



Bayern Munich striker Luca Toni (C) celebrates with teammates after scoring the opening goal during their Bundesliga clash against Hannover at the Allianz Arena in Munich on Saturday.

All smiles in Munich

AFP, Berlin

There will be smiling faces on the streets of Munich this week after Bayern Munich hammered Hannover 3-0 to ensure the best possible start to a Bundesliga season.

Bayern have now scored 10 goals after dominating all of their first three games, the best start in Bundesliga history, and their 69-million-euro summer spending spree now looks like sound business sense rather than excessive.

Their 100-percent record leaves them top of the Bundesliga with a two-point lead.

Hanover, like Hansa Rostock and Werder Bremen before them, had no answers to Bayern's firepower and defended desperately against Munich's 4-2-3-1 formation, with Italian Luca Toni as the

lonestriker.

The defensive tactic back-fired for Hanover as their discipline went out the window, conceding five yellow cards, two of which went the way of Albanian midfielder Altin Lala.

World Cup winner Toni gave Bayern a 1-0 half-time lead and scored his third goal in his first three games since he was bought from Fiorentina this summer for 11 million euros, but immediately limped out of the game with a thigh strain.

The injury is not thought to be serious and he should be available for Sunday's trip to Hamburg.

With Ribery and German international Bastian Schweinsteiger bossing the midfield, Bayern attacked at will in the second-half and the dam finally burst in the 69th minute when Dutch hardman Mark Van Bommel smashed his shot home.

Fellow midfielder Hamit Altintop completed the rout when he drove his shot past Hanover's

hardworking goalkeeper Robert Enke with four minutes remaining.

"This Bayern side are hard to work out, which makes it very difficult for teams defending against them," said Enke after spending a fruitless afternoon on Saturday trying to halt Bayern's attack.

"That is a completely new quality that Bayern Munich now has."

While Bayern big names like Ribery and Schweinsteiger are in the sort of form which sold out the 69,000-capacity Allianz Arena, coach Ottmar Hitzfeld has a few problems amongst his strikers.

All of his top four are now at least carrying knocks, although Toni, Miroslav Klose and Lukas Podolski are expected to be training this week and only Jan Schlaudraff is some way off full fitness.

After Toni's injury, 19-year-old Sandro Wagner, plucked from Bayern's reserves, was the lone striker, but he fared well thanks to the support he enjoyed from his midfield.

But despite such an impressive performance, Hitzfeld, who has twice coached Champions League winners, will be keeping his side's feet firmly on the ground.

"We played very well, but there are still some parts of our game we have to improve," said Hitzfeld, although he had clearly enjoyed his 250th Bundesliga victory as much as any other.

"We haven't achieved anything yet, we are clear favourites for the Bundesliga title, but there is a long way to go and we have big games ahead with Hamburg and Schalke coming up."

"It's still early days."

But with Klose, Podolski and Toni expected back in training towards the end of the week, alongside German defender Marcell Jansen and Argentinian midfielder Jose Antonio Sosa, Bayern's rivals can expect more of it.

In fact, it is becoming difficult to see who can stop Bayern on the way to their 21st crown as German champions.

Owen staying put

AFP, Newcastle

England striker Michael Owen said he has no intention of exercising a release clause in his contract with Newcastle, pledging his future to the English Premier League club.

Owen has been linked with an exit from St James' Park almost from the moment he joined the Magpies two years ago from Real Madrid, and admits that he has a release clause in his contract, believed to be worth 11million pounds.

The former Liverpool favourite told the News of the World: "I've

only been at Newcastle two years and the speculation's been unbelievable. At the end of every season, people were asking 'Is Michael Owen going to stay or not?'

"I live up there and my kids have been to school up there for two years. There is this perception that I divide my life between living in the north west and Newcastle."

"Well, I'm up there Monday through until Saturday. If we get a Sunday off, I'll sometimes fly out after the game and spend the day with my parents and family."

"Then I'll fly back up on Monday and spend the rest of the week there. Even my team-mates say 'Are you up here today?' and I say 'Yes, like I am every day'."

"Since I've been at Newcastle, people have been thinking I'll leave. A lot think there's an agenda but there's not."

"There was a release clause in my contract that no one was supposed to be privy to but if people go and mention that I can't help it."

Despite being only 27, Owen admits he is already planning for his retirement by opening his own stables in Cheshire.

"He said: 'You get older, you go a bit grey and get a bit slower. Once we start getting closer to 30 and into our early thirties, we are not supermen.'

"We are normal people. It happened to Alan Shearer and it will happen to me."

"But I'm only 27 and still in my prime. I feel quick and strong. I probably have had to modify my game. When I was a whippersnapper I was sprinting down the channels, beating hundreds of players and crossing balls in."

"I was creating as many as I was scoring when I was a kid. Obviously, I've had to adapt my game because I've lost a yard of pace from all those hamstring injuries."

