Qatar team is getting stronger, says proud coach Sanchez

‘We will have to recover and prepare for the semi-finals, where we are hoping for a strong performance.’

By Sports Reporter

Qatar’s head coach Felix Sanchez was a proud man after his team ensured a place in the semi-finals of the FIFA Arab Cup on Friday night.

In front of 64,459 fans – the highest crowd to attend a football match in the history of Qatar – at the Al Bayt Stadium, the Asian Champions turned on the style taking a 5-0 lead going into the break for an emphatic victory. Qatar, looking to coupe their year with a maiden Arab Cup title, went into the match as favourites after a perfect record in Group A. UAE, on the other hand, were coming off a dramatic win over Jordan after a penalty shootout.

In front of 63,439 fans – the highest spectators – a record attendance for a match at the Al Bayt Stadium yesterday. Qatar and the UAE at Al Bayt Stadium

The quarter-final match between Qatar and the UAE in as many years following their 2019 Asian Cup semi-final (4-0) UAE handed two penalties to the visitors on extra-time.

Annabi’s third straight victory over the UAE came back from a goal down twice but could not stop Algeria’s momentum as Morocco advanced to the semi-finals after a 2-1 victory over the winner of the previous match.

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The home team wins the first Ashes Test by nine wickets with a day to spare.

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Fall of wickets:

(1 wicket; 5.1 overs) 20
(1 wicket; 6.3 overs) 22
(1 wicket; 7.2 overs) 39
(1 wicket; 10.4 overs) 56
(2 wickets; 9.1 overs) 80
(2 wickets; 11.1 overs) 121
(2 wickets; 12.4 overs) 147
(3 wickets; 17.1 overs) 200
(3 wickets; 26.2 overs) 239
(4 wickets; 31.4 overs) 267
(5 wickets; 34.6 overs) 287
(5 wickets; 38.5 overs) 325
(6 wickets; 43.0 overs) 354
(7 wickets; 50.4 overs) 425

England 1st innings

O. Pope c Smith b Lyon 4
R. Burns c Carey b Cummins 13
J. Root c Cummins b T Smith 56
K. Stokes c Reddy b Ashwin 18
M. Labuschagne not out 0
C. Woakes c Carey b Green 16
O. Robinson c Head b Lyon 8
I. Foakes c Carey b Green 13
G. Sibley c Head b Sandeep 19
J. Bairstow c Smith b Lyon 220

England's Jos Buttler is bowled by Australia's Josh Hazlewood during play on the fourth day of the first Test cricket match between England and Australia at Lord's cricket ground in London, Tuesday.

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Al Amarah gets highest bid

The Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club (QREC) organised an auction for broodmares and foals on Friday at the avenues opposite the QREC Grandstand. Mares who have not retired to stud following good racing career were on display as they are usually targeted for breeding. Fifty and colt foals of as yet unproven pedigrees were also there as they appeal to breeders who look for young horses who can be prepared for the sale.

The highest bid came from Al Amarah, a five-year-old chestnut broodmare owned by Baida Algaa Farm. She was purchased for QR180,000 by Jassim bin Noushad Thekkayil and Shemeer Rasheed. The QREC had initiated since late October when the auction was announced and the entries were open between November 11. The Broodmare and Foal Auction came as part of the series of auctions, which have been organised by QREC this season and will continue throughout the season with other auctions for various categories of horses.

Al Balagh claims RAS MLAIJI cup

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Man United to win at Norwich

Football

Manchester United scored the only goal as Liverpool spoiled Steven Gerrard’s return as manager of Aston Villa by ending his side’s unbeaten run in Premier League last night.

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Tunisia continued their impressive run at the Arab Cup Qatar 2021 by defeating Oman yesterday and securing a spot in the semi-finals. Egypt, who defeated Jordan in the round of 16, will face them in the semi-finals, with the winner set to face the other semi-finalists – Saudi Arabia and Qata in the final.

Egypt will play Tunisia in semi-final on Wednesday at Stadium 974. A defeat against the North Africans would mean the end of their campaign. The game is expected to be a tough encounter, with both teams looking to make the most of their chances.

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In a battle that went into extra-time, Egypt new hero Omar Zizo scored the winning goal in the 2-1 victory over Jordan. The game was a tense one, with both teams looking to make the most of their chances.

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Despite the early goal, the Egyptian team showed their resilience and determination, with goalkeeper Ali Sherif repulsing a number of Jordanian attacks to ensure their place in the semi-finals. The team's coach, Carlos Queiroz, was delighted with the team's performance, saying: “We showed our character and quality in defense, and we were able to control the game from the start.”

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