

AFP, Paris



Lionel Messi hit a hattrick as Barcelona began their Champions League campaign with a 4-0 win over Ajax on Wednesday but Jose Mourinho's Chelsea suffered a shock home defeat.

Despite boasting eight European Cup and Champions League crowns between them, Barcelona and Ajax had never met before their Group H encounter at the Nou

And typically it was a dazzling display from Messi that got the 2009 and 2011 winners off to the ideal start.

Ajax are a far cry from the brilliant outfit that romped to their fourth title in 1995, just three years after Barca had broken their duck in the competition.

Messi's first had an air of inevitability about it as he was first felled on the edge of the area and then stepped up to curl home a sumptuous free-kick.

And his second came in another of Messi's classic moves as he took a pass from Sergio Busquets on the right before cutting inside onto his left foot to shoot home.

Centre-back Gerard Pique headed home a pinpoint Neymar cross from the left having stayed up for a corner.

But Messi didn't allow anyone else to hog the limelight for long as he fired home his third from Xavi's pass 15 minutes from time.

Things only got worse for Ajax as Kolbeinn Sigthorsson saw a penalty saved by Victor Valdes after Javier Mascherano had brought down Thurani Serero.

In the group's other game, AC Milan left it late before avoiding an embarrassing slip-up at the San Siro as Emilio Izaguirre's own goal broke Celtic's hearts, with Sulley Muntari adding a second to secure the Rossoneri a 2-0 success.

Jose Mourinho's Chelsea were stunned in the shock result of the night as FC Basel left Stamford Bridge with a 2-

The hosts had seemed to be heading to a routine home victory when Brazilian Oscar put them ahead after quick, slick passes from David Luiz and Frank Lampard.

Oscar almost doubled the Londoners' advantage with a splendid second half strike that crashed back off the bar.

But then Mohamed Salah bent the ball around Ahsley Cole and inside the post on 71 minutes before Marco Streller headed home the unexpected winner from a corner.

Schalke 04 took command of the group with three goals in the final quarter to beat Steaua Bucharest 3-0.

Japan's Atsuto Uchida, Ghana midfielder Kevin-Prince Boateng and German international Julien Draxler bagged the goals.

Last season's runners-up Borussia Dortmund had a disastrous start to their campaign as they went down 2-1 at Napoli in Group F.

It was a sorry night for the Germans, who thumped

Hamburg 6-2 at the weekend, as coach Jurgen Klopp and goalkeeper Roman Weidenfeller were both given their marching orders after Gonzalo Higuain had given the Italians the lead.

Lorenzo Insigne doubled Napoli's advantage before an own goal from Camilo Zuniga late on gave Borussia scant consolation.

Arsenal joined Napoli at the top of the group with a 2-1 win over Marseille at the Stade Velodrome.

Theo Walcott opened the scoring with a flashing volley before Aaron Ramsey continued his brilliant start to the season with his sixth goal of the current campaign, courtesy of a deflection.

Jordan Ayew scored a late penalty for the outplayed hosts after Ramsey spoilt his night by bringing down the Ghanaian's brother Andre Ayew.

Atletico Madrid made it a night to remember for the Spanish with a 3-1 win over visitors Zenit St Petersburg.

# Messi matches C'Ron

REUTERS, Barcelona



"Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better". If Lionel Messi was a fan of broad-CHAMPIONS way shows, the Argentine

might have been humming an Irving Berlin number after his hattrick in Barcelona's 4-0 Champions League win over Ajax on Wednesday.

Messi's haul in the Group H win at the Nou Camp, which made him the first man to score three times in four different Champions League games, came a day after Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo netted a treble of his own against Galatasaray.

What counts is not whether Messi did it better, which is a matter of opinion, but rather that the game of oneupmanship between the best players at Spain's two biggest clubs shows no sign of coming to an end.

Both have been smashing records with breathtaking speed and are closing in on more.

Messi, 26, took his overall goals

Mourinho

shoulders

Jose Mourinho admitted

his young Chelsea team

lack the maturity to cope

Champions League started

with difficult situations

with a shock 2-1 defeat

Blues boss had been

quality of ingredients avail-

able to make his 'omelette'

at Chelsea, and the cracks

were starting to show last

Mourinho said: "Did I

night after his side were

end up with egg on my

face? Of course. I'm the

manager and responsible

results, the bad moments.

"In the good moments, I

want everyone to shine, but

in the bad moments I want

everyone to keep calm, keep in the shadows and I will be

responsible for that."

for everything -- the bad

booed off the field.

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against FC Basel.

after his return to the

blame

AGENCIES, London

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Lionel Messi became the first man to score three times in four different Champions League games.

Messi moved into second place on the alltime list of Champions League goalscorers with his 27th career hattrick.

Messi took his overall goals tally to 62 and is

tally in Europe's elite club competition to 62 and is now only nine short of Raul's all-time scoring record of 71

with 54.

room have always talked about how surprising he is," Barca coach Gerardo Martino said of compatriot Messi at the Nou Camp press conference.

"I am yet another."

The World Player of the Year took a while to get going against the Dutch champions on Wednesday before curling a stunning free kick into the net off the post in the 22nd minute.

In the second half, the maestro found his music and played it to perfection.

Sergio Busquets surged through the midfield 10 minutes after the break before sending Messi into space on the right, the Argentine darting past his marker and clipping the ball into the net.

Perhaps the most characteristic of his three goals was the last, in the 75th minute.

Starting from the right and moving left across the edge of the area, he waited for a path to clear through the tangle of Ajax legs before picking his Ronaldo, 28, is hard on his heels spot in the bottom righthand corner.

"I'm happy to be able to help him," "The coaches who have come to this Barca's new Brazilian signing Neymar told reporters.

"He is a genius, the best in the

world." Another hattrick for Messi. Another record. Another Barcelona victory.

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## 'I behaved like a monkey'

REUTERS, Berlin



Borussia Dortmund coach Juergen Klopp has apologised for

screaming at a fourth official and being sent off during their 2-1 defeat at Napoli in the Champions League on Wednesday.

Klopp saw most of his team's game from a stadium TV after he was sent off in the 30th minute for an angry outburst at the fourth official following Napoli's opening goal.

Klopp was furious with the fourth official for not letting defender Neven Subotic back onto the pitch sooner after an injury break, allowing Napoli to score in the process.

"I apologised immediately after the game to my team, the fourth official and the referee as well," Klopp told reporters. "I have to accept the consequences for my actions. I

was like a clown out there. That was stupid. "My emotions turned a well-run game

into a hectic affair." Passionate Klopp, who led Dortmund to then these things do not happen."



back-to-back Bundesliga titles in 2011 and 2012, is known for his occasional outbursts on the touchline and has been repeatedly ejected from domestic matches.

"We did not show our prettiest face tonight, yet we lost with the closest of defeats.

"We know now that we can beat Napoli, but too many things went wrong, including my red

card. It was stupid and I acknowledge that. "I behaved like a monkey out there. went too far."

Dortmund, last season's Champions League runners-up, also had keeper Roman Weidenfeller sent off for handball outside his Klopp blamed himself for the red card,

saying his emotional behaviour did not help calm his players down. "That was also on me," he said. "I just could not calm down and so the team were more stressed. So I also have my share in Roman's red card, because if we are calm

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