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Pep elated

AFP, Manchester

DAY'S EVENT



Manager Pep Guardiola watched his Bayern Munich team outclass Manchester City 3-1 and then warned the rest of Europe that the Champions League holders can get even

Bayern produced a display of dizzying control at the Etihad Stadium on Wednesday, dominating possession of the ball and attacking in relentless waves that threatened to engulf Manuel Pellegrini's side.

At 3-0 up, the visitors began to exchange passes with almost disdainful ease, before a goal from Alvaro Negredo gave a measure of respectability to the scoreline as City mustered some belated resistance. Guardiola has been given the unenviable task of improv-

ing a team that won the Champions League, the Bundesliga and the German Cup under Jupp Heynckes last season, but he says he is relishing the challenge. "I'm lucky to be here, to be training these players," said

the former Barcelona coach. "They've shown how good they are in the last four years,

reaching three finals of the Champions League. "What we try is to play as well as possible and try to domi-

nate our league, the Bundesliga, because in the last three years, Borussia Dortmund won twice and Bayern just one, and what's why you have to keep going.

"But today (Wednesday) we are so, so happy for our performance. It's nice for Bayern, coming in this country that loves football so much and playing like we have played today." However, although he conceded that he had seen his

side's best performance of the season to date, Guardiola warned that his players will need to improve their defending of set pieces if they are to repeat last season's triumphs.

"Our set-up plays was a catastrophe, was terrible. We have to improve that," he said.

"In general I'm so happy, but it's not the end. It's not the final of the Champions League -- it's just the second game of our round, so we have time to improve and recover players. Little, little steps forward."

The only disappointment for the visitors, Negredo's goal aside, was the late dismissal of former City defender Jerome Boateng for a last-man foul on Yaya Toure, but Guardiola said he had no complaints about the decision.

City manager Manuel Pellegrini displayed a much less sunny disposition in his post-match press conference, declaring that his team had played "really bad".

"You must analyse the team, that's your duty. I analyse individual players, I analyse the team," he told reporters.

"I think we didn't play well. Of course, I think the three goals we can all do it better, not only the goalkeeper. And you can concede goals to Bayern Munich because it's a strong team."



Bayern Munich star Franck Ribery (R) celebrates his opening goal with teammate David Alaba during their Champions League encounter against Manchester City at the Etihad Stadium on Wednesday.

PHOTO: AFP

Bayern outclass City

AFP, Paris



Titleholders Bayern Munich, Real Madrid and Paris Saint Germain emerged from the second batch of Champions League action with comfortable wins on Wednesday while the two clubs from Manchester endured

differing fates. David Moyes' United, after their worst start to a domestic campaign in 24 years, were held to a dour 1-1 draw by Shakhtar Donetsk in a game that went ahead without injured Wayne Rooney.

The stalemate, after Danny Welbeck's early opener was cancelled out by Taison 14 minutes from time, left United level pegging with Shakhtar at the top of Group A, after Bayer Leverkusen beat Real Sociedad 2-1.

United's veteran Welsh international Ryan Giggs came on in the second half to overtake Raul with at 145 the most appearances in Europe's top club competition.

Back in Manchester, at the Etihad stadium, City were humbled 3-1 by brilliant Bayern, playing in England for the first time since claiming the trophy at Wembley last season, in a clash that reunited City's manager Manuel Pellegrini with Pep Guardiola.

The pair are old foes from Spain, when they occupied the dugouts at Real Madrid and Barcelona respectively in 2009-10.

Guardiola it was who came away with the bragging rights this time after goals from Franck Ribery, Thomas Mueller and Arjen Rbben Alvaro Negredo getting a late consolation for City - pushed the German giants onto six points and firmly in command of Group D.

City lie second on three points with CSKA Moscow, 3-2 winners over Viktoria Plzen, in third on goal difference.

Pellegrini's predecessor at City, Roberto Mancini, enjoyed a baptism of fire in his first game just 48 hours after being appointed coach of Galatasaray.

RESULTS

Bayer Leverkusen (GER) 2 (Rolfes 45+1, Hegeler 90+2) Real Sociedad (ESP) 1 (Vela 51) Shakhtar Donetsk (UKR) 1 (Taison 76) Manchester United

(ENG) 1 (Welbeck 18) Real Madrid (ESP) 4 (Cristiano Ronaldo 20, 65, Di María 70, 90+1) FC Copenhagen (DEN) 0 Juventus (ITA) 2 (Vidal 78-pen, Quagliarella 87) Galatasaray (TUR) 2 (Drogba 36, Bulut 88) Anderlecht (BEL) 0 Olympiakos (GRE) 3 (Mitroglou 17,

Paris Saint-Germain (FRA) 3 (Ibrahimovic 5, 30, Marquinhos 25) Benfica (POR) 0 Manchester City (ENG) 1 (Negredo 79) Bayern Munich (GER) 3 (Ribery 7, Mueller 56, Robben 59) CSKA Moscow (RUS) 3 (Tosic 19, Honda 29, Reznik 78-

Easy win surprises Robben

AFP, Manchester

Bayern Munich winger Arjen Robben claimed he and his teammates were taken aback by the straightforward nature of their 3-1 win at Manchester City in the Champions League.

