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Real Madrid striker Karim Benzema scores the opening goal against Getafe during their La Liga encounter at the Alfonso Perez Stadium yesterday.

Benzema leads Real

AFP, Madrid



Karim Benzema overcame the disappointment of being left out of France's Euro 2016 squad with a goal and two assists as Real Madrid moved to within a point of La Liga leaders Barcelona with a 5-1 thrashing of Getafe on

Saturday.

Madrid boss Zinedine Zidane urged Benzema to "rally quickly" after the French Football Federation announced on Wednesday he will not be selected for the tournament on home soil due to his involvement in a sex-tape scandal, where international teammate Mathieu Valbuena was the subject of a blackmail plot.

Benzema followed his coach's orders as he swept home the opener, before his through ball was prodded home by Isco to give Madrid a commanding 2-0 lead at half-time.

Gareth Bale added a third with a typically assured left-footed finish from another super Benzema pass five minutes after the break. Pablo Sarabia grabbed a stunning conso-

lation for Getafe before James Rodriguez and Cristiano Ronaldo rounded off the scoring late on. Real leapfrog Atletico Madrid into sec-

ond place with their seventh consecutive La Liga win. However, Atletico and Barca can reassert

themselves in the title race when they host Granada and Valencia respectively on Sunday. Zidane had warned his side against com-

placency, but Getafe, who have now gone 13 La Liga games without a win, never looked like side's fourth.

troubling a Madrid team still on a high from their Champions League comeback against Wolfsburg to reach the semi-finals on Tuesday.

Ronaldo was Real's hero with a hat-trick in midweek and he just failed to get a touch on Rodriguez's tantalising low cross before smashing an effort from outside the box off the post as Madrid started brightly.

However, it took until just before the hour mark for the visitors to make the breakthrough when Benzema swept home Rodriguez's cross for his 22nd La Liga goal of the campaign -- his best ever singleseason return in seven years in Spain.

Ronaldo had another great chance to

double Madrid's lead when he fired straight at Vicente Guaita instead of squaring for Bale moments later. Yet, Madrid's dominance was rewarded

with a second goal before half-time when Isco stretched to convert Benzema's pass past the onrushing Guaita.

Bale also ensured his highest ever goalscoring La Liga season with his 16th of the campaign as he raced onto Benzema's ball over the top before coolly slotting into the far corner.

Zidane then quickly made his three substitutions with Bale, Benzema and Dani Carvajal sacrificed with Wednesday's clash with Villarreal in mind.

The changes took some sting out of Madrid's play and Getafe were rewarded for their endeavour in the final quarter when former Real academy prospect Sarabia curled into the top corner.

Madrid did have the final word though, as Rodriguez controlled Lucas Vazquez's low cross before side-footing home his

Higuain ban reduced



A four-match ban imposed on Napoli's 30goal star striker Gonzalo Higuain was reduced to three on appeal on Friday, as his side seek to overturn a six point gap on league leaders Juventus.

Higuain has already sat out one match after a spectacular meltdown at Udinese two weeks ago during a shock 3-1 defeat.

Higuain was shown his second yellow card for kicking out at defender Felipe before launching a verbal tirade against the referee and angrily remonstrating with Udinese players.

The disciplinary commission said he uttered "an insulting term" to the referee, and made "a disrespectful gesture when he faced him and laid his two hands on his chest".

It also evoked "aggressive behaviour towards an opponent" and pointed out that Higuain had "to be restrained by his teammates".

On Friday Higuain's lawyer's argued the player had merely the league standings. suggested to the referee that his decision had been "shameful". Napoli later said they were "extremely disappointed".

"We take note of the decision and see that it lacked the necessary courage to really shed light on this and do justice to the player," the club announced in a statement.

He is the top Serie A scorer with 30 goals this term, and will miss this weekend's clash at Inter Milan and next week's game with Bologna.

But the fiery Argentine will now be back for the game with currently third-placed Roma on April 25 (the 35th of 38 league games) as second-placed Napoli chase a first Serie A title since Diego Maradona played his penultimate season at the club in 1990.

