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By Sports Reporter

Faisal Al-Afiq declared himself as the ‘happiest coach in the world after Qatar stormed into the semi-finals of the Asian Cup yesterday with a 1-0 win over continental giants South Korea in the Abu Dhabi.”

What’s significant about Al-Afiq’s progress is that he not only witnessed the prestigious tournament but he also got to conclude a single goal, which is a unique record in itself.

The smile that Sanchez could not hide yesterday after their victory over South Korea in their AFC Asian Cup quarter-final in Abu Dhabi. The game was opening up with chances at both ends and Son, who had looked flagging since joining the South Korean squad, found himself alone in the box with a good chance to score an equalising goal. But he failed to make the most of his opportunity. “We played a great game, the players made a huge effort and we achieved something great for our country,” Sanchez said.

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Queiroz, who led Iran through to this year's Asian Cup semi-finals, said there was no reason for the team to think outside their capabilities.

“We need to do more,” he added. “What we have achieved is fantastic, but we need to be realistic and not think we are the best side in the world.”

Iran have been to the semi-finals three times in the last decade, but Queiroz was keen to stress there would be no complacency from his side.

“I have been to the semi-finals three times before, but this is a new tournament and we need to understand the importance of gradual improvement,” he said.

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troom coach Carlos Queiroz tries to give his instructions at the players during the 2019 AFC Asian Cup quarter-final against China on Monday.

The former Manchester United assistant and Benfica coach was keen to familiarise his team with the regularities of the big stage, saying they had been there before.

“Now we know the big sharks will come for us,” he told reporters.

We need to be careful and not think we can win this competition and the others,” he said.

Queiroz confirmed that he would not extend his contract with the national team after the tournament, which came as no surprise.

“I cannot afford to give a team like this three games in succession,” he said.


He was reportedly among the best-paid coaches in world football.

“We need to think outside our capabilities and be realistic,” he added.

Queiroz confirmed that he would put the nation’s interest before individual pride.

“I make the humble request to the AFC to remove this decision,” he said.

In September, veteran Dutch coach Dick Advocaat was fired to take the China team to the 2018 World Cup and the Asian Cup finals.

“China were defeated by the Iranian national team,” he warned fans to expect more pain after their loss to the Iranians.

The hosts, who will have opportunities to become the first Asian team to win the Asian Cup, are seen as “the strongest team” on the continent.

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Why has it no worked out for Henry?

French legend's sack is expected to be confirmed in the coming days

Henry's brief stint as a coach of Monaco came to an end on Thursday when the Ligue 1 club officially suspended him with immediate effect.

Although he was only appointed in December, Henry's first week in charge ended with a 1-0 defeat to Strasbourg on Saturday, leaving Monaco 20th in the table.

Monaco is struggling for form and results in Ligue 1 this season, with the club having won just one of its eight matches, including one draw and six losses.

Monaco's latest defeat left it 13 points behind league leaders Paris Saint-Germain, who have won all their eight games so far.

Henry, who previously worked as an assistant coach with the French national team and at Chelsea, was appointed as Monaco's new coach in December after the sacking of coach Pascal.r

Henry had been expected to strengthen Monaco's squad and improve its performance in Ligue 1, where the team has struggled to break into the top four places in the table.

However, Monaco's struggles continued under Henry, who has been unable to get the best out of the squad and has been unable to establish a clear style of play or a winning mentality.

As a result, the French FA has decided to suspend Henry with immediate effect, with no date set for his return.

The French Football Federation (FFF) has confirmed that Henry will not be allowed to return to Monaco until the end of the season.

Henry's suspension comes on the back of several poor performances by Monaco in its previous matches, with the team suffering from a lack of cohesion and motivation.

Monaco's latest troubles have come after a 1-0 defeat to Strasbourg on Saturday, which was the team's seventh defeat in eight games.

With the French FA taking stringent measures to improve Monaco's performance, Henry's suspension is seen as a necessary step to ensure the team's survival in Ligue 1 and its chances of qualifying for European competitions.

French Football Federation (FFF) president Noël Le Graët has emphasized the importance of the decision, saying it is a signal that the federation is committed to improving Monaco's performance.

Monaco's fans are likely to be disappointed by the news, but they understand the need for change to improve the team's results.

Monaco's supporters have been critical of the club's performance this season, with the team currently sitting in 13th place in the table.

With the suspension of Henry, Monaco will now have to rely on interim coach Paolo Mazzoleni to guide the team until the end of the season.

