Ulsan Hyundai Motors won the Asian Champions League for the second time in its history after a 2-1 victory against North Korea’s Paekdu after extra time.

The victory was Ulsan’s third in the competition, while North Korea’s Paekdu entered the tournament as the champions of its 2020-2021 campaign.

The match was held in Ulsan City, South Korea, and was the first leg of round 16.

The final score was 2-1, with the goals scored by Ulsan’s star players Seong and Son.

Ulsan Hyundai Motors players celebrate with the trophy

AFC chief praises Qatar for hosting AFC Champions League

Ulsan Hyundai midfielder Yoon named AFC Champions League MVP

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City see off high-flying Southampton thanks to Sterling’s first-half strike

Rangers strike late to extend lead to 16 points

Guardiola seeks momentum after Southampton win
FOOTBALL

LALIGA

Messi equals Pele goal record but Barca held
Barcelona are eight points ahead of leaders Atletico Madrid, who beat Eibar 3-1 earlier in the day

Barcelona's captain Lionel Messi (right) scored a free kick during the La Liga match against at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona on a Wednesday.

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BUNDESLIGA

Lewandowski double fires Bayern to top
Bayern Munich's Robert Lewandowski scored a hat-trick in the Bundesliga match against Eintracht Frankfurt.

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FOCUS

How many goal landmarks left for Messi?
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Life in Qatar, my coaching philosophy and the 2022 World Cup project

Former Barça star World Cup winner and Al Sadd coach Xavi Hernandez talks all things football in Qatar

By Reinald Hamoda

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ith less than two years until the World Cup, it is safe to say the 2022 World Cup is already upon us. The time, effort and funds that have been invested into this tournament are enormous. The Qatar government has allocated billions of dollars to transform the country into a world-class football destination. The infrastructure, football facilities, and fan experience are already in place, and the country is ready to host the world's best players and teams.

As a former player and now coach, I understand the challenges that come with hosting such a major tournament. The preparation, planning, and execution required to deliver a successful World Cup are immense. The country has worked tirelessly to ensure that every aspect of the tournament is top-notch. From the stadiums and infrastructure to the fan experience and security, every detail has been considered.

The World Cup is not just a football tournament; it is a global event that brings together people from all backgrounds and cultures. It is an opportunity for nations to showcase their unity, diversity, and passion for the sport. The tournament is a platform for athletes to compete at the highest level, but it is also a moment for fans to come together and share in the excitement and joy of the game.

As a coach, I am excited to be part of this historic event. I have always been passionate about football, and I am honored to be able to share my knowledge and experience with the players and staff at Al Sadd. The team is working hard to prepare for the challenges of the World Cup, and I believe we have the quality and character to succeed.

The World Cup is a unique opportunity for players to showcase their talents on the biggest stage. It is a moment to prove oneself and leave a lasting impression. As a coach, I am focused on preparing my team to achieve the best possible results. The players are dedicated and motivated, and I believe we have the potential to do something special.

The World Cup is a moment for celebrating victory and camaraderie. It is a moment for showing the world what football can do to bring people together. I am looking forward to the tournament and to sharing the experiences and memories that come with it.

As a former player and now coach, I believe the World Cup is a moment for all of us to enjoy, celebrate, and learn from. It is a moment for unity, diversity, and passion. Let us all come together and celebrate the beautiful game.
**NBA navigates path forward with fans, money stuck at home**

You could be looking at losses of over $3bn based on ticket revenue.

**Focus**

New York, United States

L__eague TV deals and declining popularity will be critical to the eviction (NBA) or renegotiate a new season with their teams to help them pay their rent and other fixed costs.

The NBA is considering the possibility of welcoming fans back in the late spring and early summer—and a handful of the league’s most high-profile teams are already lining up to host limited numbers of fans in the near future, starting with the Los Angeles Lakers and the Miami Heat in September. The Lakers and Heat are sellers of limited capacity games, according to reports. The NBA and the league have not yet announced any official plans for the 2021-22 season as a whole.

"We could be welcoming back fans at any point this summer," said Andrew Zimmelman, a professor of sport management at Gettysburg College. "The league and teams are already preparing for this possibility, and the fans are clearly hungry for it."

A spokesperson for the NBA did not respond to a request for comment.

**Spotlight**

Utah Jazz sale to group led by Qualtrics’ Ryan Smith approved

New York, United States

The sale of the Utah Jazz to an ownership group led by Ryan Smith, the founder and former CEO of Utah-based Qualtrics, was unanimously approved by the NBA ownership committee on Friday.

