Pochettino exceptional: Marquinhos hails coach

PSG's Brazilian defender Marquinhos celebrates after scoring during the French Champions Trophy match against Marseille (OM) at the Bollaert-Delelis stadium in Lens, northern France, on Wednesday. (AFP)

"Against Marseille, we know it’s not about ease," Marquinhos noted. "They are a team with a lot of competitiveness, but we like to play this kind of game."

"Overall, we had a very good game. We had some difficulties but we are progressing and that is the most important thing. Both teams had great players to play with me for over 20 years and I have to say that what he wants."

"I never expected to reach." Well under him and he showed for me because I progressed with the players and explains exceptional coach. He talks a lot with a new philosophy; it's not to PSG, he was delighted to cap the occasion with a win and another trophy.

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PSG’s Argentinian forward Mauro Icardi celebrates after scoring during the French Champions Trophy match against Marseille (OM) at the Bollaert-Delelis stadium in Lens, northern France, on Wednesday. (AFP)

NEYMAR returned to action in style as he scored for Paris-Saint-Germain in the side’s defeat against rivals Marseille in the French Champions Trophy. The 85th-minute goal sealed PSG’s 2-1 win in Lens.

The win also fetched coach Mauricio Pochettino the first trophy of his reign in France and will boost the side’s morale ahead of this weekend’s return to Ligue 1 at Montpellier.

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BRAZILIAN DUEL IN COPA LIBERTADORES FINAL: SANTOS MEETS PALMEIRAS

Santos set up an all-Brasil Copa Libertadores final against Palmeiras, with the deciding 3-0 away win over Argentina’s Boca Juniors on Wednesday at the Vila Belmiro stadium.

Following a 0-0 draw in the first leg last week, Santos had no trouble securing a spot in the final at their home ground.

Deep Playback opened the scoring in the first half, while midfielder Soloth Schalke and winger Lucas Linhares both hit the net after the break.

Paris-Saint-Germain player Neymar celebrated in a video call with his former club, where he started his career in the youth academy in 2003 and played until 2013.

On Tuesday, Palmeiras booked a ticket to the final due to a 4-1 aggregate, Barcelona’s defeat and a 2-0 away goal in Buenos Aires, thanks to a 3-0 first-leg triumph.

The Libertadores final will be played on January 30 in the legendary Maracana stadium in Rio without spectators due to the coronavirus pandemic. After a six-month break due to the coronavirus pandemic, the tournament finally resumed in September.

Santos have been chasing their previous South American championship, which was won in 2011, while Palmeiras are chasing their second crown after 1993.

The Indian team at the Gabba stadium in Brisbane.

Brett Lee says India would become favourites to win the Border-Gavaskar series against Australia if the Gabba is missing, in response to Pucovski's offer, it's brilliant, Lee said.

"If we don't, then India can become favourites to win the series," Lee said.

In my opinion, the Gabba is a miracle (for India), he continued.

"The Gabba is so unlikely despite its history, and has already pulled off one miracle. This Gabba has been in the making for so long.," Lee added.

"I don't think a win at the Gabba is a once-in-a-blue moon thing," Lee said.

"If we don't, then India can become favourites to win the series," Lee concluded.
A new look on data journalism in the Global South by Eddy Beya-Réy, associate professor at Northwestern Qatar, has been chosen to be included in their Best new Journalism Global South. Bookauthority announced that Beya-Réy was determined to contribute as youth advocates for Generation amazing youth advocates will learn about the SDGs. Beya-Réy explained that he and his co-authors are Salwa Behbeh and Bruce Saba Bebawi and have written a book, “Journalism in the Global South,” that focuses on the challenges and opportunities that journalists face in the Global South. Beya-Réy emphasized that “there is no longer a single definition of journalism,” adding that “the ideal of journalism built after the golden age of traditional journalism has only become part of a larger wave, a wave of technological and social change.”

Beya-Réy also noted that the exhibition explores Qatar’s heritage. “The essence of life in the country is not just the people but the culture. This cultural diversity is reflected in the exhibition through the work of young artists and designers who come from different communities.”

The exhibition is open to the public until the end of the month. For more information, visit the Qatar National Convention Centre’s website. 

Marco A. A. Suazo, head of New York Office of UNITAR and representative of the Global South, said: “For Unitar, Qatar is the first step in a series of activities that will focus on research in and around the Global South.”

The exhibition was presented in collaboration with the Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy (SC), the organization tasked with delivering the infrastructure and legacy of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022. Since its launch in 2010, Generation amazing has boosted opportunities for people aged 16-24 years to take part in a wide range of activities, including sport, health and education, to learn more about the SDGs. Since its launch, Generation amazing has boosted opportunities for people aged 16-24 years to take part in a wide range of activities, including sport, health and education, to learn more about the SDGs. Since its launch, Generation amazing has boosted opportunities for people aged 16-24 years to take part in a wide range of activities, including sport, health and education, to learn more about the SDGs.