

Primera Liga

Barca remain unbeaten

Football

AFP, Madrid

Spanish leaders Barcelona beat Deportivo La Coruna 2-1 to extend their unbeaten streak in the league to 10 games on Saturday.

The Catalans have 26 points from their 10 games, and a nine-point advantage, although all their nearest rivals have a game in hand and play on Sunday.

In the end, Barcelona ran out comfortable winners despite the one-goal victory but they were given some early nervous moments.

"We had plenty more opportunities to score but the important thing was to score one more goal than the opposition. But I said beforehand that this game would be far from easy," commented Barca coach Frank Rijkaard.

The visitors from the Atlantic coast rocked the Nou Camp with a goal after just seven minutes.

Deportivo's Pedro Munitis broke down the right flank and found Diego Tristán in the centre. The Spanish international couldn't finish off the move but the ball fell for Deportivo club captain Fran Gonzalez who made no mistake.

Rijkaard could be seen gesticulating frantically on the sidelines for his team to take the game to Depor in a bid to get back on level terms and his team followed his instructions to the letter.

Midway through the first half, Belletti found space on the right wing to get the ball across the area to Xavi Hernandez and the Spanish international player had the time to pick his spot and side-foot the ball home.

Deportivo's defensive deficiencies were again exposed 10 minutes from the break.

Rafa Marquez's free kick from the edge of the area hit a wall of Deportivo defenders and spun off to an unmarked Ludovic Giuly. The Frenchman then darted forward before finding Samuel Eto'o free in front of goal for his ninth strike of the season.

Only poor finishing foiled Barcelona from several more goals in this second half.

Giuly himself nearly got on the scoresheet twice in the second half, regularly tormenting the Deportivo defence as he had his best game in a Barcelona shirt since signing for the Catalan club in the summer from Monaco.

However Barcelona clearly had the measure of Deportivo despite coming down a gear.

"I don't know if Barca are so much better than the rest (of the teams in the Spanish first division). But if they are, then a 2-1 outcome makes us look good," reflected Deportivo's under-fire coach Javier Irureta.

"Football is all about having possession of the ball and Barcelona are very difficult to deprive of it. We had a good first 30 minutes but they made the most of our two defensive lapses of

concentration," lamented Irureta.

Last season's Champions League semi-finalist languish in the middle of the table after a mediocre start to this campaign which has seen them struggle to replicate the heights of recent years.

One negative note for Barcelona was that their Brazilian international wing back Belletti was stretched off the field two minutes from the whistle after suffering ligament damage to his right ankle.

Barcelona medical staff did not give immediate details about how serious Belletti's injury is, but he is likely to be out of action for at least a week.

Second-placed Sevilla, who currently have 17 points, play host to Real Mallorca on Sunday while Real Madrid are third, ahead on goal difference of Real Zaragoza and Levante who all have 16 points, and the 29-times Spanish champions face a trip to Malaga on Sunday.

TOP SIX

Spanish league standings after Saturday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

Barcelona	10	8	2	0	20	5	26
Sevilla	9	5	2	2	10	8	17
Real	9	5	1	3	8	5	16
Zaragoza	9	5	1	3	17	15	16
Levante	9	5	1	3	14	12	16
Valencia	9	4	3	2	17	10	15

Bundesliga

Bayern roar back

Football

AFP, Berlin

Bayern Munich put their painful midweek European defeat to

Juventus behind them with a 3-0 triumph over Hannover at the Olympic Stadium on Saturday, a result that lifts them to second in the table.

Leaders VfL Wolfsburg were crushed 4-0 by FC Nuremberg

enabling Bayern to climb to within one point of the summit.

Hannover had won six Bundesliga matches in a row, plundering 15 goals in the process, but Bayern took no notice using their frustration to put the visitors to the sword.

Bayern started like the proverbial house on fire and scored after just three minutes through Claudio Pizarro.

Dutch international Roy Makaay produced a sublime pass to release Peruvian attacker Pizarro who drilled a left-footed shot in from an acute angle.

In the 31st minute referee Lutz Fricke then took centre stage handing a second booking to German international Michael Ballack for a foul he did not commit.

After Bayern players rounded Fricke the referee consulted his fourth official and Bastian Schweinsteiger, the real villain, was rightly awarded the yellow card in a bizarre incident.

Bayern then showed their killer instinct - something that was missing against Juventus - with Makaay latching onto a pass from Mehmet Scholl to score in the 80th minute.

Peruvian substitute Paulo Guerrero, 20, added a third in the final minute to cap a fine performance.

German champions Werder Bremen were left cursing a late concentration lapse in a 1-1 away draw at Hertha Berlin.

Greece's Euro 2004 winner Angelos Charisteas had put Bremen ahead in the 80th minute using his thigh to force in a Johan Micoud cross.

But Hertha fought until the final whistle and Alexander Madlung produced an almighty leap to head in an equaliser in the dying moments of the encounter.

