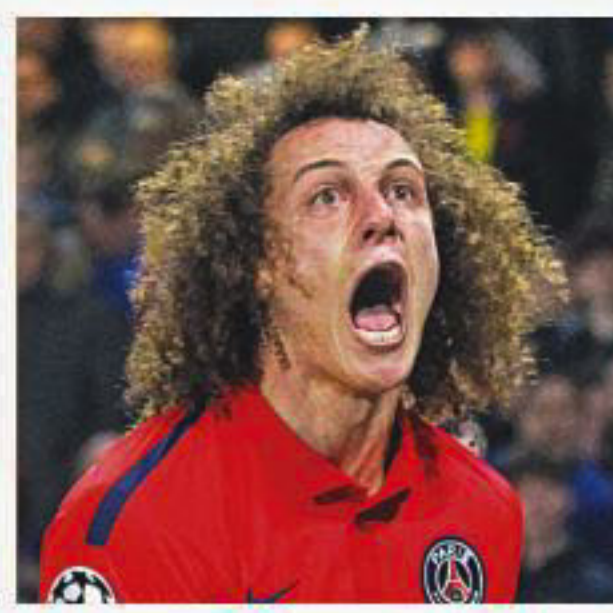


LUIZ SAYS SORRY

Paris Saint-Germain defender David Luiz apologised for his celebration after his goal helped to eliminate former club Chelsea in the Champions League last 16 on Wednesday. Luiz left Chelsea last year in a record £50 million (\$74.7 million, 70.8 million euros) transfer for a defender and he returned to haunt Stamford Bridge as PSG went through on away goals following a 3-3 aggregate draw. "Tonight was good for me to score," he told Sky Sports. "I said I wouldn't celebrate, but my emotions I couldn't control. Thank you to Chelsea and sorry I celebrated because I was so emotional."

- AFP



Italy back into top 10

AFP, Paris

Germany remain top of the world rankings in the latest list released by football's governing body FIFA on Thursday.

The World Cup holders head a top 10 which is unchanged from last month's standings, with the exception of the return of Italy, who push Spain down into 11th place. There have been only five international friendlies since the last list was published in February, FIFA explained, and five of those were in the Concacaf region, which does not have a representative in the top 10.

TOP TEN

1. Germany
2. Argentina
3. Colombia
4. Belgium
5. Netherlands
6. Brazil
7. Portugal
8. France
9. Uruguay
10. Italy

Forlan quits int'l football

AFP, Tokyo

Uruguay's most-capped player Diego Forlan, so often his country's talisman, announced his retirement from international football on Thursday.

The 35-year-old striker played 112 games for Uruguay and scored 36 goals, representing the South Americans at three World Cups and helping them lift the Copa America in 2011.

"This was an extremely difficult decision," Forlan told a news conference at his Japanese club Cerezo Osaka.

"But I felt it was time. Everything has a beginning and an end - I felt it was time to make way for a new generation of players. It's time for the national team to go in a new direction."

"It was a great honour to play for the national team and wear the shirt with such great players," he added.

Improve fielding

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start from 0. We don't think Mushfiqur Rahim need counselling, but we can hope when he packs the punches over mid-on it sails over the ropes. The pace battery led by Rubel Hossain was impressive against England. We want to believe that it will get more bite in a condition that suits the bowlers most.

The fielding is one area the Tigers need to improve on a lot. We hope it starts from Hamilton.

Chandika's...

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head coach when asked whether he set any new target for his charges.

"I think it's overall we were not afraid to fail. That is the keyword that we spoke about. I think we are paralysed by failure, we were not pushing ourselves. We talked about that throughout this World Cup. So I think for us, it's a freedom to do things and believing in ourselves is the key for not only the England game but for every other game. Even when Scotland put up 300, we were still backing ourselves to do things," he responded to a query about his bowlers, particularly the pacers energetic effort against England.

What his charges love most that he is not monotonous in his thinking and he exerted that idea when he said: "We don't stick to the same plan. We are not afraid to rethink our game plan and our combination as well. Our batting and my bowling coach, we have some ideas, but, again, the goal is to go ahead and execute."



