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Valencia up to second

REUTERS, Madrid

Valencia continued their solid start to La Liga and climbed to second when recent Spain recruit Paco Alcacer set them on their way to a 3-0 win at Getafe on Monday.

Forward Alcacer, who scored on his competitive Spain debut in this month's 5-1 Euro 2016 qualification victory against Macedonia, fired Valencia ahead in the seventh minute at Getafe's Coliseum stadium in the Madrid suburbs.

Midfielder Andre Gomes made it 2-0 in the 20th minute.

Striker Rodrigo had an eventful second half when he netted a 72nd-minute penalty before earning a second yellow card and getting sent off a minute later.

The victory lifted Valencia into second place after four matches, level on 10 points with Sevilla and two behind early leaders Barcelona.

Russel need a win today

SPORTS REPORTER

Sheikh Russel KC take on favourites Rimyongsu Club of North Korea in the final match of Group B in AFC president's Cup today, knowing that only an outright win will take them to the Friday's final. That match will begin at Bangladesh time 1:30pm at the Sugathadasa Stadium in Colombo.

Both teams are on three points after beating Erchim FC in their respective opening matches, but Sheikh Russel lie second in the group with an inferior goal difference and will need an outright victory. Sheikh Russel got their campaign off with a 1-0 win over Erchim FC on September 20 while Rimyongsu thrashed Erchim by 5-0 goals two days later.

Zakaria Babu, the newly appointed coach of Sheikh Russel KC, watched along with his charges how Rimyongsu toyed with the Mongolian outfit. He knows that his side are just a win away from being in the final of the third-tier club competition of Asia, but a win against a strong Rimyongsu side will require the best effort from his charges.

"If our players play like they did against Erchim FC (on September 20), we won't be able to beat Rimyongsu Club because they are a much harder opponents," said Babu

Sheikh Russel KC players enjoy a light moment at the team hotel in Colombo yesterday, ahead of their today's AFC President's Cup match against Rimyongsu Club.

PHOTO: COURTESY

'Lamps could get Chelsea send-off'

AFP, London

Frank Lampard's loan spell at Manchester City could come to an end with a game at his former club Chelsea on January 31, City manager Manuel Pellegrini revealed on Tuesday.

Lampard scored a late equaliser for City in their 1-1 draw at home to Chelsea in the Premier League on Sunday. It was his first appearance against Chelsea since he ended his 13-year association with the club in June.

The 36-year-old former England midfielder is due to link up with parent club New York City FC in January, but Pellegrini says he could feature in City's return fixture against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge.

"Frank will stay until January because until January he doesn't have anything to do in the United States because they are not working," Pellegrini told a press conference.

"In January, we will see what happens here and make a decision. It is not a problem in this moment."

Pellegrini also played down reports in the British media linking City with a move for Everton playmaker Ross Barkley.

"I don't talk about rumours. We are not trying to bring anyone to our squad at this moment," he said.

"We have an important restriction on money and the amount of players we can have in our squad (due to Financial Fair Play sanctions). I don't know where the news comes from, but for here in Manchester City it is not a problem at this moment. We have the squad. I am not looking at any other players."

City begin their defence of the League Cup away to second-tier Sheffield Wednesday on Wednesday, with right-back Pablo Zabaleta unavailable due to suspension.

Tajik booter fails drug test

AFP, Incheon

A Tajikistan footballer has become the first drug failure at the Asian Games and will be kicked out of the event, a source told AFP Tuesday.

The player was not identified but details were due to be announced later. "It's a confirmed case," the source said.

Tajikistan's men's team are to play Iraq in the football second round on Thursday after two wins and a loss in qualifying Group C.

The Asian Games has previously been hit by doping cases, notably in weightlifting and swimming, but the footballer is the first at the current edition in Incheon, South Korea.

There was controversy last week after two sexual harassment cases within two days, resulting in the expulsion of an Iranian football team official.

'Balotelli a good guy'

AFP, London

Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers said Monday that controversial striker Mario Balotelli had caused him no problems during his time at Anfield.

The Reds signed the Italy forward from AC Milan last month and the former Manchester City player, whose first spell in England was marked by a bizarre series of off-field incidents, scored his first goal for his new club in last week's 2-1 Champions League victory over Ludogorets.

Then on Sunday, not for the first time in his career, Balotelli was the victim of racial abuse after reacting to Manchester United's shock defeat by Leicester with a tweet saying: "Man Utd...LOL".

