Sailiya clinch Ooredoo Cup for maiden domestic title

Goals from Mbojjdi and Mohanad Ali give Sailiya a 2-0 win over Al Rayyan 2-0 in the final at Jassim Bin Hamad Stadium

By Sports Reporter 2019

Al Sailiya beat Al Rayyan 2-0 in the final to win the Qatar, maiden domestic title at the Jassim Bin Hamad Stadium yesterday. Mohanad Ali and Mbojjdi netted the goals from the 32nd and 89th minutes respectively to put the final result in Sailiya's favor.

Sailiya had reached the final after winning 3-1 on aggregate over an unforgettable player from Al Wukair, to whom they lost 1-0 in the last round. The result was awarded to the Sailiya Committee of Qatar Football Association, after the Sailiya players did not take part in the final.

Fahad Al Kharji, Sailiya's secretary general, said: “We wish to win our younger brothers. We are happy to have won the title.”

Sportswriter said: “It was a very good game against Al Rayyan and we are happy. If the older brother wins, we will be even happier.”

On the other hand, Al Rayyan’s head coach, Al Muharraq, said: “We are happy with the performance of our players.”

As expected, it was a start to the first, with all the teams making first attempts to control the ball and put pressure on Al Rayyan. The Sailiya brothers did not let Al Rayyan take full control of the game by keeping the ball possession and looking to create goals against the weak defense.

Just before the half-hour mark, Al Muharraq gave Al Rayyan the first lead of the game with a rocket from the edge of the box, but keeper Khalid Al Ali did not let in.

Just before halftime, Al Muhary won a free-kick 35 yards outside the box. Khalid Al Ali took the kick, but Al Muharraq’s header was off target.

In the second half, Al Rayyan were unable to find their rhythm, and Al Muharraq continued to control the game.

The result was a huge boost for Al Sailiya, who are now looking to win their first domestic title.

FOCUS

Qatar coach Sanchez expects tough contest against Azerbaijan

By Sports Reporter 2019

A coach of the Qatar team to take on the Azerbaijan team in the 2020 AFC Asian Cup, Carlos Sanchez, has said that the match will be a tough one for his team.

Sanchez said: “We are aware that Azerbaijan is a strong team, and we will have to be at our best to get a positive result.”

The match is scheduled for March 23 and will be held in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Sanchez added: “We know that Azerbaijan has good players and a strong team, but we are confident in our ability to win.”

The Qatar team is currently preparing for the Asian Cup, which will be held in January 2020.

Sanchez said: “We are working hard to ensure that our players are in good shape for the Asian Cup.”

The match against Azerbaijan will be a test for the Qatar team, and Sanchez expects a tough contest.

Sanchez added: “We are looking forward to the game, and we are confident in our ability to win.”

The match will be broadcast live on Qatar TV and on the Internet.

Sanchez concluded: “We are excited to face Azerbaijan, and we are confident in our ability to win.”

Qatar coach:Byte Sanchez speaks during a press conference yesterday.

Qatar player:Atalanta's Alejandro Gomez was in action for the first time since leaving Atalanta.

Qatar player: A football player in action for Dordrecht, Netherlands yesterday.
SHOW/JUMPING
Hamad al-Qadi leads Gibria-B to thrilling win at Longines Hathab

The pair stopped the clock in 64.87 seconds, a mere 0.12 seconds ahead of Mohamed Saed Sadik and D Saucedo.

Hamad al-Qadi and Aldwaj Gibria E made it his victory in the Big Tour class during the 12th and final round of the Longines Qatar Super Trial Tour at Al Shaqab yesterday.

The 23-year-old from the UAE won the 2012 edition of the Show Jumping World Cup in Doha, but yesterday was the first time he had won the Big Tour title.

Aldwaj Gibria, the 7-year-old gelding, was powered by the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, and the pair rode to victory in the final round of the 2012 edition of the Longines Grand Prix World Cup.

