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Messi rescues Barca

REUTERS



Lionel Messi marked his first start after injury with a goal in Barcelona's 1-1 draw at AC Milan in the Champions League on Tuesday while Fernando Torres got two as Chelsea thumped Schalke and Atletico Madrid's

charge continued. Robert Lewandowski got the 82ndminute winner as Borussia Dortmund put the brakes on Arsenal's campaign with a 2-1 win in London that, along with Napoli's 2-1 victory at Olympique Marseille, put three

teams on six points in Group F. There is a clear leader in Group G, where Atletico made it three wins from three with a 3-0 victory at Austria Vienna that left them a point away from the 10 that are usually enough to send teams into the last 16 of Europe's elite club competition.

With Diego Costa scoring twice, including a stunning solo effort, they went five points clear of second-placed Zenit St Petersburg, who made the most of the sixthminute sending off of Porto's Hector Herrera -- the competition's fastest ever dismissal from two yellow cards -- to beat their hosts 1-0.

In Group E, Chelsea moved level on six points with Schalke 04 at the top with a 3-0 win in Germany where Torres celebrated his 100th start for the club with the fifthminute opener and another after 69 minutes before Eden Hazard added a late goal.

RESULTS

Steaua Bucharest (ROM) 1 (Leandro Tatu 88) Basel (SUI) 1 (Diaz 48)

Schalke 04 (GER) 0 Chelsea (ENG) 3 (Torres 5, 68, Hazard 87)

Arsenal (ENG) 1 (Giroud 41) Borussia Dortmund (GER) 2 (Mkhitaryan 16, Lewandowski 82) Marseille (FRA) 1 (A. Ayew 86) Napoli (ITA) 2 (Callejón 42, Zapata 67)

FC Porto (POR) 0 Zenit St. Petersburg (RUS) 1 (Kerzhakov 85)

Austria Vienna (AUT) 0 Atletico Madrid (ESP) 3 (Raul Garcia 8, Diego Costa 20, 53)

Celtic (SCO) 2 (Forrest 45-pen, Kayal 53) Ajax (NED) 1 (Schone 90+4)

AC Milan (ITA) 1 (Robinho 9) Barcelona (ESP) 1 (Messi 23)

The top two are clear of third-placed Basel, who have four points ahead of Steaua Bucharest on one after those two teams shared the spoils in a 1-1 draw in Romania.

Celtic got their first points in Group H after a James Forrest penalty on the stroke of halftime and a deflected shot by Beram Kayal early in the second half helped them to a 2-1 win over Ajax Amsterdam, who got a consolation in added time.

Barca are in charge of that group with seven points, while Milan -- who had gone ahead through Robinho's ninth-minute opener before Messi levelled after 23 minutes -- have five points. Celtic are on three points with Ajax bottom on one.



Barcelona superstar Lionel Messi (L) slots home the equalising goal during their Champions League encounter against AC Milan at the San Siro on Tuesday.

PHOTO:

Sachin, Wasim in Wisden's all-time XI

INTERNET, London

Only two Asians -- Sachin Tendulkar and Wasim Akram -- feature in Wisden's all-time world Test XI. According to the BBC, the team has the legendary Don Bradman as captain.

Wisden has named this dream team to mark 150 years of its famous book, the Cricketers' Almanack.

THE WORLD XI: Jack Hobbs (England, 1908-1930); WG Grace (England, 1880-1899); DG Bradman (Australia, 1928-1948 -- captain); Sachin Tendulkar (India, 1989-2013); Vivian Richards (West Indies, 1974-1991); Gary Sobers (West Indies, 1954-1974); Allan Knott (England, 1967-1981 -- wicketkeeper); Wasim Akram (Pakistan, 1985-2002); Shane Warne (Australia, 1992-2007); Malcolm Marshall (West Indies, 1978-1991); Sydney

Barnes (England, 1901-14). Aussie hopes washed out

in washout

INTERNET, Ranchi

Rain washed out Australia's fourth one-day clash with India on Wednesday, thwarting brilliant innings by George Bailey and Glenn Maxwell.

India were 0-27 chasing a target of 296 when players were forced from the field just eight overs into the second innings.

The result means Australia retain a 2-1 series lead, but ends any hope of them being world No. 1 by the end of the seven games.

Allegri heaps praise on Kaka

AFP, Milan



AC Milan coach Massimiliano Allegri heaped praise on Kaka after the Brazilian forward's impressive display on his return from injury contributed to a spirited 1-1 draw at home to Barcelona on Tuesday. Injury-hit Milan opened the scoring in the ninth minute

when Robinho pounced on a defensive error to hold off Gerard Pique and beat Victor Valdes in the visitors' goal after a nice one-two with compatriot Kaka. Lionel Messi levelled in the 23rd minute but despite

being a thorn in the side of the Milan defence throughout,

the Rossoneri weathered the storm at a packed San Siro to secure a precious share of the spoils. Having spent the past month looking nervously at his casualty list, Allegri welcomed the result against a Barcelona side that

won the title in 2011 and has made it to the past two semifinals. "I'm happy with our overall performance. Mistakes are

part of the game and conceding a goal against Barcelona is always to be expected," said Allegri. "Kaka tonight showed the champion he is, not just in

terms of his technical ability," added Allegri. "He played an intelligent game. He was an example for

the rest of the side."

Aguero brace brings City back

AFP, Moscow



Khimki.

