

## **FIFA WORLD CUP PROJECT NEWS NOV 7<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**SPORTS UPDATE** [Messi suffers Achilles injury scare 2 weeks to World Cup](#)

**Lionel Messi is nursing an Achilles injury only two weeks before the start of the World Cup.**



Achilles tendon injuries often cause pain, stiffness, and swelling in the back of your leg near your heel. Achilles tendon injuries can be treated with rest and medicines to help with the inflammation. Exercises often help too. If needed, surgery can be done to repair the tendon.



### **TASK : USE THE FOLLOWING WORD TO FILL IN THE GAPS:**

start / training / confirmed / miss / lose / team / never / Qatar / favourites / / C / on / hosts /  
 Brazil / 1986 / tendon /

Paris Saint-Germain have ..... that Messi will ..... their Ligue 1 game against Lorient on Sunday afternoon with 'inflammation' of his Achilles ..... and is being treated as a 'precaution'. The French champions expect the seven-time Ballon d'Or winner to be able to return to ..... next week, although Argentina fans will certainly be sweating given just how close it is to the ..... of the [World Cup](#) this month. Given that the tournament in ..... follows on from the pause in club football with barely any real break, any sort of setback at this stage could become more of a problem.

Messi has ..... won the World Cup, the last thing missing from an incredible career after finally getting his hands on a first senior international trophy at the 2021 Copa America. The 35-year-old has seen Argentina knocked out in the quarter-finals in 2006 and 2010, while they fell at the last 16 stage in 2018. But Messi and the Albiceleste did reach the final on enemy soil in ..... in 2014, only to ..... against [Germany](#) in extra-time.

Argentina is among the ..... to win the World Cup, which would be a first title since....., thanks to a 35-game unbeaten streak that is only two short of matching Italy's world record for international matches without defeat.

Lionel Scaloni's ..... have a warm-up friendly against UAE planned for 16 November and then will get underway in Group ..... against Saudi Arabia ..... 22 November. The World Cup itself kicks off on 20 November when ..... Qatar face Ecuador in Group A.

