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Sharif Striker Ali Said al-Moressadiq of Qatar SC broke free from the QSL Cup fourth-round, while Al Duhail blanked Qatar SC 4-0.

QSL CUP

Spotlight

If only we had Messed – Aussies say X-factor needed as Asia catches up

By Sports Reporter

Australians' coach said Asian side had closed gap on footballing giants but that the Philippines should not fear in the Qatar 2023 World Cup qualifiers.

Socceroos in mourning as ex-referee Mabli's sister killed in car crash

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Al Kharaitiyat will take on Al Duhail in the QSL Cup final at the Ahmed bin Ali stadium in Al Rayyan on Saturday afternoon. Al Razi and Al Gharafa were the semi-finalists after they defeated Al Shamal and Umm Salum respectively in extra time.

Al Kharaitiyat ont the Greek orphans and Al Duhaill are the reigning champions Al Gharafa. Al Kharaitiyat defeated Al Gharafa in the QSL Cup fourth round.

The two sides will meet for the first time this season in the QSL Cup.

Al Kharaitiyat and Al Duhail will meet for the QSL Cup semi-final tomorrow in a clash that will decide which of the two teams will face Al Kharaitiyat in the final.

The two sides met in the QSL Cup semi-final last year with Al Duhail prevailing to reach the final.

The two sides are bitter rivals and have a long history of clashes in the domestic league.

In their last meeting in the QSL Cup semi-final last year, Al Duhail won 2-1 to reach the final.

Al Kharaitiyat have been in impressive form in the QSL Cup this season and have won all three of their matches to date.

Al Duhail, on the other hand, have won two and drawn one in their three matches.

AFC says chief not involved in Bahrain player case

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) has said it has no involvement in the case of a Bahraini footballer arrested in Thailand.

AFC President Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa told reporters in Kuala Lumpur that the AFC has no role to play in the case of a Bahraini footballer who was arrested in Thailand.

He said the AFC is only concerned with the player's rights and the legal process in the country.

The player, who is a member of Bahrain's national team, was arrested in Thailand after being accused of participating in an illegal immigration scheme.

The AFL has confirmed that it has no involvement in the case and that it is up to the Thai authorities to handle the matter.

The player has been detained in Thailand since the incident and has not yet been able to return to Bahrain.

The player's family is seeking the intervention of Bahraini authorities to facilitate his release.

The Thai authorities have stated that the player is being held pending further investigation.

In response, the AFL said it would continue to monitor the situation and provide any assistance possible to the player and his family.

The player's case has sparked a debate in Bahrain about the treatment of foreign workers in the country, with some calling for greater rights and protections for expatriate workers.

AFC President Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa has called for a more inclusive and rights-based approach to the treatment of foreign workers in the country.

The player's case has also raised concerns about the legal process in Thailand, with some calling for greater transparency and accountability in the handling of the case.

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Manchester City's quest for a Premier League treble continued with a 4-1 win over Gillingham in the FA Cup fourth round. The match was sealed by a late winner from Martyn Waghorn's 12th minute from stoppage time to earn a 1-1 draw at Mid-who beat Leicester in round three, equalised a 2-0 win at Newcastle. Newport County's earned Doncaster a 2-1 win over Oldham. round after a late Ben Whiteman penalty page time to save Wolves' blushes. bench to give the visitors a lifeline and Matt from the Belgian forced Kevin Long to turn made it 3-0 and another wicked delivery when Matej Vydra fi red wide with just Ed-
**First double win for al-Qubaisi in Qatar SuperStock**

Sheikh Jassim Al-Thani unstoppable at QSTK Trophy

By Sports Reporter

Qatar’s national Circuit, fending off a
strong challenge from Saeed al-
Sulaiti in both races.

In third place is Hassan al-Man-
hamed al-Zaidan behind him in
another double win, with Mo-
hamed al-Eidi finishing on the po-
top.

Al-Sulaiti is still leading the
championship with 140 points,
but I am really happy for him, he
made an effort to stay ahead of me,
said Al-Thani.

Top-ranked Rose rolls to Torrey Pines lead

By Ken Bigelow

World number one Rory McIlroy had seven birdies in a Friday to seize a three-stroke lead over Hideki Matsuyama in the US PGA Tour’s Farmers Insur-
quency Open – his first career 54-hole tournament record with a two-round par 66 on 14-under, which he matched over the North Course on Saturday to move in front for the first time on the weekend. "Made it happen when it’s necessary and hopefully I can keep this momentum going," McIlroy said. "At least I avoided those mistakes."
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The red-hot Harden had been on fire in his last 13 games, averaging 37.3 points and hitting a career-high 61-point performance on Friday night. But on Saturday night, he scored just 20 points in a 108-99 win over the Toronto Raptors.

