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Korea stun Soccerroos

AFP, Sydney



Lee Jeong-Hyeop struck in the first half as South Korea shocked Australia 1-0 on Saturday to top Group A and complicate the hosts' task at the Asian Cup.

Australia had been the form team with two big wins so far, but Ange Postecoglou's rejigged side were dealt a setback after the Korean striker slid in to score on 32 minutes.

The Soccerroos, who finish second in Group A, will now play China in the quarterfinals in hot and humid Brisbane and face a likely semifinal against holders Japan.

Australia threw everything at South Korea as they sought a vital equaliser, and Kim Jin-Hyeon saved brilliantly from Robbie Kruse when the substitute looked certain to score.

The game was not without controversy, with Park Joo-Ho and Koo Ja-Cheol both stretchered off and Matthew Spiranovic earning a caution that rules him out of their last-eight tie.

"I definitely feel that we could have got a draw out of the game," said talismanic forward Tim Cahill, who came on in the second half but this time was unable to rescue Australia.

"Korea took their chance, full credit to them. But I definitely feel like we could have finished top of the group."

With clouds of moths swarming around Brisbane Stadium, Kwak Tae-Hwi nodded wide and Tomi Juric's fierce shot was saved at the near post as the teams exchanged early chances.

Nathan Burns clattered Park, who was stretchered off and later withdrew, in an aerial challenge, before South Korea found a way through in the 32nd minute.

Captain Ki Sung-Yueng threaded the ball to Lee Keun-Ho, whose cross-shot to the far post was met by the sliding Lee Jeong-Hyeop with Aussie goalkeeper Mat Ryan given no chance.



Australia defender Matt McKay (C) challenges South Korea midfielder Koo Ja Cheol during their Asian Cup encounter in Brisbane yesterday.

Second title for Troicki

AFP, Sydney

Viktor Troicki won the battle of the qualifiers to claim his second career title with straight sets win over Mikhail Kukushkin in the final of the Sydney International on Saturday.

Troicki crushed Kukushkin 6-2, 6-3 in a victory that will send the Serb moving up the world rankings.

The one-time world No.12, who won his first title in Moscow five years ago, spiralled to 847th before his return from suspension last July, but is expected to be back in the top 70 on Monday from his current 92.

"A lot of emotions. It's been a tough road, a lot of work, and it paid off with a nice title," Troicki said.

"If I look back where I was five, six months ago it's amazing to have a title already. So it's really nice moment for me and for my team. It's very emotional."

Troicki, 28, was forced to serve a 12-month ban for failing to take a blood test at the Monte Carlo Masters in 2013, and is eager to make up for lost time.

"When I got back, I looked on this like a second chance, second career actually," Troicki said.

"It's been a nice comeback. It's been different playing tennis ever since I came back. I'm more happy on the court."

Lalmonirhat girls champs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Lalmonirhat Govt. Girls' School became unbeaten champions in cricket event of the 44th National Winter Sports Competition beating Nawab Faizunnissa Govt. Girls' High School by eight wickets in the final at Mymensingh Circuit House ground on Thursday.

The four-day championship began at the Mymensingh Stadium on January 12.

On way to becoming the champions, the lasses from Lalmonirhat defeated school teams from Barisal, Khulna, Chittagong and Dhaka.

Endo reaches landmark

AFP, Brisbane



Japan's Yasuhiro Endo reacted with mock horror after learning he had tied German superstar Lothar Matthaus by winning his 150th cap in his country's 1-0 Asian Cup victory over Iraq.

The 34-year-old midfielder, given his international debut by Brazilian Zico in 2002, is expected to surpass Matthaus, who skipped West Germany to World Cup glory in 1990, when the Blue Samurai play Jordan in their final Group D game on Tuesday.

"Me going level with Matthaus is a bit of an insult to Matthaus," said Japan's record caps holder, initially discarded by Japan coach Javier Aguirre following their flop at last year's World Cup before forcing his way back into the Mexican's reckoning.

