Bounedjah strike sends Sadd past fighting Rayyan

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FOOTBALL

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By Sports Reporter

The prolific Bounedjah strikes again as Al Arabi defeat Al Kharaitiyat 3-1; Al Ahli are denied second spot in the standings after 1-4 loss to Qatar SC

Al Arabi captain Ahmed Fathy (left) scored a spectacular goal from 70 yards as Al Arabi defeated Al Kharaitiyat 3-1 at the Al Ahli Stadium yesterday. Al Sadd’s Bentaleb Bouadabbou (right) celebrates with teammates after scoring against Al Rayyan in the QNB Stars League at the Jassim Bin Hamad stadium yesterday.

Al Sadd defeated Al Rayyan 2-1; Al Ahli defeated Al Kharaitiyat 3-1; Al Arabi defeated Al Kharaitiyat 3-1 in the QNB Stars League at the Jassim Bin Hamad stadium yesterday.

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The winner of the Tercera División, the third tier of Argentine football, will be determined by the end of January 2024. The draw to finalize the detailed pairings in the tournament will take place on January 12, 2024.

Host: Al Ahli Stadium Venue: Education City Stadium

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FOOTBALL

Tigres UANL prevail over Santos

Al Ahli outclass Al Kharaitiyat

First match of the year an entertaining one

Doha, December 24: The second edition of the QNB Stars League was inaugurated today at the Al Janoub Stadium with Al Ahli outclassing Al Kharaitiyat.

The hosts took on the visitors on the opening day of the tournament, which will be held under the auspices of FIFA Club World Cup Qatar 2022 in Qatar — Al Ahli Stadium, Khalifa International Stadium and Education City Stadium.

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Mesi passes Pele as top scorer at a single club

When I started playing football I never thought I would break any records. And even less the one I achieved today.

Lionel Messi beat Pele’s record of most trophies with the Catalan club (34,311), and the player who has won the Ballon d’Or (451 goals, ahead of Cristiano Ronaldo’s 407), is by far the highest scorer in Barca history. Stories like ours, of loving the place we wear the shirt, is nothing better than the place we feel at home. “I can only thank all those who have always supported us, for having been a family, and for having loved us, for a very long time,” Pele wrote to Messi on December 11, was supported by Al-Nassr, and we are proud to support such a club.

Messi has scored 643 goals in 717 matches with Santos, where he played between 2004 and 2014, and 797 goals in competitive matches with Barcelona, which also includes 137 in La Liga and two seasons with the New York Cosmos. As a child, he was at the heart of a powerful Barca team, which won the domestic double three times.

Barcelona’s Argentine forward Lionel Messi celebrates after scoring a goal against Real Sociedad during a Spanish league football match at La Rosaleda stadium in Malaga on October 3, 2021. Lionel Messi has won 10 Ballon d’Or trophies, and he is the highest scorer in the history of Barcelon. Messi, who had looked out of sorts this season after trying to leave the club in the summer, was at the heart of a powerful force against Almeria after his return to the starting XI. Messi scored his 704th goal for a club and country when he scored against Real Sociedad at the Nou Camp (7-1). Messi and his teammates ensured that Barca moved level again with their city rivals Real Madrid, who are five points off the lead but are now six back after their sixth consecutive league match without a win.

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England international Trippier hit with 10-week ban for betting breaches

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English international Joe Trippier has been banned for 10 weeks and fined £70,000 for breaching betting rules, the Football Association announced yesterday. The 30-year-old midfielder from Madrid’s world’s best, on which we played our home games, is not a professional competitor, and we were proud to support such a club.

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**FOOTBALL**

**PREMIER LEAGUE**

Werner will rediscove rover scoring touch, says Chelsea’s Lampard

Chelsea manager Frank Lampard is confident Werner will get back amongst the goals once he is fit again. The German striker has struggled for form this season, having scored just one goal in as many games.

"I think the reason why we are not seeing Werner scoring regularly, as he has done in his career, and the same time he is not scoring, is because he is not getting into the right areas and he is not getting into the box where he has been scoring goals," said Lampard. "He has to do that again now and start scoring to get his confidence back.

**SPOTLIGHT**

Under pressure Arsenal manager Arteta finds succour in Guaridiola’s defence

Guardiola experienced a trophy-less season in his time in charge, but his success as a human being and especially as a consultant. "I can speak about my return to coaching," said Guaridiola. "It was not possible without him. To create something is not good enough in the world."

