



Inter Milan striker Diego Milito strokes home a penalty to set his side on way to a 3-1 win over Juventus during their Serie A clash in Turin on Saturday. Milito scored twice as Inter ended Juve's 49 game unbeaten run.

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Adams doesn't rate Arsenal

REUTERS, London

Arsenal will struggle to finish in the top four because there is not enough belief within the squad and the current players are not good enough, the club's former captain Tony Adams said on Sunday.

He also said their policy of letting their best players leave was wrong and is costing the club dearly.

Adams was speaking to BBC Radio Five Live following their 2-1 defeat at Manchester United on Saturday which left them in sixth place nine points behind top-placed United in the title race.

Arsenal have finished in the top four for the last 16 seasons but Adams, who made nearly 700 appearances for Arsenal between 1984 and 2002 was highly critical of his old club.

"You need to keep your best players and in recent years we've let them go a bit easy," Adams, 46, said.

In the last two years Arsenal have let Van Persie, Alex Song, Cesc Fabregas, Samir Nasri and Gael Clichy all leave as their contracts wound down.

"I never got anywhere near the last year of my contract," said Adams.



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Venue: Sk Abu Naser Stadium, Khulna
Sylhet v Chittagong
Venue: BKSP
Dhaka v Dhaka Metro
Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National

JUVE 49 and out

AFP, Milan



Inter Milan earned the bragging rights over city rivals AC Milan on Saturday with an emphatic 3-1 victory away to Juventus which stopped the champions' impressive unbeaten run at 49 games.

Earlier, seven-times European champions AC Milan who have been languishing in mid-table and beyond since the start of the season, moved up a gear at the San Siro to register a 5-1 win over struggling Chievo.

Milan's fourth win in 11 games has moved them up to seventh ahead of Sunday's matches and will prove a morale-booster ahead of the visit of Champions League Group C opponents Malaga on Tuesday.

Yet Inter's feat trumped Milan's hands down.

The Nerazzurri themselves endured a sluggish start to the season but 36-year-old Inter coach Andrea Stramaccioni has brought this side to the boil in timely fashion.

In 10 previous games this season Juve had conceded only five goals.

But despite opening the scoring through Chilean Arturo Vidal in a dominant first half the Turin giants were outplayed after the interval with Diego Milito grabbing a brace and Rodrigo Palacio scoring the third in the 89th minute.

Inter are now just one point behind Juventus, with Napoli -- unbeaten until two weeks ago when they visited Juventus Stadium -- six points off the lead before they host Torino Sunday.

Juventus came out firing on all cylinders and should have had three quick goals but it was their first-minute opener that hit the net.

A textbook attack caught Inter off guard although when Ghanaian midfielder Kwadwo Asamoah latched on to a through ball on the left the Ghanaian midfielder was a metre offside.

Officials, however, failed to spot the infringement and when he lashed the ball across the area Vidal slotted home past Samir Handanovic.

Both teams had their chances in the first half but Inter moved up a gear in the second period as doubt began to creep in to Juve.

Inter's break came when they were awarded a penalty just before the hour mark.

Milito stepped up to send the ball just past Buffon's shoulders to level and then made it two a quarter of an hour later when he latched onto the rebound from a fierce drive by second half substitute Freddy Guarin to beat Buffon.

Juve's chances of salvaging a draw were kept in check when Rodrigo Palacio finished off the good work of Yuto Nagatomo to handed Juve their first league defeat since a reverse against Parma in May 2011.

"It was a tough game," Milito told Sky Sport.

"We were caught napping at the start and went immediately behind but then we fought our way back into it and at the end we deserved the win."

Bayern set down marker

AFP, Berlin



Leverkusen as the Bundesliga leaders ran riot in their 3-0 win at Hamburg.

Bayern set a new German league record having won all five of their opening away league games with a 15-0 goal record as they opened a seven-point lead at the top of the table.

Schweinsteiger was joined on the scoresheet by Thomas Mueller and Toni Kroos in Hamburg on

Saturday in an impressive second-half display.

Munich had their eight-match winning streak ended by a 2-1 defeat at Bayern's Allianz Arena last Sunday, but Schweinsteiger said his side had proved themselves after the Leverkusen defeat.

"It was important to provide some answers after the Bayer match, and we've not won that often in Hamburg recently. We were determined to do it today," said Schweinsteiger who scored Bayern's first.

