but we proved we were capable of winning." Queiroz also thanked Iran's fans, saying: "The support of our fans is what made it possible for us to win.

Iranian fans have celebrated the team's success with a series of protests, calling for the government to release political prisoners. The protests have been met with a heavy police response, with reports of injuries and deaths.

Guardiola relieved as City survive Burton pitch

Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola was delighted with his team's performance against Burton Albion. The home side had been reduced to 10 men after a red card to Joe prototype in the first half, but City scored three goals in the second half to secure a 3-0 victory.

Guardiola said: "I'm very happy with the team. We played well and scored three goals. We could have scored more, but we take the three points and move on to the next game." He praised his team for their hard work and determination, adding: "We played well and we deserved the win."
**FOOTBALL**

**Barcelona left with mountain to climb after defeat to Sevilla**

**Sevilla**

Barcelona was hoping for a straightforward victory when it faced Sevilla on Wednesday night as boss Quique Setién rested two of his key players and sold another. A day after the club announced Lionel Messi had been ruled out, his replacement - and the new number 10 - was another Spanish player, the 16-year-old Pedri. The young midfielder was on for only half an hour, and only seemed to add to the pressure as he handed a rare start in place of the superstar. The 18-year-old then turned into a creative force, setting up two assists for his teammates. The match was already looking like a friendly game, but Barca were able to get the job done with a 3-1 win. Messi's absence was felt, but the team managed to hold on for the victory. The result means they are now four points behind leaders Atletico Madrid in La Liga.

**Chelsea sign Higuain to bolster attack**

**Chelsea**

The Blues have confirmed the signing of Gonzalo Higuain on loan from Juventus for the rest of the season. The Argentine striker will join his new club on Thursday, with his first appearance expected to be against Burnley on Saturday. Higuain has been in fine form for Juventus this season, scoring 11 goals in 22 appearances across the league and Champions League. His addition will boost Chelsea's attack, which has struggled to find the back of the net. Blues fans will be hoping for a similar impact to the one he had at Napoli, where he scored 30 goals in 78 appearances.

**Neymar hoping for divine help after fresh injury**

**Paris**

Neymar's hopes of winning a fifth consecutive Champions League with Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) were hit by a fresh injury last weekend as the Brazilian star had to be replaced by Kylian Mbappe during PSG's 0-0 draw with Strasbourg. The injury came after a tackle by Strasbourg's M'Bida, which left Neymar in pain. The club announced on Tuesday that Neymar had undergone surgery to repair a ruptured patellar ligament in his right knee. The surgery was performed by Dr. Patrick Huard in Paris, and the recovery time is expected to be around six months. Neymar's absence will be a big blow to PSG, who are looking to compete at the highest levels in Europe.

**FOCUS**

10,000 fans expected to watch Workers' Cup final

**Beijing**

With just a few hours left before the start of the Workers' Cup, the excitement is palpable as tens of thousands of fans gather to watch their favorite teams battle it out for the title. The Workers' Cup is one of the most prestigious football tournaments in China, with top teams from across the country vying for the ultimate honor. This year, the competition promises to be closer than ever, with both teams bringing their A-game to the table. With just a few hours to go before kick-off, the stadium is filled to capacity, with fans cheering on their favorite players. It's a testament to the popularity of football in China, and the love for the game that brings people together. The Workers' Cup is not just a game, it's a celebration of sport and camaraderie, a testament to the spirit of fair play and friendship that defines the game.
Australia in charge against Sri Lanka

Richardson takes three wickets and Cummins four as Sri Lanka dismissed for 144

Australia/New Zealand cricket
After the third ODI between New Zealand and Australia yesterday, New Zealand cricketer Tim Seifert was ruled out of the ODIs due to a strained quadriceps. He has been ruled out for the rest of the series which means Tim Bresnan will also be out of the test series. He was replaced by Kyle Jamieson who was the second-highest wicket taker in the 2019 World Cup with 38 wickets. New Zealand cricket team are leading the ODI series 2-0 against Australia.

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**BOTTOMLINE**

India's cricket board lifts bans on Pandya and Rahul

**SCOREBOARD**

**Australia opens with some audacious attacking**

Sri Lanka's Kusal Mendis replaced Chandimal, who had fallen for 14, and wicketkeeper Tim Paine took a catch behind the wicket to end the home side in charge at the tea break.

**SPOTLIGHT**

Roach sends England tumbling to 77 all out

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High-flying Harden makes history at the fabled Garden

‘I got to keep going. My legacy is at stake. There is no limit to what I can do’

James Harden took his high-scoring to Madison Square Garden on Friday as he surpassed Michael Jordan’s 50-game streak of scoring 30 or more points per game. His 108.1 average this season is the NBA’s highest, and he is the first player since Jordan in 1986-87 to average 35 points a game over an entire season.

“I had a sense early in the season that what I was capable of doing was different,” Harden said. “I’m hungry to play and make history. I’ve been there before, but I want more. I want to be known as one of the greatest scorers in NBA history.”

The Rockets star surpassed Jordan’s mark of 50 games with 30 or more points in his 51st contest of the NBA campaign. The All-Star guard, who averaged 35.4 points this season, topped a list of 10 NBA players who have scored 30 or more points in 50 or more consecutive games.

Harden’s feat is the first of its kind since 1992 when Jordan had 50 consecutive games of 30 or more points.

The Rockets’ record-setting streak was accomplished by scoring 51 points against the New York Knicks on Friday night.

Harden scored a career-high 61 points in the game, breaking the NBA record held by Chamberlain, who scored 60 points in a game.

Harden’s 61 points tied the record set by Chamberlain in 1962.

The Rockets star has now scored 60 points or more in four games this season, tying Chamberlain’s record. The Rockets star also tied Chamberlain’s record for most 30-point games in a season.

Harden also tied Chamberlain’s record for most 50-point games in a season.

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Fitzpatrick grabs early lead from Garcia, DeChambeau
A couple things that I've been doing in the off-season seems to have paid off a little bit...
Northern Beam unstoppable in Pearl; treble for Thomas

Double for jockeys Gerald Avranche, Theo Bachelot and trainer Albiean de Mieulle

By Sports Reporter

Northern Beam was unstoppable in the Pearls Qatar Stakes, as he dominated the field to claim the Group 3 event at Doha Racecourse yesterday.

Avranche, riding for the Number One stable, continued with his impressive form, guiding Northern Beam to a convincing victory.

The horse, which had already tasted success in the Al Areeq Cup, showcased its class by crossing the line well ahead of its rivals with a comfortable three lengths margin.

The win capped a memorable day for Avranche and Bachelot, as they also secured victories in the Qatar Oaks and the Qatar Derby, adding to their tally of successes at the Al Adaid Desert Challenge.

The Al Adaid Desert Challenge is an annual event that takes place in Qatar, attracting international interest with its unique combination of racing and outdoor activities.

Northern Beam’s victory is a testament to the competitive nature of the races, with top-class horses challenging for supremacy each year.

The event, which features a range of races, continues to attract top-class participants, with the focus on providing an exciting and challenging spectacle for both horse owners and spectators.

The Al Adaid Desert Challenge is a significant event on the racing calendar, offering a unique opportunity to combine horse racing with the beauty of Qatar’s desert landscapes.
Osaka digs deep against Pliskova to set up Kvitova final

Nadal storms into Melbourne final with Tsitsipas blitz

Nadal crushes ‘Next Gen’ standard-bearer, reaches fifth final in less than two hours, to meet Djokovic or Pouille in title decider.