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Real ride on Bale

AFP, Madrid

Gareth Bale struck twice to inspire a Real Madrid fightback from two goals down to win 3-2 at Rayo Vallecano and move top of La Liga on Saturday.

Without the injured Cristiano Ronaldo, Real's title hopes looked in tatters when early goals from Adrian Embarba and Miku put Rayo 2-0 in front.

However, Bale's powerful header halved the deficit before half-time and he fired home the winner nine minutes from time after Lucas Vazquez had equalised early in the second period.

Real now lead Barcelona and Atletico Madrid by two points, but they can move back in front at the top of the table when they host Sporting Gijon and Malaga respectively later on Saturday.

Ronaldo was missing for the first time in La Liga this season due to a thigh injury, while Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane also left Sergio Ramos and Luka Modric on the bench with one eye on their Champions League semi-final, first leg at Manchester City on Tuesday.

However, the visitors got off to a terrible start as they struggled to deal with the difficult conditions caused by a torrential downpour in the Spanish capital.

Embarba tapped home the opener from close range after Bebe's determined run and cross had opened up the Madrid defence with just seven minutes gone.

It was 2-0 inside 15 minutes as shocking Real defending from a corner allow Miku to sweep home his eighth goal of the season.

Madrid have now won the last 16 meetings between the sides stretching back 16 years, but Rayo could have been out of sight but for a fine flying save from Keylor Navas to prevent Bebe's long-range effort finding the top corner.

In the absence of Ronaldo, Bale took responsibility to drag Madrid back into the game as he rose highest to power home Toni Kroos's corner 10 minutes before half-time.

Madrid suffered another blow before the break, though, as Karim Benzema limped off with a knee injury making him a serious doubt to travel to Manchester in midweek.

Vazquez replaced the Frenchman and it was the diminutive winger who brought Real level in unusual fashion as he powered home a header from Danilo's cross six minutes into the second half.

Rayo struggled to contain the wave upon wave of Madrid attacks that ensued as Vazquez just failed to connect with Bale's cross before Jese Rodriguez fired straight at Juan Carlos with just the goalkeeper to beat.

However, it was fitting that Bale was the man to decide the game as he pounced on a loose pass midway inside the Rayo half and surged forward before striking low and hard past Juan Carlos for his 18th goal of the season.



Manchester City striker Kelechi Iheanacho (R) scores the fourth goal against Stoke City during their Premier League encounter at the Etihad Stadium yesterday.

Bayern made to wait

AFP, Berlin

Bayern Munich must wait another week to claim an historic fourth consecutive Bundesliga title although Saturday's 2-0 win at Hertha Berlin left them seven points clear with three games left.

Bayern could have had the league wrapped up in the capital had second-placed Dortmund not won 3-0 at VfB Stuttgart.

That result means Pep Guardiola's Bavarians will secure the title if they beat Borussia Moechengladbach at home next Saturday regardless of other results.

No other team has even won four consecutive league titles in Germany's top flight.

Bayern took the lead at Berlin's Olympic Stadium when Mario Goetze's pass found Vidal in space.

The Chile midfielder drilled home his shot from 22 metres, which took a deflection on its way past Berlin goalkeeper Thomas Kraft on 48 minutes.

Brazil winger Douglas Costa doubled Bayern's lead with a breath-taking strike from the right flank which looped over the Hertha goalkeeper on 79 minutes.

But this was a far from polished performance from Bayern, ahead of Wednesday's Champions League semi-final, first-leg, at Atletico Madrid.

They managed just six shots on goal, compared to Hertha's nine, despite the hosts being restricted to just 26 percent possession.

Dortmund, who will face the Bavarians in the German Cup final on May 21, made Bayern wait a little longer to have their title win confirmed with a comprehensive win at Stuttgart.

Nuru pledges support for Poton

SPORTS REPORTER

Nurul Islam Nuru, an independent candidate for the president's post of the upcoming elections of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), has decided to pull out of the race, pledging his support for Save Football panel's Kamrul Ashraf Khan Poton MP. The Tongi Kira Chakra president made this declaration at the office of Manzur Kader, one of the leaders of the Save Football Panel and president of Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club.

Due to the fact that the last date for withdrawal of candidature from the elections has already been over, Nuru's name will remain on the ballot paper, and he will have to ask the delegates to refrain from voting him during the BFF congress, which will be held prior to the polls.

Nuru's withdrawal leaves only three candidates for the BFF president's post.

Man City destroy Stoke

AFP, London

Teenager Kelechi Iheanacho scored twice as Manchester City tuned up for their Champions League semi-final with Real Madrid by sinking Stoke City 4-0 in the Premier League on Saturday.

Iheanacho, 19, struck twice within 10 second-half minutes, adding to goals by Fernando and Sergio Agüero, to lift City, who host Madrid in the first leg of their last-four tie on Tuesday, back above Arsenal to third place.

Elsewhere, Rafael Benitez's Newcastle United came from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 at his former club Liverpool -- whose French centre-back Mamadou Sakho has failed a drugs test -- to inch to within a point of safety.

"A big team must always be focused on both competitions -- Premier League and Champions League," said City manager Manuel Pellegrini.

"Every big team must do it every year.

"Kelechi Iheanacho is an important young player with a lot of future. He scores lots of goals, but he is not just a penalty-box player. I am sure that his role in this team will be very important."

