

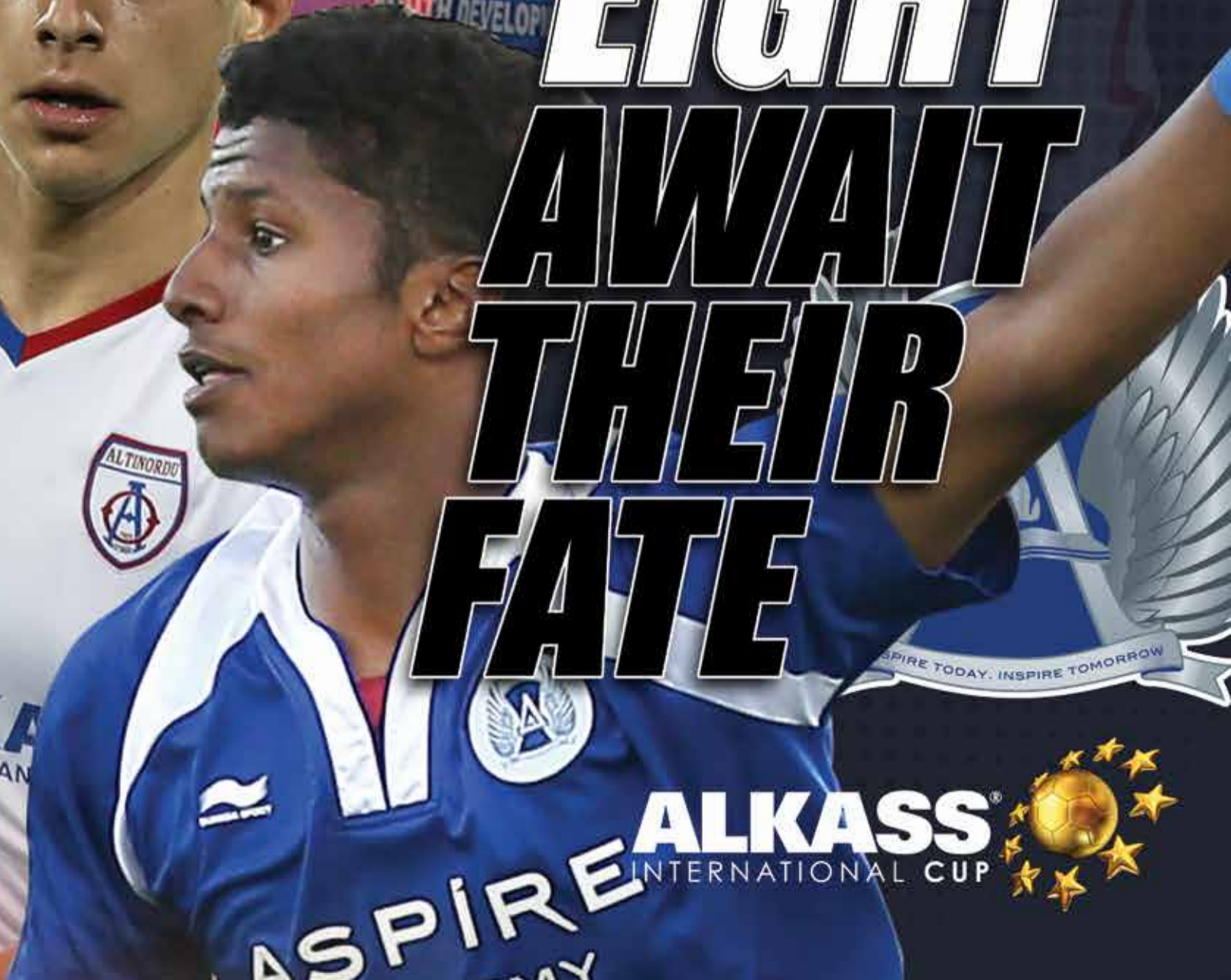
DAILY NEWS

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THE FIRST OF THE EIGHT AWAIT THEIR FATE



