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Costa buries Liverpool

AFP, London

Diego Costa scored his 10th goal of the campaign as unbeaten Premier League leaders Chelsea continued their excellent start to the season by winning 2-1 at Liverpool on Saturday.

Bidding to avenge their costly 2-0 loss in last season's corresponding fixture in April, scene of captain Steven Gerrard's infamous slip, Liverpool took an early lead through Emre Can's deflected shot.

But Gary Cahill equalised almost immediately before Costa slammed home 23 minutes from time to silence Anfield and safeguard Chelsea's four-point advantage at the summit.

Runners-up to Manchester City last season, Liverpool have now lost three successive games in all competitions and trail Chelsea by a huge 15 points.

RESULTS

Burnley 1 (Barnes 50) **Hull 0**
Liverpool 1 (Can 9) **Chelsea 2** (Cahill 14, Costa 67)
Manchester United 1 (Mata 67) **Crystal Palace 0**
Southampton 2 (Long 75, 80) **Leicester 0**
West Ham 0 **Aston Villa 0**

Can had a shot deflected over by John Terry in the first minute, but Chelsea did not heed the warning and when he took aim from similar range moments later, the ball cannoned off Cahill and into the net.

But five minutes later Chelsea levelled from a corner, with goal-line technology required to show that Liverpool goalkeeper Simon Mignolet had narrowly failed to prevent Cahill's effort from crossing the line.

Chelsea goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois got down sharply to thwart Philippe Coutinho and Raheem Sterling, before Costa rattled in a 67th-minute winner after Cesar

Azpilicueta's cross was pushed out by Mignolet.

Chelsea were on course to move six points clear until substitute Shane Long scored a quick-fire late brace to earn second-place Southampton a 2-0 win over Leicester City at a soggy St Mary's.

Long curled home from Graziano Pelle's lay-off in the 75th minute before running clear and beating Kasper Schmeichel five minutes later to keep Ronald Koeman's side on Chelsea's tail.

Manchester United had substitute Juan Mata to thank after they secured a 1-0 win at home to Crystal Palace that lifted Louis van Gaal's side up to sixth place, 13 points below Chelsea.

United toiled in the first half and saw former player Fraizer Campbell spurn a chance to put Palace ahead when he lobbed over following a mix-up between auxiliary centre-back Danny Blind and 19-year-old Paddy McNair.

Adriano in the clear

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

A Rio de Janeiro judge has dismissed charges laid against former Brazilian international Adriano that accused him of involvement with drug-traffickers, a court spokesman told AFP Friday.

The former Inter Milan, Fiorentina, Parma and Roma striker, 32, who is trying to revive his career in France, was charged Tuesday with buying two motorbikes between 2008 and 2009 that were later used by drug dealers in Rio's Vila Cruzeiro favela, where he grew up.

Judge Maria Tereza Donatti threw out the charge, partly because of evidence irregularities.

Suarez inspires Barca

AFP, Madrid



Two assists from Luis Suarez inspired Barcelona to come from behind and snap a two-game losing streak in La Liga with a 2-1 win at Almeria on Saturday.

Suarez had started the game on the bench alongside Neymar as Barca boss Luis Enrique made five changes from the side that defeated Ajax 2-0 in midweek.

However, both men were called into action at half-time after Thiery Bifouma had fired Almeria into the lead eight minutes before the break.

Suarez squared for Neymar to level the scores 18 minutes from time and his cross then teed up Jordi Alba to seal the three points nine minutes later.

Victory takes Barca a point ahead of Real Madrid at the top of La Liga, but Los Blancos can reclaim top spot when they host Rayo

Vallecano later on Saturday.

Enrique's decision to make a host of changes handed Pedro Rodriguez and Munir El Haddadi a start alongside Lionel Messi in attack.

But they did little to justify their selection, although Munir did force Ruben Martinez into a low save after the Almeria keeper had blocked Messi's effort from close range.

Martinez had to be at his best to stop Barca taking the lead just before the half hour mark as he scrambled to keep out Ivan Rakitic's downward header and from the rebound Messi nodded onto the crossbar.