Werder edge up to fourth in the German ladder four points adrift of Wolfsburg. It was a miserable afternoon for table-toppers Wolfsburg who were on the wrong end of a 4-0 scoreline at FC Nuremberg.

Marek Mintal scored after just 60 seconds to give Nuremberg the initiative and Wolfsburg then had Argentine international Andres D'Alessandro sent off in the eighth minute for a petulant foul.

D'Alessandro plunged his arm into the back of Markus Schroth and picked up a red card for his immature conduct.

Down to ten men Wolfsburg collapsed and Mintal added two goals (28, 49) to his first minute opener to notch his second hat-trick of the season.

Elsewhere Dutch manager Dick Advocaat failed to inspire Borussia Monchengladbach to victory with his first match in charge ending in a 1-1 draw at Mainz 05.

Czech marksman Vaclav Sverkos scored after 13 minutes for Gladbach before Nikolce Noveski equalised in the 58th minute.

On Sunday Schalke 04 have the chance to replace Wolfsburg at the top of the table with victory at SV Hamburg.

TOP SIX

German football league table after Saturday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

Wolfsburg	12	8	0	4	20	18	24
Bayern	12	7	2	3	19	12	23
Schalke 04	11	7	0	4	16	15	21
Bremen	12	6	2	4	24	14	20
Stuttgart	11	6	2	3	20	12	20
Hannover	12	6	2	4	19	14	20

Premiership

Robben takes Chelsea to top

Football

REUTERS, London

Chelsea went two points clear at the top of the Premier League after they beat Everton 1-0 and struggling champions Arsenal were held to a surprise 1-1 draw by promoted Crystal Palace Saturday.

Chelsea's Dutch winger Arjen

overnight leaders Arsenal slipped to second on 27, the first time they are not top since January, with Everton still third on 23.

Yet to recover from a 2-0 defeat by Manchester United two weeks ago, Arsenal showed none of the pace and confidence which had typified their record 49-match unbeaten league run.

Palace, who had won three of their last four league games, worked

away is disappointing for us."

It was only the latest setback for Arsenal, who have not won in the league since mid-October and have drawn their last three Champions League games -- each time after taking the lead.

The problems facing Arsenal, who needed a 90th-minute equaliser to draw 2-2 with Southampton last weekend, are coming just as Chelsea are clicking into gear.

everything.

"We defend like no-one else, we have a very dangerous counter-attack and we create a lot of chances."

"Today we didn't score enough but we are doing well. The spirit is amazing, and the mentality is there to fight in matches like this one."

Liverpool, who buoyed their Champions League hopes with a 1-0 win at Deportivo Coruna in mid-week, were sunk by a 77th-minute

minute penalty from Robbie Keane and a strike by England forward Jermain Defoe 10 minutes later.

Wales striker Robert Earnshaw scored twice for West Bromwich Albion in a 2-2 draw at Southampton, while Norwich City were denied a first league win of the season after conceding an 86th-minute equaliser to draw 1-1 with 10-man Blackburn Rovers.

Topping the bill Sunday is the



Chelsea's Dutch international Arjen Robben (C) clips the ball past Everton goalkeeper Richard Wright to score the winner at Stamford Bridge in London on November 6.

PHOTO: AFP

Robben scored his second match-winner of the week in the 72nd minute and things improved for Jose Mourinho's men when Arsenal squandered yet another lead and could easily have lost the late kickoff at Selhurst Park.

Liverpool lost 1-0 at home to Birmingham City, Aston Villa trounced Portsmouth 3-0 and Tottenham Hotspur were beaten 3-2 at home by Charlton Athletic, a day after the abrupt resignation of Spurs' French coach Jacques Santini.

Chelsea are top on 29 points,

hard to deny them any space going forward and shrugged off a close-range strike by Thierry Henry after 63 minutes.

Finnish midfielder Aki Riihilahti steered home an equaliser just two minutes later after Arsenal skipper Patrick Vieira gave away possession and Palace's Greek midfielder Vassilis Lakis missed a sitter from four meters minutes later.

"Considering the way Crystal Palace are playing at the moment, I don't think it is a bad result," manager Arsene Wenger told Sky Sports. "The way we gave the goal

Chelsea's win maintained a remarkable defensive record with just three goals conceded in 12 league games and also showed their strength in depth without injured striker Didier Drogba.

Everton failed to take their few chances and were punished by 20-year-old Robben, who scored in Tuesday's 1-0 Champions League win at CSKA Moscow and whose Chelsea career only really began two weeks ago due to a pre-season foot injury.

Asked how close they were to being a title-winning team, Mourinho said: "I think we have

winner from Birmingham's Darren Anderton at Anfield.

Villa's South American connection paid dividends against a Portsmouth side unrecognized from the one that beat Manchester United 2-0 last weekend.

Peter Whittingham scored after 18 minutes and Colombian striker Juan Pablo Angel finished off a three-man move involving Peruvian Nolberto Solano and Ecuador's Ulises de la Cruz. Solano completed the scoring five minutes before the break. Spurs provided a thrilling finale as they rallied from 3-0 down with a 69th-

Manchester derby at Old Trafford between United and City.