With second-placed Schalke 04 suffering a shock 3-2 defeat at Hoffenheim, results this weekend helped Bayern as both third-placed Eintracht Frankfurt and Borussia Dortmund drew.

"It's been a very good round of

RESULTS

Borussia Dortmund 0 VfB Stuttgart 0
Borussia M'gladbach 1 (de Camargo 49)
Freiburg 1 (Calligouri 77-pen)
Hanover 96 2 (Diouf 26, Stindl 85) Augsburg 0
Nuremberg 1 (Gebhart 76) VfL Wolfsburg 0
Hoffenheim 3 (Volland 13, Roberto Firmino 67, Schipplock 90+1) Schalke 04 2 (Neustaedter 37, Uchida 82)
Hamburg 0 Bayern Munich 3

matches for us. Naturally, we knew the other scores before kick-off and we were even more motivated," added Schweinsteiger.

Bayern coach Jupp Heynckes was delighted with his team's performance and praised his foreign imports, including France's Franck Ribery and Croatia's Mario Mandzukic.



Real Madrid striker Gonzalo Higuain stabs the ball home from close range during their La Liga clash against Real Zaragoza at the Santiago Bernabeu on Saturday.

AFP, Madrid



ahead of the pack.

Gonzalo Higuain and Angel Maria struck in a two minute blitz midway through the first half while Michael Essien and Luka Modric added another two late on but despite their recent good form it will be difficult to claw back the Catalan side, who have made their best start to a season.

Madrid's defensive problems

RESULTS

Valencia 2 (Soldado 20, Nelson Valdez 90+5)
Atletico Madrid 0
Real Madrid 4 (Higuain 23, Di Maria 25, Essien 89, Modric 90+2) Real Zaragoza 0
Barcelona 3 (Adriano 21, Villa 26, Alba 61)
Celta Vigo 1 (Bermejo 24)

eased with the return of Alvaro Arbeloa who came in on the left of defence with Marcelo and Fabio Coentrao both still injured. It freed up Michael Essien to move back into midfield where Madrid were without Xabi Alonso and Sami Khedira, suspended and injured respectively.

Zaragoza arrived at the Bernabeu with confidence restored after back-to-back wins and they made it diffi-

cult for Madrid with their organisation.

Madrid got their opening breakthrough out of the blue from a corner.

Raul Albiol leapt to power a header which Roberto got down well to save but Higuain smashed in the rebound.

Zaragoza fell further behind as Di Maria had an effort from a tight angle saved by the keeper but he then cracked in the rebound.

The visitors came out for the second half with more attacking intent, though they were mainly reduced to shots from distance and came closest to scoring with a drive by Jose Mari from 25 yards which crashed against the crossbar but Ronaldo also hit the woodwork for Madrid with a late freekick.

