

# DAILY NEWS

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## FOUR OF A KIND *Semi-Finals*



**ALKASS**  
INTERNATIONAL CUP





Real Madrid cruised to a comfortable 3-0 victory against an out-of-sorts Etoile Sportive do Sahel, with the Spanish team delivering the kind of dominant performance that had been sadly lacking in their previous matches.

With their long pedigree in the competition, Real had arrived in Qatar as one of the pre-tournament favourites, but ultimately failed to make an impact. After a promising victory over Spartak Moscow in their opening game, the young Spaniards had toiled during a four 1-1 draw against Suwon Samsung before succumbing to Kashiwa Reysol in the quarter-finals.

Meanwhile, ESS had conjured a thrilling performance to overcome Bayern Munich in their tournament debut, only to stumble to a 1-0 defeat against Altinordu and then suffer a 7-0 trouncing at the hands of Rangers.

So for both sides, it was a case of unfulfilled early promise, and pride was very much at stake as the teams took the field on a blustery National Sport Day in Doha. Perhaps the conditions played a part in an unspectacular opening to the game, and it was 15 minutes before Madrid manufactured the first chance, when Peter Carmona's lofted ball found Andri Gudjohnsen, whose fierce, first-

time effort from the edge of the area flew narrowly over.

Moments later Real went ahead, and Carmona was again instrumental, after Raul Cerqueda played a slick one-two with him before slotting home.

On 25 minutes, ESS almost levelled thanks to a fabulous piece of individual brilliance from Yassine Khabthani, who latched on to a half-cleared corner on the edge of the area and firing in a looping half volley that grazed the crossbar. It was to be the Tunisians' only clear-cut chance of the first half and, just before the interval, Madrid doubled their lead. The lively Carmona was the architect once more, playing in Fernando Rufo, whose cross-shot nestled in the corner.

As the second half got underway, Real began to turn the screw, carving out a succession of opportunities as the traffic became one-way in the direction of the ESS goal. The best of these chances saw Cerqueda go close with a free kick from range on the hour mark, with his effort just too high. It seemed only a matter of time before they extended their advantage, and Gundjohnsen duly made it three on 63 minutes, after Lorenzo Herrera got in behind

the ESS defence down the right and cut back for the tall striker to apply a simple finish.

With 15 minutes remaining, Carmona came close to claiming the goal that his impressive performance warranted when he robbed Yosri Gandouz on the edge of the area and beat keeper Ahmed Slimen with a low shot that struck the inside of the post and somehow stayed out.

As the final whistle approached, Mohamed Fallah almost scored a consolation goal for the Tunisians with a superb solo effort. Madrid keeper Marcos Lara's clearance was picked up by the ESS captain 40 yards out, and he danced through the opposition defence before unleashing a powerful low shot that narrowly missed.

Madrid can at least take some comfort from the fact that this game allowed them to demonstrate the quality running through their squad. Fifth place is still very much within their grasp. For ESS, however, they will need to rediscover their early form to avoid finishing eighth.

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REAL MADRID

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REAL MADRID

MATCH SCORE

ÉTOILE SPORTIVE DU SAHEL

- GK Ahmed SLIMEN
- DF Mohamed Amine KECHICHE
- DF Yassine KHABTHANI
- FW Oussama ABID
- MF Mohamed Aziz FALLAH (C )
- FW Ahmed GUERMITI
- DF Mohamed Firas AMRI
- FW Bilel MGANNEM
- DF Koussay REJEB
- MF Omran DZIRI
- FW Khalil MAHMOUDI



REAL MADRID

- GK Marcos ORTEGA LARA
- DF Alberto RETUERTA CUADROS
- DF Victor ROFINO GORDO
- MF Adrián ESTEBAN RUBALCABA
- MF Peter Federico GONZÁLEZ CARMONA
- FW Andri Lucas GUDJOHNSEN
- MF Raúl DACOSTA CERQUEDA
- DF Lorenzo AGUADO HERRERA
- MF Fernando RODRIGUEZ RUFO
- DF David CUENCA BARRENO (C )
- MF Jesus MARTIN RANGEL



MAN OF THE MATCH

Peter GONZÁLEZ CARMONA,

Real Madrid

MVP of the Match

THE EXPERTS SAY...

