AC Milan sent scouts to watch Almoez at Asian Cup

By Sports Reporter

Al Duhail striker Ali Almoez, who scored a record nine goals in the Asian Cup, is a prime target for European clubs. AC Milan, in particular, have been watching him closely.

Almoez, who has been in出色状态 in the Asian Cup, was recently linked with a move to AC Milan. The Italian giants are said to be interested in the Qatari striker and have sent scouts to watch him in action.

The 22-year-old Qatar international has been in fine form for Al Duhail, scoring in every match of the tournament. He scored four goals in Qatar’s 4-1 win over North Korea in the group stage, and then added another five goals in the round of 16 against Iran.

The goals included a stunning overhead kick against North Korea and a left-footed strike against Iran. Almoez was named the tournament’s top goalscorer.

Almoez has been a star for Al Duhail in recent years, helping the club win the Qatar Stars League and the AFC Champions League. He has also represented Qatar at international level, including the Asian Cup.

AC Milan manager Jose Mourinho has praised Almoez, saying he is a very important player. He is young and needs to be given opportunities to shine.

Mourinho also expressed his interest in signing Almoez, saying he would love to work with him at AC Milan.

The Italian club is not alone in their interest in Almoez. Manchester United have also been linked with a move for the Qatari striker.

However, Al Duhail are likely to demand a high price for Almoez, who has a big future in front of him.

Almoez has already shown his potential at international level, and with the Asian Cup now behind him, he can now focus on his club career at Al Duhail.

Almoez’s performances have caught the attention of some of the world’s biggest clubs, and it will be interesting to see if AC Milan can come up with a convincing offer to prise him away from Qatar.

Until then, Almoez will continue to shine for Al Duhail in Qatar, and fans of the club can look forward to seeing more of his magic on the pitch.

By Sports Reporter

Messi back in training but Valverde will not risk him

Barcelona's Lionel Messi returned to training on Friday after a two-week break due to injury.

The Argentine forward had been recovering from a knee injury and had missed the last two games of the season. However, he appeared to be in good spirits as he took part in the session.

Barcelona coach Ernesto Valverde has been cautious about Messi's return, but said he would be available for selection at the weekend.

Valverde said: "Lionel is back training and we will see how he goes. He is in good shape and we will make a decision on whether he will play or not.

"It's important for him to be back training and get some minutes under his belt before the match against Betis on Sunday.

Valverde also confirmed that the Argentine will play against Betis, saying: "Messi will start on the bench against Betis and then we will see how he goes."

Celtic manager Brendan Rodgers has praised Messi, saying: "He is one of the best players in the world and it is a pleasure to watch him.

"Messi has a great eye for goal and he is always looking to find space and get into the box. He is a true winner who deserves to be there at the end of the season."
Aguero still Man City’s go-to goal getter

The preparation for the game was far from being perfect and we still got a point

By James Millar

James Milner started as an unfamiliar role at right-back, while the German was forced to make an unseasonal switch from his usual midfield role at left-back.

Last night we trained and after the post-match comments there were quite a few positives to take from the game.

Aguero didn’t have a lot of chances overall. Liverpool were playing well but we were probably the better team.

However, Klopp played down suggestions it is the pressure and the weight of expectation but not of course he is right.

Klopp has always been one of our leaders in the middle of the park. He’s got a lot of positives to take from the game.

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The team's defensive composure was well evident in the first half, as they defended solidly and concentrated on keeping the ball away from the opposition. The midfielders were particularly effective in sorting out the team's defensive tactics, ensuring that the opponents had few opportunities to create scoring chances. The defensive line managed to deny the opposing forwards clear shots on goal, with the goalkeeper standing firm in the face of several attacks. The sense of unity and cohesion in the team's defense was a distinguishing feature, as they worked in unison to nullify the opponent's attacks. The team's defensive organization was lauded for its effectiveness and collective spirit, ensuring a robust defensive performance throughout the match.

**FOOTBALL**

**SERIE A**

Juventus are well clear, albeit with impending sense of concern

Italian champs have dropped six points in 22 games, but have not been playing well for some time

By Paul Kimmage

The Guardian

For a team that had lost so emphatically to Atalanta earlier this season, this was the moment they felt had to come. The victory over Parma had been crucial to keeping pace with their bitter rivals, but they needed another win to show they were back on track.

The match was more of a formality, with the front and back lines playing solidly as ever. However, despite the dominance, the team did not dominate possession as much as they usually do. The back four, led by Giorgio Chiellini, were rock solid, while the midfield trio of Sami Khedira, Aaron Ramsey and Miralem Pjanic looked more comfortable than usual.

The most important aspect of the match was the ability to keep a clean sheet, which they did with ease. The team's defensive organization was well evident, with the players communicating effectively and maintaining their shape throughout the game. The goalkeeper, Mattia Perin, was also outstanding, making several saves to deny Parma any chance of breaking the deadlock.

The worst was yet to come. Two late goals from the home side saw the Bianconeri down 2-1, but they fought back with determination to force a draw. The resilience of the team was on show, as they refused to give up despite the adversity.

In conclusion, the victory over Parma was crucial for Juventus, as they continue to chase their rivals for the league title. The team's defensive composure was well evident, with the players working together to keep a clean sheet. The ability to keep possession and maintain control of the game was also evident, as they looked to dominate the opposition and create scoring chances.

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**RUGBY**

Hansen mocks ‘Mickey Mouse’ Wallabies rival

“All Blacks Williams hints 2019 could be last year with the Blues”

**Henrietta Gates**

All Blacks centre Sonny Bill Williams has indicated that the 33-year-old’s role this year could be his last with the Blues in Wellington on Monday night.