"But winning so many caps is obviously something I can be proud of, and matching Matthaus is another thing I can look back on and boast about when I'm no longer playing."

"I remember my first international appearance and my first goal for my country. But I don't want to look back and single out any one game," added the J-League player of the year after becoming the 16th player in FIFA records to reach the 150-cap milestone.

"I mean, I don't think I'm finished yet," said Endo, dubbed Japan's "mole in the hole" by former Gamba Osaka manager Akira Nishino for his ability to pop up in space.

"I plan to prolong my international career as long as I can," added Endo, who scored in the 4-0 thrashing of Palestine in Japan's opening game at the Asian Cup last Monday and turns 35 three days before the tournament final in Sydney on January 31.

"Endo is a wonderful human being," said Aguirre, who brought him back into the international fold after a poor run of form since taking over from Alberto Zaccheroni post-Brazil. "He is a big presence for this team."

Endo, who shuns the limelight in a Japan team dominated by spiky cult hero Keisuke Honda and the mercurial Shinji Kagawa, insisted he still had a role to play for the defending Asian Cup champions.

"I think I can still improve and believe there's more to experience," said Endo, who helped Gamba to a domestic treble this year. "I want to enjoy my football and keep setting records."

Harry facing mole problem

AFP, London

Queens Park Rangers manager Harry Redknapp has claimed that a club insider is trying to force him out of Loftus Road, in comments published by several British newspapers on Saturday.

QPR went into the weekend's Premier League fixtures inside the relegation zone, sparking newspaper speculation that Redknapp's days at the west London club will be numbered if their fortunes do not improve quickly.

But Redknapp, 67, believes that he has the full support of owner Tony Fernandes and has alleged that elements within the club are trying to destabilise him.

"Somebody is trying to cause me a problem here, by talking to the papers," Redknapp said ahead of his side's home game with fourth-place Manchester United.

Chelsea demolish Swansea

AFP, London



Oscar and Diego Costa each scored twice as Chelsea established a provisional five-point lead at the Premier League summit with a crushing 5-0 success at Swansea City on Saturday.

The one-sided victory, which saw Chelsea go 4-0 up inside the first 36 minutes, enabled Jose Mourinho's side to pull clear of second-place Manchester City, who host Arsenal on Sunday.

Manchester United climbed to third place after winning 2-0 at second-bottom Queens Park Rangers, with substitutes Marouane Fellaini and James Wilson finding the target after a lacklustre first-half display.

Southampton, who won 1-0 at United last weekend, will attempt to reclaim third place later on Saturday when they visit Newcastle United.

Chelsea had lost two and won only one of their previous four away games, but they went ahead inside a minute at Swansea when Oscar drilled a shot into the bottom-left corner after Gylfi

RESULTS

- Aston Villa 0 **Liverpool** 2 (Borini 24, Lambert 79)
- Burnley 2 (Mee 12, Ings 16) **Crystal Palace** 3 (Gayle 28, 87, Punccheon 48)
- Leicester 0 **Stoke** 1 (Bojan 63)
- QPR 0 **Manchester United** 2 (Fellaini 58, Wilson 90)
- Swansea 0 **Chelsea** 5 (Oscar 1, 36, Costa 20, 34, Schurrle 79)
- Tottenham** 2 (Vertonghen 3, Eriksen 88)

Sigurdsson conceded possession.

Eager to atone, Sigurdsson hit the crossbar within seconds of the restart, but Chelsea doubled their lead in the 20th minute when Cesc Fabregas teed up Costa to slot home.

Costa punished a mistake from Federico Fernandez to claim his 17th goal of the campaign in the 34th minute and two minutes later he teed up Oscar to finish with the inside of his right foot.

A dominant first-half showing also saw Willian hit the woodwork twice, and although Chelsea took their foot off the pedal after the change of ends, Andre Schurrle added a late fifth from Branislav Ivanovic's cross.

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