Nick Summerbee - Al Kass Analyst

Matches like this one between Etoile Sportive du Sahel and Real Madrid are important because they give a chance to those who did not get a chance to play much in other matches. Footballers have to learn all the time and develop themselves, and playing a match against another strong team is much more beneficial than a coaching session. You need to play as many games as you can to learn. Real Madrid played some good games in this tournament and their performance in their opening match against Spartak Moscow was very impressive. All the players at Real Madrid have been through intense training and it is difficult for them to get to where they are because it is one of the biggest clubs in the world and there is intense competition within the club. Real Madrid has the money to bring players from outside so these players have to stand out.



## KING HENRY KEEPS SCORING FROM AL KASS TO GALATASARAY

Henry Onyekuru's ninth goal in the league this season for Galatasaray in the Turkish Super Lig at the end of January 2019, inspired his club to a resounding 6-0 win. That goal was part of Henry's first hat-trick for his club and the Nigeria international, raised and nurtured at Aspire Football Dreams Academy (AFD) counts among today's players playing their trade in some of the world's top leagues who also found themselves on the score sheet at Al Kass International Cup.

In 2013 Henry and team-mates travelled from Senegal to Doha to compete in second edition of Al Kass International Cup.

"I have fond memories of my participation with "Aspire International team" at the tournament even though we didn't achieve the results our team was capable of. I remember our first game was against Real Madrid and although it was a tough contest we had the better of them and after 50 minutes we led 2-0 and I scored the second goal adding on to our early opening goal scored by our midfielder Abdoulaye Sanogo in the 5th minute.

But such is football and it throws some lessons for those who play it. I say so because, two minutes after I scored, Real Madrid got one back and at 2-1 the game changed complexion and had to deal with an

opposition that thought they could turn it round and we struggled to respond to this new scenario confronting us. Looking back at the game now I am not sure why we struggled to protect our lead during that tournament. That group match against Real Madrid would end 3-2 in Madrid's favour and I left the field with a sour taste in the mouth and some regret about how we had let a victory slip through our fingers.

On match day 2 we faced Egyptian club side Zamalek keen not only to redeem ourselves but to avoid defeat if we wanted to reach the quarter finals.

Against Zamalek we again had a storming start and Sanogo just like he did in the previous match, had the ball in the back of the net early in the game with just 10 minutes played.

Twenty-three minutes into the match we went two up and we were dominating Zamalek and on track to collect all three points and secure a quarter final place.

Unfortunately, we again failed to hold on to our lead and Zamalek fought back to draw 2-2 and we just made it into quarters on better goal difference ahead of Zamalek

Apart from our varied and inconsistent performance on the field, I enjoyed the atmosphere at the tournament and watched some entertaining matches when we were not playing.

Among some of the players who shone, and I was struck by were, Liverpool's Jordan Ibe, Fluminense's Jonathan Vinicius, Boca Juniors' Ivan Colman Leonardo and Kingsley Colman of PSG.

Some of the players from that tournament like me have gone on to play in various top leagues in Europe and I hope to meet them should we come against each other in European competitions such as Champions League. This season I played five times in Champions league against, Lokomotive Moscow, FC Porto and FC Schalke which was a wonderful experience.

It is the dream of every young footballer to play at the top and those youngsters playing at Al Kass International Cup tournament today in Qatar will be hoping this is a stepping stone to bigger things for their football careers and they are right to think so.

It was a privilege for me to play in Al Kass Cup in 2013 and holding my own against some of the best clubs in the world gave me confidence and belief that if I continued

working hard and making the most of given opportunities I could play in some of the world top leagues.

Since playing at the 2013 Al Kass Cup edition, I went on to play in Belgium for K.A.S Eupen in both the top Jupiler Pro League and the league below it. I managed to finish joint top goal scorer in K.A.S Eupen's debut season (2016-17) in the Jupiler Pro League with 22 goals and every tournament and match including playing at Al Kass International Cup was worthy experience that helped me achieve this feat."

After that barn storming debut season with K.A.S Eupen in the top Belgian League, Henry was bought by English Premier League side, Everton who immediately loaned him to RSC Anderlecht where he would enjoy his first ever European Champions League football. Henry scored 10 goals in 28 games for Anderlecht for 2017-18 season. While at Anderlecht Henry picked up an injury that would rob him of a FIFA World Cup debut at 2018 finals in Russia. Henry watched with pride as fellow Aspire Football Dreams

graduates and team-mates, Francis Uzoho and Moussa Wague became first AFD graduates to grace football's foremost competition.

