

Olympic football team head for camp with 28 players

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A 28-player Bahrain Olympic football team departed yesterday for Istanbul where they will be holding an overseas training camp until the end of the month.

The delegation is headed by team manager Shaikh Salman bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa and head coach Ismail Karami.

The players are Ammar Mohammed, Omar Abdulbasit, Younis Mousa, Adnan Fawaz, Abdulla Al Haiki, Abdulrahman Sayed, Ali Khalifa, Hussain Al Attar, Ahmed Al Sherooqi, Hussain Abdulkarim, Abdulla Freah, Ebrahim Shareeda, Mohammed Marhoon, Hamza Abdulla, Ali Al Dosari, Ali Muftah, Sayed Mohammed Amin, Faisal Abdulla, Hassan Issa, Fahad Jassim, Mohammed Ahmed, Ziyad Basil, Ebrahim Al Khattal, Hussain Tawfiq, Hamad Fouad, Faisal Hassan Habib, Hamza Al Jabne and Abdulla Nimer.



Olympic team head coach Ismail Karami, right, during training

The Olympic team will train at the Turkish capital until July 27. During this period, they are scheduled to play a number of friendly games against local teams.

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- Abdulla Freah, Ebrahim Shareeda,
- Mohammed Marhoon, Hamza Abdulla,
- Ali Al Dosari, Ali Muftah,
- Sayed Mohammed Amin, Faisal Abdulla,
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The Bahrainis' camp is part of their preparations for upcoming competitions, including their participation in the AFC U23 Asian Cup Qualifiers.

Bahrain are in Group C of the qualification competition, alongside Iraq, Afghanistan and the Maldives. Their games will be held in the Kingdom during the last week of October.

2008 Olympic champion DeGale has gold medal stolen

● The break-in happened on Sunday during England's Euro 2020 final defeat by Italy.

Reuters

2008 Beijing Olympics middleweight boxing champion James DeGale has appealed for help after his gold medal and MBE were stolen from his parents' house.

The Briton, who is also a two-time IBF super-middleweight champion, said the break-in happened on Sunday during England's Euro 2020 final defeat by Italy.

DeGale posted security footage on Instagram of someone walking alongside

the house and covering the camera, and said two of his "prize possessions" had been taken.

"They are worthless to anyone other than me and they are two achievements that I prize from my boxing career," he said. "I am gutted and need my medals back."

DeGale, 35, retired from boxing in February 2019.



Euro vs Copa America!

Messi could lead Argentina against Italy in a 'Super Cup'

● The proposed game will be played before the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar

Agencies

Days after leading Argentina to their first Copa America triumph in 28 years, recent reports suggest Lionel Messi could soon be facing Euro 2020 winner Italy in a 'Super Cup'.

According to Barca Blaugranes, CONMEBOL, South America's footballing body have requested UEFA to hold a one-off game between Argentina and Italy to find out which team is better.

Earlier, the winner of each confederation's tournament



would compete against one another in the FIFA Confederations Cup. However, the tournament has been scrapped. The last edition of the Confederations Cup was played in Russia in 2017, which was won by Germany.

Despite the proposal, Argentina and Lionel Messi will have to wait to compete against Italy. Due to the global pandemic and congestion in club football scheduling, the proposed game will be played before the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar.

It is worth noting that the concept of European and South American champions playing against each other is not new. The Artemio Franchi Trophy was played in 1985 and 1993. France were the first winners of the tournament, beating Uruguay 2-0 while Argentina were victorious in 1993, defeating Denmark.

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Both the Copa America 2021 and Euro 2020 campaigns were

special. While it was the first time ever that Messi had won an international trophy wearing the Argentina shirt, Italy had even failed to qualify in the 2018 FIFA World Cup.

Messi ended the Copa America campaign as the player with the most number of goals and assists. He was deservedly named the Player of the tournament, having played the most influential role in the team's triumph.

Italy, on the other hand, put in a great shift, especially defensively. While the center-back pairing of Giorgio Chiellini and Leonardo Bonucci wasn't dribbled past even once in the whole tournament, goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma was named the Player of the Tournament. It was the first time in the history of the European Championships that a goalkeeper was named the best player.

48,000 meals a day : Tokyo tackles feeding an Olympic Village

AFP

Even under ordinary circumstances, feeding an Olympic Village is a mammoth task, with chefs preparing tens of thousands of meals a day for elite athletes from around the world.

But at Tokyo 2020, there's an added pressure: strict coronavirus rules forbid athletes from eating at local restaurants, so it's their only chance to sample Japan's famous cuisine.

"I feel it's a lot of responsibility for us," admitted Tsutomu Yamane, senior director of Tokyo 2020's food and beverages services department.



Menus are largely divided into three categories: Western, Japanese and Asian, which covers Chinese, Indian and Vietnamese options. And given Japan's world-famous cuisine, there will be plenty of local flavour.

"We want them to enjoy (Japanese food)... but it's major pressure," he said.

It's a huge undertaking: the village can host up to 18,000 people at a time and its cafeterias will serve up to 48,000 meals a day, with some open around the clock.

Anti-infection rules mean athletes can't go anywhere but the village, training sites and competition venues.

So organisers will provide 700 menu options, 3,000 seats at the main two-storey cafeteria and 2,000 staff at peak hours to meet the needs of all.

Informal dishes

The focus will be on informal dishes rather than high-end dining, with ramen and udon noodles among the staples, said Yamane.

Always-popular ramen will be offered in two of its most famous broths: soy sauce, and miso -- the fermented soybean paste that is central to Japanese cuisine.



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