

# Man City crush Juventus, Vinicius shines as Real Madrid advance

Manchester City thrash Juventus 5-2 while Real Madrid ease past Salzburg

- Vinicius stars in Madrid's 3-0 win
- Haaland scores one, assists another for City
- Doku, Foden and Savinho also on target
- Al Hilal beat Pachuca to progress
- Al Ain claim consolation win over Wydad

AFP | Orlando

Pep Guardiola's Manchester City demonstrated their Club World Cup credentials with a 5-2 victory over Juventus on Thursday while Vinicius Junior starred as Real Madrid beat Salzburg 3-0 to secure a spot in the last 16.

Al Hilal of Saudi Arabia beat Pachuca of Mexico 2-0 to pip Salzburg to the last berth in the knockout phase, as Al Ain battled to a 2-1 win over Wydad Casablanca in the day's other game.

City became the only side at the tournament to win all three of their group matches as they put Juventus to the sword in front of 54,320 at the Camping World Stadium in Orlando.

City now face Al Hilal, the only Asian representative in the next round after goals from Salem Al-Dawsari and Brazilian Marcos Leonardo against Pachuca.

"We played well and I'm happy with the victory," said City winger Jeremy Doku, who opened the scoring.

Doku pounced for the early opener after new arrival Rayan Ait-Nouri set him up with a clever ball.



Manchester City's Norwegian striker #09 Erling Haaland and Juventus' Italian defender #37 Nicolo Savona fight for the ball

However City stopper Eder-son passed the ball straight to Teun Koopmeiners who levelled for Juventus, in one of the few moments in which Guardiola's team let their focus slip.

Pierre Kalulu bundled into his own net from Matheus Nunes' cross to restore City's lead.

The Premier League side, hoping to make up for a poor season by their standards in which they finished without a major trophy, stepped up a level after the break with Erling Haaland's introduction.

The Norwegian striker tapped home the third and then helped create the fourth for Phil Foden, before Savinho smashed home from distance for the fifth.

Dusan Vlahovic netted late on for Juve but it did not take the shine off an impressive triumph for City, who were able to give holding midfielder Rodri a first start after his long injury lay-off.

"Manchester City have a lot better (quality of) players than us, that's the truth, that needs to be acknowledged," said Juventus coach Igor Tudor as his side fin-

ished second in Group G.

"The stars didn't align for us to play better tonight."

Al Ain got the better of Wydad in Washington, DC in a meeting of two teams who were already eliminated but were hoping to sign off with a victory.

South African striker Cassius Mailula blasted the Moroccans into an early lead but Togo international Kodjo Fo-Doh Laba levelled from the spot just before the break for Al Ain.

That was their first goal of the tournament after 5-0 and 6-0 thrashings by Juve and City respectively, and Paraguayan

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international Alejandro Romero curled home from the edge of the box to earn the team from the United Arab Emirates victory.

**Vinicius stars in Madrid win**

Vinicius scored one goal and made another with a touch of class as Madrid saw off Salzburg in Philadelphia to clinch top spot in Group H.

Real play Juventus in the last 16 in Miami on Tuesday.

The Brazil star Vinicius

## Standings

Group G									
#	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	Manchester City	3	3	0	0	13	2	+11	9
2	Juventus	3	2	0	1	11	6	+5	6
3	Al Ain	3	1	0	2	2	12	-10	3
4	Wydad AC	3	0	0	3	2	8	-6	0

Group H									
#	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	Real Madrid	3	2	1	0	7	2	+5	7
2	Al-Hilal	3	1	2	0	3	1	+2	5
3	Red Bull Salzburg	3	1	1	1	2	4	-2	4
4	Pachuca	3	0	0	3	2	7	-5	0



Manchester City are the only team at the tournament to win all three group matches, while Real Madrid advanced without top scorer Kylian Mbappe, who has yet to feature due to illness

opened the scoring after a superb defence-splitting pass by Jude Bellingham on 40 minutes, to the delight of the vast majority of the 64,811 crowd on a rainy night at Lincoln Financial Field.

Vinicius then set up Federico Valverde with a clever backheel to make it 2-0 in first-half stoppage time.

Young striker Gonzalo Garcia ran through to wrap up the win late on with his second goal of the tournament, as Xabi Alonso's team end the first round of FIFA's new tournament unbeaten.

"I am pleased with the boys, and now the interesting phase begins," Alonso told broadcaster DAZN.

Real were once again without top scorer Kylian Mbappe, who has yet to play at the tournament as he recovers from illness.

"We thought Kylian would make it and it wasn't to be. Now we have four days and I want to be optimistic but cautious at the same time," Alonso said.

## Fraser-Pryce eases through in Jamaica trials farewell

AFP | Kingston

Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce launched her final appearance at Jamaica's National Trials with a comfortable victory in opening heats of the women's 100m on Thursday.

The 38-year-old Jamaican sprinting legend blasted through her heat in 11.33sec, the fifth-fastest time of qualifying ahead of Friday's semi-finals and finals.

Fraser-Pryce, a three-time Olympic gold medallist and 10-time gold medallist at the World Championships, has said



Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce reacts after winning the race

this week's meeting will be her final appearance at Jamaican trials before she hangs up her spikes.

The veteran sprinter is reportedly planning to bring the curtain down on her glittering career at the end of the 2025 season and is bidding to make the Jamaican team for the the World Championships in Tokyo in September.

"In the next two days, it will be my final time gracing the National Stadium," Fraser-Pryce said at an event organised by her shoe sponsor Nike in Kingston on Monday.

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