"Yes, I was disappointed not to be in Russia with my national team, Super Eagles of Nigeria but injuries are part of football. I encourage myself with the knowledge that the next World Cup in in Qatar in three years' time and should I be part of the Nigeria squad it will be fantastic to return to Qatar where I played at Al Kass Cup before and hopefully get better results than back in 2013.

Either way to play in a World Cup would be fantastic and one that is in Qatar and possibly at Khalifa Stadium that is by Aspire would be a dream come true. Aspire and Qatar mean a lot to me and have been the mainstay of my career and will always be part of my life and the story of my life will forever be associated with Aspire."

## FROM AL KASS TO GALATASARAY- KING HENRY'S REIGN IS LITTERED WITH GOALS THROUGHOUT





# TWO-GOAL SPARTAK STAR BECOMES THE TOURNAMENT'S TOP-SCORER

Spartak Moscow came from behind to produce a last-gasp winner against 10-man Altinordu in a play-off to decide positions 5-8 at the Alkass International Cup.

Ilya Golyatov, who began the game on the bench, netted twice in the second half including a 90th minute winner and is now the leading scorer in the tournament.

Altinordu started very positively and Anil Doyuran had the first shot of the game. Skipper Enis Destan, the only Altinordu player to score in the tournament, then shot wide on eight minutes but he didn't have to wait much longer to find the net.

Destan, who was badly missed by Altinordu when they lost to Aspire Academy in the quarter-finals, broke down the left and fired

home on 12 minutes. His effort was initially ruled out for offside but that decision was correctly over-ruled and Altinordu had a deserved lead.

The Turks then had a great opportunity to double their advantage but Sarper Caglar failed to find any accuracy with his pass when Destan was in plenty of space.

Altinordu were in total control of the first half but Spartak went agonizingly close when Magomedemin Rabadanov sent in a curling free-kick that somehow eluded strikers and defenders alike and went just past the post.

Destan, who has scored in every game he has played at Alkass, went close to another with a superb chip that beat the keeper but his effort on 40 minutes hit the bar.

The Russians were given hope in the final minute of the first half when Altinordu midfielder Eren Akguney was shown a second yellow card for a tackle from behind.

Spartak, who had looked impressive in the early stages of the tournament, equalized on 69 minutes and it was two of their star players who combined for the goal. Classy midfielder Aslan Mutsaliev put Golyatov through and he fired home from the edge of the box.

The same pair combined again just as the tournament seemed set for its first penalty shoot-out. Mutsaliev's cross from the left eluded the keeper and Golyatov had the easiest of tasks to tap into an empty net.

MATCH SCORE

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ALTINORDU F.K.

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FC SPARTAK MOSCOW

Al Kass International Cup

## ALTINORDU F.K.

GK Efe Kaan YILDIZ  
DF Anil DOYURAN  
DF Rahmi Salih KAYA  
DF Ravil TAGIR  
MF Ahmet Fatih UZUN  
FW Enis DESTAN (C)  
DF Özgür DERYOL  
FW Abdullah SOGUCAK  
FW Sarper ÇAGLAR  
MF Yigit Emre ÇELTIK  
MF Eren Ahmet AKGÜNEY



## FC SPARTAK MOSCOW

GK Pavel BORISKIN  
DF Nikolai TOLSTOPIATOV  
DF Alexey DAVYDOV (C)  
MF Ruslan SAIFULIN  
FW Vitaly SHITOV  
MF Magomedemin RABADANOV  
DF Vladislav SAUMOV  
MF Ilya LEVCHENKOV  
FW Vlad SHITOV  
MF Nikita GLOIDMAN  
FW Vadim ZHIKHARTSEV



## MAN OF THE MATCH

**Enis DESTAN, Altinordu**  
*MVP of the Match*



## THE EXPERTS SAY...

**Chris Makin** –  
*Al Kass Analyst*

That was a wonderful game. I was really impressed with both teams. You have to remember that Spartak Moscow played yesterday so there were a lot of heavy legs out there for them. They made four changes at half-time to try and inject a bit more pace in their attack and it seemed to work as they were successful in getting that late goal. Ilya Golyatov has emerged as one of the strongest players in this tournament and is the top scorer so far. He was definitely one of the best players in today's match. He is a very highly rated player and he played his part. Altinordu also played a good game throughout and their 10 men never gave up in the second half. They are led by an amazing player and captain, Enis Destan, whose performances have certainly caught the eye at this tournament. I was really impressed by all of the players and both of the teams. In such a match, the level might drop a bit but that was not the case today and players from both sides played quality football.