With an eye on Madrid's visit, Pellegrini kept Belgian playmaker Kevin De Bruyne on the bench at the Etihad Stadium and rested captain Vincent Kompany altogether.

Fernando broke the deadlock with a header from Jesus Navas's 35th-minute corner and top scorer Agüero added a second from the penalty spot after Ryan Shawcross had fouled Iheanacho.

Pablo Zabaleta teed up Iheanacho to slot in City's third goal in the 64th minute and the Nigeria international sealed the win by gathering Wilfried Bony's pass and rounding substitute goalkeeper Jakob Haugaard to score.

With Sakho watching from the stands after the revelation that he is being investigated by European governing body UEFA over a doping violation -- reported to concern a weight-loss drug -- Liverpool were pegged back by Benitez's Newcastle at Anfield.

Syrian torch bearer for Rio Games

REUTERS, Athens

A Syrian amputee swimmer, granted asylum in Greece, will be a torch-bearer for the 2016 Rio Games and is to run with the Olympic flame through a refugee camp in Athens on Tuesday.

Ibrahim al-Hussein crossed the Aegean from Turkey to Greece on a rubber boat in 2014 after having lost part of his leg in a bombing in Syria, the Hellenic Olympic Committee and the United Nations refugee agency (UNHCR) said.

He has since been given asylum in Greece, the main route into Europe from 2015 for more than a million people from conflict-ravaged or poor countries in the Middle East, Asia and Africa.

Daniel Sturridge chested down a high ball and swivelled to fire Jürgen Klopp's side in front inside two minutes, with his England colleague Adam Lallana bending in Liverpool's second goal on the half-hour.

But Papis Cisse brought the visitors back into the game with a 48th-minute header before Jack Colback drove in a deflected 66th-minute leveller to take Newcastle to within a point of fourth-bottom Norwich City and prevent seventh-place Liverpool closing on the European berths.

Eden Hazard, last year's Player of the Season, scored his first two league goals of the campaign -- a year since his last -- as outgoing champions Chelsea won 4-1 at Bournemouth to climb to ninth.

Pedro Rodriguez and Willian were also on target for Chelsea, with Tommy Elphick hitting back for the home side.

Meanwhile, Dusan Tadic scored twice, in between headed goals from Shane Long and Sadio Mane, as Southampton won 4-2 at relegated bottom club Aston Villa, for whom Ashley Westwood scored twice.

Sakho fails dope test

REUTERS, London

Liverpool sidelined France international defender Mamadou Sakho on Saturday pending the result of a doping investigation that could rule him out of the European Championship in June.

France's RMC radio reported that Sakho had failed a dope test following the use of a fat-burning drug as an aid to weight loss.

Liverpool, playing relegation-threatened Newcastle United in the Premier League at Anfield later on Saturday, did not provide details of the substance but said they had received a formal communication from UEFA on Friday.

A club statement said that UEFA was "investigating a possible anti-doping rule violation by Mamadou Sakho" and the player would respond to European soccer's ruling body.

"The player is currently not subject to any playing suspension," Liverpool added.

"However, the club, in consultation with the player, has decided that while this process is followed the player will not be available for selection for matches."

Liverpool are seventh in the Premier League, with four games remaining, but could qualify for the lucrative Champions League next season if they win the Europa League.

The former European champions have reached the semi-finals of that second tier European competition after beating Borussia Dortmund 5-4 on aggregate in a stirring quarter-final fightback last week.

They are due to play Villarreal of Spain in the semi-final first leg on April 28 with the return at Anfield on May 5.

Sakho grabbed the equaliser at 3-3 against Dortmund in the quarter-final second leg, which Liverpool won 4-3 in stoppage time, and scored against Everton in a 4-0 rout in the league on Wednesday.

The Liverpool Echo reported that Sakho, 26, had tested positive after the Europa League round of 16 game against Manchester United on March 17.

Sakho's Liverpool team mate Kolo Toure was banned for six months in 2011 while at Manchester City for a similar failed drugs test.

A similar ban for Sakho would rule him out of the European championship being held in France.

JABBARER BOLI KHELA Boishakhi fair from today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The 107th edition of 'Abdul Jabbarer Boli Khela', a century-old conventional wrestling, will be held at the historical Laldighi Moidan in the port city on Monday.

On the occasion, a three-day Boishakhi Mela (fair) will also start from today (Sunday) at Laldighi Moidan and its surrounding areas.

This year around two hundred Bolis (wrestlers) would take part at the Boli Khela (wrestling) from different upazilas of Chittagong division and other parts of the country, said the organisers at a press conference held at Chittagong Press Club (CPC) yesterday.

Abdul Jabbar Smriti Kusti Protijogita O Baishakhi Mela Udjapan Parishad is organising the event and the fair with support from telecom operator Grameenphone.

At the conference, Abdul Jabbar Smriti Kusti Protijogita O Baishakhi Mela Udjapan Parishad's President Jahar Lal Hajari said though the fair will start from Sunday but informally the fair already has begun on over a one-and-a-half square km area, covering Anderkilla to Kotwali and Shahid Minar to Badarpatti area.

Shawkat Anwar Badal, general secretary of the Parishad said all necessary preparations have been taken to hold the fair and Boli Khela successfully.



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