PSG captain Thiago Silva (R) heads in the second goal against Chelsea during their Champions League round of 16 encounter at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

PSG KO Chelsea, Bayern shoot 7

AFP, Paris

Ten-man Paris Saint-Germain sensationally came from behind twice to dump Chelsea out of the Champions League on Wednesday as Bayern Munich also qualified for the quarterfinals with a 7-0 rout of ten-man Shakhtar Donetsk.

Held 1-1 in their last 16, first leg tie at Parc des Princes, the Parisians needed an exploit to get past Chelsea, and they achieved just that in the English capital drawing 2-2 on the night for a 3-3 aggregate scoreline to join holders Real Madrid, Bayern and Porto in the last eight.

Despite playing the last hour of normal time and 30 minutes extra time without talisman Zlatan Ibrahimovic, who was sent off for a foul on Oscar, PSG dug deep to take revenge for last season's quarterfinal exit to Chelsea.

"(Jose) Mourinho came up to congratulate me afterwards and told me that we had had two great matches. I felt a lot of respect."

Ibrahimovic was sent off in the first half and PSG fell behind to a Gary Cahill goal with nine minutes remaining, only for



"We didn't deserve to go through. When a team cannot cope with the pressure of being one player more and playing at home... we couldn't cope with that pressure."

- Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho



"PSG really wants to join the big leagues and I think we did that tonight. I think this match will be a reference for the club for some years."

- PSG coach Laurent Blanc

Chelsea old boy David Luiz to take the tie to extra time with an 86th-minute header.

Thiago Silva appeared to have gifted Chelsea a place in the last eight after conceding a penalty for a handball that Eden Hazard converted, but the PSG captain scored with six minutes of the game remaining to send Blanc's side through on away goals.

PSG president Nasser Al Khelaifi hailed a "magnificent, historic" victory for the

club in their quest for European glory.

"It's proof we're on the right track. We believe in the project and we want to go as far as possible," the Qatari businessman said.

German champions Bayern also advanced in style in Munich, to keep their bid for a sixth elite European title on track.

Despite playing out a drab goalless draw in the first leg in Ukraine, Bayern made no such mistake against a Shakhtar

side reduced to 10 men in just the third minute after Olexander Kucher brought down Mario Goetze.

Kucher's dismissal beat the previous fastest Champions League red card of 5min 52sec for Werder Bremen's Valeriy Ismael against Inter Milan in September 2004.

"I think the red card was unfair," lamented Shakhtar coach Mircea Lucescu. "From then on we couldn't play our game as planned. We lost out in all areas. They were stronger all round."

"The match was over for us after 3-0." Thomas Mueller scored from the resulting penalty, Jerome Boateng also getting on the scoresheet before half-time.

The floodgates opened in the second-half, Franck Ribery, Mueller, Holger Badstuber, Robert Lewandowski and Goetze all scoring.

RESULTS

Chelsea (ENG) 2 (Cahill 81, Hazard 96-pen) Paris Saint-Germain (FRA) 2 (Luiz 86, Thiago Silva 114)

3-3 on aggregate. **PSG qualify on away goals.**

Bayern Munich (GER) 7 (Mueller 4-pen, 51, Boateng 34, Ribery 49, Badstuber 63, Lewandowski 75, Goetze 87) Shakhtar Donetsk (UKR) 0

Bayern Munich qualify 7-0 on aggregate



Players and officials of Bangladesh football team pose with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during a ceremony at Gono Bhavan yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Press slam Blues

AFP, London

British newspapers and pundits rounded on Chelsea and manager Jose Mourinho on Thursday following their Champions League elimination, branding them "a team who will never really be loved".

Chelsea fell to French champions Paris Saint-Germain on away goals following a stormy and ill-tempered 2-2 draw in the second leg of their last 16 tie at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday.

The home side's players came in for strong criticism after they surrounded referee Bjorn Kuipers in the aftermath of a first-half foul on Oscar by Zlatan Ibrahimovic that saw the PSG striker harshly shown a straight red card.

The Daily Mail labelled Chelsea "The Bully Boys", using a photograph to flag up the fact that "NINE players" had encircled the Dutch official and describing their conduct as "deplorable".

Writing in The Daily Telegraph, Henry Winter said "there will be little

sorrow for their (Chelsea's) departure outside Stamford Bridge", beneath a headline branding the evening a "night of ignominy".

