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Trio looks to clinch berths

AFP, Paris

Reigning champions Real Madrid, Arsenal and Borussia Dortmund can all qualify for the last 16 of the Champions League on Tuesday.

MALMO V ATLETICO MADRID
Atletico can close in on a place in the last 16 with a third consecutive win in Group A when they go to Sweden to face the section's bottom club. The reigning Spanish champions have won their last four games, including a 5-0 thumping of Malmo two weeks ago and a 4-2 defeat of Cordoba on Saturday which featured a brace from Antoine Griezmann and lifted them within a point of top spot in La Liga.

JUVENTUS V OLYMPIAKOS
This encounter in Turin has the makings of a decisive encounter. Juve are three points clear at the top of Serie A but have struggled to transform their domestic form onto the European stage and were beaten 1-0 at Olympiakos in their last outing. Having collected just three points from three games in Group A, Massimiliano Allegri's side will be staring elimination in the face if they suffer another defeat at home to the Greek title-holders, and their situation would not be helped if Atletico were to win in Malmo.

BASEL V LUDOGORETS RAZGRAD
Second place behind Real Madrid appears to be up for grabs in Group B after Ludogorets beat Basel 1-0 last

time out. Now the sides meet again in Switzerland, where Paulo Sousa's side have a good record in Europe, including beating Liverpool last month.

REAL MADRID V LIVERPOOL
Reigning European champions Madrid will qualify for the last 16 with a victory at home to Liverpool, who they outclassed 3-0 at Anfield two weeks ago. Few would bet against Carlo Ancelotti's side recording another comfortable win at the Santiago Bernabeu given the respective form of the two sides just now. Real turned on the style to win 4-0 at Granada on Saturday, their 11th consecutive win taking them top of La Liga. Gareth Bale, who has sat out his side's last five games with a pelvic muscle injury, has returned to training too, meaning Madrid look in rude health just now as they look to extend their 18-game unbeaten run at home in the Champions League.

In contrast, Liverpool need a boost after a 1-0 defeat at Newcastle United in the Premier League on Saturday.

ZENIT ST PETERSBURG V BAYER LEVERKUSEN
While Zenit are flying at home, the meeting with Bayer Leverkusen at the Petrovski Stadium could be decisive for them. Andre Villas-Boas's side are unbeaten in the Russian Premier League this season. However, having lost 2-0 when the teams clashed in Germany a fortnight ago, another defeat Tuesday would leave them five points behind the Bundesliga side in Group C.

BENFICA V AS MONACO
Neutrals will be hoping for a more entertaining game than the goalless draw these sides played out two weeks ago as they clash again in Lisbon. Benfica, meanwhile, need a win at all costs as they currently sit at the foot of Group C with just one point. An obstinate Monaco are second and have yet to concede a goal in the competition.

ARSENAL V ANDERLECHT
It has not been an entirely convincing start to the season for Arsenal, even if they have lost just one of their last seven games. A dramatic late turnaround saw the Gunners win 2-1 in Belgium two weeks and now they face Anderlecht in the reverse fixture at the Emirates Stadium knowing that another victory will see them secure their place in the last 16, provided Galatasaray do not beat Borussia Dortmund.

BORUSSIA DORTMUND V GALATASARAY
Dortmund will once again hope to find solace in the Champions League as they endure a dreadful start to the season in the Bundesliga. A 2-1 loss at Bayern Munich on Saturday was their seventh in 10 games and left them in the relegation zone. In contrast, they have won all three Group D games to date and will qualify for the last 16 with another win. Cesare Prandelli's Galatasaray have so far struggled in Europe this season but the Turkish giants can point to an impressive recent record away to German opponents, with four wins from their last six games.

Palermo stun Milan

AFP, Milan

AC Milan's six-match unbeaten run in Serie A came to an end in spectacular fashion as promoted Palermo ran out deserved 2-0 winners at a stunned San

Siro on Sunday. Following two consecutive draws, Filippo Inzaghi's men had been looking for the win that would have hoisted them up to joint third place alongside Sampdoria.

But they were stunned by two goals in the space of three first-half minutes and, despite battling for the equaliser, were left with a second defeat of the season which kept them in seventh place.

Milan are nine points behind leaders Juventus but only three points off the last Champions League qualifying spot now occupied by Sinisa Mihajlovic's high-flying Samp.

"Hats off to Palermo," Inzaghi told Sky Sport.