# ROAD TO THE CUP

QUARTER FINAL 1	10 FEB	16:35
RANGERS FC		
ÉTOILE SPORTIVE DU SAHEL		

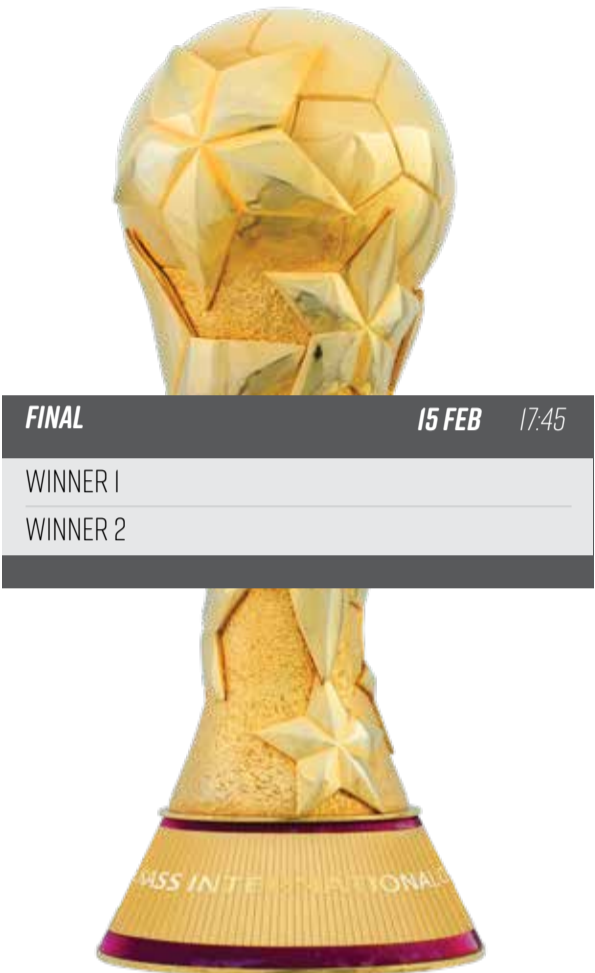
QUARTER FINAL 4	11 FEB	19:00
REAL MADRID CF		
KASHIWA REYSOL		

QUARTER FINAL 2	10 FEB	19:00
ALTINORDU FK		
ASPIRE ACADEMY		

QUARTER FINAL 3	11 FEB	16:35
AS ROMA		
FC SPARTAK MOSCOW		

SEMI FINAL 1	13 FEB	16:35
RANGERS FC		
KASHIWA REYSOL		

SEMI FINAL 2	13 FEB	19:00
ASPIRE ACADEMY		
AS ROMA		



FINAL	15 FEB	17:45
WINNER 1		
WINNER 2		

# TOP SCORERS



17

ILYA GOLYATOV

FC SPARTAK MOSCOW

FW

5

GOALS



7

CHRISTOPHER COLIN MCKEE

RANGERS FC

FW

3

GOALS



6

EDOARDO BOVE

AS ROMA

MF

3

GOALS



*GOLYATOV STILL HAS PLENTY TO PLAY FOR*

Real Madrid and Spartak Moscow earned some consolation following their quarter-final exits at the Alkass International Cup by recording victories in the 5th-8th place play-offs.

Real were convincing 3-0 winners over Etoile Sportive du Sahel while Spartak edged out 10-man Altinordu 2-1.

Real, looking to make up for their defeat by Kashiwa Reysol less than 24 hours earlier, went close on 15 minutes when Andri Gudjohnsen fired narrowly over but they went ahead three minutes later through Raul Dacosta Cerqueda.

Real doubled their advantage just before half-time when Fernando Rodriguez Rufo fired home and Gudjohnsen, one of Real's best performers in the tournament, sealed a 3-0 win during the second half.

