Bahrain crash out

Son Heung-min's South Korea seal win over Bahrain and place in Asian Cup guarter-finals

Kim Jin-su header in first period of extra time gives South Koreans a 2-1 win in Dubai

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🖰 on Heung-min's South Korea needed an extra-time winner to beat Bahrain 2-1 as they stumbled into the Asian Cup quarter-finals in unconvincing fashion yesterday.

Kim Jin-su's diving header at the end of the first extra period proved the difference as the two-time champions met unexpected resistance before winning in Dubai.

But Paulo Bento's side, runners-up in 2015 and one of the favourites for the title, survived to reach the last eight.

boot to the head as he weathered some robust challenges in started to make his presence chance. a first half which South Korea felt with some typically direct possession.

Bahrain nearly stunned the South Korea took time to settle Yong whose cross was parried into their rhythm.



Tottenham star Son took a Jung Woo-young of South Korea and Mohamed Al Romaihi of Bahrain battle for the ball

But from the half-hour Son Hee-chan, who snaffled the easy el with 13 minutes remaining from Lee Yong's cross, a goal

dominated with 73 percent of running which caused panic in run riot after the break before Mahdi Al-Humaidan's shot. the Bahrain defence. South Korea broke the dead- magnificent flying stop from

Koreans with Mohamed Mar- lock two minutes from half- Kim Seung-gyu to keep out Jahoon's stinging early shot as time, when Son laid off to Lee mal Rashed's thumping effort. by the goalkeeper to Hwang Bahrain were suddenly lev-

South Korea threatened to smashed in the rebound from Bahrain hit back and it took a

And against all expectations,

when Mohamed Al Romaihi The goal stunned South Korea, Sung-yueng.

Asian Cup Sou

who had only conceded twice at an Asian Cup game since 2011 -- the 2015 final, which they lost

2-1 to Australia after extra time. Hwang Ui-jo nearly snatched the victory in injury time, when a defensive mix-up put him oneon-one with Sayed Shubbar Alawi, but he spooned his shot wide to set up the additional 30 minutes of play.

South Korea's first goal had been their only shot on target but they looked determined to put that right and substitute Lee Seung-woo should have done better when he was set up in the box by Son's strong run.

Bahrain goalkeeper Alawi withdrew with an apparent hamstring injury but one of the first tasks for his replacement, Abdulkarim Fardan, was to pick the ball out of the net.

Substitute Kim Jin-su found time and space to steady himself and drive home a header which the team celebrated by holding up the 16 shirt of injured Newcastle United midfielder Ki

South Korea	2	-	1	Bahrain
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Indian selectors get cash bonus for historic Australia tour AFP | New Delhi

he selectors who chose the Indian cricketers to tour Australia recently have been awarded almost \$30,000 each as a bonus for picking the history-making squad.

India clinched their first Test series in Australia in 71 years before claiming another historic first with a 2-1 win in the one-day internationals. The Twenty20 series ended in a draw.

The squad captained by Virat Kohli -- who won three top International Cricket Council awards on Tuesday, the first player ever to do so -- ended the tour without losing a series, a first on Australian soil.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India awarded the players and coaches cash bonuses after the historic win, but followed up with a two million rupee (\$28,000) reward for each selector.

"The five men have played a crucial role in picking a balanced Indian squad and offering the team management enough options to work around different combinations," Indian cricket administrator Vinod Rai said in a statement.



'Very very happy' Kohli sweeps top ICC awards

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Tndia captain Virat Kohli said yesterday he was "very very happy" after becoming the first-ever player to clinch all three top honours, including cricketer of the year, in the International Cricket Council awards.

Kohli, who recently led India to their maiden Test and oneday series triumph in Australia, was also voted the Test and ODI men's player of the year as the cricket's world governing body announced its annual honours, chosen by former players and veteran journalists. you do throughout the calendar running. year. I feel really grateful and very, very happy with the team doing well at the same time myself performing," Kohli said in a statement. global level from the ICC is something you feel proud of of the year. as a cricketer because you unplayers playing the game." The 30-year-old Kohli, who superstar status in cricket-mad India, after first coming into the limelight when he led the South Asian nation to victory in the 2008 Under-19 World Cup. He was the top Test and ODI batsman in 2018, scoring 1,322 Test runs at an average of 55.08 -- including five centuries -and 1,202 runs at 133.55 in ODIs, with six centuries. He also scored 211 runs in 10 Twenty20 matches.



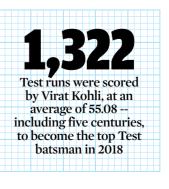
India's captain Virat Kohli (R) gestures as the India team celebrates their series win on the fifth day of the fourth and final cricket Test against Australia

Kohli was picked to skipper "It feels amazing. It's a re- the ICC Test and ODI teams of nition for an extraordinary talward for all the hard work that the year for the second year ent," ICC chief executive David

Ponting's footsteps

Kohli became only the second "Having recognition at the prestigious Sir Garfield Sobers the game and its continued im-Trophy -- given to the cricketer

derstand that there are many for the award, with South Afri- the year award for the second is married to Bollywood actress cricketer of the year category Anushka Sharma, has reached and the Test player of the year. last July.



"This is well deserved recog-Richardson said of Kohli.

"His regard for the game and particularly for Test cricket is also recognised and appreciplayer after Australian great ated. He is passionate in his Ricky Ponting to retain the support of the longest form of portance."

Australia opener Aaron Finch He was the unanimous choice won the T20 performance of can fast bowler Kagiso Raba- time for his 172 -- the highda coming second in both the est-ever individual T20 score -- against Zimbabwe in Harare

> India's Rishabh Pant was named emerging player of the year, while Scotland batsman Callum MacLeod took home the associate cricketer of the year trophy.

> The 21-year-old Pant became the first Indian wicketkeeper to score a Test century in England, and equalled the record for the most catches taken in a Test, with 11 in Adelaide in December.