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HH Amir hails successful Qatar-hosted Gulf Cup

Bahrain win first Arabian Gulf Cup



Bahrain celebrate after winning the Gulf Cup.

Saudi Arabia beaten in final

DOHA, Dec 8, (KUNA): Mohammad Al-Rumaihi the hero as Bahrain edged Saudi Arabia 1-0 to win their maiden Gulf Cup held in Doha, Qatar. In the first half, both teams performed well and were very close to each other's nets.

In the 12th minute, Saudi Arabia's Salman Al-Faraj squandered a golden chance when he failed to score from a penalty shot. After a goalless first half both teams raised their game in the second half but were sometimes wasteful.

However, the breakthrough came in the 68th minute, when Bahrain's Mohammad Al-Rumaihi scored the only goal of the game, helping his team snatch the most prosperous trophy.

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Kuwait won the Arabian Gulf Cup title ten times, while Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Iraq have the title three times each. Oman and the UAE won the trophy twice each and Bahrain once.

Bahrainis have failed to win the title throughout the biennial event's 49-year history, finishing as runners-up on four occasions.

Four months ago, Bahrain won the 2019 West Asian Football Federation Championship (WAFF), which was hosted by Iraq's Irbil. Meanwhile His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah congratulated Qatar's Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani on the conclusion of the successful football 24th Arabian Gulf Cup on Sunday.



Players battle for the ball during the final match between Saudi Arabia and Bahrain.

Balotelli 'scores' a winner for Brescia

MILAN, Dec 8, (RTRS): Forward Mario Balotelli gave struggling Brescia a 1-0 win at SPAL to lift them off the bottom of the Serie A table on Sunday as Eugenio Corini took charge of the team again little more than a month after being sacked.

Coach Corini, who lifted Brescia out of Serie B last season, was fired following a defeat at Verona but then rehired after his replacement Fabio Grosso lost all three games in charge, without his team scoring a goal, and was himself dismissed.

Grosso also dropped maverick forward Balotelli for one match, saying he had not put in enough effort in training.

"The event achieved its aspired goals of strengthening the bonds of brotherhood and interaction among the Gulf neighbours," read the congratulatory cable. His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah praised the huge preparations made by the organising committee ahead of the tournament and the exceptional facilities provided for this regional event, which made it a resounding success.

He also hailed the sportsmanship demonstrated by the competing sides at the much-celebrated event.

He went on to wish the Qatari Amir the best of health and his country, growth and prosperity. His Highness the Crown Prince Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah both expressed similar sentiments in separate cables.

Stevens, Baldock score as battling Blades edge past Norwich

Leicester break club record with win at Villa

BIRMINGHAM, England, Dec 8, (RTRS): Leicester City set a club record of eight successive top flight wins after two goals from Jamie Vardy helped them to an impressive 4-1 Premier League victory at Aston Villa on Sunday.

Kelechi Iheanacho and Jonny Evans were also on target for Leicester, who served up a performance akin to those which produced a memorable title run in 2015-16 as they missed several chances to win by a bigger margin.

The result left the Foxes second in the standings on 38 points from 16 games, eight adrift of runaway leaders Liverpool and six ahead of third-placed champions Manchester City, while Villa slipped to 17th on 15 points.

Leicester manager Brendan Rodgers heaped praise on his players.

"I thought they were amazing, it is a historical day for the club and the performance warranted that," he was quoted as saying by the BBC.

"We scored all types of goals today and kept going to the end and tried to keep scoring goals."

The league's top scorer Vardy fired

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Leicester ahead with his 15th goal of the season in the 20th minute when he shook off Ezri Konsa and slotted the ball in after rounding goalkeeper Tom Heaton with a sublime first touch.

Iheanacho made it 2-0 with a deft finish from a fizzing low cross by James Maddison before Jack Grealish pulled one back for Villa on the stroke of halftime, burying a powerful shot from 12 metres past goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel.

Centre back Evans restored Leicester's two-goal advantage with a looping header from 10 metres shortly after the break, rising above his marker to meet a Maddison corner.

The effervescent Maddison, who tormented the home team's defence all afternoon, shaved the post with a fine shot from the edge of the penalty area in the 67th minute as Leicester continued to dominate.

