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Qatar 2022 will be a dream for players and fans: Beckham

Beckham, who won a host of domestic and international honours during a glittering 20-year professional career, said it is important to see the World Cup hosted in the Middle East and Arab world.

It was wonderful to hear him say that’s what the World Cup is all about — giving countries the chance to host the biggest competition in the game.

He continued: “It was an easy decision being over here. It’s a dream, it’s a dream going to the World Cup.”

Beckham, who went 11-11 sign for England, said it is important to take the World Cup to new corners of the world.

It has become clear that the World Cup’s future will not lie in traditional football nations.

The first World Cup in the Middle East and Arab world, and gives people an opportunity to see something that’s so special and, as far as we, something unique is really being created here.”

Beckham believes Qatar will host a unique version of the FIFA World Cup which will become the third tournament venue to be revealed when it opens in early 2021.

Beckham will live to Qatar and show him could carry all tournament venues, Education City Stadium. It won’t be an easy one to win — impressively is with the club, and that he’s actually about the chance to host the biggest event.

His career was defined by his start playing in the UK and Argentina’s national team playing games and saying ‘maybe that can be me one day. ”

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“Tough game, really tough game, we knew we would have some problems in the game, but we had the clearest chances and we had to score,” Klopp said.

He added: “It was only possible the hard way, because we couldn’t train yesterday, so I was more than happy when Firmino came off the bench and made the difference.”

Firmino’s injury-time winner came after goal had been ruled out by Argentine striker Lautaro Martinez.

Klopp also admitted his team face a “really tough game” on Saturday, with Brazil likely to be “really afraid of extra time to be honest.”

Clearly determined to avoid a repeat of the 2019 final between Liverpool and Barcelona, Klopp said: “The team played really well, but they played a really good game.”

Liverpool grabbed a stoppage-time winner through substitute Roberto Firmino after substitute Roberto Firmino and Mohamed Salah scored to give the Reds a 3-1 win over the Spanish giants in Moscow.

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Barça, Real draw as Clasico marred by violence

There was tension in the game and I noticed when some yellow balls fell down

LaLiga

Barcelona and Real Madrid could not be separated on Wednesday in a Clasico that was overshadowed by violent clashes between fans and police outside Camp Nou.

After being postponed in October, there were fears of more rowdy scenes around Camp Nou’s most famous fixture but with the match still briefly interrupted by a pitch invasion, the outside world could at least see some of the pre-match scenes.

Sixty or so fans were lightly injured in the clashes, with police estimates putting the total number at 250, according to a police spokesperson.

As the Catalan separatists flags began to flutter in the stands, some fans threw yellow beach balls at those in the stands.

The game was less eventful than last year, when a goalless draw meant Barcelona stayed top of La Liga, ahead of Real Madrid, who had scored twice in the first half.

Javi Hernandez said United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer had been “happy. “The game was less eventful than last year,” he said.

Real Madrid fans had been hoping to see more action, but Zinedine Zidane said: “In that sense I think we can be proud.”

Clashes over two legs in January.

‘More than a Clasico’, read the frontpage of Barcelona daily Asportivo on Wednesday morning ahead of a crunch league meeting between the two sides.

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Flying Ronaldo fires Juve top as Buffon equals Maldini’s mark

‘It was a really good goal also because it was the one that won the three points’

ASTERDAM: Portugal forward Cristiano Ronaldo jogs to score a header during the European Championship qualifying match against Umbro Netherlands at the Luzi Stadium in Amsterdam (AFP)

As a centre-forward at Parma, where he won the Serie A Cup and Coppa Italia in 1999 before moving to Juventus, and then to Real Madrid in 2009 that has yet to conquer Europe despite reaching the 2014 Champions League final, Ronaldo has previously opened the scoring under previous coach Massimiliano Allegri. However, he will be another chance flying forward as a centre-forward, a role that has made him one of the world’s best footballers in recent years, having scored four goals in his first four league appearances for the club this season.
The Lions (3-10-1) will stage their first meeting with the Denver Broncos (1-12) on Tuesday night in Detroit, led by quarterback Matthew Stafford, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2009 NFL draft.

Detroit coach Matt Patricia said his team had been determined to deliver his team's first victory since Nov. 21.

"We have a lot of respect for the Seattle Seahawks, and we've been working on the Seattle Seahawks all week," Patricia said. "But we're fully aware of the challenges we're going to face on the road on Tuesday night."
Qatar Stars win thrilling QND cricket match

Qatar Stars Eleven edged past the 2019 QND cricket champions, Qatar Upper Eleventh, to win the tournament.

"We will deal with it as we have done before, when we won and we lost," said Sajjad. "We relied on the batting and the bowling to win the match and the team reached its objective."
Djokovic says he was moved by ‘amazing warrior’ Murray

‘I think it was a great insight into his last years and the struggles he had’

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