“I am just trying to do whatever it takes to win,” said Harden.

“We are really fortunate to have so many great players here who can step up at any given moment,” he added.

The Rockets are now 30-16 on the season and remain in the Western Conference playoff race.

BOTTOMLINE

NHL adds speed tracking as Kings, Predators go outside in 2020

The NHL has added speed tracking to games, which allows players to see their top speeds and distances covered.

The system, which was introduced in 2018, uses a network of cameras and sensors to track players on the ice.

The data is then sent to the NHL’s central office, where it is analyzed to determine a player’s top speed and distance covered.

The information can be used by coaches to evaluate player performance and by fans to track their favorite players.

Chicago Bears sign Jones to address kicking

The Chicago Bears have signed kicker Eddy Jones to address their kicking struggles.

Jones was released by the Giants earlier this week, and the Bears signed him to a one-year deal on Saturday.

Jones had a disappointing season with the Giants, missing all three of his field goal attempts and both of his extra point attempts.

The Bears have struggled on special teams this season, but Jones could help fill a need in the kicking game.

McDavid wins fastest NHL skater, Coyne best woman

Edmonton Oilers defenceman Kendall Coyne, who plays on the American women’s national team, won the fastest NHL skater award on Saturday night. Coyne cruised to a time of 14.34 seconds while Keller, who has served as an alternate captain for the Edmonton Oilers, was invited to take part and finished seventh out of eight skaters, beating out Arizona Coyotes forward Clayton Keller.

The fastest NHL skater, which was introduced in 2018, is determined by time on ice — you name it.

The Puck and Player Tracking system which would have tied it.

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Cricket

Chase stars as West Indies close in on dominating victory

Set the improbable target of 628 to win, or more hopefully required to bat two days to save the match, the tourists lost four wickets in the middle period of the day to limp to tea at 217 for six.

Nakheel Landscapes claim 3rd consecutive Workers’ Cup

Nakheel Landscapes, now the ‘Three Workers’ Cup’, is in a row thanks to a crucial 4-0 victory over Taleb Group in the final.

Wild rumpus on first day of indoor cricket event at Dubai Sports City

World no.1 pair make history at Jakarta Open

FENCING: QATAR GP

Badminton

World no.1 pair make Indonesia Masters final
**Camaraderie’ key as India’s Sharma, Dhawan flay NZ**

**We enjoy each other’s company in the middle and we share a great camaraderie between us**, said Dhawan.

India captain Virat Kohli praised his bowlers after the win over New Zealand in the second One-Day International (ODI) here yesterday. India posted 324/4 in their 50 overs before a decent New Zealand bowling performance saw them dominate the Kiwis for 214 runs in 40.1 overs. India declared two 1-133 for the fourth ODI in Mount Maunganui, New Zealand.

**FOCUS**

**Skipper Kohli praises bowlers after victory**

Apil Muruganau, New Zealand

India’s winning start to the series continued with a 31-run victory over New Zealand, setting up a crucial third match of the series in Mount Maunganui.

Virat Kohli praised his bowlers for their performance, saying, “The most important aspect of our bowling performance was the way we bowled today. We got early wickets, which is key. We are not content to go wickets for 40 runs in their opening overs. We have to be more realistic in our plans.”

Kohli added that the bowlers’ performance was crucial to the team’s victory, and that they need to maintain their focus in the third match.

India’s pace bowler Bhuvneshwar Kumar said, “We focused on our plans and executed them well. We have a great bowling line-up and we need to keep improving.”

New Zealand’s captain Kane Williamson expressed his disappointment at the loss, saying, “We didn’t get the start we wanted and it was a tough day for the batsmen. We need to regroup and come up with a better plan for the third match.”

The second ODI between India and New Zealand was played at Bay Oval in Mount Maunganui.

India batsman Rohit Sharma (50) and captain Virat Kohli (43) set the platform with a 78-run opening partnership before the skipper was caught out by Tim Seifert, leaving India at 78/1.

India’s middle order batsmen then dominated the bowling of the Kiwis, with Ambati Rayudu (47) and India's stand-in skipper KL Rahul (38) leading the charge. India ended the innings at 324/4, setting a challenging target for New Zealand.

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