



Real Madrid forward Cristiano Ronaldo (bottom) cannot hide his frustration after Sevilla defender Fernando Navarro denied him with a last ditch tackle during their Primera Liga clash at Seville on Saturday.

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Madrid reeling as Barcelona coast

AFP, Madrid



Real Madrid slumped to a 1-0 defeat at Sevilla on Saturday as Jose Mourinho's defending champions suffered a second defeat in four matches, their worst start to a La Liga season in over a decade.

Piotr Trochowski got the only goal for Sevilla as Real's haul of just four points so far condemned the Spanish giants to their most damaging opening since the 2001-02 season.

Real are also eight points behind rivals Barcelona who won 4-1 at Getafe to retain their 100 percent record.

Trochowski grabbed the winner when the German international was quickest to react to a corner after just two minutes.

Cristiano Ronaldo, who was the centre of attention in the build-up to the game after claiming he was unhappy in the Spanish capital, produced two saves from Andres Palop on 10 minutes and another from a tight angle before half-time.

Jesus Navas and Cichinho combined well on the right, and with Alvaro Negredo bravely leading the attack for Sevilla, the home side always looked dangerous on the counter-attack.

Mourinho showed his discontent by ordering his substitutes to warm-up on the half-hour mark.

Luka Modric and Karim Benzema replaced Angel Di Maria and Mesut Ozil at the interval in an attempt to change the game.

The summer signing from Tottenham, Modric, produced a spectacular save from Palop on 52 minutes, but a minute later

Negredo should have doubled Sevilla's lead.

Sergio Ramos then headed a difficult ball over the bar from almost on the goal-line and with 25 minutes remaining Mourinho made his final change replacing Alvaro Arbeloa with Jose Callejon.

Fernando Navarro made a brilliant last gasp tackle to deny Ronaldo whose face failed to hide his frustration.

Barcelona made it four wins in four games with a 4-1 victory at Getafe.

Brazilian full-back Adriano grabbed an early lead for Barca before Lionel Messi left the bench to grab a double, to make it six league goals for him, and assure the points for the Catalan side.

Pablo Sarabia got a late consolation for the home side before the recovering David Villa also came off the bench to claim his second of the season.

Barca coach Tito Vilanova was happy with the result but concerned about Carles Puyol who limped off in the second-half, just four days before

the visit of Spartak Moscow in their opening Champions League fixture.

"The most important thing is we have 12 points from 12, we tried to control the game and we could have scored a few more," said the coach.

Vilanova decided to rest Messi, leaving the Argentinian to start from the bench for the first time in just over a year.

Cesc Fabregas made a probing run from deep on 32 minutes before stabbing the ball into the path of Adriano who needed only one touch to grab his second goal in two games for the opener.

Messi appeared with 30 minutes remaining to slot home a penalty on 74 minutes after Juan Valera had tripped Pedro Rodriguez.

RESULTS

Malaga 3 (Saviola 27, Joaquin 59, Portillo 90+3) **Levante 1** (Herrero 46)
Valencia 2 (Feghouli 3, Cissokho 50)
Celta Vigo 1 (Krohn-Dehli 15)
Getafe 1 (Mascherano 80-og)
Barcelona 4 (Adriano 32, Messi 74-pen, 78, Villa 90+1)

Pizarro equals foreigner record

AFP, Berlin

Bayern Munich's Peru striker Claudio Pizarro on Saturday equalled the record for the most appearances in the Bundesliga by a foreigner.

The 33-year-old came off the bench in the 89th minute of Bayern's 3-1 win at home to Mainz to make his 336th appearance.

It puts the Peruvian level with Brazil's Ze Roberto, who played for Hamburg, Leverkusen and Bayern Munich, and Georgia's Levan Kobiashvili, who played for Schalke 04, Freiburg and Hertha Berlin.

Pizarro made his Bundesliga debut in 1999 with Werder Bremen before moving to Bayern for his first stint with Munich in 2001 until 2007.

He joined Chelsea then returned to Bremen before signing again for Bayern this summer.

3 in 3 for Bayern

AFP, Berlin



Bayern Munich maintained their perfect start to the Bundesliga season on Saturday when a 3-1 home win over Mainz gave them a third win in three league matches.

Bayern stay top having raced into a 2-0 lead at their Allianz Arena as Croatia striker Mario Mandzukic bagged his fifth goal in four games after just two minutes before midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger added a second, 11 minutes later, with a header.

Mainz pulled a goal back when midfielder Adam Szalai converted a 59th-minute penalty, but Germany midfielder Toni Kroos made sure of the three points for Bayern with a goal in the 92nd minute.

Munich won without Franck Ribery and Arjen Robben after they both picked up thigh injuries in the final training session, while new signing Javier Martinez only came off the bench for the final 15 minutes.

"We produced an excellent half hour of football, the goals were outstanding, but we were too passive in the 15 minutes before the break," said Bayern coach Jupp Heynckes.

"The 3-1 was well deserved, especially after Javi Martinez came on, we played well going forward and were very intelligent in our play."

Schalke 04 later went third with a 2-0 win at Greuther Fuerth, thanks to goals from teenager Julian Draxler, who

turns 19 on Thursday, and midfielder Lewis Holtby.

Former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was in the stands to watch Fuerth play, having been born in the north Bavarian town before his Jewish family fled Nazi Germany in 1938.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel was at Borussia Dortmund to watch the defending champions enjoy a convincing 3-0 win over Bayer Leverkusen to move up from sixth place to fourth at a sold-out Signal Iduna Park.

