

Ze Roberto to break Bayern record

INTERNET

Bayer Munich reached agreement on Friday to sign Bayer Leverkusen winger Ze Roberto in a deal which smash their transfer record.

The fee is around £7.5 million and the Brazilian is expected to put pen-to-paper on a three-year deal.

Ze Roberto was a revelation on Leverkusen's run to the Champions' League final, although he missed Wednesday's defeat to Real Madrid through suspension.

The 27-year-old, who joined Leverkusen from Flamengo in 1998, had hinted he wanted to move on and now follows Bayer team-mate Michael Ballack from the Rhineland to Bavaria.

Ottmar Hitzfeld's side will now be short-odds favourites to reclaim their Bundesliga crown next season with Ballack, Ze Roberto and Sebastian Deisler joining over the summer.

Deisler was the club's previous record signing at around £6.5 million.

The loss of Ze Roberto is another blow to Leverkusen, who failed at the final hurdle in three major competitions this season.

Their Brazilian defender Lucio is also interesting Europe's top clubs, while Germany wing-back Bernd Schneider could be on his way out, too.

Leverkusen have so far recruited youngsters Hanno Balitsch from FC Cologne, Daniel Bierofka from 1860 Munich and Christoph Preuss from Eintracht Frankfurt. Brazilian striker Franca will also join in the summer.

Pacy encounter?

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wreck India on a bouncy track at Bridgetown.

The tourists could never recover after being shot out for 102 on the opening day. The hosts then made 394 to gain a lead of 292 and then dismissed India for 296 in the second innings.

India captain Sourav Ganguly was also looking forward to an inspiring performance from his fast bowlers.

"It looks a good wicket, though it has grass on it," said Ganguly.

"We want to have one more look at the pitch in the morning before deciding whether to include Yohannan in the playing 11. Our fast bowlers are fresh after a couple of days of rest and I hope they deliver."

Henin moves into final

AFP, Rome

Justine Henin of Belgium beat compatriot Kim Clijsters 7-5, 6-2 here Saturday to book a place in the final of the 1.24-million-dollar Tennis Masters Series tournament.

Henin, who won the Berlin Open last week, produced a compelling performance against her childhood friend to set up a final meeting with the victor of the All-American semifinal between second seed Jennifer Capriati and fourth-ranked Serena Williams.

Both players showed frailty on their own service in the first set with four consecutive breaks at one point on the red clay at the Foro Italico.

What to watch

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Fifth Test, Day Two

Live at 10:00 pm

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The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by Irai and error.

Perera puts SL in charge

Cricket

AFP, London

Unheralded seamer Ruchira Perera took two wickets in two balls as Sri Lanka strengthened their grip on the First Test here at Lord's on Saturday.

At tea England were 211 for five still 145 runs short of avoiding the follow-on after Sri Lanka piled up 555 for eight declared.

Alec Stewart was three not out and John Crawley was four not out.

Perera, whose opening three overs went for 23 runs, first removed dangerman Michael Vaughan.

The Yorkshire batsman, on 64, top-edged a hook shot and Nuwan Zoysa, moving in from fine leg took the catch despite having Buddika Fernando, charging in from deep backward square, collide into him as he went for the chance.

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recalled to the team because of James Foster's broken arm, survived the hat-trick ball with a straight driven three.

Earlier England captain Nasser Hussain carried on from where he left off at lunch, cover-driving and then pulling Fernando for successive fours in the first over after the interval.

He brought up his fifty with a single off Zoysa but seven runs later Hussain was out.

Angling the ball down to third man, a shot that has often brought about his downfall, Hussain edged Zoysa and wicket-keeper Kumar Sangakkara, diving across to his right in front of first slip, took a spectacular catch.

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that marred England's efforts in the field.

Both Fernando and left-arm quick Chaminda Vaas settled into a testing line and length with conditions assisting swing bowling.

Perera, the fourth bowler used, seemed ineffectual but clearly his moment of glory was still to come.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the third day of the first Test between England and Sri Lanka at Lord's on Saturday:

SRI LANKA: First innings 555-8 declared (M Atapattu 185, M Jayawardene 107, A de Silva 88, R Arnold 50; D Cork 3-93)

ENGLAND: First innings (overnight 27-1)

Trescothick c Jayasuriya b Zoysa 13

Vaughan c Zoysa b Perera 64

Butcher c J'wardene b Fernando 17

Hussain c Sangakkara b Zoysa 57

Thorpe lbw b Perera 27

Crawley not out 3

Stewart not out 4

Extras: (b-4, lb-6, w-8, nb-8) 26

Total: (For 5 wkt in 56 overs) 211

Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-43, 3-149, 4-203, 5-203

To bat: A Flintoff, D Cork, A Caddick, M Hoggard

Bowler O M R W

Vaas 18 3 40 0

Zoysa 14 2 68 2

Fernando 15 5 53 1

Perera 9 0 40 2

Umpires: Daryl Harper (Australia) and Sri Venkataraghavan (India).

Mohammedan maul

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Nahidul b Taposh Nahidul b Taposh 7

Nasirul c Rafique b Safiuddin 0

Rajin c Anwar b Safiuddin 5

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Mushfiq lbw b Safiuddin 3

Manzurul c Sabir b Rafique 21

Mosaddek c Anwar b Safiuddin 1

Hasan c Anwar b Taposh 0

Imran not out 1

Mahabub b Taposh 1

Talha c Rashedul b Taposh 5

Extras: (b-1, lb-9, w-15) 25

Total: (All out in 25.3 overs) 90

Fall of wickets: 1-23, 2-27, 3-36, 4-49, 5-68, 6-60, 7-81, 8-82, 9-84

Bowler O M R W

Taposh 9.3 0 32 4

Safiuddin 10 3 24 5

Tikolo 3 0 21 0

Rafique 3 1 3 1

MOHAMMEDAN

Rashedul not out 25

Ehsanul c Hasan b Mosaddek 51

Bashar not out 4

Extras: (lb-6, w-8) 14

Total: (For 1 wicket in 15.3 overs) 94

Fall of wicket: 1-84

Bowler O M R W

Mushfiq 4 1 14 0

Talha 4 0 24 0

Mahabub 2 0 12 0

Mosaddek 3.1 1 28 1

Imran 2 0 10 0

Result: Mohammedan won by 9 wickets.

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Keane keen

INTERNET, Dublin

Republic of Ireland captain Roy Keane will put club disappointments to one side to lead his country in what he admits could be his last World Cup.

Keane finished the domestic season empty-handed but the 31-year-old is now fully focused on forthcoming events in the Far East.

Ireland open their Group E campaign against Cameroon on June 1 with games against Germany and Saudi Arabia to follow.

Mick McCarthy's side travelled to Japan on the back of a 2-1 friendly defeat against fellow qualifiers Nigeria but Keane is confident the side can reach the second stage.

The 51-times capped midfielder said: "United's season is over and I have to put it to the back of my mind. I'm just looking forward to the World Cup."

"I just want to go over there and enjoy it because, as you get older, you realise there are going to be fewer opportunities."

Slovenia blank

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turned a Dennis Rommedahl cross into his own net on 20 minutes.

The goal inspired the Danes and Tomasson and Martin Jorgensen both had chances to double the lead as Cameroon failed to get any tempo into their play.

Schaefer reacted by making five substitutions at half-time and things improved for the African Nations Cup holders.

But Denmark