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ALL TO PLAY FOR AS QUARTERS LOOM



With the group stages of the 2019 Al Kass International Cup now complete, Sunday will see the knockout rounds begin, and already we have seen some shocks. Two of Europe's biggest names - PSG and Bayern Munich - were among the favourites going into the competition, but both finished bottom of their groups. PSG arrived in Doha with high hopes of claiming a fourth championship, but the most successful club in the history of the competition will not be progressing, having been denied by a late equalizer by last year's runners-up Kashiwa and then suffering a 5-2 hammering at the hands of Roma. The imperious Italians followed that impressive win over PSG with a more workmanlike 2-0 success against Kashiwa. They go into the knockout stages as the only team with a 100% record from the group phase, which makes them favorites to lift the trophy... although much can change. Kashiwa, who also progressed from Group B, have once again impressed this year and they will be hoping to go one better than in 2018. They are technically gifted and difficult to break down, so even though they didn't top their group, they command fear and respect in equal measure.

Group A winners Glasgow Rangers looked superb when beating Raja Casablanca 3-0 in their opener but they were then defeated by hosts Aspire Academy. They made several changes for that game, including leaving influential Chelsea loanee Nathan Young-Coombes out of the starting line-up, so perhaps not too much should be read into that defeat. Kai Kennedy has been superb for the Scots and Matt Yates has netted in both of their matches, so if Rangers can produce the form they showed in their opener they could go close. Al Kass analyst and former Manchester City star Nick Summerbee believes hosts Aspire Academy could be a threat the longer the competition goes on. He said: "These guys have the best facilities and they're looking to continue their progress. They play against all the top sides, they're playing big competitions all the time. They are very grounded and that's because Aspire makes them grounded. There's no big heads or anything like that here at all. It's all very professional - you will not find anywhere more professional." Aspire International, a team that grew out of the Aspire Football Dreams project, twice won the competition, and Aspire Academy

would love to follow in their footsteps. Real Madrid, who won the title two years ago, are the only former winners left in the competition, and the Group D winners have to be respected. They have been involved in two close games to date, but on both occasions they passed the ball neatly, and the likes of Pau Russo Aran and Andri Gudjohnsen have looked particularly impressive so far. Spartak Moscow progressed from the group along with Real. Skipper Ilya Golyatov has proven to be a real handful so far with three goals, which makes him the competition's leading scorer, and Sviatoslav Kozhedub looks a fine midfielder. The Russians have played some good football and demonstrated their ability to give big clubs a real test when pushing Real Madrid hard in their opening match. Group C winners Altinordu have been the surprise package so far. Coached by Ilker Seven, Altinordu are not even in the top-flight in Turkey but they have an academy that is the envy of all other clubs in the country. Concentrating on producing only homegrown talent, Altinordu are developing many talented youngsters and their creative young team defeated Etoile Sahel before

holding Germany's leading club Bayern Munich. Former Marseille and Sunderland full-back Chris Makin - also an Alkass analyst - believes Altinordu have one of the best players in the tournament so far. He said: "Saiih Kavrazli has been very impressive. He has great running power and terrific dribbling skills. "Other players who have impressed me are Aslan Mutaiev of Spartak Moscow, Roma captain Filippo Trippi, and Kai Kennedy of Glasgow Rangers." Makin, like most who have been involved in the Alkass Tournament, has been greatly impressed by what he has seen. He added: "I love this tournament. I think all the teams that participate feel that way as well and they really enjoy their time here. It seems there's a little bit of a different feel this year, more of a fresh look to the tournament. All the teams that have never played here before have come here and have not been intimidated by the bigger names like Real Madrid. "Some of the new clubs have performed really well. Altinordu topped their group, Etoile Sportive du Sahel progressed to the quarter-finals, as did Spartak Moscow who are another to do well in their first year here."

