

## Ali's condition improving

AFP, Louisville

Boxing legend Muhammad Ali's condition is improving and he is expected to be released from hospital soon, his spokesman said on Monday.

Bob Gunnell said two days ago when Ali was admitted to hospital, that the 72-year-old's pneumonia condition was caught early and his stay would be a short one.

"Muhammad Ali has vastly improved since being admitted to the hospital over the weekend with a mild case of pneumonia. Ali's team of doctors hopes to discharge him soon," Gunnell said Monday.

## Afridi & Co show-caused

INTERNET, Karachi

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has issued show-cause notice to five of its international players, including Shahid Afridi, for featuring in a commercial without taking permission from the board.

Afridi, Muhammad Irfan, Fawad Alam, Anwar Ali and Wahab Riaz appeared in an advertisement for Haier, the main sponsors for the home series against Australia and New Zealand, which were played in the UAE.

"The board has issued show-cause notices to the five players who appeared in the ad without permission," a PCB official told The Express Tribune.

## Waller banned from bowling

REUTERS, Cape Town

Zimbabwe all-rounder Malcolm Waller has been suspended from bowling just seven weeks out from the World Cup, the International Cricket Council said on Tuesday.

The off-spinner was reported after the second test against Bangladesh in Khulna last month and analysis performed by the ICC's accredited team of Human Movement Specialists at the High Performance Centre in Pretoria.

"The analysis revealed that all of his off-spin deliveries exceeded the 15 degrees level of tolerance permitted under the regulations," the ICC said in a statement.



PHOTO: AFP

Chelsea star Cesc Fabregas is ecstatic after scoring the second goal against Stoke City during their Premier League encounter at the Britannia Stadium on Monday.

# Chelsea at the summit Wenger stays upbeat

AFP, Stoke-on-Trent



Chelsea ensured they will spend Christmas Day on top of the Premier League as goals from John Terry and Cesc Fabregas gave the leaders a gritty 2-0 victory at Stoke on Monday.

It was not the most fluent performance from Jose Mourinho's side but, at a venue where Arsenal recently lost 3-2, it was the result and not the performance which mattered most and the Blues now sit three points clear of second placed Manchester City heading into the hectic festive programme.

City's win over Crystal Palace on Saturday had drawn them level on points with Chelsea, but this was an emphatic response from the west Londoners as they bid to wrestle the title from the Eastlands outfit.

The only concern for Chelsea was a late injury to Belgium playmaker Eden Hazard, who was replaced after getting a kick to his foot following a challenge by Jon Walters.

"These victories mean more than three points, to win and get three points the players need the right spirit and mentality," Mourinho said.

"To win here they must be a really very good team with the capacity to adapt to Stoke's style of play.

"The three point lead we have is a little advantage, it is a little pillow we have to protect us.

"We go home happy and pleased with what we did."

Chelsea could not have got off to a better start as they took the lead inside the opening 90 seconds when Terry rose highest above Geoff Cameron to head a Fabregas corner past Asmir Begovic.

It was the former England captain's first league goal of the season and a 12th assist of the season for Spain midfielder Fabregas.

Mourinho's men coped better with the blustery conditions at the Britannia Stadium and came close to a second as Diego Costa dragged a shot wide of the post.

Stoke defender Phil Bardsley was only booked for a late challenge on Hazard on the touchline, a decision that prompted Mourinho to protest from outside the technical area.

And that incident seemed to spur on Stoke, who went close within seconds as Steven N'Zonzi's deflected shot was pushed behind by Thibaut Courtois.

But it should have been 2-0 on the half hour as a Fabregas pass breached the Stoke offside trap and Costa ran through before dragging his tame shot wide.

Stoke created brief moments of optimism at the start of the second half with Peter Crouch heading over from Bardsley's cross from the right.

The Blues carved out another opening as Hazard crossed for Fabregas whose near-post flick failed to overly

trouble Begovic.

Chelsea were not at their free-flowing best, but the steely visitors were still the most likely to get a second goal and Brazilian winger William saw a free kick deflect wide for a corner.

Crouch had endured a frustrating evening and he was replaced by Mame Diouf as Stoke boss Mark Hughes looked for a way back into the contest.

Marco Arnautovic then saw an effort deflected wide for a corner but Stoke's set pieces were proving to be unthreatening.

Charlie Adam was brought on to improve Stoke's quality in possession.

And immediately Walters came close to getting on the end of an Adam delivery, while the Scottish midfielder also drilled a left-footed shot wide from the edge of the area from N'Zonzi's lay-off.

But Fabregas settled the contest 12 minutes from time, taking Hazard's pass before scuffing his shot past Begovic from close-range.

It may have been a fortunate strike but the Spaniard joyously celebrated his fourth goal for the club he joined from Barcelona in the close-season.

Chelsea could have added a third late on, with substitute Andre Schuerrle setting up Costa who was denied by Begovic.