The defending champions produced a masterful display at the Etihad Stadium on Wednesday, scoring through Franck Ribery, Thomas Mueller and Robben before Alvaro Negredo claimed a late consolation goal for the home side.

"The first 70 minutes we played some terrific football," said Robben, who has now scored in five successive Champions League games, including the decisive goal against Borussia Dortmund in last season's final.

"We were so dominant against a big team in Europe. We didn't expect an easy game like that. It is a compliment to our team, but we expected more from City. "We didn't give them

any space, we pressed them right up to the goalkeeper, and they just kicked it away. Sometimes they gave us too much space and we used the space well. "City weren't as organ-

ised defensively as we had expected, but there were some attacks of ours that simply were fantastically executed.

"When things go your way like that, it's a lot of fun out on the pitch, especially against a quality team like City."



Real Madrid winger Angel di Maria celebrates one of his two goals against Copenhagen during their Champions League match at the Bernabeu on Wednesday.

Torres out for 3 weeks

AFP, London



Chelsea striker Fernando Torres has suffered a knee injury that will sideline him for some three weeks, the Premier League club

announced on their website on Wednesday. The 29-year-old Spain forward under-

went a scan at Chelsea's Cobham training base after limping out just 11 minutes into Tuesday's Champions League 4-0 group victory away to Romania's Steaua Bucharest. "Chelsea Football Club can confirm

Fernando Torres suffered a medial collateral ligament injury to his left knee in the Champions League group game at Steaua Bucharest on Tuesday evening," the statement issued by the west London club said.

"The 29-year-old will be out for approximately three weeks."

Torres, already due to miss Sunday's Premier League match at Norwich after collecting two yellow cards in a 1-1 draw with Tottenham Hotspur, was ruled out Tuesday of Spain's forthcoming World Cup qualifiers against Belarus and Georgia.

Tuesday also saw England's governing Football Association announce that Torres would not face additional punishment for clawing at at the face of Spurs' Belgian defender Jan Vertonghen at White Hart Lane

last weekend because the incident was seen, in part, by one of the match officials.

The FA's inaction prompted a stinging response from Tottenham manager Andre Villas-Boas, who accused officials of a "disgrace" of a decision and acting in "farcical" fashion. "Obviously, it is almost a farcical deci-

sion," Villas-Boas said Wednesday, with the Portuguese adding: "I think the FA has made a decision almost a joke. It looks incredible.

"How can you see the images, pretty clear, and come out without punishment, on something (which) overtakes all professional behaviour?

"I think the decision is a disgrace."

Later in the same match, Torres was sent off for receiving two yellow cards, meaning he will serve just a one-match ban.

This season has seen the FA introduce a new system where three former referees will look at incidents retrospectively and decide if charges should be brought.

Previously, action was only taken if the match referee viewed the footage and judged whether he should have in fact sent a

player off. However, in both cases if any match official saw some of the incident, even if not in its absolute entirety, then the FA cannot take further action.

Klopp to miss Arsenal clash

AFP, Paris

Borussia Dortumund coach Jurgen Klopp will be missing from the touchline for his side's Champions League clash with Arsenal later this month, as his suspension has been increased to two matches.

Klopp, who was sent to the stands for verbally abusing the fourth official in the 2-1 defeat by Napoli last month, sat out a one-match ban for the 3-0 victory over Marseille on Tuesday.

But on Thursday, UEFA's disciplinary committee announced it had doubled the ban as part of a drive to encourage greater respect for match officials.

The explosive 46-year-old coach later apologised for his outburst and admitted on German TV: "I made myself look like a monkey out there and that's not on. I overstepped the mark and it was really pathetic of me." Borussia have three days

in which to lodge an appeal.

Mauri ban extended

AFP, Turin

Lazio breathed a sigh of relief on Wednesday despite captain Stefano Mauri having a six-month ban for failing to report alleged match-fixing extended to nine months on appeal.

Mauri was initially banned for six months on August 16 after failing to report match-fixing related activities linked to the Lazio v Genoa and Lecce v Lazio games on May 14 and 22 respectively.

The player lodged an appeal against his ban from the Italian football federation's (FIGC) disciplinary body.

However FIGC prosecutor Stefano Palazzi responded by upgrading Mauri's initial misdemeanour to the more serious crime of sporting fraud and called for a ban of four years and six months.

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