Makin isn't overly surprised that big clubs such as last year's winners PSG and German giants Bayern Munich failed to reach the last eight. He explained: "Bayern were disappointing, but then they had a few young players in their squad. We talked to a lot of the coaches before the tournament started and the feeling was that PSG also had a young squad in this year's tournament, so it wasn't a surprise to see them go out. "We have seen before that the defending champions sometimes don't do so well the following year, but PSG have done really well here over the years and they produce so many good young players." Makin is tipping Real Madrid to win the competition but Alkass broadcaster Rhodri Williams has a sneaky feeling that Roma will become champions for the first time. "They are very strong," he said. "They are top of the table in Italy at this level so I am not surprised they have done well here. "They were here a couple of seasons ago but didn't bring their best side, and I think this year they want to make up for that disappointing show. They are definitely capable of winning." Alessandro Altobelli, a World Cup winner with

Italy in 1982, is a regular at the tournament and he has been impressed once again by the quality on show. He said: "I have been coming to the Alkass International Cup for eight years now, and have seen every tournament. The event is extremely well organised, and of a very high quality. A lot of top teams and talented players from Europe, Africa and Asia come here and we can see that, in time, some of these young hopefuls can develop and be tremendously successful in their careers. "The culture of football has changed significantly from when I was playing. Football is more spectacular these days. There are maybe less stars now compared to my time, but football has become more rapid. In the eighties, the game - and consequently the players - perhaps tended to be more static than today." Altobelli could well witness an Italian success in Friday's final, if Roma can keep up their impressive start, but there are seven other teams who also have high hopes that they can be the ones to lift the trophy. As the quarters get under way, it's all to play for.



BAYERN STUMBLE OUT AFTER ALTINORDU DRAW

Bayern Munich crashed out of Al Kass 2019 after drawing 1-1 with surprise package Altinordu in a dramatic finale to Group C.

Bayern came into the game knowing that only a win would ensure progress to the knockout stage, having lost their opening game 3-2 to ESS – a scoreline that could have been far worse for the Germans, who claimed both of their goals in added time.

Munich had made five changes this time round, with Nemanja Motika one of those elevated to the starting 11 after coming off the bench to score last time out.

Despite having to wait until the 88th minute for their winner against the Tunisians, Altinordu had been mightily impressive in the opener against ESS, dominating possession and playing fluid, patient football which brought late reward in the shape of an 88th minute winner.

Bayern went close early on when Thorben Rhein swung a corner in from the left that Gabriel Marusic rose highest to meet, but his header went wide when he may have expected to hit the target.

Soon after though, the Germans took the lead, with VAR again playing a decisive role as referee Kulcsar reviewed the tape and adjudged that an arm had been used to block a goalbound shot. Moritz Mosandl made no mistake from the spot – his second penalty conversion in as many games, each of which had come about through VAR intervention.

The awarding of the spot kick may have been controversial, but at this stage Bayern were good value for their lead, having



imposed themselves from the first whistle and knocked Altinordu out of their stride.

The goal appeared to wake the Turks up. Belatedly finding their rhythm, they should have levelled on the half hour when a high free kick from wide on the right found Salih Kavrazli completely unmarked 12 yards out. However, the big striker's misdirected header flew well wide of the target.

As it transpired, they didn't have to wait much longer. Kavrazli took the ball on the left wing, and powered all the way to the byline before cutting back to Enis Destan, who made no mistake from 10 yards.

Soon after the restart, Kavrazli should have given his side the lead, when he was first onto a low ball from the left, but he miskicked from six yards out.

Bayern went straight down the other end and also went close, with Yusuf Kabadayi dragging his shot just wide of the far post.

With time running out and tension rising, Bayern desperately needed a goal. They went close when a goalmouth scramble followed a lofted free kick, but Altinordu

keeper Emirhan Emir eventually managed to pluck the ball out of the air.

