

RESULTS

PORTUGAL	CROATIA
2	1
SWITZERLAND	ALGERIA
2	0
AUSTRALIA	EGYPT
1	1

After extra time
Egypt won 4-2 on penalties

Knockout win for Swiss after 88 years

Vancouver: Switzerland pulled off a 2-0 win over Algeria to reach the Round of 16 on Thursday, shutting down their opponents' dangerous attack and perfectly executing coach Murat Yakin's defensive game plan.

Yakin's side scored early in the first half through Breel Embolo and then Dan Ndoye struck shortly after the break. The victory was Switzerland's first in the knockout stage since 1938, and they will fancy their chances in the next round after a tactical masterclass orchestrated by Yakin.

They shifted formations and laid traps for Algeria before hitting them with two sucker-punch goals that decided a contest short on excitement, but full of intrigue and nuance.

Pitted against a familiar foe in Algeria coach Vladimir Petkov, who had seven years at the helm of Switzerland from 2014, Yakin set his team up to absorb early pressure and strike on the break.

"We couldn't underestimate Algeria and we had to be clinical, that clinical finishing made the difference today," striker Embolo said.

"It was a very good defensive performance today (Thursday), during every single phase during the match, we defended solidly. We didn't allow our opponents any chances," Yakin told a news conference.

"I'd like to praise my team, because they did have to suffer today, and they scored at the right moment. I think that we really deserve to move into the next round."

Switzerland barely put a foot wrong in defence, forcing Algeria to go wide and restricting them to a handful of half-chances while making the most of their own openings at the other end.

"Our pressing didn't really work in the beginning, but we were able to exploit the spaces and we were able to get free a couple of times. I think that we dominated on the pitch and I'm really happy with the performance," Yakin said. Reuters

Spain stay away from 'satisfaction'

Inglewood: Coach Luis de la Fuente refused to get carried away from Spain's commanding 3-0 victory over Austria sent them into the World Cup last-16, insisting that there was still plenty of room for improvement and warning that "satisfaction can kill".

Spain, who have yet to concede a goal at the tournament, produced a dominant display as Mikel Oyarzabal scored twice and Pedro Porro once to underline their status as one of the favourites.

"I have many reasons to be happy today (Thursday). First because of the victory, we won significantly and the image of the team was fabulous," De la Fuente told reporters. "But there is still room for improvement. Perhaps you think you have seen the best of us, but



Mikel Oyarzabal (shirt No. 21) scores his second and Spain's third goal in their 3-0 win over Austria in Inglewood on Thursday. (Reuters)

this team has not yet reached its capabilities. There is more to do."

The head coach said Spain's progress had been built on a long-term process rather than one standout performance and stressed that the knockout rounds would demand even higher standards.

"Today's performance

should be the foundation for what comes next," he said. "We are going to keep improving and doing things better... We are not yet satisfied, we are going for more."

De la Fuente cautioned against believing Spain had reached their peak after another impressive defensive display in which Austria failed

to register a shot on target.

"There were situations where we lacked high pressure. You need to keep improving all the time," he said. "When you get flattered and believe it, you become weaker. Satisfaction can kill you."

The 65-year-old was full of praise for his left back Marc

Cucurella, who provided two assists for Oyarzabal, calling him "invaluable" and "a top-notch player".

"The next phase will be increasingly demanding," he added. "We have wonderful players, but the only focus is to exceed our own expectations."

Spain, who will next face Portugal for a place in the quarter-finals, started brightly on Thursday with Lamine Yamal repeatedly troubling Austria's defence as La Roja pressed for an early breakthrough.

They thought to have gone ahead on a short-range shot by Cucurella, but the effort was ruled out for a foul on goalkeeper Alexander Schlager.

The pressure finally paid off when Cucurella whipped a precise cross into the area and Oyarzabal steered it into the bottom corner, igniting the Spain-heavy crowd.

Austria, who squeaked into the knockouts with a last-gasp goal to draw with Algeria, struggled to create clear chances against Spain who remained composed in possession and disciplined at the back to continue their shutout streak at the tournament.

EGYPT WIN SHOOTOUT



Egypt's Enam Ashour (shirt No. 8) celebrates after scoring in regulation time during their Round of 32 game against Australia in Dallas on Friday. The Pharaohs beat the Socceroos 4-2 on penalties after the game ended 1-1 in extra time, with an own goal by Mohamed Hany in the 55th minute. Mahmoud Saber, Ramy Rabia, Mo Salah and Hossam Abdehmaguid found the net in the penalty shootout for Egypt. (Reuters picture)



BY GRACE OF THE BRACE



header. Instead of surgery that might have knocked him off the World Cup squad, Spence opted for the brace.

Posch was injured in a collision with a Jordan defender in Austria's 3-1 win in their first match of the tournament. He made two trips to Los Angeles to get fitted for the brace and was ready in time for their match against Argentina.

Similar protective gears... The protective helmet-type headgear that former Czech Republic goalkeeper Petr Cech wore for years after a skull injury. France's Kylian Mbappe wore a face mask during the 2024 European Championship after breaking his nose in the opening match.

Why are they using it? Spence had suffered a fractured jaw for years after a skull injury. France's Kylian Mbappe wore a face mask during the 2024 European Championship after breaking his nose in the opening match.



Julian Nagelsmann. (Reuters)

Klopp buzz for Germany

Munich: Julian Nagelsmann stepped down as Germany coach on Friday following the four-time champions' early World Cup exit, and the German Football Association said its board was in talks with Juergen Klopp to replace him.