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a thriller

Gujarat Lions controlled the game for a better part of 35 overs, before slipping in the next four to bring the equation down to 11 off the final over. Aaron Finch, who overcame bouts of cramps and a twitch to his hamstring, was running on empty by then. Fortunately, Dhawal Kulkarni channelised his batting potential to pull out a crucial boundary, before Finch biffed a boundary when they needed one off the final ball as Lions eked out a last-ball thriller by three wickets to consolidate their position at the top of

SCORES IN BRIEF

MUMBAI INDIANS: 143 for 8 in 20 overs (Patel 34, Southee 25; Kulkarni 2-19, Tambe 2-12)

GUJARAT LIONS: 147 for 7 in 20 overs (Finch 67 not out, Raina 27; McClenaghan 4-21, Bumrah 2-32)

Result: Gujarat Lions won by 3 wickets

Man-of-the-match: Aaron Finch

YEARS

Finch clinches Aguero destroys Chelsea



Aston Villa's longexpected relegation from the Premier League was finally confirmed with a 1-

0 loss away to Manchester United on Saturday as teenage rising star Marcus Rashford scored his seventh goal in 12 games.

The 18-year-old striker, also on target in United's FA Cup quarterfinal replay win over West Ham United in midweek, struck in the 32nd minute when he turned in Antonio Valencia's low cross.

Defeat left bottom-of-the-table Champions League. Villa 15 points shy of safety with only a

remaining league matches this season.

Villa, under the caretaker charge of Eric Black after former manager Remi Garde was sacked last month, have won just three times in 34 league games this campaign and Saturday's loss saw them drop down to the second-tier of English football for the first time in 29 years.

Saturday's late-kick-off then saw City pull four points clear of United and leapfrog Arsenal into third place, with Sergio Aguero scoring a hattrick in a 3-0 win away to fallen champions Chelsea that came just days after Manuel Pellegrini's men reached the semi-finals of the

Aguero finished a quick counter- to fellow strugglers Norwich City. maximum of 12 on offer to the attack to give City a 33rd-minute Victory at Carrow Road left the Birmingham club in their four lead at Stamford Bridge and dou- north-east side still in the bottom ing in the 89th minute.

second half with another breakaway goal after good work by Kevin de over the Canaries. Bruyne and Samir Nasri.

form this season they are now 10th in the table and a bad day for the Blues got worse when goalkeeper Thibault Courtois was sent off late on for bringing down Fernandinho in the box when one-on-one with the Brazilian.

Argentina star Aguero completed his treble from the ensuing 80thminute penalty.

Earlier, Sunderland gave themselves hope of yet another escape from relegation, with a 3-0 win away

bled their advantage early in the three but just one point adrift of Norwich and with a game in hand

Fabio Borini's first-half penalty Such has been Chelsea's slump in and strikes from Jermain Defoe and Duncan Watmore after the interval saw Sunderland to a first win in seven matches.

Newcastle United, Sunderland's north-east rivals, bolstered their hopes of top-flight survival with a 3-0 win at home to Swansea.

Jamaal Lascelles headed in Andros Townsend's corner four minutes before the break and Moussa Sissoko made the game safe for the Magpies eight minutes from time, as they marked manager Rafael Benitez's 56th birthday in style.

Townsend rounded off the scor-

Nadal outlasts Murray

AFP, Monte Carlo



Rafael Nadal returned to the final of the Monte Carlo Masters for the first time in three years as the eight-time champion struggled to close out a 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 win over Andy Murray yesterday.

Nadal, who lifted the title in the Principality uninterrupted from 2005-2012, last lost the 2013 final to Novak Djokovic.

Spain's fifth-seeded king of clay showed hints of the form which took him to multiple seasons of total dominance on the surface as he overcame second seed Murray in a battle lasting for more than two and a half hours.

It was not all one-way traffic for Nadal, who spent 10 minutes in the final game between his first match points and his fifth in fighting off a late Murray charge. The 28-year-old Murray saved four Nadal match

points and had two break chances of his own before Nadal finally drilled over a winner which the Scot could not quite handle. Nadal, 29, will bid for a ninth title in the Principality

today against either France's Gael Monfils who beat Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-1, 6-3. Murray had been working to repeat his upset of the

Spaniard from the Madrid Masters final last May as he played in his third Monte Carlo semi-final after going this far in 2009 and 2011 -- losing both matches to Nadal. Murray was unable to maintain his winning momentum

after lifting the opening set against the Spaniard who has spent the last 18 months recovering mental confidence after a deep slump. The 14-time Grand Slam champion has not won a title of

any kind since last summer in Hamburg.

Hence Nadal has now improved his record over Murray to 17-6, defeating him seven of the eight times they have met on clay. Nadal stands 27-14 at the Masters 1000 level, one title

behind all-time leader Djokovic. The Scot won the opening set in 49 minutes with a single

break of Nadal, but could not carry on after being broken at the start of the second set. The second seed got the break back a game later but then lost serve for a second time in the seventh game as Nadal

made a winning return off a Murray overhead. The Spaniard claimed the set after more than an hour as the total match time ticked over to two hours.

Murray's game went into collapse in the third set as he trailed 5-1 before his futile late rally.





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