TOP SIX

English Premiership table after Saturday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

Chelsea	12	9	2	1	17	3	29
Arsenal	12	8	3	1	32	13	27
Everton	12	7	2	3	14	11	23
Bolton	11	6	3	2	18	13	21
Boro	11	5	3	3	19	14	18
Villa	12	4	6	2	17	13	18

Serie A

Juve run ends

Football

AFP, Rome

Juventus suffered their first defeat of the season after losing 2-1 at Reggina on Saturday.

Marco Zamboni, who made his Serie A debut with Juventus in 1997 but was released after playing just one match for the Turin giants, came back to haunt his former club, grabbing a first-half winner for the Calabrians.

Giuseppe Colucci gave Reggina an early lead, only for Zlatan Ibrahimovic to equalise shortly afterwards for the visitors.

Colucci was sent off 17 minutes from the end for a second yellow card before the game ended in further controversy in stoppage time when Juve's French midfielder Olivier Kapo found the net.

The goal was initially given by referee Gianluca Paparesta, but the linesman saw that Kapo had controlled the ball with his arm before his cool finish and kept his flag raised.

Paparesta consulted his assistant and awarded a free-kick to Reggina.

Defeat for Juve, the only black mark domestically and in the Champions League, means defending champions AC Milan can close to within two points of the pace-setters if they beat Roma on Sunday.

A large slice of luck enabled Reggina to strike the first blow in the 12th minute.

Colucci chased Giacomo Tedesco's chipped pass, but was beaten to the ball by Juve defender Fabio Cannavaro. Fortunately for the home side, the Italy captain's attempted clearance cannoned off Colucci and flew into the net.

Juve were equally fortunate 90 seconds later when a defensive error gifted them an equaliser.

Gaetano De Rosa was far too casual as he tried to play the ball out of defence and Ibrahimovic intercepted his pass and headed straight for goal.

The Swedish international kept a cool head and slotted the ball past Salvatore Soverio for his fifth league goal of the season.

Soverio smothered Marcelo Zalayeta's shot, before Reggina restored their lead in the 26th minute.

A free-kick from outside the penalty box was tapped to Zamboni and the 26-year-old defender's fierce drive deflected off the defensive wall, wrong-footing Gianluigi Buffon.

The Juve keeper got a hand to the ball but could not prevent Juve from conceding only their fourth goal of the campaign.

Earlier on Saturday Brescia secured a much-needed 1-0 win over Chievo.

Austrian midfielder Markus Schopp grabbed the all-important goal four minutes from time which propelled the Lombardy club up to 13th in the table.

Chievo, who went the first seven games unbeaten, fell one place to eighth after losing their third game on the trot.

The match appeared to be heading for a draw when Schopp, who came off the bench in the 70th minute to replace Simone Del Nero, fired a powerful half-volley into the top corner after good work from Marius Stankevicius.

TOP SIX

Italian league table after Saturday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

Juventus	10	8	1	1	21	4	25
Milan	9	6	2	1	15	6	20
Lecce	9	4	3	2	20	15	15
Messina	9	4	2	3	14	14	14
Inter	9	2	7	0	17	14	13
Florentina	9	3	4	2	10	7	13

Real after Robinho

Football

AFP, Madrid

Real Madrid are targeting Brazil striker Robson de Souza Robinho as their next high profile catch, local media reported here Saturday.

His agent Wagner Ribeiro had a meeting with Real Madrid's director of marketing Jose Angel Sanchez, the man who sealed the move of David Beckham to the Spanish capital, to discuss a possible transfer on Saturday.

"The player definitely wants to play for Real Madrid, they are one of

the best clubs in the world, and they are interested in the situation of the player. At the moment, he's considered to be Pele's successor," Ribeiro told Spanish national agency EFE.

Ribeiro didn't reveal what Real's offer was but other reports in Spain suggested that they were prepared to pay around 20 million euros.

The 20-year-old is currently under contract with Brazil first division side Santos, the club who discovered and nurtured Pele, until 2008.

However, Real are not alone in wanting to sign Robinho.

Ribeiro revealed that Benfica, PSV Eindhoven and Chelsea have also tabled offers, with the English

Premiership side apparently matching Real's cash.

"In the coming season he's definitely going to be playing for one of the top clubs in Europe, one that's in the Champions League," added Ribeiro.

One sticking point is that Real currently have three non-European Union players on their books - fellow Brazilians Roberto Carlos and Ronaldo, as well as Argentine defender Walter Samuel - the limit in the Spanish first division.

However, Roberto Carlos is in line to get dual nationality in the coming months, which may clear a spot for his compatriot.



DON'T DARE TAKING ME ON! A combo shows the fight between Bayern Munich star Michael Ballack (2nd R) and Hanover's Spanish striker Thomas Christiansen (3rd R and bottom) during their match at the Olympic stadium in Munich on November 6.

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