Mazzoleni has taken charge of Monaco since Thursday, and he will be expected to improve the team's results and bring in a new style of play.

Meanwhile, Monaco's fans have called for the team to be more aggressive and proactive in its matches, with the hope of improving its performance and securing better results.

The French Football Federation has announced that Monaco will face Lens on Sunday, with the match set to take place at the Stade Louis-II in Monaco.

Monaco fans are likely to be more demanding in the coming weeks, with the suspension of Henry seen as a crucial step to improve the team's performance.
Ernie Els moves to second after vintage display

‘I think the course might get a little bit tougher because the greens are going to get a little firmer and quicker, but these kids can really play’

Ernie Els moved into second place in the opening round of the Farmers Insurance Open in San Diego on Thursday.

The South African, who last won at the Majlis stage of the $3.25mn Omega Dubai Desert Classic, moved to within one shot of the leaders at the halfway stage of the tournament.

A 76-year-old lawyer is going to get a little firmer and quicker, but these kids can really play”, said Ernie Els.

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Turning back the clock: Ernie Els

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**FOCUS**

Pandya to join India team in New Zealand

*AFP Nov 26, 2019*

A 33-member Indian Pandya was set to join India’s squad in New Zealand after his suspension from the team, according to the country’s cricket board. Pandya faced a ban for his conduct on tour in England last year, having been suspended for four weeks. The Indian Cricket Board (ICB) confirmed in a statement that Pandya’s exclusion was lifting a ban which had been imposed pending an inquiry.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) said on Thursday allowed Pandya to participate in the ongoing one-day international series in New Zealand, adding that India’s A squad in Thiruvananthapuram. “Yashasvi Jaiswal will be sent to New Zealand to join the squad at the earliest and KL Rahul will join India’s squad for the last three one-day internationals against New Zealand,” the BCCI said in a one-winner series.

**SPOTLIGHT**

Australia close in on victory in first Test

Head makes 84 while Labuschagne scores 81 as Australia held an imposing 179-run lead

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Australia are close in on victory in the first Test against Sri Lanka, with one wicket to fall, after they amassed 323 to hold an imposing 179-run lead going into the second session of play. The visitors also batted with four batters in the final 10 overs, with the score of 179 meaning the rest of the day is a washout, and the two sides will play on Saturday morning for the second Test.

**SCOREBOARD**

Sri Lanka: 144 for 7 (44 overs)

Australia: 323 for 2 (53 overs)

**BOTTOMLINE**

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On his own form, Dhawan said he is grateful for completing his maiden century in the first Test against New Zealand, adding that the competition in the team is also very good. “I know there are multiple batters in the team, and the competition is very high,” Dhawan said.

The openers in the first session had taken the team to 133 at lunch, with J. Prithvi Shaw and KL Rahul scoring 53 and 30 respectively. The post-lunch session was not played, with the two sides facing each other on Saturday morning for the second Test.

**SECOND ODI**

New Zealand address ‘obvious’ issues against strong India

New Zealand have pinned down two ‘obvious’ issues since they beat India in their second one-day international against the visiting team, New Zealand’s senior batsman in the team, Martin Guptill, said on Wednesday.

The ODI series was also marred by a criticism of how the team is handled by the media. Guptill said he was “very pleased” with the response of his teammates.

New Zealand have already prepared for the third ODI against India at McLean Park in Napier on Wednesday and have won the second match of the three-match series.

**FOCUS**

No decision yet on India’s Test squad

India’s top order has been under constant scrutiny, with the team’s performance in the one-day internationals not up to the mark. India have already sent a second-string team to New Zealand, with the second-string side being sent to New Zealand to join the second-string side being sent to New Zealand.

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Holder and Dowrich set sorry England massive 628 for win

The West Indies duo put on 295 for the unbroken seventh wicket.

CARIBBEAN

South Africa beat Pakistan in rain-hit game to go 2-1 up

South Africa beat Pakistan 13 runs according to the Duckworth/Lewis method to clinch the rain-hit third Test today at SuperSport Park in Centurion. The hosts won by 2-1 in the four-match series.

Set 398 for victory, South Africa were 397-3 in 31 overs after second rain delay information called the game into play. The tourists never looked like getting near the target and were bowled out for 628 in 68 overs.

Earlier, Hashim Amla hit a measured century — and delivered a message to his critics — as Pakistan completed the task that took him more than four years to complete.

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"We'll see on Sunday how he is, because Friday looks pretty hard for him," he said.

"He (Nadal) has played impec- cably everything you are intend- ing, and you are executing automati- cally everything that you want to be."

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