

# Real cruise to top

AFP, Madrid

Cristiano Ronaldo became Real Madrid's all-time leading scorer as Los Blancos moved to the top of La Liga thanks to a 3-0 win over Levante on Saturday.

Ronaldo struck his 324th goal for the Spanish giants in just his 310th game with a fine shot from outside the area after he had set up Marcelo to open the scoring for the hosts.

Jese Rodriguez added a third nine minutes from time.

A first victory in three league games moves Madrid two points clear of Villarreal at the top, but champions Barcelona can move level with Real should they beat Rayo Vallecano at home later on Saturday.

The scale of Ronaldo's achievement is exemplified by the fact he has played 431 fewer games for Madrid than previous record holder and club legend Raul, who earlier this week announced his decision to retire from football next month after a brief stint with the New York Cosmos.

Ronaldo paraded his record fourth golden boot for being the top scorer in Europe last season to an adoring crowd before kick-off.

However, after disappointing performances in draws against Malaga and Atletico Madrid before the international break, the

Bernabeu faithful quickly became restless after another slow start from their side.

Levante have now won just one of their opening eight league matches, but had the first opening of the game when Roger forced Keylor Navas into a smart save against his old club at the near post.

Ronaldo was frustrated moments later when the referee waved play on after he appeared to be barged in the back by Simao Mate Junior inside the area.

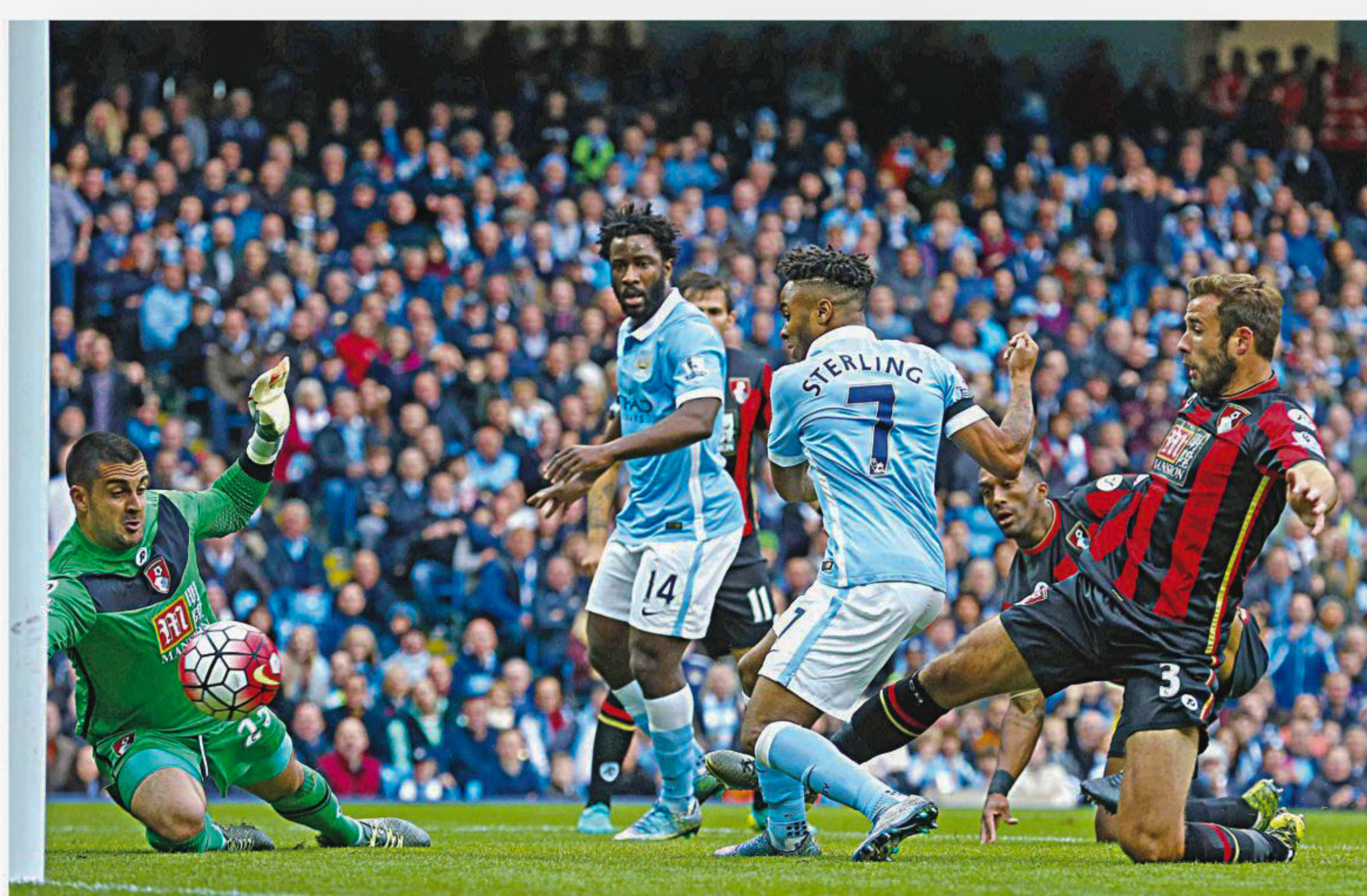
Gareth Bale was partnering the Portuguese in attack for the first time in over a month, but the Welshman failed to make an impact before being substituted at half-time as he headed over with his best chance from Toni Kroos's corner.

