Lucky ‘Winther’ leads Qatar Masters by two shots

Kitayama, Samooja, Donaldson, Ficharct and Senior are in a five-way tie for second place at six under

By Toh Mhd Ofid

T" is was not the day for the Commercial Bank Qatar Masters, and after three days of play the tournament seemed to have lost its way. However, after a week of就读 the beautiful Education City Golf Club, the “Tiger” (Jeff Winther) put himself in a comfortable position as he finished his day with a single bogey to put him in a tie for second place on the leaderboard under the fifth tee of the Education City Course.

Morning starter (4am) Winther began his day three shots off the pace and remained there throughout the day after finishing on 21 under par to finish second in the strong field of competitors.

“Today was quite a near miss,” he said. After just last year missing the cut, this season Winther has been in a good rhythm and has started the year off well. He is looking to get on to your radar as he attempts to grab a maining a concrete Four who said.

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Former champion Bernd Wiesberger and last year’s winner Richard Bland were tied for eighth place on one under par.

Richard Bland, who was a late starter on day two, shot a four-under-par 68 to claim his second hole-in-one of the tournament and move up to T8. He was joined by Wiesberger, who shot a two-under-par 70 to finish in a tie for seventh.

Bland’s second hole-in-one came on the 16th hole after a carry of 233 yards with his 3-wood, which he followed with a seven iron to the 12-foot birdie putt.

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Atletico coach has a fully fit squad to choose from for the first time this season

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Qatar named E group host of Asian qualifiers

Revolutionary tournament held in Qatar will be the first in history

**CHELSEA face Wolsingham in Women's Champions League quarters**

Parisian English champions Chelsea face Romanian side Wolsingham in the quarter-finals of the Women's Champions League on Friday. The Blues, who have won the competition two times, will be looking to reach the semi-finals for the first time.

**SPOTLIGHT**

Flick cager over Germany speculation

Bayern Munich boss Hansi Flick has denied reports he will leave the Bundesliga club at the end of the season, and rejected suggestions he will succeed Joachim Low as Germany coach.

**BUNDESLIGA**

Lewandowski on brink of next goal-scoring milestone

Robert Lewandowski could reach another milestone today. The Polish forward is one goal away from equalling Jupp Heynckes’ record of 192 goals in 249 Bundesliga games. The Bayern Munich striker needs to score against Freiburg to surpass the former coach's tally and move into second place in the all-time goalscoring chart.

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**EUROPE LEAGUE**

**Milan grab last 16 edge at United as Arsenal win**

Kjaer nets with a bullet header in the final seconds of stoppage time in the first leg match at Old Trafford

**PREMIER LEAGUE**

**Top-four, relegation battles take centre stage as City close on title**

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**Di Maria signs PSG contract extension**

**SPOTLIGHT**

Could PSG really be beaten to Ligue 1 title?

**FIGURE-FACE-OFF**

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**Tuchel urges Pulisic to seize Chelsea chance when it comes**

London: Coach Thomas Tuchel was keen in the post-match press conference to stress that the Blues want to get the full nine points from their next two league games. He believes that Pulisic is very close to把握住这个机会，然后开始我们的下一步行动。
Harimoto gets past Otchakarov, to meet FILIS in title clash

Women's single's final will pit top seed Mima Ito of Japan against Singapore's Tanwei

By Sports Reporter

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op seed Tomokazu Harimoto (39) defeated Assif Otchakarov in an intense five-set encounter in the final of the WTT Star Challenger tournament at the Local Sports Academy yesterday.

In a repeat of last week's semi-final at the Singapore Open, where the 39-year-old Otchakarov got the better of the 27-year-old Harimoto, Harimoto matched Odhikarav's pace from the very first point, the third set ending in a matter of seconds.

Bohijing engine oven-all attack and sharp service, Harimoto and Otchakarav were at the fore of the game, with Harimoto edging ahead with a two-set lead. However, Otchakarav fought back in the third set, with Harimoto losing the lead in the fifth, third set ending in a 11-9 victory for Otchakarav.

By the third set, Harimoto managed to take the lead, with a 11-9 victory in the third set. The fifth set ended in a 11-9 victory for Harimoto, securing his spot in the final.

The men's singles final will pit top seed Mima Ito against Singapore's Tanwei. The top seed from the Local Sports Academy, who is currently ranked 39 in the world, defeated the second seed, who is ranked 119 in the world.

Miss Ito, who is currently ranked 13 in the world, and Tanwei, who is ranked 39 in the world, will face each other in the final. The match will be a battle of two stars, with the winner securing a spot in the top 30 of the world rankings.

“I'm happy to be in the final, and I'm looking forward to facing Tanwei. He's a very strong player, and I'm sure we'll have a good match tomorrow. I'm preparing myself for the challenge and I'm looking forward to the match,” said Miss Ito.

