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Syria stay in the hunt for title after Qatar draw

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Syria's national football team has managed to stay in the title hunt after a 3-2 win over Iraq in the Tri-Nation Cup.

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Al-Ain and Almous All-Armenian Of Qatar were particularly concerned for the Syrian defense in the first half, with skipper Hossam Al-Ishary doing his best to keep the ball out of the game.

However, after a goalless first half, it was Syria who managed to strike first, thanks to a devastating header.

A back pass intended for the Qatar goalkeeper Mohamed Al-Bakri was intercepted by Oscar Al-Soudi in the 40th minute and the striker scored from close with none of the defenders present in the penalty area.

After going close on a couple of occasions, Syria managed to claim a 3-2 win over Iraq in the opener yesterday.

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Your pride is dented, but you can't feel sorry for yourself for too long. You can't just run off into the hills or hide under the bed, you've actually got to get up and go again the next day.

**Ireland skipper blasts ICC’s obsession with ‘big cheque’**

Ireland captain William Porterfield blasted the International Cricket Council for its obsession with ‘big cheques’ after his side were edged out of the World Cup by Afghanistan in Dubai.

Ireland lost by five wickets in their third fixture, a defeat which allowed Afghanistan to join defending champions New Zealand, Bangladesh, England, South Africa, West Indies, India and Australia in the 2019 finals in England and Wales.

The trimmed-down 10-team tournament has been widely criticized by cricket fans and experts alike over the development of the game globally as it now consists of 10 teams.

"Now there are only two teams going from (the qualifiers) to a competition that’s played every 20 weeks and you’ve got a close competition to test play during these key matches and in games on TV in the ICC and cash in with big cheques, and a lot of teams are sitting here with nothing in their pockets," said an angry Porterfield.

"The big cheque they’re getting paid for this far, whether it’s just the prize money or if you’re in the huddle at the moment, you’re contributing at the other end, helping to build some pressure."

"You’re obviously wanting to take wickets, you’ve got your eyes on how long New Zealand want to bat and you’re contributing to the pressure."
McIlroy and Spieth packing LPGA veteran Kerr takes five-shot lead at Kia Classic

The only thing Thomas could find to help him out was his own 15th hole. "I think I was playing a little better this weekend," he said. "I have been working on putting and finding ways to make birdies."

The long, left-to-right bunker on the 15th hole led to a four-putt on Saturday, but he made birdie on the 16th to tie for second place. "It was nice to have a birdie early on," he said. "That's just what I needed to get back into it."

The only way to improve his chances of making the cut was to hit fairways and greens. "I was hitting a few more fairways today, which is a big plus," he said. "I was hitting some good greens, but I was just missing a few putts."
Ronaldo’s last-gasp two-goal show steals
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In the opening 30 minutes of what became the opening 20 minutes of what became the 2-1 defeat, Germany were punished for living dangerously.

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Germany were not the only side to struggle. Spain, who were without their star man, Lionel Messi, also struggled to find their rhythm.

“In the first half we had a lot of problems,” said Spain’s coach, Fernando Hierro.

Low, who has led Germany to three consecutive World Cups, was also quick to praise his players for their efforts.

“Overall, I see this match very positively,” he said. “We made many mistakes, especially in the defence, but we did not have many problems in the second half.”

The Germany boss, who praised Thiago Alcantara and Ousmane Dembele, also commended his team for their determination.

“At the start, we had real problems, but then we managed to start playing well, which is also in our quality,” said Low.

Low’s mejorar over and over again, stressed that Germany’s team had a lot of good young players and that the team was learning.

“We want to play better from this, but we have a lot of time and we can improve. We need to attack more, especially in the midfield. We need to be more direct.”

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After a quickfire exchange of passes, Abdallah El Said found the in-form Oriol Romeu.

Romeu charged forward before getting in a shot, but he was denied by a great save from Marc-Andre ter Stegen.

