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DAY 4 | Thursday, January 22, 2026

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Barça's Gallery of Goals:
5-1 Masterpiece

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RECAP

DAY 3 : 21.02.2026

Red Cards Rule the Day: Aspire Seize Advantage, Etoile Battle to a Draw

In a pair of contrasting U-17 Alkass International Cup encounters, Aspire Academy secured a 2-1 win against Rangers FC in a match that turned dramatically in the 11th minute with a red card for Rangers' Ashton Scally. Playing with a man advantage, Aspire broke through with a goal from Hadi Jad Khalil in the 27th minute, and Khalil added a second from the penalty spot before halftime. Rangers showed admirable fight to pull a goal back through Charlie Miller in the second half, but Aspire held on for the victory to strengthen their position at the top of the group.

The day's second match saw Mohammed VI Academy and Etoile Sportive battle to a goalless draw, where early pressure from Mohammed VI and a disallowed goal were met with compact defending and counter attacks from Etoile. The dynamic shifted when Etoile's Amen Allah Zergui was shown a red card, forcing his team to defend resolutely with ten men against sustained pressure and numerous corners, ultimately ensuring the match ended in a stalemate.



MATCH 1



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GAME REPORT

FCB claimed a commanding 5–1 victory over Kashiwa Reysol. Barcelona set the tone early, controlling possession and creating danger from wide areas and set pieces, putting Kashiwa under sustained pressure from the opening stages.

The breakthrough came in the 24th minute when Unai Balmon Ungueti opened the scoring with a composed finish, assisted by No.14 Ruslan Mba Hernando. Barcelona continued to dominate and doubled their advantage shortly after the restart, as Alex Arasa Ventaja struck in the 43rd minute.

Kashiwa Reysol responded immediately, reducing the deficit in the 46th minute through No.10 Riku Inada, who converted an assist from No.11 Yusei Takahashi. Any hopes of a comeback were quickly halted as Barcelona reasserted control. No.7 Oscar Medina Villén restored the two-goal cushion in the 47th minute, before No.14 Ruslan Mba Hernando added a fourth in the 52nd. The scoring was completed in the 65th minute when Unai Balmon Ungueti netted his second, assisted by No.15 Robert Oliveras Aceves.



"We are very happy with the victory, though the first half was tense and below our level."

DAVID SANCHEZ DOMENE
FC BARCELONA, Head Coach

"Losing by five goals was tough, but it remains a valuable experience for our young players."

NAOKI SAKAI
KASHIWA REYSOL, Head Coach



MAN OF THE MATCH RUSLAN MBA HERNADO





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FC BARCELONA VS KASHIWA REYSOL

Barcelona head coach David Sanchez Domene praised his players' ability to recover from a shaky start, explaining that halftime adjustments and greater composure allowed the team to dominate the second half. He highlighted the importance of tournaments like the Alkass International Cup in providing opportunities to identify promising talent and build collective experience. Sanchez underlined that the team's objective remains consistent: to compete strongly while developing individuals who can progress to higher levels. On the other side, Kashiwa Reysol coach Naoki Sakai acknowledged the difficulty of facing a technically superior opponent, noting that his team struggled to maintain possession and rhythm after the break. He emphasized that despite the heavy defeat, the competition serves as valuable preparation for future matches, offering his players exposure to high-level opposition. Sakai reiterated that while qualification hopes now depend on other results, his team will continue to fight with determination, using the experience to strengthen their mentality and readiness for upcoming challenges.



MATCH 2



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GAME REPORT

Paris Saint-Germain played out a 1–1 draw against PVF in a competitive match for the tournament. PVF took an early lead in the 9th minute when captain Pham Tuan Kiet scored after a well-worked move assisted by Dang Cao Duy. PSG responded in the 20th minute, levelling the score through an own goal by PVF defender Phung Manh Dong. The match remained evenly contested, with PVF's

Defender Dang Cao Duy receiving a yellow card during the first half. Three minutes of added time were played, but neither side could find a winning goal. The draw means Paris Saint-Germain now has two points, having also previously drawn with Barcelona, while both teams continue their group-stage campaigns to make it to the semi-finals.



