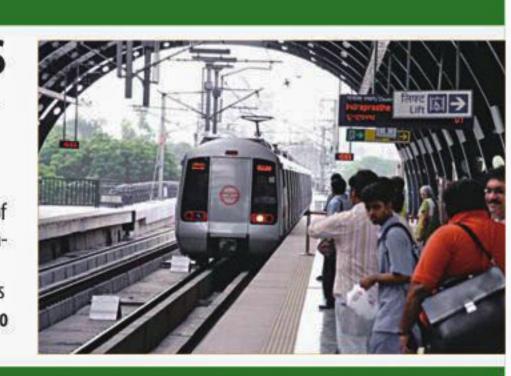
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#### ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY **DAREDEVILS**

To ease Delhi's vehicular pollution, the state government has imposed an experiment on Friday under which only odd-registration-numbered vehicles could be used on odd dates, and even-registration-numbered ones on even dates. Now Delhi Daredevils, the IPL franchise which represent the Indian capital, have honoured the system and come up with a unique idea: completing a major part of their journey on the metro train. The metro journey, quite unusual for such a highprofile team, also saves them time. The team boards a train at Aerocity station and, 15 minutes later, alights at Shivaji Stadium. A team bus waits there, and gets them to the Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium in another 15-20 minutes. -- ESPNCRICINFO



## Real up against Man City

#### Bayern Munich face Atletico Madrid test

AFP, Nyon



Pep Guardiola avoided his future employers as Manchester City were on Friday drawn to play Real Madrid in the semifinals of the Champions League while Atletico Madrid will face the

Spaniard's Bayern Munich. Guardiola takes over as City boss next season after three years at Bayern in which he has steered the Bavarian giants to the last four in Europe on each of his three years in charge.

"Spanish teams are always strong in the Champions League and I have seen in the last few years how strong Atletico are in the Spanish league," Guardiola said.

"They have a good mentality under their coach (Diego) Simeone and have good players going forward in (Fernando) Torres and (Antoine) Griezmann. Simeone is one of the best coaches in the world and his team is one of the best in Europe."

Atletico, winners over defending champions Barcelona in the quarter-finals, and Bayern have met once before in European action, in the 1974 final. The Bundesliga side ran out 4-0 winners in the replay following an initial 1-1 draw.

Bayern striker Robert Lewandowski said the Bundesliga team would be wary of Atletico.

"@Atleti did show the strength in the match with Barcelona. We must maintain maximum concentration," the Polish international tweeted.

Bayern's Spain international Javi Martinez added: "That will be a difficult game against a strong opponent."

Clemente Villaverde, Atletico's director of football, called on his team to "maintain that reliability we have shown all season".

For outgoing Manchester City boss Manuel Pellegrini, the semifinal will be a return to the club he managed in 2009-10.

City's only games against Real, unbeaten in their last eight games against English clubs and in the semi-finals for a record sixth successive time, were in the 2012-13 group stage. They drew 1-1 at home and lost 3-2 away.

City's sporting director Txiki Begiristain said: "It's a great tie against the team that has won the competition the most times.

"But we have got this far and we want to keep dreaming."

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Begiristain added: "They have shown that in the second leg at the Bernabeu they can be unstoppable.

"We need to be solid defensively, as we have been in the Champions League recently against Dinamo Kiev and PSG.

"Clearly they (Real) are (favourites), this is their 26th semi-final, their sixth in a row, but we are very capable. PSG are having a great season and we were able to knock them out.

"We are optimistic, but I repeat the key is solid-

Emilio Butragueno, Real's director of institutional relations, said City would be very motivated given they had never made the last-four before.