The winner moved into third place on six points.

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Loew expects to make five changes from the current squad for the World Cup, where Iniesta’s craft, eye controlling touch, was not one of the high points of the tournament.

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Argentina's Ever Banega (left) scores their first goal against Italy during their friendly match in Manchester on Friday. (Reuters)

Italy remain in turmoil after Otamendi's header.

England manager Gareth Southgate applauds fans after the friendly match against the Netherlands on Friday. (AFP)

Southgate enjoying England's new brand of football playing in a really composed way, which they play with that freedom. They are capable of through our academies compared to the past, 'The team had a lot of stability and the collective level was very good'

There are a lot of youngsters with Sergio Aguero also sidelined for next week's friendly against the Netherlands 1-0 win in the Amsterdam backyard two months before the tournament against the Netherlands 1-0 win in the Amsterdam backyard two months before the tournament against 'The team had a lot of stability and the collective level was very good'

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Aldridge’s 45 leads Spurs to overtime victory over Jazz

It’s kind of a strange cruel twist of fate. It’s a little somber in there. Everybody feels for Steph. He’s good in spirits. I talked to him. He’s disappointed. That’s part of it. Curry’s injury just adds to the woes for the Heat-depended Warriors. He can’t play again. This is a game where he was什么是体会的。The result for the Spurs in the regular season was a win against the Wizards. The Spurs have played well overall, but they’re still looking for consistency. They have a tough road ahead of them in the playoffs. The Spurs are at the bottom of the Western Conference standings, but they still have a chance to make some noise. The Spurs have a young core, including LaMarcus Aldridge and Patty Mills, who have been playing well. The team is built on defense and rebounding, and they have been one of the best in the league on both sides of the court.

Jets set franchise point record with win over Ducks

It was a painful defeat for the Stars, who returned to play their third game in four nights. They had been hoping to win their third straight game, but they were unable to do so. The Stars were outplayed by the Senators, who controlled the game from the start. The Senators had more possession and were more aggressive, but the Stars were able to hold off their opponents. The Stars were led by John Gibson, who made 38 saves in a shutout performance. The Senators were led by Evgeni Malkin, who had two goals and an assist. The Senators played well in all three periods, but the Stars were able to weather the storm and come out on top. The Stars will be looking to build on this win as they prepare to face the Minnesota Wild in their next game.
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In a thrilling finale at the Aspire Dome, Klinckaert, Meneghini and Su Jong each score 13.333 points to share top spot

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Three-way tie in floor; Jingyuan, Radivilov shine

Qatar Olympic Committee secretary-general Soumia al-Busaidi and Qatar Gymnastics Federation President Ali al-Hitmi hoped the World Championships a huge success, "he said.

Meanwhile, World champion Zou Ruiyang with 14.566 points took second bronze of the day.

On the parallel bars, Ukrainian star Radivilov also notched his second gold of the four-day championships with a win in vault final. The 29-year-old, who became China's first male winner at the 2011 Shanghai World Championships, vaulted 14.559 points for the gold. Radivilov, who was on top on Friday, edged out Qu Ruiyang of China after a close competition to take the top spot. Ruiyang with 14.566 points took silver. Arican bagged third spot for his silver. Arican bagged third spot for his silver medal. Turkey's Ferhat Arican took third in 14.500.

In the horizontal bars. He up his second gold of the four-day championships. He accumulated 16.200 points.

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World Championships is my main target for my next assignments. " he said. And he said he was itching to come back in 2019, a year when the World Championships will be held in Doha.

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The World Cup event had been ex-
pected to feature a successful return for Qatar's two-time Olympic all-around champion Kohei Uchimura but he ultimately failed to qualify for a single final. Over 150 gymnasts from as many as 23 countries took part in the four-day annual event which was designed as the dress rehearsal for World Championships, also to be held in Doha in Oc-
tober-November.

Qatar Sports Club's chokehold on their rivals duration.

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