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Roma rout Bologna

AFP, Florence



AS Roma's superb start to the season continued with a 5-0 rout of Bologna at the Olympic Stadium which restored their two-point cushion at the top of Serie A

on Sunday.

Roma became the first team since Juventus in the 2005-2006 season to win their opening six games and claimed their first victory with a margin of five goals or more since a 7-0 rout of Catania in November 2006.

Rudi Garcia's side now lead Napoli and Juventus by two points with fourth-placed Inter, held earlier on Sunday at Cagliari, a further two points adrift.

A week after claiming his maiden goal for Rudi Garcia's side, former Arsenal striker Gervinho starred again for the hosts hitting a brace with goals in either half.

However it was Alessandro Florenzi who started the rout, beating Gianluca Curci from close range after a poor clearance from Miralem Pjanic's free kick.

Ivorian Gervinho made it two when he picked up the ball in midfield and ran unchallenged past a static Bologna defence

to beat Curci with a right-foot strike. Roma went in for the half-time interval 3-0 up after Mehdi Benatia bundled a left-foot volley past Curci from close range from

Francesco Totti's corner in the 25th minute. Gervinho took his second just after the hour, this time collecting Kevin Strootman's through ball on the left flank before turning

RESULTS

Torino 0 Juventus 1 (Pogba 54) Catania 2 (Plasil 22, Castro 54) Chievo 0 Cagliari 1 (Nianggolan 83) Inter Milan 1 (Icardi 75) Atalanta 2 (Denis 45+1, 63) Udinese 0

Verona 2 (Iturbe 40, Jorginho 74-pen) Livorno 1 (Rinaudo 45+1)

Sassuolo 2 (Schelotto 55, Floro Flores 76) Lazio 2 (Dias 50, Candreva 54)

AS Roma 5 (Florenzi 8, Gervinho 17, 62, Benatia 25, Ljajic 85) Bologna 0

his marker and beating Curci with a rightfoot stike.

It was Gervinho's first brace since hitting two for Arsenal against Southampton 13 months ago.

Second-half substitute Adem Ljajic completed the rout when he sent a delightful chip past Curci in the 85th minute.

Earlier a second-half header from French midfield sensation Paul Pogba secured a 1-0 derby win for Juventus at Torino.

Inter Milan were seven minutes from also going on to 16 points when Argentine striker Mauro Icardi gave them a 1-0 second half lead at Cagliari before Belgium's Radja Nainggolan levelled for the home side in a 1-1 draw.

Elsewhere, rock bottom Sassuolo enjoyed a morale-boosting afternoon as they came back from 2-0 down to force a 2-2 home draw with Lazio while Cantania scored either side of half-time to ease past Chievo 2-0.



PHOTO: REUTERS

Roma defender El Mouttaqui Benatia celebrates his goal against Bologna during their Serie A match at the Olympic Stadium in Rome on Sunday.

'Must-win' for Chelsea

AFP, Paris



Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho believes Tuesday's Champions League trip to Steaua Bucharest is a match

they cannot lose while Premier League leaders Arsenal take on Napoli for the first time.

Basel v Schalke

Basel, who made the Europa League semifinals last season, stunned 2012 champions Chelsea 2-1 at Stamford Bridge in their opener with goals from Mohamed Salah and Marco Streller. It was the first win for a Swiss club on English soil in 20 attempts.

Basel lead the Swiss league but were held to a 2-2 draw by Sion.

Schalke were also winners on matchday one, beating Steaua Bucharest 3-0. But the German side are only midtable in the Bundesliga and on Saturday surrendered a 2-0 lead against Hoffenheim to draw 3-3.

encounter against Napoli.

Steaua Bucharest v Chelsea

Chelsea warmed-up for Tuesday's tie by

drawing 1-1 at London rivals Spurs in a

match which saw Fernando Torres sent-

off and John Terry score his team's only

goal. Juan Mata will start the match

that coach Jose Mourinho says is a

the Europa League round of 16 first leg.

Mata levelled the overall scores at

Stamford Bridge before Vlad Chiriches

restored Steaua's aggregate lead. But

Terry and Torres struck to take the

The Romanians are playing in the

group stage for the first time since the

Londoners through.

2008-2009 season.