Altinordu took the lead through leading scorer Enis Destan but later saw Eren Akguney sent off and the Russians were able to stage a second half comeback.

Aslan Mutsaliev, arguably the most creative midfielder at the tournament, got two more assists but more importantly Ilya Golyatov scored both of the Spartak goals.

The place-offs may offer relatively little to play for as far as most of the teams are concerned, but for Golyatov the honor of being the tournament's top-scorer is a major motivation.

He has five goals, two more than any other player, and will be hoping to add to his tally when Spartak take on Real in the match to decide fifth place. He scored twice against Real in the group stages when the Spaniards won 3-2. Etoile Sportive Du Sahel will take on Altinordu for seventh position. Altinordu beat the Tunisians 1-0 during the group stages.

# TODAY'S SEMI-FINALS

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16:35

RANGERS FC

KASHIWA REYSOL

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19:00

ASPIRE ACADEMY

AS ROMA

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Hosting the tournament is already creating a lasting legacy. Through infrastructure, education, football for development, support for regional innovation and a dedication to improving workers' welfare, our efforts are forging a better future for Qatar, the Middle East, Asia and the world.



GAMES SCHEDULE

GROUP STAGE							
GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
	Aspire Academy		Paris Saint Germain FC		FC Bayern München		Real Madrid CF
	Rangers FC		AS Roma		Altinordu FK		FC Spartak Moscow
	Raja Club Athletic		Kashiwa Reysol		Etoile Sportive Du Sahel		Suwon Samsung F.C
DATE	NO.	TEAMS		TIME	VENUE		
Mon. 4 Feb	1	Paris Saint Germain FC	1-1	Kashiwa Reysol	16:35	5	
	2	Aspire Academy	0-1	Raja Club Athletic	18:45	5	
Tue. 5 Feb	3	FC Bayern München	2-3	Etoile Sportive Du Sahel	16:35	4	
	4	FC Spartak Moscow	2-3	Real Madrid CF	18:45	4	
Wed. 6 Feb	5	Raja Club Athletic	0-3	Rangers FC	16:35	5	
	6	AS Roma	5-2	Paris Saint Germain FC	18:45	5	
Thu. 7 Feb	7	Altinordu FK	1-0	Etoile Sportive Du Sahel	16:35	4	
	8	Real Madrid CF	1-1	Suwon Samsung F.C	18:45	4	
Fri. 8 Feb	9	Aspire Academy	3-1	Rangers FC	16:35	5	
	10	Kashiwa Reysol	0-2	AS Roma	18:45	5	
Sat. 9 Feb	11	FC Bayern München	1-1	Altinordu FK	16:35	4	
	12	Suwon Samsung F.C	1-3	FC Spartak Moscow	18:45	4	
POSITIONS 9 - 12							
Sun. 10 Feb	13	Raja Club Athletic	0-2	FC Bayern München	16:35	4	
	14	Suwon Samsung F.C	4-5	Paris Saint Germain FC	19:00	4	
QUARTER FINALS							
Sun. 10 Feb	15	Rangers FC	7-0	Etoile Sportive Du Sahel	16:35	5	
	16	Altinordu FK	0-1	Aspire Academy	19:00	5	
Mon. 11 Feb	17	AS Roma	3-0	FC Spartak Moscow	16:35	5	
	18	Real Madrid CF	0-2	Kashiwa Reysol	19:00	5	
PLAY OFFS POSITIONS 8 - 5							
Tue. 12 Feb	19	Etoile Sportive Du Sahel	0-3	Real Madrid CF	16:35	4	
	20	Altinordu FK	1-2	FC Spartak Moscow	19:00	4	
SEMI FINALS							
Wed. 13 Feb	21	Rangers FC	VS	Kashiwa Reysol	16:35	5	
	22	Aspire Academy		AS Roma	19:00	5	
PLAY OFFS POSITIONS 8 - 5							
Thu. 14 Feb	23	Loser Game No. 19	VS	Loser Game No. 20	15:00	4	
	24	Winner Game No. 19		Winner Game No. 20	17:45	4	
POSITIONS 3 - 4 & GRAND FINAL							
Fri. 15 Feb	25	Loser Game No. 21	VS	Loser Game No. 22	15:00	5	
	26	Winner Game No. 21		Winner Game No. 22	17:45	5	