"I take full responsibility for the defeat. We're still growing and so there can always be bumps along the way but maybe we deceived ourselves."

Milan welcomed 'keeper Diego Lopez back to the starting line-up following several weeks on the sidelines and midfielder Riccardo Saponara returned after a six-month injury absence.

But Lopez found himself beaten when defender Cristian Zapata, who replaced Alex

RESULTS

Chievo 0 Sassuolo 0
Sampdoria 3 (Palombo 27-pen, Rizzo 43, Eder 77) Fiorentina 1 (Savic 45)
Torino 0 Atalanta 0
Udinese 2 (Di Natale 1, Widmer 41) **Genoa 4** (Marchese 21, Iago 24, Matri 54, Kucka 87)

due to an injury after just three minutes, turned the ball into his own net from a corner on 23 minutes.

An already enterprising Palermo grew in confidence and moments later Lopez did well to stop a shot from striker Paolo Dybala with a trailing leg.

However the 'keeper was left clutching at thin air when the diminutive Argentinian muscled his way past Zapata on the left and fired a fine left-footed strike inside the far post on 26 minutes.

Milan saw several chances go amiss, notably when Andrea Poli's attempted chip trailed wide of the target after Stefano Sorrentino came rushing out of goal, while Fernando Torres saw a glancing header skim the post.

The Spaniard also saw a diving header go wide but the hosts quickly ran out of ideas as Palermo hung on to record a famous win that had coach Giuseppe Iachini purring.

"Tonight we played a great game against a great side. We played with personality and aggression and deserved the win," said Iachini.

Fellini not a 'spitting figure'

REUTERS, Manchester

Louis Van Gaal defended Marouane Fellaini against suggestions that Manchester United's Belgian midfielder may have spat at Manchester City's Sergio Aguero during the derby at the Etihad Stadium on Sunday.

Social media was left abuzz, speculating over whether footage of a first half incident in which Fellaini stood over the fallen Aguero, accusing him angrily of having dived in the area, also featured him spitting at the Argentine striker, City's match-winner in the 1-0 win.

Yet United manager Van Gaal insisted that Fellaini was not a "spitting figure" and that viewers of the incident may have actually seen merely a tirade of anger from his player.

Fellaini had certainly been enraged by Aguero's tumble in the box under his challenge.

RONALDO eyeing Raul's record

AP, Barcelona

Cristiano Ronaldo needs one goal to match the Champions League's all-time leading scorer when Real Madrid hosts Liverpool on Tuesday.

At the rate the forward is sweeping in goals, Ronaldo has a good chance to match and even break Raul Gonzalez's mark of 71 goals in front of the same Santiago Bernabeu crowd that used to chant Raul's name.

Madrid would qualify for the knockout rounds with a second straight win over Liverpool in Group B.

Ronaldo is doing his best to erase memories of Portugal's poor showing at this year's World Cup and boost his chances of winning a second consecutive Ballon d'Or.

Ronaldo has scored in 12 straight appearances in all competitions for Madrid. His goal on Saturday, which sparked a 4-0 rout at Granada on Saturday, made him the first Madrid player to score in eight consecutive Spanish league appearances.

He leads the Spanish league with 17 goals and has 22 overall for his club, including the one he scored last month to set Madrid on its way to a commanding 3-0 win at Liverpool.

Ronaldo will also have the extra motivation of not giving Lionel Messi the chance to reach Raul's record first. Messi has 69 goals heading into Barcelona's match at Ajax on Wednesday.

Liverpool was outclassed in the first meeting and will face an even tougher task with Madrid playing its best football since the arrival of coach Carlo Ancelotti last season.



Real Madrid superstar Cristiano Ronaldo stretches during a training session at the Valdebebas Centre yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

FORMULA ONE

Five in a row for Hamilton

AFP, Austin

Lewis Hamilton increased his lead in the world championship to 24 points on Sunday when he swept to his fifth consecutive victory and 10th of the season by winning an intriguing United States Grand Prix.

The 29-year-old Briton, who started second behind his pole sitting Mercedes team-mate and nearest rival Nico Rosberg, took the lead with a bold move after 24 laps on his way to a perfectly-measured triumph ahead of the German by nearly five seconds.

It was the 32nd win of Hamilton's career, a landmark statistic that lifted him one victory clear of Nigel Mansell as the British driver with most career successes in Formula One.

It was also his second victory in three races at the Circuit of the Americas.