The hosts went ahead after Germany defender Mats Hummels headed home on 29 minutes from a corner, then Poland captain Jakub Blaszczykowski made it 2-0 with a crisp strike on 39 minutes.

Compatriot Robert Lewandowski added the third on 78 minutes with a header.

"We will take everything positive from this game into the next against Ajax," said Dortmund coach Jurgen Klopp ahead of Borussia's opening Champions League home match against the Dutch champions on Tuesday.

"For the first time this season, we did everything on the pitch which we had planned to do."

Hanover are second after a dramatic 3-2 win over Werder Bremen at home in the north German derby with midfielder Szabolcs Huszti scoring the winner in the 92nd minute.

It was the Hungarian's second of the game and his enthusiastic, shirtless celebrations earned him two yellow cards in quick succession and he finished the match being sent off, seconds before the final whistle.

RESULTS

Borussia Dortmund 3 (Hummels 29, Blaszczykowski 39, Lewandowski 78)
Bayer Leverkusen 0
Bayern Munich 3 (Mandzukic 2, Schweinsteiger 13 Kroos 90+2)
Mainz 05 1 (Szalai 59-pen)
Borussia Moengladbach 2 (de Jong 45, Xhaka 53) **Nuremberg 3** (Klose 17, Simons 25, Kiyotake 55)
VfB Stuttgart 0 Fortuna Dusseldorf 0
Hanover 3 (Huszti 6, 90+2, Andreasen 10) Werder Bremen 2 (Hunt 26, de Bruyne 74)
Greuther Fuerth 0 Schalke 04 2

Allegri feeling the heat

AFP, Milan



Question marks over Massimiliano Allegri's future as AC Milan coach began Sunday a day after the Rossoneri's second home defeat of the season.

It came three weeks after defeat to Sampdoria at the San Siro and a fortnight after Allegri's side appeared to be on the mend with a 3-1 away win at Bologna courtesy of a Giampaolo Pazzini hat-trick.

Allegri's relationship with club vice-president Adriano Galliani is said to be deteriorating and reports last week claimed club owner Silvio Berlusconi was beginning to take "more interest" in the club's situation.

Corriere dello Sport said Sunday it was Milan's worst start at home in 82 years, and that the defeat would create an even more "delicate" situation between Allegri and Galliani.

Milan lost the spine of their team earlier this summer but Massimo Ambrosini, who was substituted in the second half and was later seen talking with an increasingly frustrated Allegri, said their departure should be no excuse.

"We need time to accept that this team has changed... but the fact they have left should not be an excuse," said Ambrosini, one of several Milan players guilty of not converting chances having dominated for long periods.

RESULTS

Chievo 1 (Pellissier 83-pen) **Lazio 3** (Hernanes 5, 74, Klose 38)
Palermo 1 (Avevalo 40) Cagliari 1 (Sau 83)
AC Milan 0 **Atalanta 1** (Cigarini 64)

What to WATCH

STAR Cricket

ICC World T20 Warm Up Match
India v Pakistan
Live from 3:00pm

ESPN

Sportscenter India
Sports News
Live at 8:30pm
English Premiership
Everton v Newcastle
Live from 1:00am (Tuesday)

STAR Sports

Primera Liga
Real Valladolid v Real Betis
Live from 1:30am (Tuesday)

DAY'S EVENT

GP Federation Shield
Noakhali Football Academy v Rampur Boys
Time: 1:30pm
Rahmatganj v Rangpur DFA
Time: 3:30pm
Venue: Feni Stadium
Jessore DFA v BKSP
Time: 1:30pm
Khulna Abahani v Uttar Baridhara Club
Time: 3:30pm



Bayern Munich midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger celebrates after scoring against Mainz in their Bundesliga clash in Munich on Saturday.

PHOTO: AFP

Wake up or face the music

REUTERS, Madrid

Real Madrid's players need to take on board Jose Mourinho's criticisms and lift their game, Spain defender and a leading figure in the Bernabeu squad, Sergio Ramos, has said.

The Spanish champion slumped to their second La Liga defeat of the campaign in a 1-0 reverse at Sevilla on Saturday, prompting sharp words from Mourinho who questioned the attitude and commitment of a large number of his players.

"It's rare that after four games the boss has been so tough and the team have not raised themselves," Ramos told reporters, referring to earlier comments the Portuguese coach had made about his team.

"The moment has arrived for us to look at ourselves and say we can give more, that we should improve and change our attitude."

Real have taken only four points from their opening four games and are now eight adrift of arch-rivals and leaders Barcelona, who have a 100 percent record so far.

Although it is early days, Real lost only two games and drew four on their way to winning the title last season.

Daily El Pais headlined their match report on Sunday: "Madrid in a state of alarm," while sports daily AS made reference to Cristiano Ronaldo's remarks from two weeks ago that he was sad.

Real's leading striker appears to have unsettled the side with his public outburst, prompting wide-ranging media speculation over the reasons for his unhappiness that the club have failed to staunch.

Puyol out for six weeks

AFP, Madrid

Barcelona defender Carles Puyol, who suffered ligament damage to his left knee in Saturday's 4-1 win at Getafe, will miss up to six weeks of action, the Catalan giants confirmed.

"The captain of Barcelona strained the posterior cruciate ligament in his left knee. He'll undergo further tests this Sunday to determine the extent of his injury," said a club statement.

Puyol will miss the crucial clash against bitter rivals Real Madrid on October 7 at Camp Nou.

"It's always a problem when you lose a player like him. He brings a lot to the team. Hopefully we can get him back soon," said Barca coach Tito Vilanova.

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