"When I was 17-18, I was a greyhound and it would be hard to get as quick as that again. I play more in the penalty box than I used to but I know where the ball's going to drop better than most."

England's skill problem

Football

THE INDEPENDENT

Anyone at Wembley last Wednesday who made it as far as page 67 of their match programme will have found Sir Trevor Brooking preaching a favourite theme: "There are concerns over the skill gap between English youngsters and their European counterparts, which has an obvious impact on our future success as a football nation." Perhaps spectators were reading those wise words during one of the periods in which Germany effortlessly knocked the ball around, having been frequently presented with it by their opponents.

The Football Association have recently appointed 66 coaches to work on skills with the five-to-11 age group. So England's prospects for the 2024 European Championships are looking good. Next summer's tournament in Austria and Switzerland is, however, more of a worry, and while the FA's far-sighted director of football development can and should be looking to the future, England's head coach has to concern himself with the here and next month.

That means two critical com-

petitive matches in the space of five days, at home to Israel and Russia, two of the three teams currently above Steve McClaren's squad in the qualifying group. The FA's strategy at the original fixtures meeting was to save a number of crucial home games for the last three months of the campaign, hoping to pick up sufficient points in the meantime to avoid weighing down the matches with undue pressure. Despite having negotiated a schedule largely to their liking, the grand plan unravelled when seven points were dropped at home to Macedonia and away to Israel and Croatia.

With a visit to Moscow still to come, McClaren admitted on Wednesday night that it was necessary to win all four remaining home games, though like the smoothest of politicians he handled a question about whether Wembley now inspires visiting teams more than England by discussing something entirely different: "Everybody knew the difficulties facing us before this game and the players nearly got through them. When you look at the amount of chances and possession and some of our football, I'd be disappointed if we weren't playing football like that."

"Goals always change games.

The [equalising] goal definitely changed the tempo of the game because we were in total control and gave them a little snuff and our reaction after that was disappointing. We got it back before half-time, but in that spell we committed errors and gave the ball away far too cheaply."

Send for those skills coaches. Add some goalscoring coaches as well; in the three qualifying games where points have been surrendered, England crucially failed to find the net. Take away the undemanding opposition supplied by Estonia and Andorra, who each lost their first seven group games, and the record since last September is three goals in seven matches. Just one has been provided by a striker, namely Wayne Rooney, who will not be fit for either of next month's encounters.

Peter Crouch is suspended for the first of them, which made his introduction as a substitute ahead of Jermain Defoe paradoxical at best. The reason Defoe had to sit on the padded seats for even longer than in a Spurs match was, according to McClaren, the number of permitted substitutions (six) had also to take account of replacing Paul Robinson and the injured Rio

Ferdinand.

Michael Owen looked understandably short of fitness and match practice, and from that point of view it is unfortunate that there is an unusually short gap of 16 days between the next two international matches. "Michael Owen will score goals," McClaren promised. The question is how soon.

And given that endorsement of the Newcastle man's selection against Israel, who partners him? Unless Steven Gerrard was to be pushed forward just behind him, it will be nobody with a half-decent international scoring record. Of the other contenders, Andy Johnson and Darren Bent, both withdrawn injured in mid-week, have no goals in nine appearances; Defoe, often limited to cameos, has three in 24; Alan Smith one in 17; and Kieron Dyer has not even managed one in 32.

Germany's impressive coach, Joachim Löw, might have been parroting McClaren in insisting: "What's really important is the next game." In Germany's case, and unfortunately for Wales, that is in Cardiff. Meanwhile, Wembley awaits Israel and Russia, desperate for not one first home win but two.

Wenger close to new deal

INTERNET, undated

Arsenal managing director Keith Edelman believes it is only a matter of time before Arsene Wenger signs a new contract at the Emirates.

Wenger's current contract expires at the end of the season and the delay over putting pen to paper on a new deal has followed vice chairman David Dein's departure from the club last April.

But Arsenal are confident that the 57-year-old coach will commit himself to the club by signing a reported three-year deal in due course.

Edelman told BBC Radio Five Live's Sportsweek: "Arsene has a fantastic squad which we feel he'd like to develop to its full potential."

"Arsene will decide when he wants to sign and when he does we'll announce it. It's very much in his court at this point in time."

"We have always been very confident that Arsene will re-sign another contract. We leave these matters very much to Arsene. He will decide when he wants to sign and when he's ready."

"It will be a renewal of his contract, it is not a 20-year deal, but we go stage by stage, have a discussion and then move to the next stage."

"We would like Arsene to be with the club for a very long term but he will have to look at what he wants to do as well."

Edelman has also suggested Wenger will have more money to spend in the future following the club's move to their new larger capacity Emirates Stadium home at the start of last season.

"We are generating more money out of Emirates Stadium than our debt repayment," he added.