The pair, who are both Equestrian athletes, were the only ones to complete the course without a fault, with a time of 58.98 seconds.

RESULTS

**QATAR**

1. Hamad al-Qadi and Aldwaj Gibria E, 64.87 sec.

**MOROCCO**

2. Hakim Ben Ali and Xandria, 66.04 sec.

**JORDAN**

1. Ali bin Al-Ahmad Al-Khalifa and Alme, 66.58 sec.
2. Faisal bin Al-Hussein Al-Khalifa and Alon, 66.94 sec.

**TODAY’S SCHEDULE**

**5:00 p.m.**

1. Small Tour: Table A, two rounds, against the clock
2. Small Tour: Table B, two rounds, against the clock

**6:00 p.m.**

1. Medium Tour: Table C, two rounds, against the clock
2. Medium Tour: Table D, two rounds, against the clock
3. Medium Tour: Table E, two rounds, against the clock

**7:00 p.m.**

1. Big Tour: Table A, two rounds, against the clock
2. Big Tour: Table B, two rounds, against the clock

**SOCCER**

Qatar defeated Saudi Arabia 2-1 on Monday to advance to the final of the Gulf Cup of Nations.

**FOOTBALL**

Morocco, Ivory Coast qualify for Africa Cup of Nations

Morocco and Ivory Coast qualified for the Africa Cup of Nations after defeating Algeria and Tunisia, respectively, on Tuesday.

Morocco, who are preparing for the 2012 African Cup of Nations qualifiers in October, will face Tunisia in the next round.

The country’s team won the 2010 edition of the tournament, but were the only ones to complete the course without a fault, with a time of 58.98 seconds.

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FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

Germany, England and Italy win easily but Spain held

Lewandowski struck a thunderous 83rd-minute equaliser as Poland fought back to earn a 3-3 draw with Hungary

Despite struggling, showing determination to get the ball back fast, Hungary registered two first-half efforts, with only one being off target. Lewandowski fired wide from the penalty spot and was denied by goalkeeper Doan in the 16th minute, with the former striker finding the net with a powerful header on the hour mark.

In the second match, Poland vs. Portugal, the two teams played out an entertaining 2-2 draw. Lewandowski scored twice for Poland to cancel out two goals from Portugal, with the match concluding 2-2.

Meanwhile, England continued their good form with a comfortable 3-1 win over Luxembourg. Jamie Vardy scored a brace, and Kieran Trippier added a third as England cruised to victory.

In the other match, Italy faced Switzerland on home soil and despite a late flurry of efforts, were held to a 1-1 draw. Jorginho netted a late equaliser after the home side had taken the lead thanks to a goal from Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

Overall, the qualifying campaign continued with a mix of exciting matches and nail-biting encounters, setting the stage for the upcoming World Cup.
Bairstow, Stokes blast England to big win over India

"We had no chance," admits Kohli after thrashing in Pune

India were all out for 74 in their second innings and England put them to the sword in the second one day international match with a 148-run victory at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.

England's team was led by captain Eoin Morgan, who won the toss and elected to bat first. They posted a modest total of 254, with England's bowlers putting up a sturdy resistance.

India's reply was lacklustre, with only Shreyas Iyer scoring a 36-ball 48. SPK Dinesh and MS Dhoni were the top order wickets, with the latter scoring 17 off 21 deliveries.

India's fielding was below par, with England scoring 124 runs from the second innings. India's bowling was also ineffective, with only Jasprit Bumrah taking two wickets.

England's next match will be against Australia, while India will face South Africa.

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**FOCUS**

Tons from Conway, Mitchell help NZ sweep Bangladesh

**New Zealand**

In a reverse sweep on the second day of the Test match in Napier, New Zealand's left-handed batsman Devon Conway scored his maiden century, helping them to a comfortable lead of 160 runs against Bangladesh. Conway scored 160 in the first innings, while his partner Ross Taylor added 96 in the second.