Arsenal v Napoli

Steaua beat Chelsea 1-0 last season in

game Chelsea can't afford to lose.

Villa in the Premier League has seen them reel off nine consecutive wins, including a 2-1 victory away to Marseille in their Group F curtain raiser.

Arsene Wenger celebrated his 17th anniversary as Arsenal boss with a 2-1 win away to Swansea over the weekend with inform midfielder Aaron Ramsey on target for a fourth game running.

Rafael Benitez's Napoli are also off to a strong start in Italy's Serie A, having dropped just two points from a possible 18. Benitez will have a rested Marek Hamsik to call upon.

Borussia Dortmund v Marseille

Last season's finalists Borussia Dortmund are off to a flying start in the Bundesliga with six wins from seven matches, including a 5-0 thrashing of Freiburg on Saturday. However, Jurgen Klopp's men have work to do on the European stage after slumping to a 2-1 defeat at Napoli a fortnight ago. Goalkeeper Roman Weidenfeller, who was sent off in Italy, is banned while leftback Marcel Schmelzer is sidelined with

Champions League Group stages for the first time.

FC Porto v Atletico Madrid

Atletico have made a fantastic start to the campaign with six consecutive wins in all competitions, culminating in a first league victory over Real Madrid for 14 years on Saturday.

Unfortunately for Diego Simeone's men, talisman Diego Costa is unavailable as he serves the final match of his four-game European ban.

His absence is likely to mean a first ever Atletico start for Leo Baptistao, who scored in the Spanish side's 3-1 victory over Zenit St Petersburg two weeks ago.

Porto sit two points clear of Sporting Lisbon at the top of the Portuguese league after six games.

Ajax v AC Milan

Ajax will be looking to bounce back from the 4-0 mauling they suffered at the hands of Barcelona and can hold out some hope against an Italian side that has won just twice in six Serie A

AGENCIES

A washout at the Sardar Patel Stadium at Ahmedabad yesterday meant that the Hyderabad Sunrisers, who were set to play Brisbane Heat in a must win contest, were eliminated from the Champions League Twenty20. They finished with six points from four matches, winning once and losing twice. Heat were already knocked out having lost their first three matches.

Mancini in Gala talks

AFP, Paris

Former Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini was on the verge of taking charge of Galatasaray on Sunday after holding talks with the Turkish giants.

Galatasaray, who sacked Fatih Terim last week, confirmed on Twitter that they had met with the 48-yearold Italian in Istanbul. "President Unal Aysal

and chief executive Lutfi Aribogan have met with Roberto Mancini," the club announced by posting a picture of the three men on Twitter. Mancini was sacked as

manager of Manchester City in May -- a year to the day after leading the club to the English Premier League title.

Defending Turkish champions Galatasaray have endured a miserable start to the season despite boasting the talents of former Chelsea star Didier Drogba.

Ukraine to appeal FIFA ban

AFP, Kiev

The Ukrainian football federation (FFU) is to appeal a FIFA order that the national team play their next World Cup qualifier behind closed doors, the FFU deputy chief said Monday.

FIFA's disciplinary committee took the decision last week after fans were accused of making monkey chants and performing Nazi salutes.

FIFA also banned the Lviv stadium from hosting all qualifiers for the 2018 World Cup after the incidents in the match against San Marino on

Sunrisers out after washout Ibra slams Guardiola



Bayern Munich president Uli Hoeness has branded Zlatan Ibrahimovic an "aggrieved prima donna" after the Sweden star's latest verbal

attack on coach Pep Guardiola. Since Guardiola took charge of Bayern in

June, the European champions have dropped just two league points, winning six of their seven Bundesliga games so far and are at Manchester City in the Champions League on Wednesday. Guardiola and Ibrahmiovic were both at

Barcelona for the 2009/10 season, but their relationship soured after Ibrahimovic lost his place in the starting side.

In his autobiography, Ibrahimovic recalls shouting "you haven't got any balls!" at Guardiola after making a brief appearance off the Barcelona bench in one match after the coach preferred to play Argentina's Lionel Messi up front.

And in an interview with German maga-

zine Spiegel, Ibrahimovic gave a fiery answer when asked what he has against Guardiola, 42, who he dubbed "the Philosopher" while at Barcelona.