Former Liverpool defender Jamie Carragher laid the blame at Mourinho's door, accusing the Portuguese of instilling a culture of gamesmanship at the club.

"The worst bit of dirty tricks was from Chelsea, surrounding the referee. The reaction was disgraceful," said the Sky Sports pundit.

"Jose Mourinho could end up being the most successful manager ever with the trophies he goes on to win in his career, but I don't think him and his teams will be ever be loved because of actions like that."

"Does Mourinho care? I don't think he probably cares. I think it's sad."

His fellow pundit Graeme Souness added: "This PSG team is just full of technique, a really good footballing team, and they had to put up with stuff which I find really, really unappealing."

Prior to the game, Mourinho had accused PSG of playing with unneces-

sary aggression in the first leg, which finished 1-1, and The Guardian felt the Portuguese's "toxic tone" had influenced Kuipers.

Chelsea's failure to seize the initiative after Ibrahimovic's early dismissal was also criticised, with PSG having continued to boss proceedings despite playing with a numerical disadvantage for an hour and a half.

"Even against 10 men for so much of the game, they were second-best in just about every department," said Olivier Kay in The Times.

Writing for the paper, former Chelsea striker Tony Cascarino said: "We have known for a long time that Jose Mourinho is a master of his own destiny."

"Increasingly, though, he is beginning to look like a master of deception too."

The tabloids stuck the boot in, with The Sun's back page screaming 'Eiffel Shower' and the Daily Mirror branding Mourinho's misfiring players 'Euro Trash'.

"Chelsea got exactly what they deserved: nothing," The Sun added.

Rangpur clinch

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Sylhet and Barisal faced-off in a clash of the eventual sixth and seventh places at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium. Barisal scored 390 in their second innings, but despite the huge score they gained a lead of only 71 runs. Sylhet easily chased the target in 13.4 overs without losing any wickets with Ruman Ahmed hitting an unbeaten 61.

SCORES IN BRIEF

CHITTAGONG: 190 and 155 for 9 (Tasamul 64; Mostafizur 5-28) v **KHULNA:** 369.

RESULT: Khulna won by an innings and 24 runs.

Player of the match: Mostafizur Rahman.

DHAKA: 318 and 332 for 9 in 86.1 overs dec (Nadif 100 not out, Rokibul 81; 3-99) v

RAJSHAHI: 291 and 225 all out in 68.5 overs (Mizanur 41; Mosharraf 5-84)

RESULT: Dhaka won by 134 runs.

Player of the match: Mosharraf Hossain.

RANGPUR: 491 and 306 all out in 69.3 overs (Liton 77, Naeem 86; Elias sunny 5-78) v **DHAKA**

METRO: 437 for 9 and 258 all out in 79.1 overs (Marshal 44, Mehrab Jr 44; Mahmudul 5-89)

RESULT: Rangpur won by 102 runs.

Player of the match: Mahmudul Hasan.

BARISAL: 167 and 390 all out in 113.3 overs (Shahriar Nafees 71, Mosaddek 72; Kapali 2-36) v

SYLHET: 486 for 9 dec and 75 for 0 (Roman 61)

RESULT: Sylhet won by 10 wickets.

Player of the match: Rajin Saleh.

Ibra irked by 'babies'

AFP, London



Paris Saint-Germain striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic accused Chelsea's players of acting like "babies" after he was sent off during his side's triumphant draw at Stamford Bridge in the Champions League.

Ibrahimovic was shown a straight red card by Dutch referee Bjorn Kuipers in the 32nd minute of Wednesday's game following a 50-50 challenge with Oscar, despite the fact that both players had seemed equally committed to the tackle.

Kuipers was quickly surrounded by Chelsea players in the immediate aftermath of the incident and Ibrahimovic expressed irritation with their behaviour.

"I don't know if I have to get angry or start to laugh," he told reporters at Stamford Bridge. "For me, when I saw the red card I was like, 'The guy doesn't know what he's doing.'"

"That is not the worst. The worst is when I got the red card, all the Chelsea players come around. It felt like I had a lot of babies around me."

Despite Ibrahimovic's dismissal, PSG twice came from behind to force a 2-2 extra-time draw that took the French champions into the quarterfinals on away goals after a 3-3 aggregate draw.

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