Hamilton now has 316 points to Rosberg's 292 following the Englishman's dominant success earned by clever tyre preservation tactics with two races remaining, including the final race in Abu Dhabi where double points are scored.

INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE

Pune edge North East

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North East United's resilience was broken in the 87th minute as John Goossens scored the winner for FC Pune City to earn three points from the tie as they climb to the fourth spot in the Indian Super League (ISL) table.

Pune's Franco Colomba, however was given his marching orders by referee Santosh Kumar in the second half injury time for getting into a tussle with Milan Singh after he purposely delayed giving the ball to the North East midfielder.

The game began with the visitors asking all the questions as Pune remained mere passengers for the opening ten minutes. Daniele Magliocchetti was first called into action as Dong-Hyun was the protagonist in chief, with his pace making the veteran Italian defender scramble to clear his low cross for a corner.

Pune had their first serious crack at goal when Gurung fired home from 25 yards out.

Greg wanted me to take captaincy

CRICINFO, New Delhi

Sachin Tendulkar has alleged that Greg Chappell,

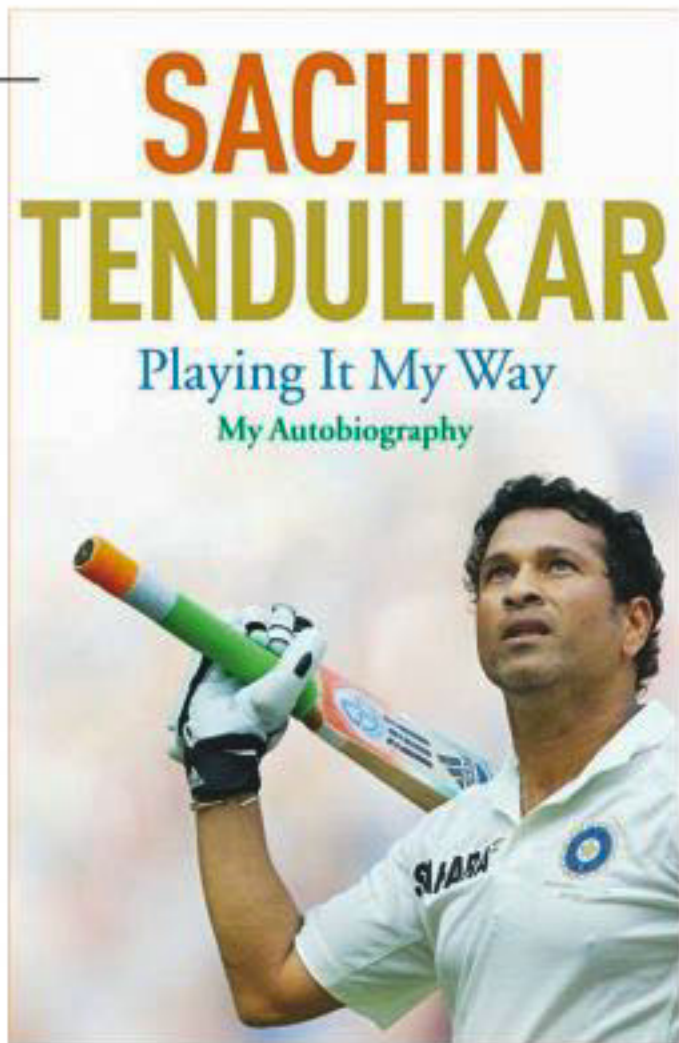
who was India's coach between 2005 and 2007, suggested that he take over the captaincy from Rahul Dravid months before the 2007 World Cup in the West Indies.

"Just months before the World Cup, Chappell had come to see me at home and, to my dismay, suggested that I should take over the captaincy from Rahul Dravid," Tendulkar writes in his autobiography "Playing It My Way", which will be released on November 6.

"Anjali [Tendulkar's wife], who was sitting with me, was equally shocked to hear him say that 'together, we could control Indian cricket for years', and that he would help me in taking over the reins of the side.

Tendulkar is scathing in his criticism of Chappell, describing him as a "ringmaster who imposed his ideas on the players without showing any signs of being concerned about whether they felt comfortable or not."

"I suggested to the BCCI that the best option would be to keep Greg back in India and not send him with the team to the World Cup. That is not what happened, of course, and the 2007 campaign ended in disaster."



SACHIN TENDULKAR
Playing It My Way
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