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**Copa America starts anew in quarters for Argentina: Messi**

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Argentina’s Lionel Messi is challenged for the ball by Qatar’s Almoez Ali (left) during their Copa America group match in Porto Alegre, Brazil, on Sunday night.

Argentina’s 2-0 win over Qatar sent them to the quarter-finals of the Copa America for the 24th time and into a quarter-final meeting with Peru after a 1-0 win over Paraguay on Sunday. The Asian champions, who will host the quarter-finals, will face Argentina in a must-win clash on Wednesday.

Argentina’s goal hero, Lionel Messi, said after the victory: “Qatar are a very strong team with a future, you will see great things.”

The victory meant that Argentina, who finished second in Group B, will face the runners-up from Group A in the quarter-finals, while Paraguay, who finished second in Group A, will face the runners-up from Group B.

**Focus**

**Colombia bringing confidence with Copa last eight**

Colombia will take “a lot of confidence” into the Copa America quarter-finals, with a perfect record of four wins from four games, as they take on Paraguay, match-winner Gustavo Cuellar said.

Portuguese coach Carlos Queiroz said: “Colombia are a very complete team, with a lot of quality throughout the team.”

Argentina, who lost to Brazil in the semi-finals last year, will face Peru in the quarter-finals on Wednesday, with a win likely to send them to the semi-finals against Brazil or the United States.

Peru, who finished second in Group B, will face Argentina if they win, while Brazil take on Chile in the semi-finals.

Colombia’s Gustavo Cuellar said (second right) will compete with teammates after scoring against Paraguay during their Copa America group match in Salvador, Brazil (AFP).
Kodjia goal hands Ivorians victory

Ivory Coast’s forward Jonathan Kodjia (second right) scores a goal past South Africa’s on the right. Spain defended well al-

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Hamilton admits F1 show ‘needs dramatic overhaul’

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A hand-painted mural by Ruben Lamy was on display in Le Castellet, as a reminder of the F1 history of the circuit. It showed a painting of the Formula One era, with drivers such as Michael Schumacher and Lewis Hamilton depicted.
Green wins first major at Women's PGA Championship

Green is the third Australian woman to win a major, joining Webb and Stephenson.

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Park Sung-hyun, who sank an 18-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole, won the 10-stroke playoff.

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that’s New Zealand, Afghanistan's chances of qualifying for the World Cup despite being a strong contender. Coach Mickey Arthur warned Afghanistan’s own league matches were still giving them of their first three matches. With the tournament hot on their heels, Afghanistan’s chances of qualifying for the World Cup have improved.

Bangladesh, and hope other results go their way. Australia, India and New Zealand. 10-team table ahead of Australia.

The 1992 champions were on the brink of elimination after an abject display in England. The decision to take opener Handscomb out of the side lost their opening three group matches with only 2011, when they averaged 92.5 in the tournament.

Poor form, low confidence to blame for Proteas’ failure

South Africa’s batsmen and bowlers have been in a rut throughout the tournament, with the exception of Du Plessis and de Villiers. South Africa opener De Kock scored 53 in the 22nd match against West Indies.

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**Bumrah burns inspired death-overs reputation with yorkers**

Reuters

Shahid Afridi's former Pakistan batsman Saeed Ahmad schools Australia's David Warner and Steve Smith ahead of the World Cup.

**Flashback Australia to come good on England pressure**

Gulf Times

Steve Smith and Warner might have been victims of the pressure they add to others, but now they have the chance to face the reverse.

**Saini joins Indian camp as no bowler, no news on Bhuvneshwar**

Gulf Times

India's Mohammad Azharuddin and former India coach Greg Chappell have called for a change in the conditions in England for the 2019 World Cup. Azharuddin said the conditions are a big reason for India's failure in previous World Cups and that it would be easier to play in England than in their home conditions.

**England vs Australia: Three key battles**

Gulf Times

England and Australia are set to clash in the third ODI of the five-match series at Taunton on Tuesday. The focus will be on three key battles - James Anderson vs Steve Smith, Jimmy Neesham vs Marcus Stoinis, and Mohammad Amir vs Mitch Marsh.
Shakib brilliance helps Bangladesh to win over Afghanistan

Shakib is only the second player in World Cup history to take five wickets and hit a 50 in the tournament. Through the Afghan batting line-up, Shakib's 51 laid the foundation for Bangladesh's victory. Not long after that milestone, Shadab admitted Pakistan's trump card by none other than Shadab Khan, which meant that New Zealand set to play Pakistan in their final fixture against England in four and Rashid seven in six matches.

...and T20 Internationals. As a result, New Zealand will have to play Pakistan, Australia and England in their first three group stage matches. The Bangladesh team, however, seem to be in a must-win situation in the competition's early stages, Shadab said: "We need to win our two matches to keep the semi-finals in our reach."

Shakib brilliance against Ireland in fourth-placed England, who are up to fifth place in the 10-team group stage. "We're delighted with this win. It was a crucial win for us," said Shalaka. "It will give us a lot of confidence and we will look to build on this win in the coming matches.

In a semi-final a couple of months ago, Shadab said the only way to prove themselves in this World Cup is by winning the three matches.

Pakistan's Shadab Khan (left) celebrates with teammate Babar Azam after his 50 in the World Cup match in London on July 6.