Vardy put the icing on the cake for the rampant visitors in the 76th minute after he raced clear of Matt Targett from the halfway line and drove the ball past Heaton into the bottom right corner.

Evans, who won three Premier League titles with Manchester United, was upbeat about Leicester's chances of finishing in the top four.

"We are up there and it shows we



Norwich City's Sam Byram (left) and Sheffield United's John Lundstram battle for the ball during the English Premier League soccer match between Norwich City and Sheffield United, at Carrow Road, in Norwich, England on Dec 8. (AP)



Southampton goalkeeper Alex McCarthy makes a save under pressure, during the English Premier League soccer match between Newcastle United and Southampton, at St James' Park, in Newcastle, England on Dec 8. (AP)

are playing well," the 31-year-old Northern Ireland defender told Sky Sports.

"Our performance was good. It is nice people are talking about us, we're enjoying it and there's great spirit in the club."

Sheffield United 2, Norwich 1

Sheffield United wing backs Enda Stevens and George Baldock scored in three second-half minutes as the Blades came from behind to defeat a spirited Norwich City 2-1.

Victory meant that Chris Wilder's team, who are eighth in the standings on 22 points, have avoided defeat in their opening eight away games of the campaign.

They last managed the feat in the top flight in the 1899-00 season, remaining unbeaten for 10 matches on the road.

Trailing 1-0 following a poor opening half at a wet and windy Carrow Road, the Blades equalised four minutes after the break when Stevens rose above Norwich's defence to powerfully head in fellow defender Baldock's cross from the right.

With Norwich still reeling, Baldock put the visitors ahead in the 52nd minute, twisting and turning before firing the ball past goalkeeper Tim Krul and into the bottom left corner after collecting a pass from John Lundstram.

Norwich midfielder Alexander Tettey had earlier marked his return

EPL Standings

LONDON, Dec 8, (RTRS): Standings for the Premier League on Sunday.

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Liverpool	16	15	1	0	40	14	46
Leicester	16	12	2	2	39	10	38
Man City	16	10	2	4	44	19	32
Chelsea	16	9	2	5	31	24	29
Man Utd	16	6	6	4	25	19	24
Wolves	16	5	9	2	23	19	24
Spurs	16	6	5	5	30	23	23
Sheff Utd	16	5	7	4	19	16	22
Palace	16	6	4	6	14	18	22
Newcastle	16	6	4	6	17	23	22
Arsenal	15	4	7	4	21	23	19
BHA	16	5	4	7	20	24	19
Burnley	16	5	3	8	21	29	18
Everton	16	5	2	9	19	28	17
Bristol	16	4	4	8	18	24	16
WHU	15	4	4	7	17	25	16
Villa	16	4	3	9	23	28	15
Saints	16	4	3	9	18	35	15
Norwich	16	3	2	11	17	34	11
Watford	16	1	6	9	9	30	9

Note: Standings read as played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against and points.

to the starting lineup with the opening goal in the 27th minute, blasting a low shot past goalkeeper Dean Henderson after the Blades failed to clear Emiliano Buendia's corner.

Mario Vrancic could have doubled the Canaries' lead in the final seconds of the first half but the Bosnian midfielder's right-footed effort from distance was saved by Henderson diving to his left.

Blades defender Chris Basham was shown a red card 16 minutes from time for a poor challenge on midfielder Kenny McLean, but he was asked to return to the pitch after the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) deemed that his tackle deserved only a yellow.

The Blades survived a late scare when Norwich substitute Todd Cantwell wove his way past several defenders and got his shot away but Henderson was equal to the task, producing a sharp save to deny the English midfielder.

Newcastle 2, Southampton 1

Centre-back Federico Fernandez smashed home a rebound two minutes from time as goal-shy Newcastle United came back from one goal down to beat visitors Southampton 2-1.

Coming into the tie having scored a miserly 15 goals in 15 games, Newcastle went behind when Southampton striker Danny Ings held off a defender before shooting across keeper Martin Dubravka for his fifth goal in five league games.

The home team had plenty of possession and threatened repeatedly from the flanks but it took the introduction of substitute Andy Carroll to turn the game in their favour.