Qatar SC face Ahli in key clash

By Sports Reporter

Qatar SC face Al-Ahli in a crucial Qatar Stars League match today after the defending champions looked to return to full strength and were looking to start the season in the right way.

Ahli, currently on 34 points, is still looking to win its first match of the campaign after losing 1-2 at Al Sadd in the last round.

"Monday was a very important victory for the team," said Al-Ahli's coach Nadim Sawiris.

Ahli had to face Qatar SC in the first leg but Sawiris said that they will fight to out on a good performance and achieve what they want to.

"We respect the opposition and we know that the league is tough," said Sawiris.

"We know that Al Duhail is one of the best teams in the league and that they are aware of our quality," said Sawiris.

Ahli's coach Nadim Sawiris added:

"We are looking to start the season with a win and we are ready to face Qatar SC."
Florenzi tests positive for Covid-19, gets ruled out of Real Madrid-Liverpool

**SPOTLIGHT**
Nobody should write off Real Madrid: Zidane

Zinedine Zidane believes there are no guarantees in football, but predicts Madrid will have no problem taking on Liverpool in their Champions League semi-final on Tuesday. Madrid and Liverpool meet in the second leg of the tie at the Alfredo di Stefano stadium in the Spanish capital.

"I think Liverpool are one of the best teams in Europe. They are very good defensively and they can score a lot of goals," Zidane said in his pre-match press conference yesterday. "It will be a very, very tough match. It's normal that people think we're underdogs.

"We will work very hard to try to win this match, and if we can't win, we'll do our best to make sure we don't lose. Our players are very much looking forward to the match, and we will try our best to get a good result."

"We have to play well and make sure we don't concede any goals, as Liverpool are very good defensively. We will have to defend very well and try to take advantage of any opportunities we get on the counter-attack."
La Liga investigating Valencia racism claims, Tebas confirms

The accounts are contradictory but looking at the behaviour of the Valencia player you can see that something happened

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Valencia players and staff reported to support their French defender Mouctar Diakhaby (centre) as they protest against racism during a training session in Valencia, Spain, yesterday. (AFP)

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Member of the Executive Committee of Qatar Football Association, Ahmad Al-Samarrai, was elected as the president of the West Asian Football Federation (WAFF). (QFA)

**Everton blow late lead against Crystal Palace**

Everton conceded a late late lead against Crystal Palace after Adam Lallana scored the winner in stoppage time. (PA Wire)
Jannik Sinner of Italy reaches for a forehand against Hubert Hurkacz of Poland (not in the picture) during their Miami Open final at the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami, Florida, USA, Sunday, March 20, 2022. (USA TODAY Sports)

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Nahid Al-Adil was determined to make a point. The 22-year-old Bahrainian, who was forced to retire from the 2022 Fed Cup Asian Qualifiers yesterday, followed the match revealed an ‘intra articular communication fracture’ of her hip. The Pakistan Cricket Board has promised there will be no let up from her team as they look to extend their winning run to six matches after knocking out the mighty Australia Women’s team in three straight matches, to lead the three-match series. The Australian has benefited from a break in the way tournaments are calculated which takes the disruption caused by last year’s pandemic shutdown.

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Los Angeles Clippers forward Markieff Morris (right) shoots against Los Angeles Lakers center Andre Drummond during the first half at Staples Center in Los Angeles. (USA TODAY Sports)

NHL

Walsh and Ohtani command attention as Angels top White Sox

Shohei Ohtani homered at the plate and struck out on the mound in the season-opening four-game road trip that began Tuesday against the Toronto Raptors, who crushed Golden State 125-100, with 15 points and 15 rebounds.

"We didn't handle their defensive pressure well at all," Los Angeles Lakers coach Frank Vogel said.

Los Angeles Lakers forward Anthony Davis, who was held out of the first nine games this season, the last 22 due to a strained right calf.

It didn't go as planned for the Lakers.

Blake Griffin and Bruce Brown each had 21 points while LaMarcus Aldridge and Davis had 20 apiece.

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I was so surprised and happy for her, and I felt how hard she must have worked to get there.

Japanese swimmer Raksa Irie races after winning the 100m butterfly title at the National Aquatic Championships, which doubles as a qualifying event for the coronavirus-delayed 2020 Tokyo Olympics, at the Tokyo Aquatics Centre, on Sunday. (AFP)

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Irie clinched a place in Japan’s team by winning the 200m medley title at the national championships yesterday formally for the Tokyo Olympics.

Irie, who qualified for the Games just two years after being diagnosed with lymphoma, was one of two Japanese swimmers to win titles in Tokyo yesterday, with sprinter and world record holder Yuki Hashi winning the 100m butterfly.

Irie, 31, was happy to join them on the podium after winning the 200m medley in a time of 2:09.14 – updating his own Japanese record.