"Therefore, we are more profitable at Emirates than we were at Highbury and therefore we can invest more money."

"We will have the largest gate revenue in the UK and when our results are produced and you see the amount of cash the business has got, some of the comments that have been made over the summer are very wide of the mark."

Spurs sorry for saga

INTERNET, undated

Tottenham vice-chairman Paul Kemsley has apologised to Martin Jol and the Spurs fans following the speculation surrounding the club.

Spurs officials were spotted holding talks with Sevilla coach Juan Pablo Ramos last week, leaving Jol's future at White Hart Lane in jeopardy, but Kemsley has insisted the board are not trying to force the Dutchman out.

Kemsley said he was in Spain planning for the future and working to create a contingency plan for the possibility of Jol leaving for another club one day.

"I am sorry about last weekend's escapade and for the damage and upset it has caused to both Martin Jol, the club and the supporters," Kemsley told the News of the World.

"The truth is that we never offered Martin's job to Juande Ramos no matter what anybody thinks."

"I went to Seville for two reasons. Firstly to talk with Sevilla about the way they run their club and to discuss their model for success because that's what I want for Tottenham - success."

"You must believe I want what's best for the club and I think you should always talk to other people, especially successful people, to see how they have achieved so much."

"I must admit the second reason I was there was as a contingency against Martin leaving."

"I know Martin is hugely ambitious, he is always telling me that, and I know he is a coveted manager. There are a lot of teams out there who would love him in charge of their club."

"I think he is great but I'm worried he could leave. So you must have a contingency plan."

"I am not trying to force Martin

out. I am 100 per cent behind him and I know Daniel Levy is 100 per cent behind him too. The events of the last week might not have given that impression and I regret that."

Meanwhile, Kemsley has rubbished speculation he will team-up

with Newcastle owner and best friend Mike Ashley to launch a bid to buy Tottenham.

"The report that I'm teaming up with Mike to take charge is just nonsense," Kemsley said. "He's not a Tottenham fan and I know he is totally committed to Newcastle."



Sevilla wing-back Antonio Puerta leaves the pitch aided by paramedics after falling seriously ill during their Primera Liga clash against Getafe at the Sanchez Pizjuan on Saturday. Puerta suffered a heart attack and is currently in serious condition.

ON AIR

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin	BTV
News Headlines (Bangla) at 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm.	World Roundup
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.	08:45 Kobi Korhio
Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).	11:20 Nazrul Song
CHANNEL-1	12:00 Maa O Shishur
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.	12:30 Special Programme
ATN BANGLA	01:30 Shukhi Poribar
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.	02:15 Special Programme
Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.	03:05 Cartoon
CHANNEL 1	04:00 Special Programme
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:00 pm, 12:30 am.	04:30 Children's Programme
BANGLAVISION	05:05 Special Programme
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 2:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 7:15 pm, 10:30 pm.	06:40 Bajre bina Baj
News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:00 pm, 11:00 pm.	07:30 Musical Programme
News Headlines (English) at 9:05 pm.	08:35 Talk Show
Rtv	09:00 Drama: Balhar Daan
News (Bangla) at 10:15 pm, and 12:15 am.	10:30 Tirtha Pothik
ntv	ATN Bangla
News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 12:02 pm, 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 1:00 am.	10:30 AKTEL Onnyodishiti
ETV	11:05 Shomashamok
News (Bangla) 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 11:00 pm.	11:35 Musical Programme
	12:15 Ajo Je Mone-e
	01:25 Cocola Chalochitrar
	02:30 Dol's House
	03:10 Robena Nirbhey
	03:45 Tumi Chiro Durjoy
	04:20 Drama: Baunduler
	05:00 Gram Gonjir Khabar
	05:10 Shushtho Thakun
	05:45 Business Week
	06:20 Uchcharongulit
	08:00 Drama Serial: Kath
	08:45 Meet the Press
	12:00 Gramsephone

CHANNEL-i	ETV
09:30 Shongbad Patrey	08:00 Ekusher Shokal
Bangladesh	09:30 Drishti
09:45 Public Reaction	10:30 Siyong
09:50 Gramsephone	02:30 Drama: Ognigiri
Triloyatra	04:00 Pathay Paritoy
11:05 Special Programme	04:30 Shukhi Manush
12:30 Citycell Tarokalkathon	05:30 Gaanoala
01:05 Tax Helpline	06:30 Bishwatoron-e
01:15 Ebong Cinemar Gaan	Boijoyonti
01:30 Shongbad Patrey	08:30 Drama Serial: Hiltu
Bangladesh	09:30 Drama: Maher Nigar
01:45 Public Reaction	
02:40 Special Programme	
03:05 Shomashori Nazrul	
03:20 Mukti Judhho Prodidin	
03:30 Children's Programme: Ptular	
Biye	
07:50 BBC Bangladesh	
Shanglap	
09:35 Musical Programme:	
Musical Programme:	
11:30 Drama: Swami Hara	
12:00 Gramsephone Aikar	
Shangbadpatro	