The opener arrived on 27 minutes when Levante needlessly gifted possession to Madrid inside their own half and a neat one-two between Marcelo and Ronaldo allowed the Real captain in the absence of the injured Sergio Ramos to fire home.

Levante nearly struck back immediately, but Navas's brilliant start to the season continued as he flew to his left to somehow claw Deyverson's powerful header to safety.

And within seconds Levante were punished for again giving the ball away as Kroos squared for Ronaldo to thunder home his 11th goal of the season.

Madrid briefly threatened to run riot as Ronaldo should have turned home Bale's cut-back.



Manchester City winger Raheem Sterling (C) scores the first of his three goals against Bournemouth during their Premier League encounter at the Etihad Stadium yesterday.

## Kuwait FA suspended

AFP, Paris

Kuwait's Football Association (KFA) was suspended by FIFA on Friday for government interference, a decision which could impact the team's hopes of qualifying for the 2018 World Cup.

"The suspension follows the decision of the FIFA Executive Committee during its meeting on 24 and 25 September to give until 15 October 2015 for changes to be made to the sports law of Kuwait," said a FIFA statement.

"The suspension will be lifted only when the KFA and its members (the clubs) are able to carry out their activities and obligations independently.

"As a result of this decision, no team from Kuwait of any sort can have any international sporting contact and neither the KFA nor any of its members or officials can benefit from any development programme, course or training from FIFA or the AFC."

Kuwait are currently well-placed to qualify for the next stage of World Cup qualifying, sitting in second spot behind South Korea in Group C.

## Bayern make it nine in a row

AFP, Berlin

Bayern Munich became the first team to win their opening nine games of a Bundesliga season on Saturday as a first-half Thomas Mueller strike proved enough for Pep Guardiola's side to beat Werder Bremen 1-0.

Mueller stole in front of Alejandro Galvez to control a Thiago Alcantara cross at the near post and stab past Felix Wiedwald for the only goal of the game, his ninth of the season, at the Weserstadion as Bayern made more Bundesliga history.

That was despite in-form Robert Lewandowski, having netted 15 times in his previous six games for club and country, for once failing to score.

However, the Pole felt he should have had a penalty in the second half after being taken out by Wiedwald when through on goal, and Mueller's solitary strike sufficed to condemn Bremen to a club record-equalling fifth consecutive defeat.

The win, their 999th in the Bundesliga, set Bayern up nicely for their trip to face Arsenal in the Champions League in midweek and saw them once again move seven points clear at the top of the table from nearest challengers Borussia Dortmund, who won 2-0 at Mainz on Friday.

Dortmund coach Thomas Tuchel returned to face his former club and saw Marco Reus put the visitors in front in the first half.

The Germany star then had a second-half penalty saved but Henrikh Mkhitaryan made sure of the three points late on as Borussia bounced back from their 5-1 hiding at the hands of Bayern in their last outing to register a first win in five.

Germany striker Max Kruse scored his first career hat-trick as Wolfsburg climbed up to fourth with a dramatic 4-2 win at home to Hoffenheim at the Volkswagen Arena.

Dieter Hecking was taking charge of a Bundesliga game for the 300th time and saw his side open the scoring with just 41 seconds played when Julian Draxler squared for Kruse to score.

## De Rossi's memorable 500th goal

AFP, Milan

Daniele De Rossi marked his 500th appearance for Roma with a goal in his team's 3-1 win over Empoli on Saturday as Rudi Garcia's side moved into second place in Serie A.

The 32-year-old De Rossi found the target in the 59th minute after Miralem Pjanic had hit the opener with a superb direct free-kick three minutes earlier.

The Bosnian also played a key role in De Rossi's goal when his corner was headed home by the midfield veteran.

Roma, playing without the injured Francesco Totti and Edin Dzeko, were 3-0 to the good in the 69th minute when Mohamed Salah found the net after being set up by Gervinho.

Empoli pulled a goal back through Austrian international Marcel Buechel in the 70th minute but the three points for Roma will be a huge boost ahead of their Champions League clash at Bayer Leverkusen on Tuesday.