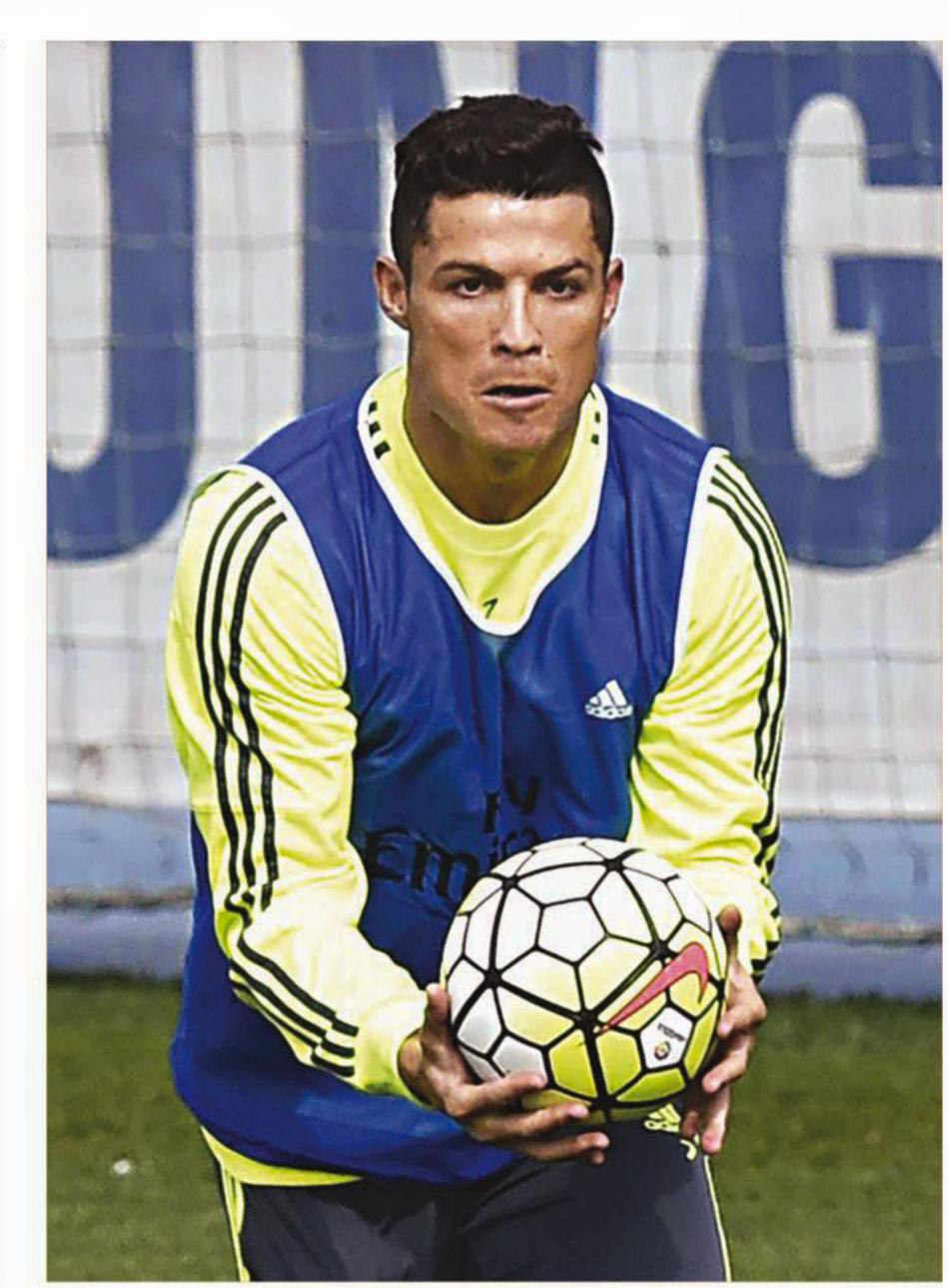
"In the semifinals any opponent will be a great team and we are speaking about players of the highest quality that can settle a game themselves in (David) Silva, (Kevin) De Bruyne and (Sergio) Aguero," Butragueno told BeIN Sports Spain.

"We need to play two games at a very high level if we want to get to the final in Milan."

Asked whether it was the best draw possible for Real, Butragueno said: "I remember being here exactly a year ago and everyone said afterwards we had been very lucky to avoid Bayern and Barca, but Juventus ended up eliminating us.

"The two games will be very evenly balanced. We can think playing at the Bernabeu gives us a certain advantage. But this is our sixth consecutive semifinal and in the five previous to this we have played away first three times and never made it to the final."

