Qatar face Algeria in battle of continental champions

The hosts have won all four games so far, the only team with an all-win record among Arab Cup semi-finalists.
Pakistan outlast West Indies to take Twenty20 series

Bold batting and quick wickets help hosts Pakistan take unassailable 2-0 lead

Pakistan's Mohammad Rizwan Admitted a Bouncer during the National Stadium in Karachi yesterday (AP)
Siwar Al Shaqab crowned Junior Filly World Champion

By Sports Reporter

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Siwar Al Shaqab delivered a thrilling performance to take the prestigious title of Junior Filly World Champion at the 2021 Arabian Horse World Championship, which took place in Paris, from December 10-12.

The remarkable triumph caps an outstanding year for the unbeaten Siwar, bred and currently owned by Al Shaqab, and ridden by Raphael Curti. She demonstrated her celebrated hare- ness, elegance, form, and movement, winning the Junior Filly World Champion title.

Speaking from Paris after the event, she said: “Today, we have achieved what seemed impossible, what Siwar Al Shaqab’s in Eritu’s most surprising Junior Filly World Championship win. We produced a simple, outstanding performance, and I am delighted with Al Shaqab’s presentation in this competition. I must say, my pride for the team we worked so hard to get to this point. And a special mention to Raphael Curti, who was outstanding in showing and showing and showing, and showing beautiful and beautiful performances.”

The successful performance of Al Shaqab highlighted, once again, the prestige standing of the world-class Arabian World Championship, a programme that has emerged from Internationals and Intercontinental championships, into showing shows, and into championships, into showing shows, and into championships, into showing shows, and into championships, into showing shows, and into championships, into showing shows, and into championships. The world-class Arabian World Championship, a programme that has emerged from Internationals and Intercontinental championships, into showing shows, and into championships. The world-class Arabian World Championship, a programme that has emerged from Internationals and Intercontinental championships, into showing shows, and into championships. The world-class Arabian World Championship, a programme that has emerged from Internationals and Intercontinental championships, into showing shows, and into championships.

FOOTBALL

Siwer Aubameyang stripped of Arsenal captaincy

It is a really clear statement from the club. It is the decision we have made with the last incident we had with the player and this is where we stand.

Arsenal's Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang was stripped of the club captaincy role following a breach of discipline, it was announced on Wednesday. Aubameyang failed yesterday his drug test for a culture change for the club. The 33-year-old forward was appointed captain two years ago by Unai Emery and will also be punished by the club for unprofessional actions.

According to The Athletic, Aubameyang will no longer be club captain, and will not be committed to return to the club for the rest of the season due to unsatisfactory conduct.

“Arsenal will support our players, particularly on matters of discipline and the rules and standards we have laid down,” the club said.

They added that the disciplinary breach was the first in two years, and that the club’s decision was made with the best interests of the club in mind.

Aubameyang also had a long-term contract with Arsenal, signed in 2018, which was due to expire in 2023.

According to reports, Aubameyang’s contract had two years remaining and included a clause that would allow the club to terminate it if they deemed it necessary.

ARSENAL PREMIER LEAGUE

Roma climb above Juventus after win over Spezia

Roma put an end to their five-match losing streak with a 3-0 victory over Spezia on Tuesday night, moving them up to third place in the Serie A standings. The Giallorossi were missing their star man, Cengiz Under, who was ruled out due to injury for the confrontation.

The home side dominated proceedings from the outset, with the Giallorossi taking the lead in the 23rd minute, with a header from Romania international Nicu Negoiță. In the second half, Roma doubled their lead through a header from Roger Ibanez, who rose highest to meet a cross from Henrikh Mkhitaryan.

With 10 minutes remaining, Roma sealed the win with a goal from Nicolo Zaniolo, who slotted home after being played through on goal by Nicolo Zaniolo. The host side had a few chances to score more, but were unable to capitalise on their opportunities.

The victory moves Roma to fifth place in the Serie A table, just one point behind second-placed Inter Milan. This is the first time Roma have been in the top four since March, 2020. The Giallorossi have now won four of their last five league matches, and are keen to establish themselves in the title race.

CRICKET

QCA conducts Criio Entry Level Programme for schoolgirls

As part of International Cricket Council (ICC), ICC Women’s T20 World Cup Qualifier, Qatar Cricket Association conducted the Criio Entry Level Programme for schoolgirls at Al Asr School in Aspire Zone Cricket Stadium on Wednesday. Twelve and sixty eight girls from three schools participated in the coaching camp which was divided into two groups.

The qualified coaches were allowed to take eight students each from the three schools for the programme, the idea was to provide the students with the basic knowledge about the game and give introductory cricket sessions. The participants had a fun time with cricket showers while enjoying the basics of the sport during the three-hour programmes.

Criio Cricket Association officials with coaches and participants of the Criio Entry Level Programme at Aspire Zone Cricket Stadium.
Egypt, Tunisia eye spot in final

As a coach, I am happy to see my side play this phase of the tournament.

By Rizwan Rehmat

Egyptian football coach Carlos Queiroz yesterday called on his players to have a good show against Tunisia when the two sides clash in the first semi-final of the FIFA Arab Cup today.

In the quarter-final on Sunday, Egypt, ranked 14th in the world, booked their place in the semi-finals with a 3-1 win over the UAE. They will face the North African giants - ranked 29 in the world - in the last-four clash tonight.

Tunisia, coached by former El Kabeir’s assistant Oussama Ben Hammam, knocked out Qatar in their quarter-final follow-up game by high-scoring Individual Ahmed Drager, and Seifeddine Jaziri and Youssef Msakni.

Queiroz, at a press conference yesterday, said: “The match will be difficult for both sides, ‘though we have already won the game. We will go through some difficult moments during the match – we expect that – but then we have to be strong and deal with such situations.’”

The Egyptian team is a great side. We will face a strong opponent today, he added.

Tunisia coach El Kabeir yesterday called on his players to be fully focused against the Egyptians.

“Our desire is to get a positive result and reach the final of the FIFA Arab Cup,” El Kabeir said.

“As a coach, I am happy to see my side play this phase of the tournament,” Queiroz added.

Egyptian volunteers proud to support delivery of Arab Cup

More than 100 volunteers from theiate nurses and medical staff have been helping Qatar deliver the FIFA Arab Cup, which will conclude on December 18.

The organisation has already delivered 974 volunteers from all over the world, including Africa, Europe, and the Middle East.

The volunteers have been providing support in various capacities, such as security, health, and hospitality services.

They have also been involved in activities such as assisting fans at the stadiums, providing medical support, and ensuring a smooth flow of traffic.

“The volunteers have been an integral part of the delivery of the Arab Cup, making sure that every aspect of the tournament runs smoothly,” said a Qatari volunteer.

The volunteers play a crucial role in ensuring the success of the Arab Cup, and their contributions have been invaluable.

As the tournament comes to an end, the volunteers are looking forward to sharing their experiences and memories from this memorable event.