Despite the pressure, the Izmir youngsters looked well in control. Kavrazli had performed superbly throughout, providing a continuous attacking threat. With five minutes remaining, he set off on another powerful run down the left before delivering a precise low cross to Tunahan Ozturk, who was just about to pull the trigger and score a certain goal when Kabadayi got back brilliantly to make a last-ditch tackle.

In the last minute of normal time, the stage was set for a dramatic finale when Qnil Doyuran was sent off for a second bookable offence, leaving Altinordu with four minutes of added time to survive. In the event, they did so comfortably, with Ozturk almost stealing a win with the last kick of the match.

Aspire Academy will provide the opposition for the Turks in the second of Sunday's quarter-finals. With both sides in fine form, a winner is difficult to predict. For Bayern, meanwhile, it is very much a case of what might have been.

FC BAYERN MUNICH

- GK Johannes Schenk
- DF Benjamin Hofmann
- DF Roman Reinelt
- DF Gabriel Marusic
- FW Yusuf Karhan Kabadayi
- MF Moritz Michael Mosandl
- FW Lucas Copado Schrobrenhauser
- MF Behar Neziri
- MF Thorben Bjarne Rhein (C)
- DF Angelo Brückner
- MF Nemanja Motika



ALTINORDU F.K.

- GK Emirhan Emir
- DF Furkan Metin (C)
- DF Anil Doyuran
- DF Rahmi Salih Kaya
- DF Ravil Tagir
- MF Tayfun Tatli
- FW Enis Destan
- DF Özgür Deryol
- MF Alihan Sentürk
- MF Yigit Emre Celtik
- FW Salih Kavrazli



MAN OF THE MATCH

Salih KAVRAZLI, Altinordu
MVP of the Match



THE EXPERTS SAY...

Chris Makin -
Al Kass Analyst

It's good to see teams like Altinordu doing well in their first time at this tournament.

Bayern Munich had a young squad but in the last couple of competitions they haven't achieved what I would expect Bayern Munich to achieve.