However, the visitors were caught out eight minutes before half-time as Messi lost possession deep inside the Almeria half and with one pass Barca were undone as Jonathan Soriano released Thiery and he raced past Bartra before calmly slotting past Bravo.

Enrique had seen enough in the first 45 minutes and swiftly introduced Suarez and Neymar for Munir and Pedro at the break.



Chelsea striker Diego Costa celebrates his winning goal against Liverpool during their Premier League encounter at Anfield yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

BUNDESLIGA

Mueller fires hat-trick

REUTERS, Berlin

Bayern Munich's Thomas Mueller scored a hat-trick as the undefeated champions crushed Eintracht Frankfurt 4-0 to open up a seven-point lead at the top.

Mueller's opening goal on the rebound in the 22nd minute was a bad omen for Frankfurt, with the attacking midfielder having scored in 50 previous Bundesliga games, with Bayern winning 47 and drawing three.

The Germany international doubled the visitors' lead when he tapped in a Franck Ribery pass in the 64th with Bayern, who booked their spot in the Champions League this week with a win over AS Roma, never hitting top form.

Mueller completed his hat-trick three minutes later when he raced clear to beat Felix Wiedwald for his sixth goal of the season.

Xherdan Shaqiri then deflected a Sebastian Rode shot into the goal as Bayern won their sixth of their last seven league games.

The Bavarians are top on 27 points with second place VfL Wolfsburg and Borussia Moenchengladbach in third, both on 20 and in action on Sunday.

Bayer Leverkusen failed to replicate their winning Champions League form from midweek and had to settle for a goalless draw against Mainz 04. They drop to sixth on 17 points.

Hoffenheim are also on 17, having lost 4-3 to Cologne after coming back from 3-1 down to level with a double from Roberto Firmino.

DIE MANNSCHAFT to hit cinemas



AFP, Berlin

Memories of Germany's World Cup triumph will be rekindled on Monday when 'Die Mannschaft' (The Team) hits cinemas and Joachim Loew's squad receive the country's highest sports award.

After the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall on Sunday, Germany's capital is preparing to relive the football-mad nation's Brazil 2014 triumph.

The 90-minute long movie gets its premiere when the behind-the-scenes story of Germany's fourth World Cup triumph is told.

Earlier on Monday, the 23-man squad, who clinched the title in Brazil, will receive the Silver Laurel Leaf -- the country's top award for sports success -- from president Joachim Gauck at his Schloss Bellevue residence.

Loew's squad will also receive their official World Cup winners badge from football's governing body FIFA which they will wear for their Euro 2016 qualifier against Gibraltar on November 14 and away friendly in Spain four days later.

The documentary, which goes on general release next Wednesday, promises to tell the story from Germany's pre-World Cup training camp in north Italy through to their extra-time victory over Argentina at Rio de Janeiro's iconic Maracana.

The project was filmed by the German Football Federation (DFB), who had planned to use the footage for motivation purposes, but was turned into a documentary after Germany's triumph.

"Brazil have Neymar, Argentina have Messi, Portugal have Ronaldo, Germany have a team," is the quote from England captain Steven Gerrard following Germany's 7-1 semifinal drubbing of hosts Brazil which opens 'Die Mannschaft'.

As well as footage of team talks, motivational sessions and player interviews, the film promises to capture some of the pranks and humour from within the squad.

A teaser clip shows winger Thomas Mueller wearing a traditional Bavarian Dirndl dress as a forfeit at a team breakfast.

"Abroad, everyone calls us 'The Mannschaft'," explained team manager Oliver Bierhoff.

"The film gets across all the emotions we experienced during the World Cup. I told the crew to shoot it as if we would become world champions.

"We hope to bring the World Cup closer to our fans again and show a different side of how the team experienced the World Cup. And, of course, we want to show a few goals."

Oliver Bierhoff, the team manager, has promised there will be a "few fireworks" at the premiere and the film will be on sale as a DVD just before Christmas.

The proceeds will go to the foundations of both the DFB and FIFA, who waived their right to the material in order for the film to be made.

