We’ve learnt valuable lesson in loss to Portugal: al-Haydos

‘WE FACED GREAT PRESSURE FROM THE BEGINNING, AND WE CANNOT PERFORM AT OUR USUAL LEVEL’

By Sport Reporter

Afghanistan cricketers trained at Doha’s Asian Town Cricket Stadium yesterday. Afghanistan’s team faces a testing time ahead of the Twenty20 World Cup which will begin on October 23. Afghanistan will get their tournament underway in Sharjah on October 23 against the winner of Group D from the tournament to be conducted in the UAE. Afghanistan will also play Pakistan, New Zealand and Namibia, plus the runners-up from the other qualifying pool (either Ireland, Netherlands or Sri Lanka).

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Qatar Football Association president H E Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani and French football legend Zinedine Zidane witnessed the victory cup final match between Qatar and Portugal at the Aspire Academy in Doha yesterday.

Hassan attributed his team’s loss to Portugal to avoidable mistakes. Hassan said: “The mistakes cost us a lot today. When we believe we are your opponent, the fewer mistakes, the better, they exploited the mistakes we made.”

He added: “This was our first match to reach the right steps, we want to be in for much matches. In general, today’s experience remains beautiful, and we will strive for the best in the next stage, starting with the Ireland match.”

Regarding the Maroons failure to attack for most of the match, Hassan said: “We played on the counterattacks and were waiting to take advantage of each other’s mistakes. Each team makes very few mistakes so we could not develop more attacking openings as we had hoped.”

‘Qatar take on the Republic of Ireland tomorrow.’

Al-Attiyah stays in lead after three stage wins at rally of Morocco

By Sports Reporter

Qatar’s Nasser Saleh Al-Attiyah led the French, who were in the process of making it to the final stage.

A former driver Hassan al-Haydos said the Arabeer team’s match up to the tough Portuguese was Qatar but to Portugal 3-0 in the 2022 FIFA World Cup European qualifying match at Algarve Stadium in Portugal on Wednesday.

“A precise and precise game,” he said. “We are very happy with the result of the match. We made a few mistakes that contributed to our continuing three goals. We hope to benefit from this experience because each big match is what will give us the experience we are looking for to prepare for the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar this year, “he said.

“Do not be too happy with the result because we still have a long way to go,” Al-Attiyah said. “Tomorrow we will open more openings as we had hoped.”

Al-Attiyah held a 10 minute 18 second lead over his Toyota Gazoo Racing teammate Hilux crew to extend their overall lead at the rally of Morocco yesterday.

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**Fury knocks out Wilder to retain WBC crown**

Tyson Fury celebrates after winning the fight against Deontay Wilder in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Medvedev, 23, and 21, would have faced each other in the quarter-finals of the tournament. 

**Marathon**

Ethiopia's Tura and Kenya's Cheropichich triumph in Chicago.

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Meanwhile, Scott McTominay bundled in at the far post to give Scotland the lead against Sweden.
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**Al Ghariya Cup to start QREC’s new season on Wednesday**

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The 2020/2021 season will boast a record total of 70 number of race days and conclude on May 5, 2022.
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