

# What to WATCH

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## Sneijder KO Juventus

AFP, Istanbul



An 85th minute strike from Wesley Sneijder secured what will go down as a controversial 1-0 win for Galatasaray over Juventus and a place in the last 16 of the Champions League on Wednesday.

Galatasaray's second win in six games left them second in Group B on seven points, allowing the Turkish giants to join Real Madrid in the last 16 of the competition.

Juventus finished third on six points, two more than FC Copenhagen, and drop into the Europa League.

The match resumed in the 32nd minute at the Ali Sami Yen stadium after officials called a halt to proceedings while the match stood scoreless on Tuesday due to heavy snow-fall.

Officials had managed to clear the pitch of snow for the remaining 59 minutes of the game, however snow continued to fall and several areas of the pitch were virtually unplayable.

Juventus coach Antonio Conte was clearly unhappy, especially as a large chunk of damaged pitch lay in Juventus's attacking end for the second half.

He complained vociferously of the playing conditions to the match referee at half-time, but to no avail.

It made for a farcical game of football, with many passes incomplete, overplayed and stuck in the mud as players tried to compensate for the poor conditions underfoot.

Juventus eventually grew into their stride and were by far the dominant team towards the end of the second period, however the chances they did create were only ever half-chances.

Four minutes after the restart Frenchman Paul Pogba, playing in central midfield for injured Andrea Pirlo, managed to get a shot away from outside the area as Galatasaray failed to clear but his effort was collected by Fernando Muslera.

Sneijder was next to show a glimpse of creation on 54 minutes, the Dutchman pouncing on a loose ball from Drogba to send a drive narrowly wide of Buffon's upright.

Buffon then pulled off a superb diving stop down low to block Drogba's goalbound shot from the edge of the area.

Juventus moved up a gear in the final 20 minutes, with Carlos Tevez finally finding his feet.

On 74 minutes the Argentinian striker squeezed between two defenders on the right and from the resulting corner defender Giorgio Chiellini saw an effort go wide.



A sliding celebration in the snow as Galatasaray advanced to the knockout stages of the Champions League beating Juventus 1-0 at the Turk Telekom Arena in Istanbul yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

## Man City stun Bayern

AFP, Paris



Holders Bayern Munich saw their record run of 10 successive Champions League wins ended in dramatic fashion as Manchester City came from 2-0 down to beat them 3-2 in their final group match on Tuesday.

Both sides had already qualified for the last 16 from Group D and they were joined in the knockout phase by two more sides.

Bayern's Bundesliga rivals Bayer Leverkusen beat Real Sociedad 1-0 to progress from Group A, and Greek outfit Olympiakos advanced from Group C with a 3-1 win against an Anderlecht side reduced by the end to eight men, although the

Greeks had made life harder for themselves by missing two penalties.

Madrid beat Copenhagen 2-0 in Denmark, Portuguese star Cristiano Ronaldo scoring to set a new record of nine goals in one group-stage campaign. He later missed a penalty, but the defeat ensured that Copenhagen would finish bottom of the section.

While City produced the performance of the night, their rivals Manchester United ended a two-match home losing streak with a 1-0 win over Ukrainian side Shakhtar Donetsk to guarantee top spot in Group A.

Extraordinary as it may seem, City manager Manuel Pellegrini intimated he was blissfully unaware that a fourth goal for his side would have seen them top the group ahead of Bayern.

### RESULTS

**Manchester United (ENG) 1** (Jones 67) **Shakhtar Donetsk (UKR) 0**  
**Real Sociedad (ESP) 0** **Bayer Leverkusen (GER) 1** (Toprak 49)

**FC Copenhagen (DEN) 0** **Real Madrid (ESP) 2** (Modric 25, Cristiano Ronaldo 48)

**Benfica (POR) 2** (Lima 45-pen, Gaitan 58) **Paris Saint-Germain (FRA) 1** (Cavani 37)

**Olympiakos (GRE) 3** (Saviola 33, 58, Dominguez 90+5-pen) **Anderlecht (BEL) 1** (Kijestjan 39)

**Bayern Munich (GER) 2** (Mueller 5, Goetze 12) **Manchester City (ENG) 3** (David Silva 28, Kolarov 59-pen, Milner 62)

**Viktoria Pilsen (CZE) 2** (Kolar 76, Wagner 90) **CSKA Moscow (RUS) 1**



Real Madrid superstar Cristiano Ronaldo (L) celebrates his record breaking goal against FC Copenhagen during their Champions League encounter in Copenhagen on Tuesday.