*"For The Next Match, our aim is to
score and win."*

VINCENT EHOUMAN
PSG, Head Coach

*"We Asses each team's strengths
and weaknesses and play
accordingly."*

NGUYEN XUAN THANH
PVF ACADEMY, Head Coach



MAN OF THE MATCH LE HOANG GIA BAO





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PSG VS PVF ACADEMY

Following their 1-1 draw, both Paris Saint-Germain and PVF coaches reflected on a competitive and high-level encounter. PVF coach Nguyen Xuan Thanh described the match as a valuable opportunity for his Vietnamese side to compete against a major European academy. He highlighted the importance of facing strong international teams like PSG, explaining that his team adopted a more defensive approach after analysing PSG's strengths. Thanh expressed satisfaction with the result, stating that earning a point against such a powerful opponent was a positive outcome, and confirmed that PVF will now focus on winning their next match. PSG coach Vincent Ehouman admitted disappointment with the result, as his team aimed for victory. He noted that conceding an early goal disrupted PSG's rhythm, despite creating several chances throughout the match. Ehouman praised PVF's performance and emphasized the high level of competition in the tournament. Looking ahead, he stressed that PSG's objective remains clear: to apply pressure, score goals, and secure a win in their final group-stage match. Finally, Both coaches agreed that the Alkass International Cup provides an intense and valuable competitive environment for young players.



Exclusive Interview

HE Alvaro Renedo Zalba

The Spanish Ambassador to Qatar



What does it mean to you, as the Spanish Ambassador, to attend a tournament like the Alkass International Cup?

Sports play a crucial role in the development of young people and must always be supported. Qatar offers a compelling example of how investing in youth sport can create valuable opportunities. It is important to recognise talent and encourage it whenever possible. Events like the Alkass International Cup allow us to witness an impressive display of skill, commitment, and teamwork, all of which contribute to shaping the future generation of our footballers.







How important is youth football in representing Spanish values?

Youth football reflects many of the core values that Spain stands for, such as discipline, teamwork, and the spirit of competition. It teaches young players to strive for excellence, to push themselves to perform at their best, and to work collectively as a team. These lessons help them achieve high standards on a global scale, both on and off the pitch.

What message would you like to share with the young players in this tournament?

I would encourage them to continue striving for excellence and always give their best. Sport is not only about performance, but also about contributing positively to society. These young players are a powerful source of inspiration for all of us, in Spain and beyond it as well, and I wish them great success in their journey.

GROUP B						
TEAM		P	W	L	D	POINTS
1		2	1	0	1	4
2		2	1	1	0	3
3		2	0	0	2	2
4		2	0	1	1	1



FC BARCELONA

VS

KASHIWA REYSOL



































PSG

VS

PVF ACADEMY



GROUP STAGE									
GROUP A					GROUP B				
	ASPIRE ACADEMY					FC BARCELONA			
	MOHAMMED VI FA					PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN			
	RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB					KASHIWA REYSOL			
	ÉTOILE SPORTIVE DU SAHEL					PVF ACADEMY			
DATE	NO.	TEAMS				KICK-OFF			
Monday 19. Jan	1	Aspire Academy		1	vs	0		Mohd VI	15:30
	2	Rangers FC		0	vs	0		Étoile Sportive	17:50
Tuesday 20. Jan	3	FC Barcelona		3	vs	3		PSG	15:30
	4	Kashiwa Reysol		2	vs	1		PVF Academy	17:50
Wednesday 21. Jan	5	Aspire Academy		2	vs	1		Rangers FC	15:30
	6	Mohd VI		0	vs	0		Étoile Sportive	17:50
Thursday 22. Jan	7	FC Barcelona		5	vs	1		Kashiwa Reysol	15:30
	8	PSG		1	vs	1		PVF Academy	17:50
Friday 23. Jan	9	Aspire Academy			vs			Étoile Sportive	15:30
	10	Mohd VI			vs			Rangers FC	17:50
Saturday 24. Jan	11	FC Barcelona			vs			PVF Academy	15:30
	12	PSG			vs			Kashiwa Reysol	17:50
POSITION PLAYOFF (8-5 Pos.)									
Sunday 25. Jan	13	Group A Pos. 3		vs		Group B Pos. 4			15:30
	14	Group A Pos. 4		vs		Group B Pos. 3			18:00
SEMI-FINAL									
Monday 26. Jan	15	Group A Pos. 1		vs		Group B Pos. 2			15:30
	16	Group B Pos. 1		vs		Group A Pos. 2			18:00
POSITION 8-7 & 6-5									
Tuesday 27. Jan	17	Winner Game no. 13		vs		Winner Game no. 14			15:30
	18	Loser Game no. 13		vs		Loser Game no. 14			18:00
POSITION 4 & 3									
Thursday 29. Jan	19	Loser Game no. 15		vs		Loser Game no. 16			14:15
FINAL									
Thursday 29. Jan	20	Winner Game no. 15		vs		Winner Game no. 16			16:35
All matches will be played at Aspire - Pitch 7									

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