The win took Roma into second spot in the table, one point behind leaders Fiorentina.

# Spurs spoil Klopp debut

## Chelsea bounce back; Arsenal, City, MU post wins

AFP, London

Jürgen Klopp's reign as Liverpool manager began with a hard-fought 0-0 draw at Tottenham, while Chelsea eased the pressure on Jose Mourinho with a 2-0 win against Aston Villa on Saturday.

Klopp's first taste of the Premier League stole most of the attention as the English top-flight returned to action after the international break.

Under-fire Chelsea boss Mourinho saw the troubled champions secure only their third league victory this season, while Raheem Sterling's first-half hat-trick kept Manchester City top of the table with a 5-1 rout of Bournemouth.

Alexis Sanchez ensured second placed Arsenal remain hot on City's heels as his seventh goal in four games kick-started a 3-0 stroll at Watford.

Wayne Rooney ended his 11-month away-day goal drought as Manchester United eased to a 3-0 victory on an emotional day at Goodison Park following the death of former Everton manager Howard Kendall.

Greeted by Germany flags in the away end bearing legends like 'Liverpool Uber Alles', Klopp handed a league debut to 20-year-old striker Divock Origi, who hit the bar in the early stages at White Hart Lane.

But he was also indebted to goalkeeper Simon Mignolet for producing three important saves, which meant

RESULTS		
Chelsea (Costa 34, Hutton 54-og)	2-0	Aston Villa
Crystal Palace (Cabeay 25-pen)	1-3	West Ham (Jenkinson 22, Lanzini 88, Payet 90)
Everton	0-3	Man United (Schneiderlin 18, Herrera 22, Rooney 62)
Man City (Sterling 7, 29, 45+3, Bony 11, 89)	5-1	Bournemouth (Murray 22)
Southampton (Fonte 21, Van Dijk 37)	2-2	Leicester (Vardy 66, 90)
Tottenham	0-0	Liverpool
West Brom (Berahino 54)	1-0	Sunderland
Watford	0-3	Arsenal (Sanchez 62, Giroud 68, Ramsey 74)

Spain striker's attempted shot took a big deflection off Alan Hutton for an unfortunate own goal by the Villa defender.

At Eastlands, City took just seven minutes to go in front when Sterling prodded past goalkeeper Adam Federici. City struck again four minutes later when Ivory Coast striker Wilfried Bony tapped in after Federici made a hash of claiming a cross.

Bournemouth's Glenn Murray scored in the 22nd minute, only for England winger Sterling to add City's third in the 29th minute.

Sterling completed his treble in first half stoppage-time and Bony struck again in the 89th minute.

Third placed United, who remain two points behind City, took the lead through Morgan Schneiderlin's first goal since his pre-season move from Southampton in the 18th minute. Spanish midfielder Ander Herrera doubled United's advantage with a 22nd minute header.

United captain Rooney who hadn't scored an away league goal since November last year ended that 17-match barren run with a clinical near-post finish in the 62nd minute.

Arsene Wenger's Arsenal went ahead when Chile forward Sanchez slotted home in the 62nd minute to maintain his red-hot form.

Substitute Olivier Giroud added the second six minutes later and Aaron Ramsey claimed the third from close-range in the 74th minute.

# Tsonga disrupts Nadal comeback

## Faces Djokovic in final

AFP, Shanghai

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga put Rafael Nadal's comeback on ice and reached his first Shanghai Masters final with a thrilling 6-4, 0-6, 7-5 victory on Saturday.

The mercurial Frenchman recovered from an embarrassing 6-0 'bagger' in the second set to edge a thrilling decider, highlighted by his athletic diving volley to bring up match point.

The frustrated Nadal completely misread a backhand to give Tsonga the win, as the Spaniard narrowly failed to reach his second final in seven days after he was runner-up last week in Beijing.

Although Nadal will take encouragement from reaching the semis, after slipping to seventh in the rankings in a disappointing year, Tsonga will now celebrate one of his biggest wins of the season.

Novak Djokovic thrashed a misfiring Andy Murray to set up a Shanghai Masters final against Jo-Wilfried Tsonga as the world number one guns for his 10th title in China.

Djokovic's blockbuster semifinal with second-ranked Murray was hotly anticipated but the 6-1, 6-3 result was anti-climactic after Tsonga's thrilling upset of Rafael Nadal earlier.

The mercurial Frenchman recovered from an embarrassing 'bagger' in the second set to win 6-4, 0-6, 7-5, pulling off one of his trademark athletic dives to bring up match point.

But Tsonga now faces the steepest of challenges against Djokovic, who moves into his 13th straight final on a 16-match winning streak, and has never lost a final in China.

Djokovic had it unexpectedly easy against Murray, who was shaky on his serve and bad-tempered with it, double-faulting to yield the first of three breaks in a forgettable first set.

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