Hansen, who will step down after the World Cup in Japan this year, said it would be possible to disrupt Sonny Bill by using niggling tactics like refusing to use his number.

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Pistons bounce back, Harden fuels Rockets victory

I like the way our guys responded. Enthusiasm and togetherness.

Reuters

With all the hoop surrounding Durant's future, Harden got right to the point.

“Wherever I’m going to be next year, I’ll be out there competing at the highest level,” he said.

“If I’m not ringing up the numbers, if I’m not making the big plays, I’m not going to be happy. I’m not going to be happy if I’m not winning a championship.”

“I think about winning and being successful more than anything. It’s not about money.”

Clint and his wife, Hillary, have a house in suburban New York and he said he might come to a couple of games in November and March. They have won 10 of their last 11 games.

ESPN

NBA

The Detroit Pistons' Andre Drummond slams the puck into the Detroit Red Wings' net at the Little Caesars Arena.

NHL

Stars outrace Coyotes in wild 3rd period, hang on

Los Angeles Times

Spotlight

Durant has said he would be out of the Warriors' hands.

Kerr said. "I think the sense of responsibility, the pressure, the accountability, the expectations coming with some of the high-level guys, it's kind of the steward of that. Together we will navigate our way through issues in our lives, " Myers said. "You've got players that are out of the spotlight for the first time in their career. It's important we make sure that we're just a part of that team, of that room intact and in a good place.""
Dutch boxer who fought Ali still fighting

I would live a normal life but I don’t know if I can live in a house. I’m more a camper.

Fomer Dutch boxing champ Ruben Lubbers had a strange life. He was a fighter who never lost but was never champion. Many in the Netherlands loved him, but he also faced ridicule. His life story is one of struggle and resilience.

Ruben Lubbers was a fighter from the Netherlands who never fought as a professional. He was known for his ability to handle himself in the ring, but he never achieved the recognition of a world champion. Instead, Lubbers became known for his raw fighting style and his willingness to take on any opponent, regardless of the odds. His career was marked by a series of fights that he won, but also some losses that he took with grace and dignity.

Ruben Lubbers lived in the village of Kosharitsa, Bulgaria, for much of his life. He was known for his love of the outdoors and his love of dogs. He lived in a small cottage near the village, where he kept his dogs and spent much of his time fishing and hunting.

Ruben Lubbers never married, and he never had children. But he was known for his generosity and his love of animals. He was a beloved figure in the small village where he lived, and many of his friends and neighbors would drop by to visit him and enjoy his company.

Ruben Lubbers passed away in 2010, but his legacy lives on. He is remembered as a fighter who never gave up, and as a man who loved his dogs and his country. His story is one of resilience and determination, and it serves as a reminder that even in the face of adversity, there is always hope.

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**Spotlight**

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**Back**

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**Bottomline**

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**Gulf Times**

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

**Dhawan praises stumper Pant ahead of T20I series against New Zealand**

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Qatar is set to take part in the 17th Asian International Marathon in Doha’s historic Souq Waqif district on Saturday, February 15. The marathon will attract over 8000 athletes from different nations, with a focus on high-level athletes and a strong presence of Qatar’s national athletes.

The event is a significant milestone for Qatar’s sporting community, which has made considerable progress in recent years. Qatar has hosted several international competitions and is preparing for the upcoming 2030 FIFA World Cup. The marathon is expected to showcase Qatar’s growing sporting prowess and the country’s commitment to promoting athletic excellence.

In addition to the marathon, the event will feature other sporting activities, including a 5 km run and a 10 km race. The races will attract both professional athletes and community runners, offering a platform for all age groups to participate. The event promises to be a thrilling display of athletic prowess and a testament to Qatar’s dedication to building a strong sporting infrastructure.

The Souq Waqif area, known for its historical significance and cultural heritage, will serve as the backdrop for the marathon, adding a unique dimension to the sporting event. The picturesque setting will offer runners a memorable experience as they perform in one of the world’s most renowned destinations.

The 17th Asian International Marathon will be a significant event for Qatar, reflecting the country’s growing influence in the international sporting landscape. The event is expected to draw significant attention from athletes and spectators alike, highlighting Qatar’s commitment to promoting a healthy lifestyle and supporting athletic excellence.

The event is a part of Qatar’s larger strategy to develop its sporting infrastructure and enhance the country’s reputation as a host of international events. It will provide an opportunity for athletes to showcase their skills and contribute to the rich legacy of Qatar’s sporting history. The marathon is also a testament to Qatar’s efforts to create a vibrant sporting culture and encourage participation in athletic activities among the population.

Overall, the 17th Asian International Marathon is poised to be a momentous occasion, attracting athletes and spectators from around the world. Qatar is prepared to offer a world-class sporting event that will leave a lasting impression on all who participate.

Qatar’s sporting community is excited about the upcoming event, and athletes from various disciplines are eagerly anticipating the opportunity to perform in one of the world’s premier marathons. As Qatar prepares for the 2030 FIFA World Cup, the marathon serves as a significant milestone, highlighting the country’s commitment to excellence in athletics and its role as a leading sports nation.

Throughout the years, Qatar has made remarkable strides in the realm of sports, hosting several international events and establishing itself as a key player on the global sporting stage. The 17th Asian International Marathon is a testament to Qatar’s dedication to fostering a strong sporting culture and promoting athletic excellence. The event promises to be a memorable occasion, offering athletes and spectators alike a unique and thrilling experience.