"Guardiola is a fantastic trainer, but as a person? He is a coward," said the 31-yearold Paris St. Germain forward. "He isn't a man. In the first months at

Barcelona things went well and I scored lots of goals.

"Then he sacrificed me for Lionel Messi, but didn't have the guts to tell me. "Guardiola has no balls."

Bayern boss Hoeness has said the Bavarians are very happy with Guardiola's work and dismissed Ibrahimovic's latest

comments. "We totally disagree with Zlatan Ibrahimovic. We are completely satisfied

with Pep Guardiola," Hoeness told German daily Bild. "I think Ibrahimovic is an aggrieved

prima donna who has not coped well with his departure from Barcelona.

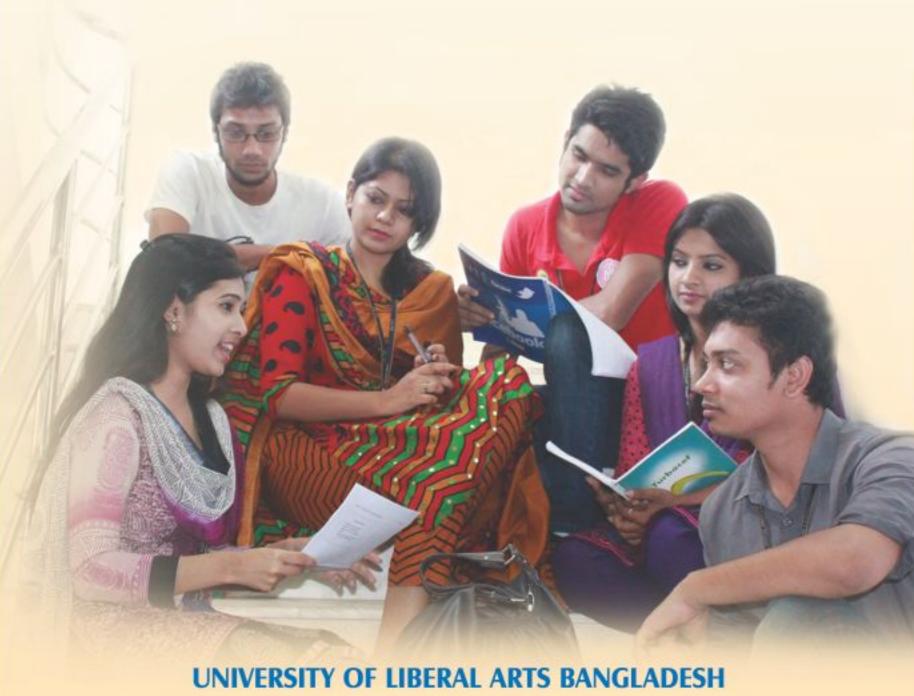
"No club has been happy with him."



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a thigh problem.

Marseille's first trip to Signal Iduna Park two seasons ago culminated with a dramatic late winner from Mathieu Valbuena as the visitors came from two will be seeking to secure their second goals down to win 3-2 and qualify for the round of 16.

Arsenal players jog prior to a training session at London Colney yesterday on the eve of their Champions League

Zenit Saint Petersbug v Austria Vienna

Both sides will be desperate to take all three points, having lost their openers to Atletico Madrid and FC Porto. Zenit, who lost 3-0 in Madrid, will be the more confident of the two, playing at home just a few days after going top of the Russian Premier League thanks to a 4-2 win over Spartak Moscow.

Austria Vienna, 1-0 losers at home to FC Porto, went down 1-0 at Admira The Gunners' remarkable turnaround and are in fifth position in the top after an opening day defeat to Aston flight league. They are playing in the

games. Ajax warmed up for the match with a 6-0 thrashing of Go Ahead Eagles to leave them a point off leaders PSV Eindhoven. An injury-hit Milan successive win in the competition.

Celtic v Barcelona

moment of joy last season when they recorded an historic 2-1 win over Barcelona in the Champions League group stage. This time round Celtic manager Neil Lennon is not expecting a repeat.

Lionel Messi who suffered a thigh injury in Saturday's 2-0 win over Almeria. With his tough tackling compatriot Javier Mascherano also out of the match with a hamstring injury it poses some problems for coach Gerardo Martino.

Celtic gave Scottish football a rare

However, Barcelona will be without

September 6.