The first leg of the semifinals will be played on April 26-27, with the second leg scheduled for May 3-4. The final will take place at Milan's San Siro stadium on May 28.



Real Madrid superstar Cristiano Ronaldo catches the ball during a training session at the Valdebebas training ground in Madrid yesterday on the eve of their La Liga match against Getafe.

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#### New rules for red card

AGENCIES, London

Players who commit a foul to deny a goalscoring opportunity will no longer automatically be sent off, football's rule-making body has confirmed.

The previous 'triplepunishment' rule required a red card - and therefore a suspension - as well as the award of a penalty under those circumstances.

However, players committing accidental fouls that deny a goalscoring chance will now be cautioned instead.

But deliberate fouls will still incur a red card.

Those include holding, pulling or pushing, not playing the ball, serious foul play, violent conduct or deliberate handball in order to deny a goalscoring opportunity.

The change has been ratified by the International Football Association Board.

## Klopp evokes spirit of Istanbul

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AFP, Liverpool



Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp revealed he had evoked the spirit of the club's famous Champions League fightback in Istanbul to inspire his team to Europa League victory over Borussia Dortmund.

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Two-nil down at half-time in Thursday's quarterfinal second leg, and 3-1 behind on aggregate, Klopp reminded his players of the memorable night in May 2005 when former captain Steven Gerrard inspired his teammates to come back from 3-0 down and overcome AC Milan in a penalty shoot-out.

Divock Origi immediately reduced the arrears and although Marco Reus then struck back for Dortmund, goals from Philippe Coutinho and Mamadou Sakho teed up a storming Anfield finale that saw Dejan Lovren head home a stoppage-time winner to complete an extraordinary 5-4 aggregate win.

"It was a good atmosphere in half-time, honestly, because I was satisfied with the game; not with the goals, but with the game in general," Klopp said after the victory over his former club.

"I told the lads I was not there, but a few Liverpool players who are a little bit older and work as experts for television, they were 3-0 down at half-time and won a Champions League final.

"Even when it's not really likely, it's for

sure possible and we should try it. When we scored, everybody could see it -- something happened in the stadium. You could hear it, you could feel it and you could smell it.' Dortmund's third goal on the night, bril-

liantly set up by Mats Hummels and scored by Reus in the 57th minute, momentarily looked to have taken the wind out of Liverpool's sails, but Klopp said that his side's response revealed their depth of character.

"That's the moment in football and in life where you have to show character," said the German, who succeeded Brendan Rodgers last October.

"That's what the lads did. That was pretty cool to watch. Of course to come back in a game like this against this highest quality opponent and win, you need a little bit of luck."

#### Mamba out

AGENCIES, Los Angeles

Los Angeles Lakers legend Kobe Bryant stepped onto the court for the final time on Wednesday as his team defeated the Utah Jazz 101-96.

With hopes of making the playoffs long, long gone, the Lakers' season had turned into one big farewell parade for the Black Mamba, with every team one-upping the other in their farewells for Kobe.

However, the most fitting farewell of all was the one the 37-year-old gave to himself.

Kobe's former teammate Shaquille O'Neal recently challenged him to score 50 in his final game to which Bryant answered "absolutely not."

Bryant delivered 10 more than what O'Neal was asking for in a stunning showing. The Lakers legend's 60point finale was the perfect single-game representation of his amazing career.

## Foxes promise no let-up

AFP, London



Leicester's Danny Drinkwater has insisted there will be no change in the club's approach as they eye a remarkable Premier League title success. The Midlands club were 5,000/1 outsid-

ers to be crowned champions of England before the season

Yet they now lead England's top flight by seven points from second-placed Tottenham Hotspur and head into this weekend's match at home to West Ham needing just three wins from their final five league games this season to complete a stunning title success. Foxes manager Claudio Ranieri has fostered a strong bond within the squad at the King Power Stadium, but Drinkwater -- one of several Leicester players to have gained England recognition on the back of the club's performances this season -- said there was no great mystery to the team's unity.

"There isn't a secret to the dressing-room camaraderie, it's just that we're a bunch of lads that get along," said the 26-year-old former Manchester United trainee.

