

Warm-Up in Stalemate

Princes of Persia Rout Qatar Army

Sports Desk

Iranian national football team thrashed Qatar's army team 7-0 in its second preparatory match on Wednesday. The match was held without any audience.

Karim Ansarifard scored three times while Iman Mobali twice and Gholamreza Rezaei and Mohammad Gholami also found the net for Afshin Ghotbi's side.

In the second period, the referee awarded the host a penalty kick but Iran's shot stopper Alireza Haqiqi saved it.

In the first warm-up match ahead of 2011 Asian Cup in Qatar, Iran finished goalless against the tournament host at Doha's Khalifa Stadium on Tuesday.

The first half was a flat affair with only a handful of chances. The three-time Asian team dominated possession throughout the opening period but rarely troubled the Qatar goalkeeper Saad Abdulla.

Seyyed Jalal Hosseini had an early chance score the opener his header went wide, and few minutes later Qatar's Uruguay-



Iran's Mohammad Nosrati (L), Qatar's Sebastian Soria (2L), Bilal Mohammed (3L) and Iranian defender Seyyed Jalal Hosseini vie for the ball during their international game in Doha on Tuesday.

an-born striker Sebastian Soria fired a right-footed long range shot which missed the target.

Few minutes later, Soria shot another volley from the edge of the penalty area but a brave save from Iran's goalie Seyyed Mehdi Rahmati blocked it.

The Qatari keeper failed to parry the ball away as Andranik Teymourian went close for the Iranians but the former Bolton Wanderers midfielder sent his effort wide and missed an empty net.

Iran's substitute Pejman Nouri had the best chance of the match

in the 70th minutes but his bullet strike hit the crossbar from close range.

Iran is in Group D of the 2011 Asian Cup which will be held in Qatar from January 7-29.

The Iranians are scheduled to meet defending champions Iraq

on January 11 in their first encounter in Group D before facing North Korea and the UAE.

Qatar kicks off its challenge for the AFC Asian Cup on January 7 when it takes on Uzbekistan in Group A, which also features Kuwait and China.

Princes of Persia

Iran's 'Princes of Persia' will begin the 2011 AFC Asian Cup within 10 days, with Qatari officials ordering new colorful buses for transferring players and coaching staff.

In an innovative move, Qatar on Tuesday unveiled the buses of the 16 national teams participating in the continental championship to be held in Doha, AFC website reported.

The vehicles will transfer the teams to and from their official hotels to matches and training sessions and each has been emblazoned with a slogan or nickname chosen by fans in a competition conducted on the-afc.com.

The Iranian squad will guide to the tournament with its bus, entitled "Princes of Persia."

Blatter's Strategy for FIFA Presidential Vote

FIFA president Sepp Blatter set out a globe-trotting strategy on Wednesday to meet voters before he stands for re-election in June. In a year-ending message, Blatter said he would attend each congress of soccer's six continental confederations ahead of FIFA's own annual gathering of

208 nations, where he will ask them for a fourth four-year term in office.

"I look forward to meeting the representatives of the member associations there in person, addressing their concerns and, together, setting a strategic course for the future," Blatter wrote in

an open letter published on FIFA's website, AP reported.

Blatter said it was "time to focus our attention and efforts on the future" after events this year showed "the universal power of our sport."

The 2010 World Cup in South Africa

was the first played on the African continent, and this month FIFA awarded hosting rights for the 2018 tournament to Russia and the 2022 finals to Qatar—taking soccer's marquee event to Eastern Europe and the Middle East for the first time.

News in Brief

Liverpool Renew Cole Interest

Sky Sports News understands that Liverpool have renewed their interest in West Ham striker Carlton Cole.

A representative of the Anfield club is said to have been at the Hammers' Boxing Day victory over Fulham at Craven Cottage, where the 27-year-old scored twice in a 3-1 win.



Liverpool manager Roy Hodgson made an attempt to sign England international Cole, who has netted just five times in all competitions this season, in the summer transfer window.

But a deadline day deal was not agreed and West Ham boss Avram Grant remains unwilling to sell his star players, such as Cole, Matthew Upson and Scott Parker, as he battles against Premier League relegation.

However, it is understood that Hammers co-owners David Gold and David Sullivan would be prepared to listen to offers between £7m and £9m.

Spurs Cruise Past Lakers

Tim Duncan and Manu Ginobili were on the bench before the final horn, and not because of their bad shooting nights. That's how easy it was for the San Antonio Spurs.

On the other end, Kobe Bryant was also out of the game early. That's how bad it's getting for the Los Angeles Lakers.

Tony Parker scored 23 points and the Spurs, backing up their NBA-best record against the defending champions, beat a still-frustrated Bryant and the reeling Lakers 97-82 on Tuesday night, AP reported.

"It's always great to beat the champion," Ginobili said. "The Spurs improved to 27-4, and if there are any doubts about that record being inflated, they can likely put those to rest this week. Next up is Dallas, one of the only teams to beat them this season, followed by games against Oklahoma City, New York and Boston."

The Lakers, meanwhile, can't seem to beat anyone. It was another humiliation for the Lakers, who lost a week ago by 19 at home to lowly Milwaukee. That was followed by letting LeBron James and the Miami Heat leave the Staples Center with another easy victory on Christmas Day, in one of the highest-rated televised NBA games in recent years.



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Notice of Invitation Extension for Qualitative Evaluation of Suppliers International Tender No. 19-89-01 for Purchasing, Installation and Commissioning of the Electrical Signal System of 7 Suggested Stations Isfahan-Meybod, Shoorab-Badrood and Bafgh-Kerman

Iranian Islamic Republic Railways intends to entrust the purchasing, installation and commissioning of the electrical signal system of 7 suggested stations Isfahan-Meybod, Shoorab-Badrood and Bafgh-Kerman through holding an international tender for qualified contractors in the framework of Tender Holding Law approved on 05.02.2005.

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- 1) Title of the project: Purchasing, installation and commissioning of the electrical signal system of 7 suggested stations Isfahan-Meybod, Shoorab-Badrood and Bafgh-Kerman
- 2) Schedule for execution of the project: The project execution time will be utmost 24 months.
- 3) Goods' delivery place: The warehouse of Telecommunications and Signaling General Department in Tehran
- 4) Price of qualitative evaluation of documents and method of payment: RLS 400,000 to be paid to account no. 574-67 of Iranian Railways with Bank Markazi Iran (Payable in all branches of Bank Melli Iran).
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