Miss Tanwei, on the other hand, said, “I'm excited to be in the final. I've been working hard for this opportunity, and I'm looking forward to facing Miss Ito. I know it's going to be a tough match, but I'm ready for the challenge.”

The match will be held at the Local Sports Academy on Saturday, with both players aiming to secure a spot in the top 30 of the world rankings.

Advantage Miller as MotoGP testing ends at Losail Circuit

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nd just like that, the MotoGP testing at the Losail Circuit comes to an end. The tests were held over two days, with some of the top riders in the world including Marc Marquez, Andrea Dovizioso, and Valentino Rossi taking part.

The tests were held at the Losail Circuit in Qatar, which is the first time the MotoGP tests have been held in the country. The tests lasted two days, with each day lasting around eight hours.

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Marc Marquez, who is currently ranked 1st in the MotoGP standings, said, “We had a good test today. We made some good progress, and we learned a lot about the bike. We're happy with the progress we've made, and we'll continue to work hard to improve the bike for the season.”

Andrea Dovizioso, who is currently ranked 2nd in the MotoGP standings, said, “We had a good test today. We made some good progress, and we learned a lot about the bike. We're happy with the progress we've made, and we'll continue to work hard to improve the bike for the season.”

Valentino Rossi, who is currently ranked 3rd in the MotoGP standings, said, “We had a good test today. We made some good progress, and we learned a lot about the bike. We're happy with the progress we've made, and we'll continue to work hard to improve the bike for the season.”

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Roy, Archer star as England trounce India by 8 wickets

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France set for ‘immense challenge’ vs England

A team who haven’t given an inch against France since 2005, that’s what’s at stake. An immense challenge awaits England.

France's attack is star-studded with the likes of Brice Dumas, Antoine Dupont, and贵金属 Thierry Dusatoir. England’s attack is relatively young but equally talented.

Four changes in Scotland team to face Ireland

Scotland have four changes, including Adam Hastings at full-back, to try and bounce back from their defeat to Wales. Hastings, who made his debut against Ireland, replaces Stuart Hogg on the wing.

Ireland have not made any changes to their team and will go for the same tactics that worked against Scotland.

Focus on Italy take on leaders Wales with more than pride at stake

Italy are looking to break their losing streak against Wales and are confident of getting a result.

Golf

Late surge sees Garcia top players Championship leaderboard

Sergio Garcia's red-hot form continued in the final round of the Players Championship to claim his first major title. Garcia, who tied for 14th last year, went 3-under-par (69) on Sunday to overtake Tiger Woods and Jordan Spieth.

Cycling

Roglic extends Paris-Nice lead with stage win

Primož Roglič extended his lead in the 2021 Paris-Nice with a stage win. The Slovenian rider crossed the line in 94 seconds ahead of his closest rival外.
Rayyan, AL Ahli and Qatar Sports Club - Clubpost victories
Cheered on by sizeable passionate fans, Al Rayyan and Al Arabi, fought it out

By Sports Reporter

Al Rayyan beat Al Arabi 2-1 in a pulsating encounter at the Khalifa International Stadium. The hosts had to rely on a last-gasp goal from Karim El Mezahi to secure all three points. The visitors, who had the chance to seize the initiative in the early stages, were unable to make the most of their chances. Despite a strong start, Al Arabi’s attack was unable to convert their opportunities into goals. On the other hand, Al Rayyan’s defense was solid, and they were able to weather the Storm.

QNB Stars League

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czech disappointment

The match was a closely fought one, with both teams showcasing their skills and determination. Al Rayyan’s manager, Ehab Al Amri, praised his team’s performance, saying, “We were able to absorb the pressure and show our resilience.”

Al Arabi, on the other hand, were left disappointed with a draw, but they remain in the top four of the league. Manager, Paul Le Guen, said, “We were close to winning, but we need to make sure we convert our opportunities in the future.”

The next round of matches will be crucial for both teams, as they aim to secure their positions in the league table. Al Rayyan’s next game will be against Al Gharafa, while Al Arabi will face Al Kharaitiyat.

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# Rayyan # Al Arabi # Qatar Sports Club

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By Sports Reporter

Al Rayyan’s Yousef Al Thani scored the first goal in the 18th minute through a powerful header.

The second goal came in the 32nd minute, when Al Rayyan’s Karim El Mezahi exploited a defensive error to score.

Despite the setback, Al Arabi continued to push forward, looking for an equalizer. However, Al Rayyan’s defense was rock-solid, and they were able to hold on to their lead.

In the second half, Al Rayyan had to work hard to maintain their lead, but they were successful. Al Arabi continued to press, but Al Rayyan’s goalkeeper, Mohamed Al Hareeb, was up to the challenge.

The match ended 2-0 in favor of Al Rayyan, who move closer to the top of the league table. Manager, Ehab Al Amri, said, "We are happy with the result, and we will continue to work hard in the coming matches."
Bautista Agut stuns Rublev to meet Basilashvili in final

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