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Time: 5:00pm

KEEPER TO THE RESCUE!

It's not every day that a goalkeeper scores. It's not every day that a goalkeeper scores a backheel either! Former Liverpool goalkeeper Martin Hansen lit up the Eredivisie in ADO Den Haag's opening game as he went up for a corner in injury-time against PSV Eindhoven and grabbed a spectacular equaliser in the 2-2 draw. The Dane didn't play a game for Liverpool but did go out on loan to Bradford City while at the club. With skills like that, maybe the Reds are regretting not turning him into a striker.



UEFA'S BEST IN EUROPE

Ronaldo, Messi, Suarez in shortlist

AFP, Paris

Barcelona's Uruguay forward Luis Suarez was on Wednesday named on a three-man shortlist for UEFA's Best Player in Europe award for 2014/15.

The 28-year-old joins perennial top player nominees Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo.

Suarez's Barca teammate

Messi won the inaugural UEFA Best Player in Europe award in 2011 while Real Madrid's Ronaldo is the current holder. Messi is the big favourite as Barcelona won the treble of Champions League, La Liga and Copa del Rey last season, while he helped Argentina reach the Copa America final.

The award will be handed out in Monaco on August 27 during the draw for the group stages of the Champions League.

Behind the top three, Juventus goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon was fourth, Barca's Brazil forward Neymar fifth and Eden Hazard of Chelsea sixth.

Pedro eager for Barca exit

MAIL ONLINE

Manchester United have been cleared to make a bid for Pedro after Barcelona confirmed that he has asked for a transfer.

United are yet to make a formal offer but are ready to meet the £22million release clause in Pedro's contract following confirmation from Barcelona sporting director Robert Fernandez that the 28-year old may have played his last game for the club.

Pedro started on the bench for Barca's UEFA Super Cup thriller against Sevilla in Tbilisi but came off to score the winning goal in extra-time as Luis Enrique's men sealed a 5-4 victory.

Manchester United are willing to meet Pedro's £22million release clause before the transfer window closes.

Before kick-off in Georgia, Fernandez told Spanish television: 'Pedro has told me that he wants to leave. Right now there is nothing (no offers). Pedro's clause is not negotiable, but this could be his last game.'



Barcelona players celebrate with the UEFA Super Cup trophy after winning the final against Sevilla at the Boris Paichadze Dinamo Arena in Tbilisi on Tuesday.

AFP

after Jose row

AFP, London



Chelsea have sidelined team doctor Eva Carneiro from match-day duties after she fell foul of manager Jose Mourinho, according to British media reports on Tuesday.

Mourinho criticised Carneiro after she ran on the pitch to treat Eden Hazard in stoppage time of Chelsea's 2-2 draw at home to Swansea City on Saturday, saying she did not "understand the game".

After receiving support from fans, Carneiro wrote on her Facebook page: "I would like to thank the general public for their overwhelming support. Really very much appreciated."

The Daily Telegraph and Daily Mail said that while Carneiro would continue in her role as first-team doctor, she would no longer attend games or training sessions or enter the team hotel.

Mourinho felt that Carneiro had been wrong to go to Hazard's aid as his side pushed for a winner against Swansea at Stamford Bridge.

"I wasn't happy with my medical staff because even if you are a medical doctor or secretary on the bench, you have to understand the game," he told reporters after the match.

"If you go to the pitch to assist a player, then you must be sure that a player has a serious problem. I was sure that Eden didn't have a serious problem. He had a knock and was very

"My medical department left me with eight fit outfield players in a counter-attack after a set-piece and we were worried we didn't have enough players left."

Carneiro joined Chelsea in February 2009 and was promoted to the role of first-team doctor and assistant medical director by Andre Villas-Boas, one of Mourinho's predecessors, in 2011.

The Telegraph and the Mail said her role had been changed as part of a shake-up of back-room staff by Mourinho.

Chelsea axe doctor Novak beats Bellucci in Montreal opener

AFP, Montreal



Top-ranked Novak Djokovic began his preparation for the US Open by defeating Thomaz Bellucci 6-3, 7-6 (7/4) Tuesday, advancing to the third round of the ATP

Montreal Masters.

But there was no luck with the weather for Andy Murray, with the British second seed forced off court at 4-4 against Spain's Tommy Robredo when rain struck less than an hour before midnight, postponing the finish of the contest until Wednesday.

Serbian top seed Djokovic made his first appearance since winning Wimbledon more than a month ago. He also created a bit of personal history with his 250th win at the Masters 1000 level.

Djokovic is riding a win steak in the elite series, winning the last five he has contested dating to Paris Bercy last November. He remains undefeated in his last 27 matches at the Masters.