**Bangladesh**

Bangladesh's opening batsman Liton Das scored 86, but the team was bowled out for 209 in the first innings. They were unable to make much of a comeback in the second innings, with New Zealand bowling them out for 204.

**Australia**

Australia have named a 14-player squad for the T20I series against England, which begins on September 22. The squad includes David Warner, Mitchell Starc, and Glenn Maxwell.
**Lakers lose again without LeBron, Clippers stop Spurs**

Knicks rallied from a 7-point third-quarter deficit to beat the Wizards 106-102

**AP**

Lakers went to 0-3 after a home loss to the Clippers in their first meeting this season.

**NBA**

Lakers forward LeBron James missed the game due to injury, falling 104-99 to the Clippers in Los Angeles. The Lakers are 0-3 this season.

**AP**

James Lonnerd scored 25 points in the Lakers’ win, but the team still struggles to find a rhythm without its star player.

**NHL**

Stars edge Lightning; Saville tops with 4 assists

The Edmonton Oilers defeated the Tampa Bay Lightning 3-2, with Oscar Lindberg scoring the winning goal in overtime.

**AP**

Lindberg scored the winning goal at 3:02 of the third period to give the Oilers their second straight win.

**NHL**

Saville leads with 4 assists as Stars top Lightning

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**AP**

Saville had 4 assists in the game, helping the Stars overcome a tough start.

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Llavador and Abouelkassem exit on first day

By Sports Superstar

The preliminary rounds of the men's singles at the International Federation of Fencing (FIÉ) Grand Prix Dubai 2021 began on the 18th of September. Dubai is the last event of the 2020 season with almost all the world's top-ranked players competing in Dubai ahead of the Liege World Cup and the 2021 season. For world No. 1, Arslan Khasanov of Iran, who finished second in the 2020 season, Dubai will be a critical test of his performance in the new season. The event is being held at the Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre, the first day of the event was concluded with a total of 842 fencers from 43 nations competing.

Action from the third day of the 1st ICF Canoe GT Dubai 2021 at Al Ain Bani Yas yesterday.

By Dave Purcell

Tennis

Wimbledon: Collapses

Andreea Mitu of the ITF Chicago has collapsed during her first round match on Thursday. The match was at the ITF European Challenger in Munich, and the Romanian was replaced by Kristyna Pliskova of the Czech Republic. Mitu said after the match that she had not suffered any health issues, but her coach had been worried before the match. It is not yet clear what happened, but the Romanian coach commented that she will be fine.

China’s Xiang breaks world record to seal Olympic spot

Christina Xiang set a world record in the 25m pistol event at the Olympic Games trials, qualifying for the Tokyo Olympics. She shot 240 points in her third attempt with her .45mm pistol, a new world record. Her coach, Li Man, said that the 16-year-old has been training hard for three years and this is her first international competition.

SPOTLIGHT

Injury ends race walker Tallent's bid for Tokyo swan song

Stephen Britain

A world record holder and Olympic medalist, the 43-year-old has announced his retirement from the sport after being diagnosed with a heart condition.

As Britain holds off all comers to claim a world record, he has now added his name to the list of athletes who have tasted success at the highest level.

Despite the challenges, the Brit has not let his condition get in the way of his dreams. His latest goal is to win a medal at the 2024 Paris Olympics, and he has already started training for it.

The British politician, who has been a vocal advocate for the sport, is eagerly waiting for his next opportunity to show the world what he can do.

CYCLING

Biblia to host 2023 Tour de France ‘Grand Depart’

AP Paris France

The 2023 Tour de France will start in the French city of Nantes, it was announced on Friday. The race will start on April 29 and finish on July 23, with 20 stages planned.

The Grand Depart will be the first time the Tour de France has started outside of the traditional Pyrenees region in the past.

The French government has decided to move the starting point to Nantes for the 2023 edition to showcase the country's southern regions.