"I'm more sorry for them than for me," said Guaridiola. "We want the referee to let the penalty stand. We are a protagonist of the situation.

"We don't want to appeal and we don't want to lose. We want to win," Guaridiola added.

**FOCUS**

Dresden fans buy 72k tickets for match in empty stadium

German third-tier club FC Carl Zeiss Jena of the southern Saxony region did not sell a single ticket for the home match against Chemnitz on Tuesday.

"They are not proud of this," said Chemnitz manager Patrick Baumann. "They sold 72,000 ghost tickets – during the Covid-19 pandemic – the more depends more heavily on ghost receipts than on public receipts.

"It's another way of doing business," Baumann said. "We have to earn money and we have to get a chance to stay in the league."

**DROMECO FORCED TO RESIGN**

Former Roma boss Piero Domenech is to take over as coach of Ligue 1 side Nantes due to the resignation of Pascal Dupraz, who has been linked with the vacant Ligue 1 coach since the departure of Christophe Galtier.

"It's a difficult situation," said Domenech. "We have to work hard and we have to win games."

**SERIE A**

Ronaldo and Bonucci apologise for worst Juventus of season

Juventus are fourth, equal on points with Napoli and seven points adrift of AC Milan.

"I apologise to the fans in my name, first and foremost, for this terrible start of the season," said Juve manager Maurizio Sarri. "We have been sent off after quarter of an hour in the first game against Fiorentina."

Juventus, who have not scored in any of their first five games, have been dominated by a strong start from Napoli, who are six points clear at the top of the table. 

"We want to be able to fight," said Juve defender Alex Sandro. "We want to be able to fight for the title.

"But at the same time we want to be able to fight for the Champions League."
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**NBA**

**Champion Lakers lose opener to Clippers**

George leads the Clippers with 33 points, while Leonard adds 26 points. James scores 22 points for Lakers

**Shorthanded Lakers lose to Clippers**

The Lake Show Lakers were unable to overcome the shorthanded Lakers, who were without their star, Anthony Davis.

At the Staples Center, the Lakers played in a game where Davis was unable to make the trip due to a hip injury. The game was filled with moments of frustration as the Lakers struggled to keep up with the Clippers.

The Lakers went into halftime trailing 65-55, and in the second half, the Clippers continued to pull away, winning 125-99.

Despite the loss, the Lakers showed some promise in the game. Kyle Kuzma had 23 points, and Alex Caruso added 20 points and 7 assists.

**Ringing ceremony**

Before the game, the Lakers held a special ceremony to honor their 17th NBA title. The team was joined by former head coach Phil Jackson, who had led the Lakers to 11 titles.

**Shorter season**

The 2020-21 season was shortened due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The league had to find ways to keep players safe and prevent outbreaks of the virus.

During the season, players had to be tested regularly and wear masks at all times. The league also had to adjust its schedule to fit into the shortened season.

**Durant ‘scary’ good in Nets debut after long injury layoff**

Kevin Durant's return to the NBA was a defining moment for the Brooklyn Nets. The four-time NBA scoring champion hadn't played since the 2019 NBA Finals due to a right Achilles tendon injury. In his second game back, Durant put in a dominant performance.

Durant scored 28 points in the final game of the 2020-21 season, scoring 10 of his 12 points in the fourth quarter. He also added 12 rebounds and 7 assists, giving the Nets a 118-110 win over the Miami Heat.

Durant's return has given the Nets a new level of confidence and leadership. With him on the court, the Nets have been able to push for the championship.

**Phillies promote Sam Fuld to general manager**

The Philadelphia Phillies promoted former MLB outfielder Sam Fuld to general manager on October 12, 2020. Fuld had been the Phillies' assistant GM since 2015.

Fuld played 10 seasons in the majors, including time with the Rays, Pirates, and Red Sox. He was a two-time Gold Glove winner and a four-time All-Star.

As the new GM, Fuld will oversee the organization's baseball operations and player development departments.

**SPOTLIGHT**

**Harden tensions boiling over in Houston: report**

Sources say there is a lack of chemistry between James Harden and the Houston Rockets. The basketball superstar has reportedly been acting out and not contributing to the team's success.