Djokovic will now wait for a winner from American Jack Sock and 14th seed Grigor Dimitrov. Sock beat Adrian Mannarino 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (7/5) while Dimitrov eliminated Alexandr Dolgopolov 6-4, 7-5.

"It was a very intense match for both

players," Djokovic said of his fourth win over Bellucci and his first on hardcourt in the series. "There was a lot of tension and a very high quality. Ivo Karlovic beat eighth seed Milos

Raonic 7-6 (7/1), 7-6 (7/1), after the Canadian saved three match points before losing for his earliest exit in Montreal since 2010. The winner's 22 aces sent him past 10,000 for his career. In the first round, holder Jo-Wilfried

Tsonga, the French 10th seed, opened his campaign with a defeat of Borna Coric 6-4, 6-4 while Czech Lukas Rosol upset South African 12th seed Kevin Anderson 7-6 (7/2), 7-6 (7-4). Belgian 13th seed David Goffin put out

American Steve Johnson 6-2, 6-2. John Isner, the number 16 and a finalist last week in Washington, struggled past Germany's Benjamin Becker 6-4, 6-7 (6/8), 6-3.

Australian Nick Kyrgios began his hardcourt run with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 victory over Fernando Verdasco under the watchful eye of new mentor Lleyton Hewitt.

Kyrgios, the world number 41, is working alongside Australia's double grand slam winner in an informal capacity, with the 34year-old elder statesman of the current Aussie game happy to help out the 20-yearold youngster.

UEFA SUPER CUP

Barcelona win 9-goal thriller

AFP, Tbilisi



Barcelona added the UEFA Super Cup to their treble win of trophies last season despite blowing a 4-1 lead with a stunning 5-4 win over Sevilla thanks to Pedro Rodriguez's extra time winner. Two magnificent freekicks from Lionel Messi plus goals

from Rafinha and Luis Suarez looked to have Barca well on course to claim their fourth trophy of the year after Ever Banega had given Sevilla a shock early lead. However, Jose Antonio Reyes reduced the arrears

before a Kevin Gameiro penalty and a debut strike from Yevhen Konoplyanka forced the game into an extra 30 Barca weren't to be denied, though, and, in what could be his last game for the club, Pedro pounced on the rebound

after Beto had denied Messi his hattrick. Pedro had been controversially left out of the starting line-up despite the absence of Neymar due to the mumps as he appears set for a move to Manchester United after Barca

technical secretary Robert Fernandez admitted he has asked to leave the club. "He deserves it," Messi said of Pedro's match-winning contribution.

"The players and the club don't know what he is going to do. It is his decision, but whatever he does we wish him the

Sevilla made the brighter start and Javier Mascherano was lucky to avoid further punishment after being adjudged to have brought down Reyes on the edge of the area. The punishment was still to come for the European cham-

pions, though, as Banega clinically curled the resulting freekick past the helpless Marc-Andre Ter Stegen with an effort his international teammate Messi would have been proud Unfortunately, for Unai Emery's men the lead lasted only

four minutes as Suarez was blocked by Grzegorz Krychowiak and Messi delicately chipped the ball over the wall into the top corner. The four-time World Player of the Year's next set-piece

was even more spectacular as he this time fired a free-kick in off the inside of the post to move level with Cristiano Ronaldo as the all-time leading scorer in European competitions with 80. Suarez passed up a huge chance for the third when he

fired straight at Beto two minutes before half-time but made immediate amends by collecting the rebound to tee up Rafinha to slot home. Sevilla's hopes of a comeback appeared to be over when a

shocking pass from Benoit Tremoulinas was intercepted by Sergio Busquets and turned home by Suarez. Yet, they were given a lifeline when Reyes turned home

Vitolo's excellent cross at the far post to reduce the arrears. Jeremy Mathieu then pulled down Vitolo inside the area

and was also lucky only to see a yellow card before Gameiro fired home the spot-kick. And a remarkable comeback was complete when two

substitutes on their debut combined for the equaliser as Konoplyanka tapped home Ciro Immobile's low cross. Pedro was finally introduced three minutes into extra

time and just as in the Super Cup six years ago against Shakhtar Donetsk he grabbed the winner by firing into the roof of the net after Beto had parried Messi's follow-up effort from another dangerous free-kick.

Sevilla still had two great chances to force an incredible match into a penalty shootout but both Coke and Adil Rami fired off target as a relieved Barca hung on.

Rosicky blow for Arsenal

AFP, Prague

Arsenal will miss Czech midfielder Tomas Rosicky for up to two months pending his recovery from a recent knee surgery, Czech media said Wednesday, citing his agent Pavel Paska.

The 34-year-old injuryprone Rosicky "underwent an arthroscopic surgery on his knee" on August 4," Paska said.

"The recovery is expected to take four to eight weeks."

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