Lead News	PICK OF THE DAY
CHANNEL-i	Baunduler Atmakahini
09:30 Shongbad Patrey	On ATN Bangla at 4:20pm
Bangladesh	Single episode TV play
09:45 Public Reaction	Cast: Sohel Arman, Tonima Hamid
09:50 Gramsephone	Shaon Ashilo Phirey
Triloyatra	On Channel-i at 9:35pm
11:05 Special Programme	Solo musical performance
12:30 Citycell Tarokalkathon	by Ferdous Ara
01:05 Tax Helpline	Byathar Daan
01:15 Ebong Cinemar Gaan	On Banglavisision at 4:15pm
01:30 Shongbad Patrey	Single episode TV play
Bangladesh	Cast: Litu Anam, Sumaiya Shimu
01:45 Public Reaction	
02:40 Special Programme	
03:05 Shomashori Nazrul	
03:20 Mukti Judhho Prodidin	
03:30 Children's Programme: Ptular	
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11:30 Drama: Swami Hara	
12:00 Gramsephone Aikar	
Shangbadpatro	

STAR WORLD	HISTORY CHANNEL
09:30 Day Break	09:15 Global Pendant
10:30 The Jane Show	09:30 Mark Twain
11:00 Criss Angel Mindfreak	10:30 Declassified
11:30 The Simpsons	11:30 Wonder Brand
12:00 Malcolm In The Middle	12:00 Brahmagan
12:30 Kciite With Karan	12:30 Genghis Khan
13:00 Law & Order: S.V.U.	03:30 Biography
13:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show	04:30 Voices of Freedom
14:00 The Bold And The Beautiful	05:30 Tactical to Practical
14:30 General Hospital	06:30 The Trust
15:00 Ultimate Force	07:30 Lost city of Pirates
15:30 Scrubs	08:30 Air Ambush
16:00 The Simpsons	09:30 Honour
16:30 My Wife And Kids	10:30 Lost Evidence
17:00 That '70s Show	11:30 Deadly Doctors
17:30 Everybody Loves Raymond	
18:00 According To Jim	
18:30 Yes Dear	
19:00 Monk	
19:30 Seinfeld	
20:00 Friends	

BANGLAVISION	STAR PLUS
08:35 Shukho Shokal	10:30 Ducktales
09:05 Agami Korhio	11:00 Goof Troop
10:10 Ashlor-e Piro Ashlor-e	12:00 Sangam
10:40 Eldrohi	12:30 Kasturi
11:40 Gabi Shamyar Gaan	01:00 Kasauti Zindagii Kay
01:00 Ognibina Bajao Tumi	02:00 Bhabhi
02:40 Amar Anni	03:00 Saarthi
03:10 Gaan Gull Mor	03:30 Sangam
	05:30 Kahani Ghar Ghar Kii
	07:00 Kayamath
	07:30 Dugam
	09:00 Kasauti Zindagii Kay
	09:30 Meri Awaz Ko Mil Gayi
	Roshni
	10:00 Kasturi
	10:30 Kahani Ghar Ghar Kii
	11:00 Yunki Saas Bhi Kabhi
	Kayamath
	11:30 Bahu Thi
	12:00 Karam Apnaa Apnaa
	STAR MOVIES
	08:45 Diamonds Are Forever
	10:45 Beauty Shop
	12:30 Rapid Fire
	02:00 A Lot Like Love
	03:55 The Family Stone
	05:40 Date Movie
	07:00 Metro
	09:00 From Dusk Till Dawn
	10:45 Vip Access
	11:15 Today You Die

10:30	Drama Serial: Bodhon
11:45	Reporter's File
12:00	Ekusher Raat
Rtv	Ei Din
09:00	Rtv Exklusivo
09:05	Tarzan
10:00	Documentary Programme
10:30	Musical Programme: Tomar Bina Tarar Geeti
11:30	Drama Serial: Dohon
12:00	Wide Angle
12:35	Drama Serial: Raat
	Jaga Pakhi
01:00	Bajar Update
01:30	Ei Din
02:30	Musical Programme
03:45	Kothar Kushumay
	Gatha
04:20	Documentary Programme
05:10	Sports Carnival
05:30	Recitation Programme
06:00	Prodidin
06:35	Lost
08:00	Drama Serial: Dohon
08:40	Jugol Bondi
09:20	Shay Chole Gechhey
	Bole
11:00	Cheltonay-e-Phota
	Phool
11:30	Musical Programme
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08:35	Shukho Shokal
09:05	Agami Korhio
10:10	Ashlor-e Piro Ashlor-e
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11:40	Gabi Shamyar Gaan
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