MATCH SCORE



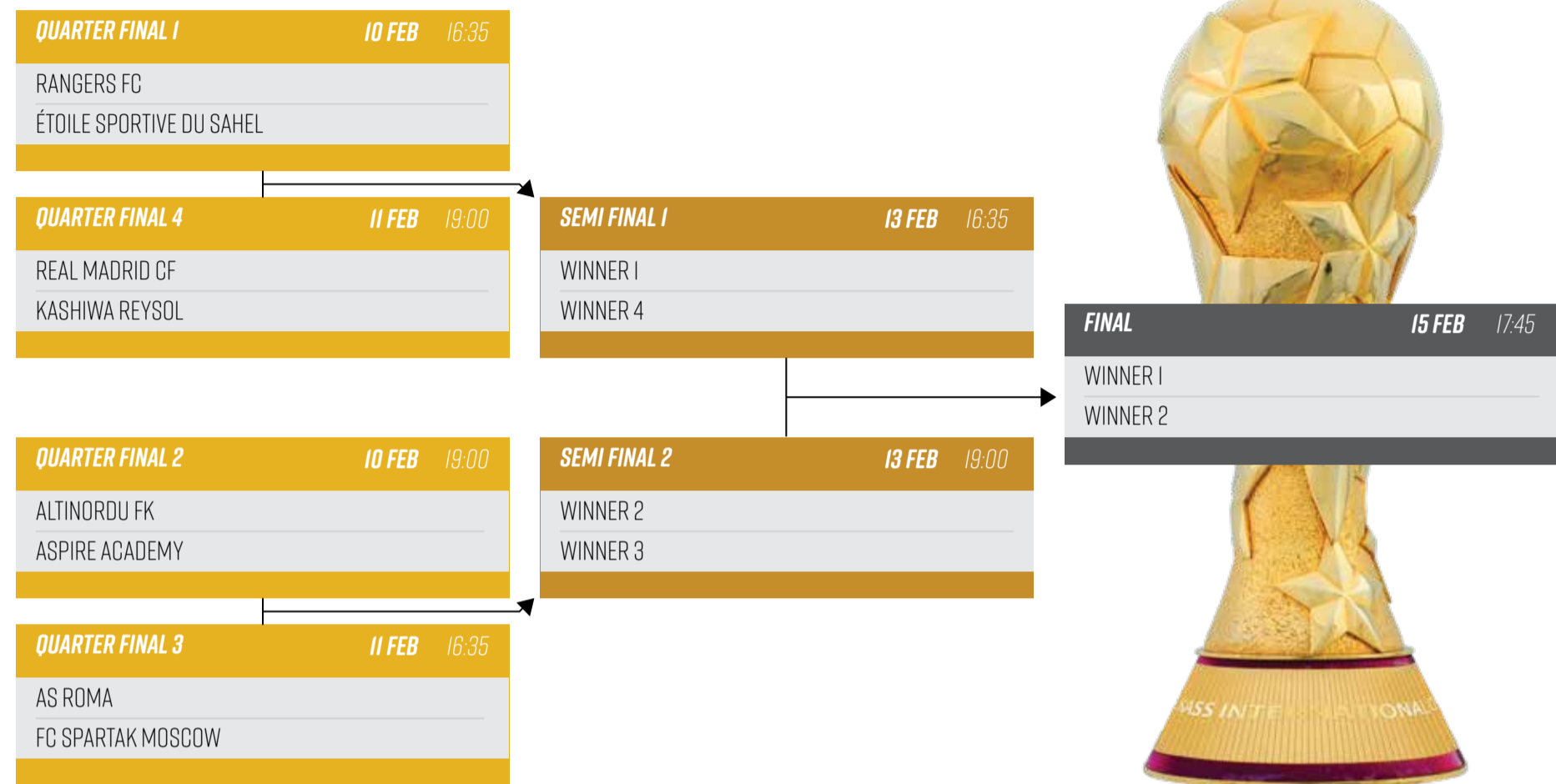
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FC BAYERN MUNICH

ALTINORDU F.K.

ROAD TO THE CUP



TOP SCORER

FW **ILYA GOLYATOV (C)**











FC SPARTAK MOSCOW
3 GOALS

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TODAY'S QUARTERS

TOMORROW'S QUARTERS

	×		16:35		×		16:35
RANGERS		ESS		AS ROMA		FC SPARTAK MOSCOW	
	×		19:00		×		19:00
ALTINORDU		ASPIRE ACADEMY		REAL MADRID		KASHIWA REYSOL	



SPARTAK SPARK DELIGHT AS SUWON SAMSUNG SUFFER

Spartak Moscow produced an accomplished display to see off Suwon Samsung and qualify for the quarter-finals.

Spartak knew anything other than a victory would see them go out, so they went at the Koreans from the start and they were ahead after just four minutes.

Sviatoslav Kozhedub had already gone close by the time Daniil Grigorev found Aslan Mutsaliev and he cut inside before sending in a superb shot that gave the keeper no chance.

Skipper Ilya Golyatov, who scored twice in a narrow defeat by Real Madrid in their opener, went close midway through the first half but he couldn't keep his shot down.

Spartak doubled their lead two minutes before the break when Kozhedub sent over

an inviting right-wing cross for Golyatov who headed his third goal of the competition so far. The goal makes Golyatov the leading scorer during the group stages.

The second half saw Spartak continue to impress and the influential Kozhedub went close with a superb left-foot free-kick from outside the penalty area but the keeper tipped it onto the woodwork.

Just before the hour-mark Spartak did grab a third and it was another excellent finish. Magomedemin Rabadanov's free-kick was blocked but it fell nicely for Grigorev, who cut onto his left foot and fired past the keeper.