“Toni Brando continues to shatter records both on and off the field,” said the founder of the New England Patriots is one of the few quarterbacks to have hoisted the Super Bowl MVP honours in February 2020 in the United Arab Emirates. The former world record holder, Kiyo Mihara, was the first Japanese Olympic gold medallist to win the 100m butterfly at the 1990 world championships in Indianapolis.

Kipkorir (59:46) completed in Valencia in December.

Meanwhile badminton’s world governing body will vote in May on a proposal to change the scoring system to reduce the number of deadlocks at matches.

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Johnson set to defend as sense of normalcy returns

Only Jack Nicklaus, Nick Faldo and Woods have successfully defended Masters titles

SPOTLIGHT

Fans back at Masters as Koepka takes aim at win after surgery

Spectators returned to Augusta National, putting en route to his full advantage of with blistered Covid-19 forced the Masters to greens will be back on full dis- set against emerald fairways and tional and Dustin Johnson is the man to beat on a layout that, Dustin Johnson of the United States plays his shot from the fourth tee during a practice round prior to the Masters at Augusta National Golf Club yesterday. Reuters

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he Masters returns to its traditional date this week as the year’s first major at Augusta Na-
tional. Dustin Johnson is the man to beat on a layout that, with blistered Covid-19 forced the Masters to be played in November.

“After two years of having no fans, it’s really nice to have people back,” Johnson said. “It’s a little bit different having to play in front of the media and that stuff. But at the same time, it’s exciting to have fans back.”

Johnson has four Masters titles, most of his five Masters starts, most factor in the compelling games victories. Only Jack Nicklaus (six) and Tiger Woods (five) have more. “A win for Johnson would put him in elite company,” Dustin Johnson.

Johnson is coming off a win at the Players Championship, his eighth of the year. “I feel like I’m in great form,” Johnson said. “I feel like I’m hitting the ball really well and certainly great around the greens.”

The Masters was to play Augusta. Here we are all... I just wanted to play my own game, and now I’m a major champion in search of my first Masters title.

Patty said she didn’t get much sleep on Saturday night, and left nervous in the early going. “It was tough mentally and I didn’t handle it perfectly well.” But Patty still walked away from the Masters as champion. “I had a bad day yesterday,” she said. “I just played my own game, didn’t look at the leaderboard at all...”

She was unable to take advantage of the pace of the par-3 10th, but left herself less than two feet for a birdie at the 12th. She needed a few par saves and strokes to get through the last five holes in search of her first Masters title.

Johnson’s round was a wake-up call to the field. “It’s going to be a major championship. It’s going to be a tough golf course.”

Johnson took aim at win after surgery

Thailand’s Patty Tavatanaakit holds off Lydia Ko to win ANA Inspiration

American golfer Brooks Koepka...
Pramac Racing thrive under the lights at Losail

Three podiums, Zarco leading the overall standings and a rookie sensation in Martin. Pramac enjoyed a wonderful start to the 2021 season

Pramac Racing probably didn’t need to reflect how successful their Grand Prix weekends in the Middle East would be when they arrived in Doha. In Qatar, they have a two-time world champion who is still changing the face of MotoGP. And in Jorge Martin, they have a world champion premier class rookie who is still changing the face of MotoGP.

Pramac Racing Spanish rider Jorge Lorenzo (23) and Pramac Racing Spanish rider Jorge Martin celebrate their podium positions after the Tissot MotoGP Grand Prix of Doha at the Losail International Circuit on Saturday.

When you put this together, you get a team that is in a perfect position for the new season, full of motivation and a clear goal in mind. In Doha, they scored three podiums, with Zarco leading the overall standings and Martin showing his potential as a rookie.

On the track, Zarco was spectacular. He took pole position and led the race from start to finish, with Martin finishing in second place. The Frenchman continued his good form, finishing third in the race.

Martin, on the other hand, had a bit of a struggle. He started the race on pole position but dropped to fourth place early on. However, he fought back and finished the race in second place, securing a podium finish for Pramac Racing.

For Martin, it was a great start to the season. He has shown his potential as a rookie, and with more experience, he is sure to improve.

Martin’s performance in Doha was one of the highlights of the weekend for Pramac Racing. The team’s boss, Francesco Bagnaia, said: “Jorge is a special talent and we are all very proud of him. He has shown his potential and we are looking forward to seeing what he can do in the future.”

For Zarco, it was a huge boost to his confidence. The Frenchman has been in good form since the start of the season, with a podium finish in Qatar.

Zarco: “It was a great start to the season for me, and I’m very happy with the result. I had a few problems during the race, but I managed to keep my composure and bring home the victory. I want to continue this momentum and show my potential in the upcoming races.”

Martin: “It was a difficult race for me, but I’m happy with the result. I want to build on this momentum and show my potential in the upcoming races.”

For Pramac Racing, it was a tremendous start to the season. The team has shown its potential and is looking forward to the upcoming races. With Zarco leading the overall standings and Martin showing his potential as a rookie, Pramac Racing is well-placed to challenge for the championship.