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Spirited Tunisia reach semi-finals with win over Oman

By Hanine Helou

Tunisia yesterday overcame a strong comeback from Oman to become the first side to reach the FIFA Arab Cup semi-finals with a 2-1 victory at the Education City Stadium. Tunisia, with a goal's advantage and goalkeeper Ali Kaabi who made a late substitute appearance against Iraq and also Saudi Arabia, won a place in the quarter-finals. Tunisia produced a classy display of football in the Al Bayt Stadium in Al Khor with a convincing performance unanimously praised by fans at the Education City Stadium.

The Whites were a different beast against the young visiting side.

The coach added: “We had a breakthrough against Syria in the quarter-finals stage. We will not focus on the next match. "

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Al-Qahtani, Haya shine at Hathab

By Sports Reporter

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ette Saad al-Qahtani emerged victorious in the Medium Tour as the Longines Hathab Qatar Equestrian Tour kicked off its 5th round at the Longines Arena at Al Shaqab, yesterday. Al-Qahtani guided Al Shugail-owned nine-year-old mare Hidiene to victory in 56.39 seconds while Jaber Rashid al-Amri and Argelia Squid won the second place in 57.39 secs. Ghanim Nasser al-Ghailani on Al Shaqab-owned nine-month-old Jazzy the finished third in 58.29.

Meanwhile, Lusail (Camira/Ahmed Mohamed Al Badi, Casmir’s Son/Faleh Suwead Al Ajami and Cornetina Z/Khalid Mohammed Al Emadi) won the Medium Tour team event yesterday ahead of TEAM QAF, which came second. Al Shugail completed the podium in the Medium Tour team event.

Earlier, Dusty, ridden by thirteen-year-old Haya Khalid al-Hitmi, topped the Small Tour class at the Longines Hathab Qatar Equestrian Tour yesterday. Al-Shugail and the Qatar Equestrian Federation-owned nine-year-old mare Al-Usfah topped the Small Tour team event.

Al-Sahouti triumphs after thrilling duel with al-Darwish

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Heavyweights Morocco and Algeria set for exciting clash

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The fixture Morocco face in the quarter-finals today is the most eagerly awaited of the tourney. The defending champions of the Arab Cup are facing Morocco in the quarter-finals and today. In what should be a match-winner clash between the two North African nations, both teams have a lot at stake. The winner will take the group-stage 

Morocco were the host team in the clash, and were missing only two players, with the squad who started in the opening round with a 1-1 draw against Tunisia. After a goalless draw against Sudan and Jordan defense to score at least a goal in each of the match-ups, they will look to maintain their winning momentum. The team, which finished second in Group D after a 0-0 draw with Egypt, Mustapha Ayoub El Amrani is injured, but Morocco’s strengths offensively will be out to plug the gaps.

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