Manchester City got their Champions League bid back on track on Wednesday, coming from behind to beat CSKA Moscow 2-1 in testing con-

ditions in the Russian capital. CSKA took a 32nd-minute lead courtesy of former Manchester United winger Zoran Tosic, but Sergio Aguero quickly equalised and then put the Premier League club in front

before the interval at the Arena

Aguero, who scored twice in the 3-1 weekend win at West Ham United, picked up where he left off to give Manuel Pellegrini's side a second victory in Group D that leaves them well-placed, along with Bayern Munich, to progress to the competition's knockout stages.

That, of course, is something City have never managed to do before despite their huge outlay on players in recent seasons, but their attacking

quality shone through here on a poor pitch in cold conditions and in an unsavoury atmosphere.

The pitch at their temporary

Khimki Arena home was passed fit for

the visit of City, but it was far from

ideal, while British television claimed that the visitors' Ivorian midfielder Yaya Toure was subjected to monkey chants from spectators within the stadium. Pellegrini brought Jesus Navas in for Samir Nasri, while Pablo Zabaleta and Aleksandar Kolarov came back into the defence. However, that

defence was again missing Vincent Kompany and their soft centre was exposed when a long ball downfield was headed on by Keisuke Honda to Tosic, and the Serbian winger lobbed the outrushing Joe Hart to open the scoring.

a glorious chance from a thirdminute David Silva corner, but they responded to falling behind brilliantly, drawing level barely two minutes later. Sergei Ignashevich failed to clear a

low Silva cross from the left, and Aguero took full advantage, allowing himself a touch before prodding past the exposed Igor Akinfeev. The game became more and more

open after that, and the visitors struck again to take the lead three minutes before the break, Aguero getting in front of Kirill Nababkin this time to head home a delightful cross from fellow forward Alvaro Negredo.

Akinfeev saved well from a Silva free-kick right on the half-time whistle, while Negredo had an effort disallowed for handball just after the restart.

After that, CSKA pressed forward in search of an equaliser and were unlucky on more than one occasion City had created the best chances late on, notably when a stunning strike before that with Toure squandering on the half-volley from substitute | provide each of the partici-Ahmed Musa was harshly ruled out by the Romanian referee for a high boot by Pontus Wernbloom on Toure in the build-up.

Plan U-15 girls' football from Saturday

SPORTS REPORTER

Plan U-15 Girls' Football Championship will get underway from Saturday across the country with a record 50 districts taking part. The participating teams,

split across seven venues, will be playing in knockout basis. The championship will also have seminars on the sidelines in topics such as gender discrimination, women empowerment, leadership and awareness building.

Mahfuza Akter Kiron, vice chairman of the women's committee, informed that they would pating teams Tk 10,000 as participation money as well as Tk 5,000 for winners of each match.

Loss puts Arsene on edge

AFP, London



Arsene Wenger admits Arsenal's 2-1 defeat against Borussia Dortmund

has left his side's bid to qualify for the Champions League knockout stages on a knife-edge.

Wenger's team lost their 100 percent record in Group F as Robert Lewandowski's late winner stunned the Gunners and ended their 12match unbeaten run in all competitions.

Wenger conceded Arsenal had been below their best both physically and mentally. The Arsenal boss suggested a combination of

fatigue and naivety had undone his team and he knows they face a tough road to the last 16.

Next up for Arsenal is a daunting trip to Dortmund on November 6 before a home clash with Marseille and then the final group fixture in Napoli in December.

"The group is tight and difficult for us but it (qualification) is still possible," Wenger said.

"We have three teams with six points and we have played twice at home so we need a result away, but we can do that.

"Physically Dortmund were a stronger team than any we have played so far this season.

"But disappointment like that is

part of a team's development and growth. It is down to us to recover physically."

Wenger felt the turning point of a tightly contested tie came when Swedish referee Jonas Eriksson opted to book Lewandowski rather than show the Pole a red card when he caught Laurent Koscielny with an elbow before his decisive 82nd minute goal.

"It looked like that, but the referee was in a much better position than I was and he didn't decide to do it. I will have to look again."

With Arsenal's German playmaker Mesut Ozil tightly marked by Dortmund's tenacious midfielders, Wenger needed a

vibrant performance from Jack Wilshere.

But the England international was a subdued figure as Wenger once again deployed him out of position in a wide attacking role before substituting him once he suffered an ankle injury.

"You could see he was not completely himself, that's why I took him off," Wenger said.

"He looked handicapped after the first tackle.

"He landed awkwardly and after that he limped a little bit. We will see how he responds in the next two or three days and wait for the medical assessment."

Diego defensive



Football legend Diego Maradona defended himself on Tuesday after making an obscene gesture on television against Italy's tax agency which says he owes the state 39 million euros (\$53 million).

"There was a misunderstanding, I did not mean to offend. I only want justice," Maradona said after his vulgar hand move on Sunday caused outrage -- even from Italian Prime Minister Enrico Letta.

"It is a really popular gesture but without ill will," said the Argentine icon, who used to play for Napoli, adding: "I have never run away and I am not looking for a deal... I only want justice."

Letta said earlier: "I did not like it at all. People who pay taxes should be respected and they are honest Italians but a lot of people, like Maradona, do the sod-off gesture."

Italian tax agents on Friday served Maradona with papers over the 39-million-euro debt that the feisty Argentinian disputes.