The documentary of Germany's 2006 World Cup campaign as hosts made 4.1 million euros when the film "Germany, a summer fairytale" went on release and the majority of the money went to a children's charity.

ICC MEETING

Banned players set for return

AFP, Abu Dhabi

Pakistan seamer Mohammad Aamer, banned and jailed for spot-fixing in one of cricket's darkest episodes, is set to be handed a dramatic return to the sport.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) is expected to revise its anti-corruption code at a two-day board meeting starting in Dubai on Sunday, allowing all banned players to feature in domestic matches before their suspensions expire.

Sources told AFP that the ICC chief executives' committee has already approved the new provision and has recommended the full board to do the same.

Although the revised code will apply to all banned players, it could specifically benefit the 22-year-old Aamer, who was exiled from cricket after a spot-fixing scandal during Pakistan's tour of England in 2010.

Aamer and pace partner Mohammad Asif, along with then Pakistan captain Salman Butt, orchestrated deliberate no-balls in return for money during the Lord's Test against England four years ago.

In February 2011, ICC anti-corruption tribunal chief Michael Beloff QC, a senior English lawyer, banned the players but also raised questions over the code and said he would recommend a revision in cases where the minimum punishment was five years.

Left-arm paceman Aamer was banned for five years, Butt for 10, with five suspended, and Asif for seven, with two suspended. All three also served prison sentences.

First Test from today

Pakistan want same momentum against NZ

AFP, Abu Dhabi



Pakistan will be looking to maintain the winning momentum which gave them a long-awaited series victory over Australia when they face New Zealand in the first Test in Abu Dhabi on Sunday.

Pakistan achieved a rare 2-0 triumph with emphatic 221-run and 356-run victories for their first series win over Australia in 20 years.

The win was more significant as Pakistan were without their match-winning spinner Saeed Ajmal who is suspended due to his illegal bowling action while spearheads Junaid Khan and Wahab Riaz were both injured.

But an inexperienced bowling attack of left-arm spinner Zulfiqar Babar (14 wickets) and leg-spinner Yasir Shah (12) forced spinny Australia into submission in both Tests.

Pakistan will continue to attack a New Zealand team who also struggle against spin and have not won a Test series against Pakistan since a 2-0 triumph at home in 1985.

More impressive is Pakistan's home record, having not lost against the Black Caps since 1969.

Of the 50 Tests between the two, Pakistan have won 23 and New Zealand just seven with 20 drawn.

For Pakistan, Younis Khan mustered 468 runs in two Tests against Australia while

Misbah-ul Haq and Azhar Ali notched a century in each innings of the second Test.

Opener Ahmed Shehzad and Sarfraz Ahmed also hit hundreds in the first Test, a confidence boost which Misbah is confident will be maintained.

"We need to keep the same momentum that we had against Australia and I am confident that the team will do that against a New Zealand team which can surprise any time," Misbah said on Saturday.

Pakistan have retained the same 16-man squad for the first Test and will be unlikely to make any changes from the team that won the second Test against Australia, also in Abu Dhabi.

TEAMS

PAKISTAN (from): Misbah-ul Haq (captain), Ahmed Shehzad, Mohammad Hafeez, Taufeeq Umar, Shan Masood, Younis Khan, Asad Shafiq, Azhar Ali, Haris Sohail, Mohammad Talha, Rahat Ali, Imran Khan, Ehsan Adil, Sarfraz Ahmed, Zulfiqar Babar, Yasir Shah.

NEW ZEALAND (from): Brendon McCullum (captain), Hamish Rutherford, Tom Latham, Kane Williamson, Ross Taylor, Corey Anderson, BJ Watling, Luke Ronchi, Jimmy Neesham, Mark Craig, Tim Southee, Doug Bracewell, Neil Wagner, Trent Boult, Ish Sodhi.

Umpires: Rodney Tucker and Ranmore Martinez.



PHOTO: COURTESY

Speakers brief the media on the Marcel 4th T20 Corporate Cricket Tournament, which starts at the Dhaka Residential Model School ground on November 14, at the BOA Auditorium yesterday. The competition brings together the country's twenty-eight leading corporate houses, with the final taking place on December 20.