Argentina and Italy register easy wins

Qatar, who lost Italy yesterday, will play their final Group C match against Brazil

By Sports Reporter

Argentina registered a comfortable win against Tunisia, while Italy flexed their muscles with a victory against Mexico.

Argentina defeated Tunisia 3-1 in their Group C match, ensuring themselves a comfortable win. The South American side dominated proceedings, with goals from Lionel Messi, Dybala, and Lautaro Martinez securing the three points. Although Tunisia showed some resilience with a goal from Salim Chouraqui, it was not enough to prevent them from losing.

Italy, on the other hand, cruised to a 4-0 victory over Mexico. Goals from Federico Chingotto, Jordan Veretout, Lorenzo Di Giovanni, and Lorenzo Insigne demonstrated their strength against a brave Mexican side. The victory places Italy top of Group D, with Argentina second.

With both matches in hand, Qatar will play their final Group C match against Brazil on December 18, 2021. Fans can look forward to an exciting contest, as both sides will be vying for a spot in the quarter-finals.
ICC announces 14 hosts for white-ball tournaments

Pakistan will stage an ICC event for the first time since it set to stage an ICC event for the United States and Namibia are been named as hosts, while the ICC has announced 14 hosts for the upcoming One-Day International (ODI) World Cup and the inaugural Women’s World T20 in 2020.

The 14-host list includes Australia, Bangladesh, England, South Africa and the United States. The governing body also confirmed that the ICC’s decision to select an ICC event for the first time in the United States and Namibia.

Former batman and coach Andrew Gale suspended as Yorkshire chief"I got pinned down at my lo- cal club and told to drink a glass of..." Form former Yorkshire cricketer Rafiq has revealed he was driven to drink a glass of water at his local club and told to drink a bottle of water when it came to managing their workload. (AFP)

ITC RABAH LEARN TO CRICKET

Former Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar has been appointed as a coach of the Rabah team in the Islamabad United squad for the upcoming PSL season.

Akhtar, who is known for his aggressive bowling style and unorthodox bowling action, has been brought in to help the Rabah team improve their bowling and become more competitive in the league.

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Supreme Committee staff discuss lessons learned from UEFA European Championships

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The Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy, Qatar, recently organised a two-day workshop to discuss lessons learned from the UEFA European Championships 2020, which formed under the patronage of HH the Amir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani. During the workshop, senior members from the SC, UEF A and FIFA, as well as other employees from the SC, all contributed to knowledge-sharing and scenario generation and generally outlining open dialogues on key innovations and challenges in venue management as well as other operational elements, including the FIFA Arab Cup 2022 and FIFA World Cup.

“Through this platform for learning and harnessing proactive strategies in sport and major events management, the SC’s experts positively sought to support the organisation of such an important workshop and the utmost best practice sharing among participants,” said Mohamed Al Khateeb, Director of the SC’s Institute.

“My colleagues and I looked forward to continuing to collaborate with our SC colleagues and UEF A technicians.”

Venue managers will have an opportunity to review the lessons learned during the FIFA Arab Cup, which will take place in Qatar from November 10 to December 18.

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‘You just try to do your best. Sometimes luck is on your side, sometimes not’

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Tennis/ATP Finals

Medvedev edges closer to semi with win over Zverev

By Sport Reporter

‘The whole match I was really good, you need to stay there for three, four, five hours, as long as you have the chance. No boundaries.’

Medvedev celebrates after defeating Russia’s Daniil Medvedev.

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**SPORT**

**FOOTBALL**

Qatar Airways renews sponsorship with QFA for two more seasons

Qatar Airways has signed a partnership agreement with the Qatar Football Association (QFA). The contract renewal was made in the presence of Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa bin Hamad al-Thani, President and CEO of Qatar Airways Group, and Al Khater, President of the Qatar Football Association, at the QFA headquarters.

To commemorate this partnership, both Qatar Airways and the QFA staged a ceremony on the occasion, attended by Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa bin Hamad al-Thani, Al Khater, and Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani, President of Qatar Olympic Committee.

The partnership between Qatar Airways and the QFA was initiated in 2005 and has since been expanded to include Qatar Football Association’s main entities: senior men and women, youth, academies, and the QFA’s national teams.

The QFA is one of the main football associations in the region, having become a member of FIFA in 2004 and a member of AFC in 2006. It has participated in the AFC Asian Cup (2011, 2015, 2019) and the AFC Asian Championship (2007, 2011, 2015).

**Swiss slip for Italy at World Cup pick-up**

England qualify after Korea scores four goals in 15 minutes in a 10-0 win in San Marino

Swiss players celebrate after qualifying for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 on Monday night. (Reuters)

**ASIAN QUALIFIERS**

China holds Australia but face uphill task to reach World Cup

China are on the brink of their first World Cup for 28 years. The 3-0 win over Oman that put them above Australia into second place in Group G is one of the biggest results in China's history.

**Focus**

Al-Sunaidi also noted the partnership with Qatar Airways for the World Cup 2022, which will be held in Qatar in November 2022. The partnership will help Qatar Airways to showcase its support of sports associations, in particular football, in the region.

**Doping**

The seven-time world champion was disqualified from the race at Interlagos in one of his greatest drives after electrical problems forced him to stop.

**Alpine**

World Cup qualifying phases until late January, with Australia to host China on November 17, but the finishing stages in March will see the best two nations from each group, with the top two teams in each group qualifying for the World Cup in Qatar next year.

**Australian cricket**

Australia was also given their chance of making a goal as the series opens with a 1-0 win over Pakistan.

**Formula One**

Formula One has not had a championship like this for many years.

**Alpine**

Doping is one of the biggest concerns in the sport, with repeated failures leading to bans and sanctions. The issue is not new, but the focus on it has increased in recent years.