The board has said Klopp has signalled "general willingness" to consider the position. It would be the 59-year-old's first coaching job since leaving Liverpool in 2024.

"My top priority has always been the team's success. After such a bitter disappointment, they deserve the chance for a fresh start," the 38-year-old Nagelsmann said in a statement.

"A special thank you also goes to the fans... It truly pains me that we disappointed you."

Germany's defeat to Paraguay on penalties marked a third consecutive disappointing Cup campaign after first-round exits in 2018 and 2022.

Canada brace for Atlas Lions

Houston: Canada's remarkable World Cup adventure has already secured their team a place in the country's sporting folklore and on Saturday they face Morocco, semi-finalists in 2022, with a place in the quarter-finals at stake.

Making only their third World Cup appearance, Canada have captured the imagination of a country more accustomed to celebrating ice hockey heroes than footballers.

Coach Jesse Marsch knows his side will need every advantage they can get, and that includes figuring out how best to use captain Alphonso Davies coming off an injury.

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The Bayern Munich left-back played the final 15 minutes of Sunday's 1-0 win over South Africa in his first appearance since sustaining a hamstring injury in early May. He immediately set up Promis David for a shot just outside the left post and provided a boost to the Canadians.

"I thought he had a good impact on the game, and more than anything, what you saw is that South Africa really respected him when he came in," Marsch said. "So, we will be thinking about how to use Alphonso again in this game, whether from the start or off the bench."

The pre-tournament pressure that may have burdened Canada has largely evaporated and no matter their result, they have already broken records, including earning their first World Cup point and winning their first goal.

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Canada captain Alphonso Davies (centre) at training with teammates in Houston on Friday. (Reuters)

But Marsch knows Morocco are on another level — and not just because they rank sixth in the updated Fifa world rankings compared to No. 54 South Africa. Canada are 30th.

"Preparing for Morocco is like a scary, horrible nightmare," Marsch said. "It's like, I don't want to watch them play. They're too good."

"(But) we want to be here and we expect to be here. So we know that everybody's going to write us off, and in that is an opportunity."

Morocco, however, are unlikely to be swayed by sentiment. If Canada have emerged as one of the feelgood stories, they have arrived, with much of their greatest assets.

Four years ago in Qatar Morocco became the first African nation to reach a World Cup semi-final, defeating Spain and Portugal in their dream run to finish fourth.

Far from being satisfied with that groundbreaking achievement, the Atlas Lions have proved four years later that Qatar was no anomaly, drawing with Brazil to top their group before eliminating European heavyweights the Netherlands in the last-32.

Organised, athletic and technically gifted, they have progressed through the competition with the confidence of a team who believe another dream run is possible.

Canada are playing in entirely new territory, fuelled by momentum and enthusiasm. Morocco's squad still contains many of the leaders from their run to the 2022 semi-finals, and that experience could prove decisive.

"If we get things wrong, we'll go home," Morocco manager Hossam Ouhallal said. "We need to ensure that we have all the tools and we're using them in our arsenal to go as far as we can."

He knows anything can happen in a knockout match.

"Nobody can stop us if we play the football we know how to play," Ouhallal said. "But nobody is unbeatable. If we get things wrong, we'll go home." Reuters

Ignore the noise, India ready to back Samson

OUR BUREAU

Team India is in no hurry to hand Vaidhavy Sooryavanshi his international debut. Even as the whole world waits with bated breath to witness how he fares on the big stage, the team management continues to back the current opening combination.

Sanju Samson's inconsistency is a major headache after the series defeat to Ireland. The opener has scores of 5, 0 and 1 across the three matches so far.

The decision has naturally kept the spotlight on the 15-year-old, but bowling coach Morne Morkel said on Friday that past records matter and the team management has faith in Samson and Abhishek Sharma.

"I think we just need to respect the fact that we've got the number one batter, or we had the number one batter in T20 cricket, Abhishek Sharma. You know, Sanju was the player of the World Cup," Morkel said on the eve of the second T20 against England in Manchester.

The opening tie was abandoned because of rain after India posted 189/7.

"He (Samson) had a great



"So I reckon it's not a straightforward decision, 'okay, let's play him'. It's a matter of backing some of those guys who've won World Cups, who've done really well for you in tough situations."

"...I think we just need to also respect the fact that we've got the number one batter in T20 cricket, Abhishek Sharma. Sanju was the Player of the World Cup, he had a great IPL. So I think as a coaching staff, it's only fair

Archer in squad

OUR BUREAU

Calcutta: Jacob Bethell is set to open the batting in England's three-match ODI series against India. They have included two uncapped players in their squad in James Cook and Josh Tongue. Gus Atkinson and Saqib Mahmood were recalled after missing the tour of Sri Lanka.

The three-match series against India begins at Edgbaston on July 14 before moving to Cardiff (July 16) and concluding at Lord's (July 19). Ben Duckett has had four different opening partners

in 50-over cricket since the start of last year. Phil Salt was dropped after the Champions Trophy, and his replacement Jamie Smith was also discarded. In their most recent series against Sri Lanka in January, Jack Crawley made 6 in his only innings, and Rehan Ahmed was used as a pinch-hitter.

Harry Brook, who is in contention to succeed Ben Stokes as Test captain, will continue to lead the ODI side as their white-ball captain. Jofra Archer has also been included in the side. Mahmood is likely to make the playing XI.

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