Police have since confirmed they are investigating the matter and, as a result, Rodgers steered clear of the topic when speaking to reporters ahead of Tuesday's League Cup tie at home to Middlesbrough.

But, speaking about Balotelli, Rodgers said: "Every player is different and individual, and I have really enjoyed working with him so far.

"He is a good guy, he wants to do well for the club and he has shown me that he cares enough about the club (for me) to devote that time to him.

"For me, he is not complicated -- he is a football player who wants to do well in his life and his career, and if he continues to give everything and work tirelessly for the cause, then there will always be an opportunity here for him."

Liverpool, last season's runners-up, have made an indifferent start to the season having seen 2013/14 top-scorer Luis Suarez leave for Barcelona.

Sunday's 3-1 defeat by West Ham was Liverpool's third loss in five Premier League games so far this season.

However, Rodgers said: "There is a natural transition in the group, and where there is that transition, there are little bumps along the way.

"Mario is one of a number of players we brought in and for them all, no matter how good their quality, it is going to take a wee bit of time to gel with the players that were already here."

This term five-times European champions Liverpool are back in the Champions League but Rodgers insisted the Merseysiders could cope with the extra fixtures.

"We can be much better. We're still looking to find our performance level. But it's something I have no doubt (about).

"It's a combination of continual hard work on the training field -- working even harder -- and looking to really ensure we retain that confidence.

"We haven't defended well enough as a team. We've conceded eight goals, the majority of which could have been avoided."

Death by Lampard

INTERNET

A 24-year-old Chelsea fan died of a heart attack after watching former club legend Frank Lampard score an equaliser for Manchester City against his team at the weekend.

Fahad Musana was reportedly watching the match in a video hall in Uganda, and collapsed when Lampard scored late to make it 1-1 in the crucial Premier League clash.

His friends rushed him to hospital but he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Musana was a professional footballer himself for Simba FC in the Ugandan Premier League, adding to the shock of his loss.

The Uganda Football Association (FUFA) confirmed the news in a statement: "Fufa is in shock after receiving news about the sudden death of Simba FC player Musana Fahad in Bombo this evening."

"The body is currently at the Bombo Barracks Hospital. Burial arrangements will be communicated later"

His friend Gerald Bagoole said just how much Chelsea meant to Musanan: "He has been a passionate fan of Chelsea and would do anything for the club.

"We trained with him on Sunday morning, had lunch together."

"He even trained with us at the Bombo military Baracks stadium in the morning of the fateful incident and completed the session well," his coach at Simba FC, Fred Kajoba, added,

The Kawowo agency speculated on the cause of death: "Being a staunch Chelsea die-hard, it is believed shock might have led to his heart failure and complications," but added that Musana had sustained a head knock during his previous match a few days beforehand.

Simba FC were due to play a match on Tuesday but that match has now been postponed due Musana's shock death.

Portugal appoint Santos

AFP, Lisbon

Fernando Santos was on Tuesday named as the new coach of Portugal, succeeding Portuguese compatriot Paulo Bento.

Santos, who will be 60 next month, is a former coach of Greece, whom he took to the quarterfinals of the 2012 European Championship and the round of 16 in the World Cup in Brazil.

Santos quit Greece after the World Cup, his post taken up by Claudio Ranieri.

His final game in charge was tinged with sadness as he was sent from the touchline by Australian referee Ben Williams prior to the penalty shoot-out that saw his Greece side beaten 5-3 by Costa Rica, who went on to a quarter-final meeting with the Netherlands.

His first aim will be to help Portugal qualify for the 2016 European Championship in France, the side having suffered a shock 1-0 opening qualifying loss at home to Albania -- a result which saw Bento quit by mutual consent.

Next up for Portugal are away matches against France on October 11 in a friendly, and Denmark three days later.

No room for Tevez

AFP, Buenos Aires

Argentina captain Lionel Messi was called up Monday by new coach Gerardo Martino for friendlies against Brazil and Hong Kong but Juventus striker Carlos Tevez was snubbed again.

Messi, 27, returns for the Albiceleste after a groin injury saw him miss out on his former Barcelona coach Martino's debut in a 4-2 friendly win against world champions Germany.

Tevez was absent from the 19-man squad named Monday despite earlier press reports that he was set to return after three years in the international wilderness.

The 30-year-old striker was shunned by former coach Alejandro Sabella but his successor was reported to be keen to see the 30-year-old forward return.

Tevez scored 13 goals in 64 matches for Argentina between 2004 and 2011 before being frozen out.