"We're all willing to work hard for each other on the pitch and it shows by how well we graft out results," he added, with Jamie Vardy's late double sealing a 2-0 victory against Sunderland last time out.

"We're guaranteed a top-four place and that's massive," the midfielder explained.

#### Nadal thru, Fed KO'd

REUTERS, Monte Carlo

There were glimpses of the formidable Rafa Nadal as the eight-times champions swept aside French Open champion Stan Wawrinka 6-1 6-4 on Friday to reach the Monte Carlo Master semifinals.

Later in the day, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga survived a scare from Roger Federer to reach the next round of the tournament.

After two one-sided sets, the decider was one worthy of any major tournament. Tsonga eventually won 3-6, 6-2, 7-5, as the two battled fiercely to the end in the final set. Tsonga will the winner of the game between Marcel Granollers and Gael Monfils in the semfinal.

Nadal, who set a tournament record of 46 wins in a row in the principality from 2005 to 2013 when he finished runner-up, will take on Andy Murray for a place in the final.

## Reds to take on Villarreal



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Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool earned a Europa League semifinal against Villarreal from their heroic comeback against his former side Borussia Dortmund.

Defending champions Sevilla face Ukraine's Shakhtar Donetsk in the second semifinal drawn Friday.

Liverpool, who hit back from 2-0 and 3-1 down to beat Borussia 4-3 and progress into the semis 5-4 on aggregate, have never played Villarreal before.

Sevilla ousted fellow Spaniards Athletic Bilbao on penalties in Thursday's quarterfinal in their bid to win a third consecutive Europa League.

The final is set for Basel, Switzerland, on May 18. The winners will get a place in next season's Champions League group stages.

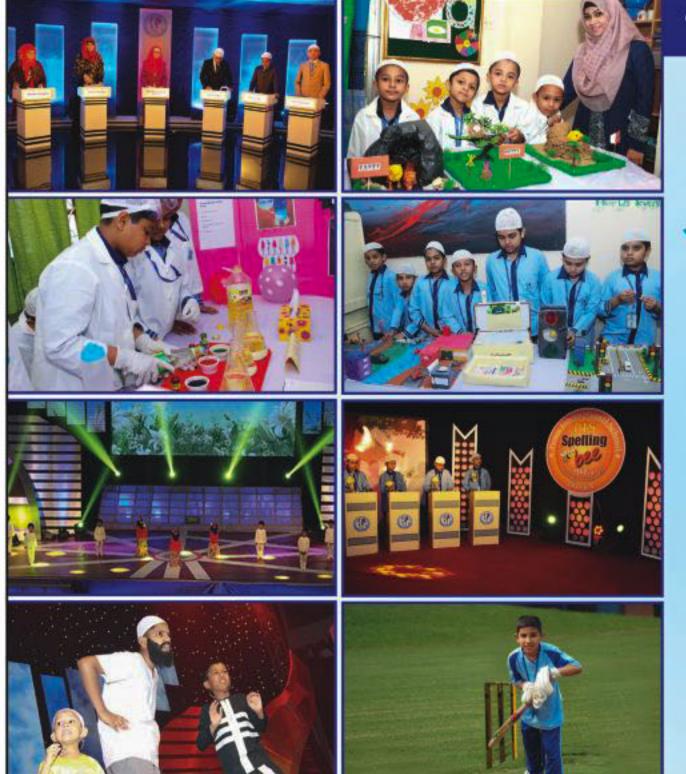
Liverpool are the only unbeaten side left in the competition, and goals from centre-backs Mamadou Sakho and Dejan Lovren completed one of the great Anfield comebacks against Dortmund.

The first leg will be played in Villareal on April 28, with The Yellow Submarine heading to Merseyside for the return

leg on May 5. The Spanish outfit, currently fourth in La Liga, are looking to reach their maiden major European final, after Europa League last-four defeats in 2004 and 2011 and a

Champions League semifinal loss in 2006. In stark contrast, Liverpool are attempting to win their ninth major continental trophy, and in the process, draw level with Sevilla as the competition's record four-time winners.

Sevilla's quartet of titles have all come in the last decade, with victory against Espanyol in 2007 making them just the second club after Real Madrid to win the competition in successive years.



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