Stoke refused to give up and Oussama Assaidi was foiled by Courtois after finding space down the left and Adam fired just over in stoppage-time.

AFP, London



Arsene Wenger is upbeat about a strong second half of the season showing from an Arsenal side set to capitalise on the return of injured players like Mesut Ozil and Mikel Arteta.

Wenger expects Ozil and Arteta to return to action in January, while Theo Walcott, Aaron Ramsey and Laurent Koscielny are due back imminently to help reignite the Gunners' quest for a top-four finish in the Premier League.

The Christmas schedule features fixtures against QPR, West Ham and Southampton and Wenger believes Arsenal, who occupy sixth place in the table, will soon be in a position to realise their potential.

"To give absolutely everything in every single game until the end of the season," replied Wenger when asked to outline his aspirations for his team heading into the festive period on Tuesday.

"I believe that with the injuries coming back we will have a much stronger squad than we had for the past two months.

"I believe 2015 can be very exciting if we manage to get our injured players back and have a good run.

"Finishing in the top four is always the minimum required here. We have the Champions League and we have the FA Cup and we want to come back in a much stronger position in the Premier League, and I think we will.

"Our Christmas is not an easy schedule - it's a tough schedule. There are three games in a very short period of time and we can make up points.

## UEFA punishes four clubs

AFP, Geneva



Turkey's 2010 league champions Bursaspor were one of four European clubs fined Monday and barred from playing in the next UEFA club competition they qualify for over unpaid bills.

UEFA said in a statement that its Club Financial Control Body (CFCB) had decided to sanction Bursaspor, Ekranas of Lithuania, and Romanian clubs CFR Cluj and Astra Giurgiu "for overdue payables."

The clubs had been accused of having "important overdue payables towards other clubs, employees and social and tax authorities".

In 2012, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) overturned a previous UEFA ban against Bursaspor over unpaid transfer fees amounting to 300,000 euros.

But UEFA said Monday that exclusion would now come into effect, meaning the Turkish club would be blocked from taking part in "the next UEFA competition for which it would otherwise qualify" through 2019.

The club was also fined 100,000 euros, but half of that would be lifted if the club could prove it had paid its overdue bills, it said.

CRF 1907 Cluj and FC Astra Giurgiu were also excluded from the next UEFA club competitions they qualify for through 2018, unless they can show by the end of January that their overdue bills had been paid.

CRF 1907 Cluj was also fined 150,000 euros, while its compatriot was fined 100,000.



AFP, Doha



Italian Cup holders Napoli beat Juventus 6-5 on penalties to claim their second Super Cup on Monday after a dramatic final played in Doha

which saw the game finish 2-2 after extra-time.

The match, moved to December to accommodate Napoli's Champions League play-off commitments last August, was pushed into extra time after Gonzalo Higuain hit a 68th-minute leveller to cancel out Carlos Tevez's early opener for the Serie A champions.

The Argentinian duo went on to complete a brace apiece in extra time, forcing the match to be decided by a dramatic series of spot-kicks.

Juventus spurned three chances during the penalties to take the advantage before losing out at the end when Simone Padoin saw his effort saved by Rafael.

"We played a great match and it was even

greater because we beat a team like Juventus," said Napoli coach Rafael Benitez after claiming his 12th career title.

Juventus goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon got the Serie A champions off to a great start in the shootout when he palmed Jorginho's shot on to the upright, only for Tevez to hit the post despite sending Rafael the wrong way.

At 4-4, the match went to sudden death, and after Walter Gargano and Leonardo Bonucci scored, Juve scented victory when Buffon beat away Dries Mertens' effort.

However Giorgio Chiellini then sent his weak penalty straight at Rafael, and both Jose Callejon and Roberto Pereyra then missed too.

Kalidou Koulibaly put Napoli within sight of their first Super Cup since 1990 - when a Diego Maradona-inspired Napoli thrashed Juventus 5-1 - as his penalty went in off the inside of the post.

And the Cup finally went to Benitez's men when Rafael pulled off a great save to deny Padoin.

## Dortmund snap up Kampl

AFP, Berlin

Struggling German giants Borussia Dortmund on Monday announced that they have agreed a deal to sign Slovenian international midfielder Kevin Kampl from Austrian champions Salzburg.

Dortmund said that Kampl, 24, will sign a long-term contract to keep him at the club until 2019.

"Kevin Kampl is a versatile attacking midfielder, who we have been observing for some time. His style of play fits in perfectly with our own," Dortmund sporting director Michael Zorc told the club website.

Borussia said that "both clubs agreed details of the transfer fee shall remain undisclosed", although the website of German magazine Kicker reported the fee would be in the region of 10 to 12 million euros.

Kampl, who will join his new club in January, was born in Germany but represents Slovenia at international level.

He started his career at Bayer Leverkusen and played for several lower-league clubs in Germany before moving to Salzburg in 2012.

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