PHOTO: AFP

## C'Ron sets record

AFP, Copenhagen



Cristiano Ronaldo became the first player to score nine goals in the group stages of the Champions League as Real Madrid won 2-0 away at FC Copenhagen on Tuesday.

Luka Modric had given a surprisingly strong Madrid side the lead with a wonder strike on 25 minutes.

Ronaldo then doubled the advantage just after the break with a clinical finish from close range, but it wasn't a perfect night for the Portuguese as he had a late penalty saved by Copenhagen keeper Johan Wiland.

Real's two goals also meant they equalled a competition record of 20 goals in the group stages as they finished with 16 points from a possible 18.

### TOP SCORERS

**9 - Ronaldo, Real Madrid (2013-14)**  
**8 - Ibrahimovic, PSG (2013-14)**  
**Van Nistelrooy, Man Utd (2004-05)**  
**Inzaghi, AC Milan (2002-03)**  
**Crespo, Inter Milan (2002-03)**  
**7 - Eto'o, Inter Milan (2010-11)**

Ronaldo was making his return to the side after three games out through injury and suspension respectively, whilst Gareth Bale also started after missing Saturday's 0-0 draw away to minnows Olympic Xativa in the Copa del Rey due to flu.

On a freezing night and on a pitch in awful condition in the Danish capital it was perhaps unsurprising that the hosts made the more forceful start.

However, they failed to seriously trouble Iker Casillas and Madrid began to threaten midway through the half.

Karim Benzema was first to have an effort on goal as his low drive was well-handled by Wiland in the Copenhagen goal.

Just three minutes later though, the keeper was left helpless as Modric curled in his first goal of the season with a stunning strike from 25 yards.

## Niaz pulls out

SPORTS REPORTER

Grandmaster Niaz Murshed pulled out of the SREI International Grandmaster Chess Tournament due to illness, having earned three points from six games, said a press release from Bangladesh Chess Federation yesterday.

Among the other Bangladeshi participants, FM Debaraj Chatterjee earned 3.5 points, Saidul Islam Masum and Zoar Haque Prodhan earned 2 points each.

## Ribery's fingers crossed

AFP, Munich

Bayern Munich's France midfielder Franck Ribery has said he is "keeping his fingers crossed" having been named amongst the three finalists for the Ballon d'Or.

"It's good for me to be named in the three, but we'll have to see, I'll keep my fingers crossed," he said after Bayern's 3-2 defeat to Manchester City with Argentina's Lionel Messi and Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo also named.

"I'm happy, happy for me, for the club, for my whole family.

"But I am a little bit sad for (Zlatan Ibrahimovic) because he's still a great player and he has done great things with Paris Saint-Germain."

Ribery, Ronaldo and Messi must wait until January 13 when the winner of the 2013 Ballon d'Or will be named in Zurich.

The Frenchman is hoping to win it for the first time, while Messi has won the Ballon d'Or four times and Ronaldo was the 2008 winner.

Ribery admitted he was surprised by the Champions League defeat to City, who came back from two-goals down to inflict Bayern's first defeat at home in 19 games since losing to Arsenal in March.

"I don't know what happened, we played well in the first 20 minutes, we pressed well and we were aggressive, but maybe after that we thought it was too easy," said Ribery as Bayern progressed to the last 16 as group winners.

Ribery, who was on Tuesday voted France's player of the year.

In August, he was voted European player of the year, ahead of Messi.

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