According to the report, Harden has not been playing well and has been engaging in behavior that is detrimental to the team. The Rockets are reportedly considering trading Harden to a new team.

**BOTTOMLINE**

The Los Angeles Lakers looked to have a dominant game against the shorthanded Clippers. However, the Clippers pulled away in the second half, winning 125-99.

Durant's return was a highlight of the game, as he delivered 28 points and 12 rebounds. The Lakers will need to improve their defense and perform better in clutch situations to compete with the Clippers.

**NBA SPOTLIGHT**

**Kevin Durant**

The Brooklyn Nets welcomed Kevin Durant back from a long injury layoff. Durant put up 26 points in his first game back, including a game-winning three-pointer.

**George and Davis**

The Lakers were without Anthony Davis, who was out due to a hip injury. Despite this, the Lakers had a strong performance from LeBron James and Kyle Kuzma.

**Fuld takes over**

The Philadelphia Phillies promoted Sam Fuld to general manager. Fuld has been with the team since 2015 and has a wealth of experience in the major leagues.

**Harden tensions**

The Houston Rockets are reportedly facing tension between James Harden and the team. Thesituation could lead to a trade or other major changes.

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**BOTTOMLINE**

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Dolphins set for playoff push against Raiders

Dolphins had eliminated the New England Patriots from the playoff race on Sunday.

The Miami Dolphins head coach Brian Flores said the team was focused on the final two weeks of the regular season with the playoff race being a top priority.

“Our playoff is this week,” Flores said. “That’s it. You know what? That’s it. That’s the way we’re going to approach it. That’s the way we’re going to handle it. That’s the way we’re going to make sure we play our best football every time we go out there and make sure we win.”

The Dolphins (6-6) are currently sixth in the AFC East, two games behind the New England Patriots (8-5) for the last remaining AFC East playoff spot. The Patriots have already secured the division title.


Tagovailoa enters Sunday’s game with a 3-3 record as a starter, completing 70% of his passes for 1,185 yards with six touchdowns and four interceptions. He leads the NFL in passing yards per attempt (9.5). The Dolphins are 2-0 when Tagovailoa starts.

“Tua’s a special guy,” Flores said. “We believe in him a lot. We’re going to continue to play him and we’re going to try to give him every opportunity to be successful.”

The Dolphins have won three of their last four games and are currently in the midst of a four-game winning streak. The team is currently on a six-game winning streak and is one win away from clinching a playoff berth.

“I think they’re a great football team,” Flores said of the Patriots. “We have a lot of respect for them. They’re a very well-coached, very well-executed team. They have a good defense and they have a good offense.”

The Dolphins face the Patriots on Sunday at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida. The game will be televised on FOX and NFL Network.

Dolphins fans andいただきました

“Deryk Engelland epitomizes what it means to be a Golden Knight — a no-ego, selfless, hardworking player who has an unwavering commitment to protecting those who are unable to protect themselves,” Foley said. “Since he joined the organization in 2017, his teammates and the community have been inspired by (Engelland’s) commitment to the sport and the team. His leadership on and off the ice has been invaluable.”

Engelland’s 11-season NHL career by joining the Vegas Golden Knights Foundation’s Board of Directors is presented to the NHL player who best exemplifies what is considered to be the highest level of character and sportsmanship on and off the ice. The award was first presented to the NHL player to the New York Rangers’ Brian Leetch in 1996.

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A group of former soccer players and managers have called for a review of the game’s handling of head injuries, following concerns raised by new evidence of dementia in their forties and claims that the sport’s governing bodies failed in their duty to protect them from the long-term impact of multiple head trauma.

The players say their main motivation is to make the game safer, but the prospect of a multi-million pound settlement also plays a part in the legal action. Lawyers representing the plaintiff Welfare are addressing, not least in changes to the law—over basic technique. That, in a word, concerns the “kick it up” days of rugby’s early professional years. With the NFL, contacting a concussion action can seem to be limited to a death, but there’s no doubt the health of their children is just too great a concern to them.

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With Covid-19, the French president announced that the event would be held over two weeks until January 3, 2021. World Athletics, the governing body of athletics, and the Allianz Parque, who will host the event, have now recorded three wins in as many days. The match ended in straight sets (2-0) for Al Amal. The AIU has served out a three-year ban on British runner Coleman after he missed three dope tests.

Al Shaqab ladies secure quarter-finals ticket

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