The sale is expected to close by the end of the year, subject to the approval of the NBA Board of Governors. The Jazz are valued at $1.6 billion, according to reports, making it one of the most expensive deals in NBA history.

Smith, a billionaire entrepreneur and the owner of Qualtrics, has made a significant impact on the tech world with his company, which was acquired by SAP in 2012 for $8 billion. Smith is also a minority owner of the Sacramento Kings and a majority owner of the Utah Jazz.

The sale of the Jazz to Smith and his group was unanimously approved by the NBA's ownership committee on Friday. The Jazz will be Smith's first ownership in a professional sports team.

**Development**

Doctor behind the NBA 'bubble' receives Covid-19 vaccine

Washington, United States

Dr. Lewis Thea, the medical director of the National Basketball Association (NBA), has received the first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. The NBA is one of the first professional sports leagues to receive the vaccine, which was developed in partnership with Pfizer and BioNTech.

The NBA has been working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National7 Basketball Association (NBA) to ensure that all players, staff, and officials receive the vaccine as part of the league’s efforts to get back on the court.

"We are grateful to Pfizer and BioNTech for their commitment to our players, staff, and officials," said NBA Commissioner Adam Silver. "This vaccine will help us continue to play the game we love while protecting the health and safety of everyone involved."
Top-ranked Ko grabs LPGA Tour Championship lead

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orld number one Ko Jin-young (Korea) flying high to set a new record for birdies in the LPGA Tour Championship.

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LPGA announces record $76.45mn prize money for 2021

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India crumble to record low as quicks fire Aussies to victory

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REACT

**Indian press, ex-players rue ‘massacre’ in Adelaide**

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The Indian team and players were left crestfallen after the national cricket team suffered another crushing loss in the series opener against Australia. Hazelwood and Cummins set the platform to take India to its worst second innings score against Australia in Adelaide.

In the second innings of the first Test in Adelaide at the Adelaide Oval, India was bowled out for 36, with Hazlewood and Cummins racking up 12 wickets to register a 90-run win for Australia.

**Hazelwood, Cummins bundle Indian second innings out for paltry 36**

Australia's Mitchell Hazelwood and Pat Cummins bowled Indian second innings out for 36 runs in Adelaide, with opener Marcus Stoinis scoring 51 in a 90-run chase.

**Graham Thorpe: India fail to deliver after batting collapse**

Former Australian opener Graham Thorpe said India failed to deliver after losing their first innings wickets quickly. "India's batting collapse was disappointing and they couldn't build on the momentum," Thorpe said.

**Batchelor: Hazelwood and Cummins were magnificent**

Former Australian fast bowler Trent Batchelor praised Hazlewood and Cummins for their exceptional performance in the second innings.

**Indian captain Virat Kohli walks off the field after Australia won the first Test against India in Adelaide on Wednesday.**

**SPOTLIGHT**

**Relieved of dubious distinction, Gavaskar comforts Kohli & Co**

Sachin Tendulkar, a former cricketer and cricket commentator, expressed his relief after India's defeat in the first Test against Australia.

"It was a very tough loss for us, but we were able to bounce back," Tendulkar said.

**Mohamed Wasim named Pakistan’s chief selector under World Cup**

Mohamed Wasim has been appointed as Pakistan’s chief selector under World Cup planning committee, replacing Arshad Khan.

"We need to focus on developing a strong team for the World Cup," said Wasim. "We have a lot of work to do to achieve our goal of winning the World Cup."
Glitter Queen dazzles; four wins for De Mieule, Thomas

Sheikh bin Khalifa Al-Kuwait’s Soldierpoy lands Al Rayyan Stakes. Al Shaqab Racing’s Al Efreena wins Oaks for Arabian.

By Nabil Mehdi

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ish, Onmyo, De Mieule and Efreena were all winners at Al Shaqab in Qatar on Sunday. De Mieule and Efreena were the main two winners of the day.

De Mieule, trained by Thomas F. Meade, finished first in the Interim Filly Stakes, winning the Gold Cup Stakes for three-year-olds. The colt, who had won his previous race at Al Shaqab, came home with a comfortable lead, finishing over one and a half lengths ahead of runner-up, Efreena.

Efreena, also trained by Meade, won the Qatari Oaks for three-year-old fillies. The filly, who had won her previous race at Al Shaqab, came home with a comfortable lead, finishing over one and a half lengths ahead of runner-up, De Mieule.

Other winners on the day included Fish, who won the Qatar Gold Cup for three-year-olds, and Onmyo, who won the Qatar Oaks for three-year-old fillies.

Results

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