The event will take place under a new safety plan in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.
Thomas, Morikawa fall, McIlroy wins at WGC Match Play

I feel like it's testing me a little more than it has in the past few years'

Veteran Thompson wins UK marathon trials

New Zealand sprinter Pacelle secures Olympic place

Wallabies coach Rennie keen for NZ, France Tests this year

President

W allabies coach Dave Rennie has one of the toughest challenges ahead of him, having agreed to take on the role of coach for New Zealand after leaving Australia. He helped the Wallabies win the Bledisloe Cup and the Rugby Championship, but now he faces the challenge of keeping New Zealand competitive against the All Blacks.

"I think it's a step up from what we saw last year and certainly it's a step up from having to deal with All Blacks," said Rennie. "It's a bigger challenge, but we're confident in our players and our system. The French team has really benefited from a lot of experienced people coming up through the system, and we're looking forward to seeing them in action."

Rennie is excited about the opportunity to work with new players and to develop the team's young talent. "It's a great challenge for us and we're looking forward to the challenge," he said.

The French team has also been strengthened by the return of a few key players, including captain and winger Brice Duffet. "We're really looking forward to welcoming him back," Rennie said. "He's a fantastic player and we're confident he'll bring a lot of experience to the team."
Miller leads factory Ducati 1-2 in blistering Qatar practice

Yamaha’s Quartararo goes third fastest behind Bagnaia, as Zarco and Rins complete top five at Losail circuit

Ducati rider Andrea Dovizioso leads after Friday’s free practice sessions at the Qatar Grand Prix of Qatar, the fourth round of the 2021 MotoGP World Championship. The Australian was 0.245 seconds faster than second-placed Italian Jack Miller.

Dovizioso’s times in the Losail International Circuit, on the west coast of Qatar, were 1:57.692 and 1:57.767, while Miller clocked 1:57.937 and 1:57.957.

Jack Miller, the factory Ducati rider, was the fastest in FP1, with a time of 1:57.673. In second place was Yamaha’s Fabio Quartararo, with a time of 1:57.792.

Marc Marquez (Honda) finished in third place, 0.163 seconds off the pace, followed by Ducati’s Francesco Bagnaia and Yamaha’s Franco Morbidelli.

There were no major incidents during the session, with all riders completing their designated programs.

The second session saw Miller marginally improve, recording a time of 1:57.767.

Dovizioso, who has been in excellent form recently, was third fastest with a time of 1:57.937.

Quartararo was fourth fastest, followed by Andrea Dovizioso and Francesco Bagnaia.

With just a few minutes left on the clock, Dovizioso made a crucial stop and returned to the track, pushing the limits of his bike and setting a new best lap time.

The Italian rider, known for his aggressive style, was keen to make up for lost time and secure his position in the championship standings.

The practice session concluded with Dovizioso leading the way, closely followed by Miller.

Yamaha’s Fabio Quartararo finished in third place, while Ducati’s Francesco Bagnaia and Yamaha’s Franco Morbidelli completed the top five.

The results were a testament to the competitive nature of MotoGP, with all teams pushing their limits to achieve the best possible results.

With just two rounds of the championship remaining, the riders are currently in a tight battle for the world championship, with Quartararo leading the standings.

The next round of the championship will take place in Japan, where the riders will have to adapt to the peculiarities of the circuit and the track conditions.

The top five riders after Friday’s practice sessions were:

1. Andrea Dovizioso (Ducati) - 1:57.673
2. Jack Miller (Ducati) - 1:57.767
3. Fabio Quartararo (Yamaha) - 1:57.900
4. Andrea Dovizioso (Ducati) - 1:57.937
5. Francesco Bagnaia (Yamaha) - 1:57.957

The championship is far from over, with several riders still in contention for the world championship.

The riders will continue to battle it out in the remaining rounds, with the ultimate goal of clinching the coveted title.

For more updates and news from the MotoGP championship, stay tuned to the latest reports and highlights.