Suwon had hardly been in the match but they were gifted a goal on 67 minutes when Seungwan Ryu's shot found its way into the net following a mistake by the keeper. Ryu's effort went straight through keeper Pavel

Boriskin's legs and despite his efforts to chase after it the ball trickled over the line.

Despite pulling one back, Suwon struggled to contain the Russians and the impressive Kozhedub shot into the side netting before Nikolay Genchi sent a curling effort narrowly wide.

Hojun Son did have a decent effort for Suwon with 10 minutes to go but Spartak substitute Yadim Zhikhartsev also had two opportunities to score in the closing stages.

Spartak were full value for their victory but will now come up against impressive Italian outfit Roma in the quarter-finals.

SUWON SAMSUNG FC

- GK Gihun Kim
- DF Hwihan Kim
- DF Minjae Kang
- MF Sejun Park (C)
- DF Hojun Son
- MF Jisang Hwang
- MF Yong Joon Cho
- FW Jaeha Lim
- DF Hyukjin Shin
- FW Seungwan Ryu
- FW Intaek Hwan



FC SPARTAK MOSCOW

- GK Pavel Boriskin
- DF Nikolai Tolstoptiatov
- DF Vadim Khromin
- DF Vyacheslav Frolov
- MF Magomedemin Rabadanov
- MF Aslan Mutsaliev
- FW Ilya Golyatov (C)
- MF Daniil Grigorev
- MF Sviatoslav Kozhedub
- DF Maksim Stepanenko
- DF Nikolay Genchu



MAN OF THE MATCH

Sviatoslav KOZHEDUB,
FC Spartak Moscow
MVP of the Match



THE EXPERTS SAY...

Nick Summerbee – Al Kass Analyst

I have been very impressed with Spartak Moscow. They did very well in the first game, even though they lost to Real Madrid. After this win they could go all the way. I think whoever wins the game between Spartak Moscow and Roma could go on and win the tournament. I think Spartak Moscow will do it. I'm impressed with the players and Aslan Mutsaliev's first touch was fantastic for his goal. If I was a scout and I was watching him and I saw his first touch I would leave; I don't need to see anymore because I know he's that good.

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SUWON SAMSUNG FC		FC SPARTAK MOSCOW

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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	16:35	5
	2	Aspire Academy	18:45	5
Tue. 5 Feb	3	FC Bayern München	16:35	4
	4	FC Spartak Moscow	18:45	4
Wed. 6 Feb	5	Raja Club Athletic	16:35	5
	6	AS Roma	18:45	5
Thu. 7 Feb	7	Altinordu FK	16:35	4
	8	Real Madrid CF	18:45	4
Fri. 8 Feb	9	Aspire Academy	16:35	5
	10	Kashiwa Reysol	18:45	5
Sat. 9 Feb	11	FC Bayern München	16:35	4
	12	Suwon Samsung F.C	18:45	4

POSITIONS 9 - 12

Sun. 10 Feb	13	Raja Club Athletic	VS	FC Bayern München	16:35	4
	14	Suwon Samsung F.C		Paris Saint Germain FC	19:00	4

QUARTER FINALS

Sun. 10 Feb	15	Rangers FC	VS	Etoile Sportive Du Sahel	16:35	5
	16	Altinordu FK		Aspire Academy	19:00	5
Mon. 11 Feb	17	AS Roma	VS	FC Spartak Moscow	16:35	5
	18	Real Madrid CF		Kashiwa Reysol	19:00	5

PLAY OFFS POSITIONS 8 - 5

Tue. 12 Feb	19	Loser Game No. 15	VS	Loser Game No. 18	16:35	4
	20	Loser Game No. 16		Loser Game No. 17	19:00	4

SEMI FINALS

Wed. 13 Feb	21	Winner Game No. 15	VS	Winner Game No. 18	16:35	5
	22	Winner Game No. 16		Winner Game No. 17	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

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