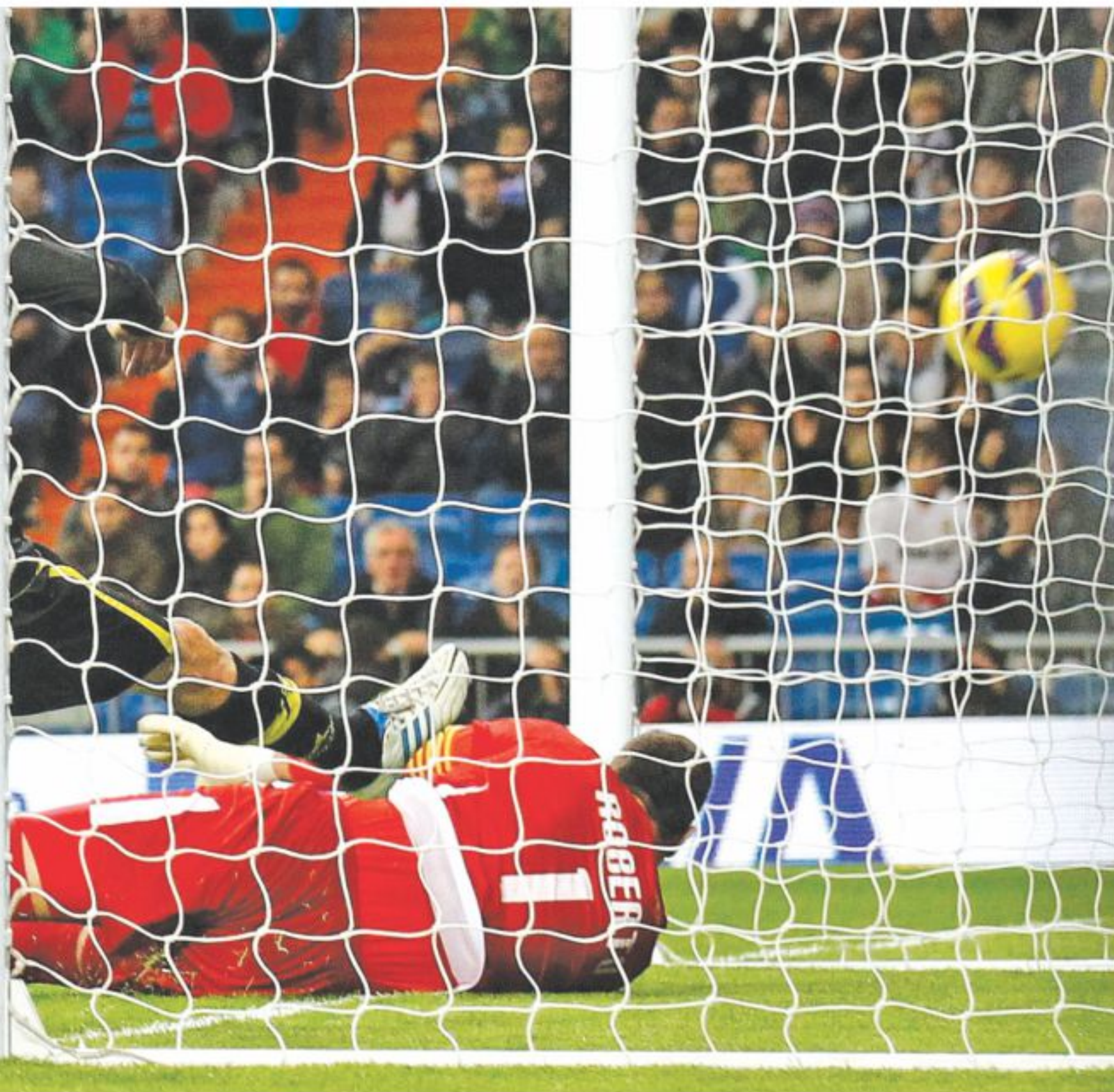


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Mask of Kehl

AFP, Berlin

Borussia Dortmund captain Sebastian Kehl will face Real Madrid on Tuesday in the Champions League wearing a special mask after breaking his nose in the Bundesliga on Saturday.

The 32-year-old was fitted with a special mask after he came off only 20 minutes into Dortmund's goalless draw against VfB Stuttgart after being elbowed in the face by Stuttgart's Raphael Holzhauser.

After being treated, Kehl was fitted for the mask on Sunday with Dortmund top of Group D in the Champions League and leading second-placed Real by a point after their 2-1 win over Madrid at Borussia a fortnight ago when Kehl was outstanding.

Opposition ovation



Football

REUTERS, Rio de Janeiro

Neymar scored a hat-trick to lead Santos to a 4-0 win at Cruzeiro in the Brazilian championship, where his performance earned him a standing ovation from the home supporters.

The 20-year-old took his tally to 12 goals in the competition even though he has missed a number of games due to international commitments including a three-week spell at the Olympic Games.

Neymar opened his account in the 11th minute of Saturday night's game by nonchalantly diverting a low cross into the net at the near post and slotted in another from near the penalty spot after sloppy Cruzeiro defending in the 35th.

He then turned provider, setting up the

third for Felipe Anderson with a run down the right and low cross in the 52nd minute, and completed his hat-trick in by converting an easy chance set up by Ezequiel Miralles.

Santos are ninth in the table with 46 points from 33 games, three ahead of Cruzeiro.

"I'm overcome, it makes me want to cry," Neymar told reporters after Cruzeiro fans, who had initially booed their own team, chanted his name and applauded him off the pitch.

Ten-man Gremio scored in the last minute to beat Ponte Preta 1-0 and stay third with 63 points, nine behind leaders Fluminense.

Gremio had Julio Cesar sent off midway through the second half but Vanderlei Luxemburgo's team took the points when Andre Lima headed in from corner.