



GOALS THE BEST ONES SO FAR!



Last Friday, the biggest tournaments of soccer—2022 FIFA World Cup—kicked off in Qatar. And, the tournament has already experienced a few surprises. Be it Saudi upsetting Messi and co or Japan's turnaround against Germany, the tournament is surprising fans everyday. But, what are one of the best goals scored in the World Cup 2022 so far? Well, we have prepared a list of our favourites. And, here's what who and how the best goals were made so far:

SALEM AL-DAWSARI (ARGENTINA VS SAUDI ARABIA)

What came as a surprise was how Saudi Arabia stunned Argentina with a 2-1 victory. Though a Messi penalty helped Argentina gain the lead in the beginning, the second half was a surprise! The underdogs, Saudi, turned it around! With a 48th-minute goal from Saleh Alshehri, Saudi grabbed an equaliser shortly after the second half. But what caught the eyes was Al-Dawsari's long ranger. The Al-Hilal forward stunned the Argentina defence with a shot just inside the box. He sent it to the top-right corner.

RICHARLISON (BRAZIL VS SERBIA)

Brazil started its campaign with a 2-0 victory against Serbia. The five-time World Cup champions (Brazil) claimed the lead as Richarlison scored a goal out of a loose ball from close range. The striker again went on to score a brace. He scored the second one with a spectacular acrobatic kick to a pass from Vinicius Jr.

BUKAYO SAKA (ENGLAND VS IRAN)

England started its journey after thrashing Iran by 6 goals to 2. Jude Bellingham scored the opener in the match. Thereafter, Saka helped England extend their lead. Luke Shaw and Harry Maguire provided assists to Saka to score outstandingly. At one instance, Saka volleyed the ball expertly into the top corner. He scored a brace in the game.

GAVI (SPAIN VS COSTA RICA)

Gavi scored Spain's fifth goal. He scored it with a first-time finish from Alvaro Morata's cross that crashed in off the inside of the post. He became the third youngest scorer in the tournament's history at 18 years and 110 days.

CODY GAKPO (NETHERLANDS VS SENEGAL)

The 23-year-old Cody Gakpo gave the Dutch a much-needed goal against in the 84th minute. It was Netherlands' first shot on target. Gakpo jumped in for a header to a brilliant long ball from midfielder Frenkie de Jong. He narrowly beat the Senegalese keeper Edouard Mendy.



TABLE TENNIS

MANIKA BATRA BREAKS INTO TOP-40 WORLD RANKING

Indian paddler Manika Batra broke into the top 40 players in the world. Her climb to the top comes after a stunning show at the recently concluded 2022 Asian Cup Table Tennis Tournament. She bagged the bronze medal. She had then become the first second Indian and first woman from the country to earn a podium at the prestigious continental event. Manika Batra was ranked 44th in the world. She jumped up by 5 places in the latest rankings.



WORLD PARA SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP

INDIAN PARA-SHOOTERS TAKE HOME FIVE MEDALS

India puts up its best-ever performance in the World Para Shooting Championship, taking home an impressive haul of five medals from Al Ain in the United Arab Emirates, including three gold ones. With South Korea leading the standings with 20 medals, the shooters also achieved their best-ever fifth-place finish. This came after winning three bronze medals at the 2019 World Championships in Sydney. With four medals, including two gold ones, the hosts UAE came in at seventh place. All three of India's gold medals came from team competitions. Rahul Jakhar won the nation's lone individual medal, a bronze in the P3 Mixed 25m Pistol SH1 finals. Avani Lekhara, who was using a new wheelchair and weapon, struggled in the finals of the R2 Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 and the R8 Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions SH1, ending in fifth and sixth place, respectively.



TABLE TENNIS

DELHI TO HOST THE TTFI ELECTIONS ON DECEMBER 5

On December 5, Delhi will host the eagerly anticipated elections of the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI). The International Table Tennis Federation of India is expected to recommend suspending the TTFI at its Annual General Meeting on December 6 in Amman; hence the election notice was released by the returning officer, Justice Vineet Saran. One may recall that the ITTF Executive Committee had suggested that TTFI be suspended since the Committee of Administrators (CoA) had failed to reinstate the suspended Executive Committee by September 15 and to submit the names of the newly elected office bearers by November 16.

TABLE TALKS

NADAL, RUUD SET FOR EXHIBITION TOUR OF LATIN AMERICA



A series of exhibition matches between Rafael Nadal and Casper Ruud, who are rated second and third in the ATP, singles rankings, will begin on Wednesday in Buenos Aires and travel throughout Latin America. The last time Nadal and Ruud faced off was in the ATP Finals group round. Ruud was defeated by Nadal 7-5, 7-5, but fell short against Novak Djokovic in the championship match. Nadal, meanwhile, was unable to advance to the semifinals. On Wednesday, a singles match between Nadal and Ruud will take place, followed by a mixed doubles event. Gabriela Sabatini and Gisela Dulko will be paired with Nadal and Ruud, respectively.



FORMULA 1
MAX VERSTAPPEN WINS ABU DHABI GRAND PRIX

Max Verstappen claimed a record-extending 15th win this year with a "sublime" performance for Red Bull at Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. The 25-year-old dominated from start to finish. However, he was unable to help his Red Bull team-mate Sergio Perez in his attempt to beat Ferrari's Charles Leclerc, who made his one-stop strategy succeed by resisting Perez, on fresher tyres after two stops, in the closing laps to confirm Ferrari finished second. Carlos Sainz came home fourth in the second Ferrari ahead of Mercedes' George Russell, Lando Norris of McLaren, Esteban Ocon of Alpine and Lance Stroll of Aston Martin. Daniel Ricciardo finished ninth in the second McLaren.



POWER WOMAN

MIRABAI CHANU TO TAKE CHARGE OF INDIAN CONTINGENT AT WEIGHTLIFTING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

India will send a four-person team to the weightlifting World Championships next month, led by Olympic silver medalist Mirabai Chanu. From December 5 to December 16, the World Championships will be place in Bogota, Colombia. Achinta Sheuli, the 73 kg Commonwealth Games champion, Bindyarani Devi, the silver medalist, and Gurdeep Singh round out the squad's four members. The 2024 Paris Olympics' opening qualification competition is the World Championships. However, it is an optional event rather than a required one. A lifter must compulsorily compete in both the 2023 World Championships and the 2024 World Cup in order to qualify for the 2024 Olympics.