He won Premier League titles with United in 2008 and 2009 as well as the Champions League in 2008 before adding a third English title with City in 2012.

His current club Juventus won the Serie A crown last season while in 2003 he lifted the Copa Libertadores with Boca Juniors.

The Buenos Aires native is also a three-time South American player of the year (2003, 2004, 2005).

Martino took over from Sabella who stepped down after leading the two-time global champions to the 2014 World Cup final where they were beaten 1-0 by Germany after extra-time.

Argentina play Brazil in Beijing on October 10 and at Hong Kong four days later.

FIFA plans concussion breaks

AFP, Paris

World football's governing body FIFA on Tuesday announced plans to allow referees to halt matches for three minutes so that players suspected of sustaining a concussion can be assessed.

The issue of concussion in football has made recent headlines following high-profile cases at the World Cup in Brazil, notably an incident that involved Germany's Christoph Kramer during the final.

After discussion with team doctors and confederations, FIFA's medical committee is to submit a proposal to the body's executive committee in order to improve the protocol.

"Under the proposal, whenever a suspected incident of concussion occurs, the referee will have the ability to stop the game for three minutes, allowing the relevant team doctor to complete an on-pitch assessment and decide if the player has suspected concussion," it said.

"The referee will only allow the injured party to continue playing with the authorisation of the team doctor, who will have the final decision."

Invitation for "Expression of Interest (EOI) - Information Systems Audit"

ASA, a licensed leading NGO-MFI in Bangladesh, intends to have an Information Systems (IS) Audit that will determine the security and policy decisions required to ensure the protection, optimization and further development of its internal automated information systems and resources. ASA invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from consulting firms in Bangladesh having a minimum of five years experience and a proven track record in IS Audits of a similar nature, who wish to carry out the IS Audit in NGO-MFI. The interested firms are also requested to enclose two reports in same nature along with the proposal.

The IS Audit will entail conducting a risk assessment and evaluation of ASA's Information Systems (IS) (existing software and hardware) and its related activities. In the light of the risk assessment exercise, the selected consulting firm should recommend in details for developing and implementing a set of best practices applicable in governing the Management of Information Systems at the Microfinance Institution (MFI)/similar & related FIs.

The duration of the IS Audit exercise is expected to be around 30 calendar days. The consulting firm should conduct this audit at Head Office as well as 8 Field Offices. These field offices include two rural branches, two urban branches, one solar based branch, one Regional Manager (RM) Office based branch, one District Manager (DM) Office based branch and one Zonal Manager (ZM) Office based branch.

The consulting firm should deliver at the end of the Audit exercise, a complete Audit Report comprising an executive summary, findings and recommendations which should include, but not limited to, system and process vulnerabilities, security program management of information technology resources and application life cycle controls. Audit Report should also include recommendations on approaches of optimization existing IS and further development opportunities of IS and its related activities.

Detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) and prescribed format for "Expression of Interest-Information Systems Audit" can be downloaded from ASA's Website ([www.asa.org.bd](http://www.asa.org.bd)). Selected consulting firms shall be convened at ASA Head Office for a detailed presentation of the IS Audit exercise (if required).

ASA reserves the right to accept or reject any expression of interest and to annul the exercise and reject all expressions of interest without thereby incurring any liability to any participant or any obligation to inform those who have expressed interest of the grounds of its action.

Duly signed Expression of Interest in prescribed format shall be submitted in a sealed envelope to the **President, ASA, ASA Tower, 23/3, Bir Uttam A.N.M. Nuruzzaman Sarak, Shyamoli, Dhaka-1207** Bangladesh so as to reach him by **17.00 hours on October 26, 2014** at the latest. A softcopy of submitted EOI shall also be forwarded by e-mail to [asa@asabd.org](mailto:asa@asabd.org) within above-mentioned deadline. The words "Expression of Interest-Information Systems Audit" should be clearly marked on the top left corner of the envelope.

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**Midfielders:** Javier Mascherano (Barcelona/ESP), Lucas Biglia (Lazio/ITA), Javier Pastore (PSG/FRA), Roberto Pereyra (Juventus/ITA), Angel Di Maria (Manchester United/ENG), Erik Lamela (Tottenham/ENG), Enzo Perez (Benfica/POR), Nicolas Gaitan (Benfica/POR)

**Strikers:** Lionel Messi (Barcelona/ESP), Sergio Aguiero (Manchester City/ENG), Gonzalo