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# Enrique takes blame for shock defeat

AFP, Barcelona



Barca boss Luis Enrique admitted he must take responsibility for the Spanish champions' shock home defeat to newly promoted Alaves after starting Lionel Messi and Luis Suarez on the bench.

Enrique made seven changes on Saturday after many of his squad returned to club duty after taking part in World Cup qualifiers around the world in the past week, whilst Messi was also struggling with a minor groin injury.

"I am the one ultimately responsible for all the bad things that happen," said the Barca boss after suffering his fifth home league defeat in three seasons in charge at the Camp Nou.

"Many of the changes came from the circumstances surrounding us, but we have 22 players and we are going to use everyone this season."

As well as leaving out Messi and Suarez, Enrique changed his entire back four, whilst goalkeeper Jasper Cillessen and striker Paco Alcacer made their debuts.

Deyverson beat Cillessen from close range to hand Alaves a surprise lead before half-time, but Jeremy Mathieu brought Barca back into the game when he headed home Neymar's corner a minute into the second-half.

Mathieu somehow then blasted wide when

from another set-piece before Barca's makeshift defence was caught out once more when Ibai Gomez slotted home the winner.

Enrique called upon Messi, Suarez and Andres Iniesta from the bench, but even they couldn't break Alaves's resistance as Messi fired wide deep into stoppage time.

"We lacked fluidity, precision and we were fragile in defence, which is one of the things that normally makes us strong," added Enrique. "The one positive is it is a time to reflect on what this team has won over the years. Everyone makes us favourites for everything, but it is not easy to win any game."

Enrique is expected to revert back to his strongest line-up for Celtic's visit to start their Champions League campaign.

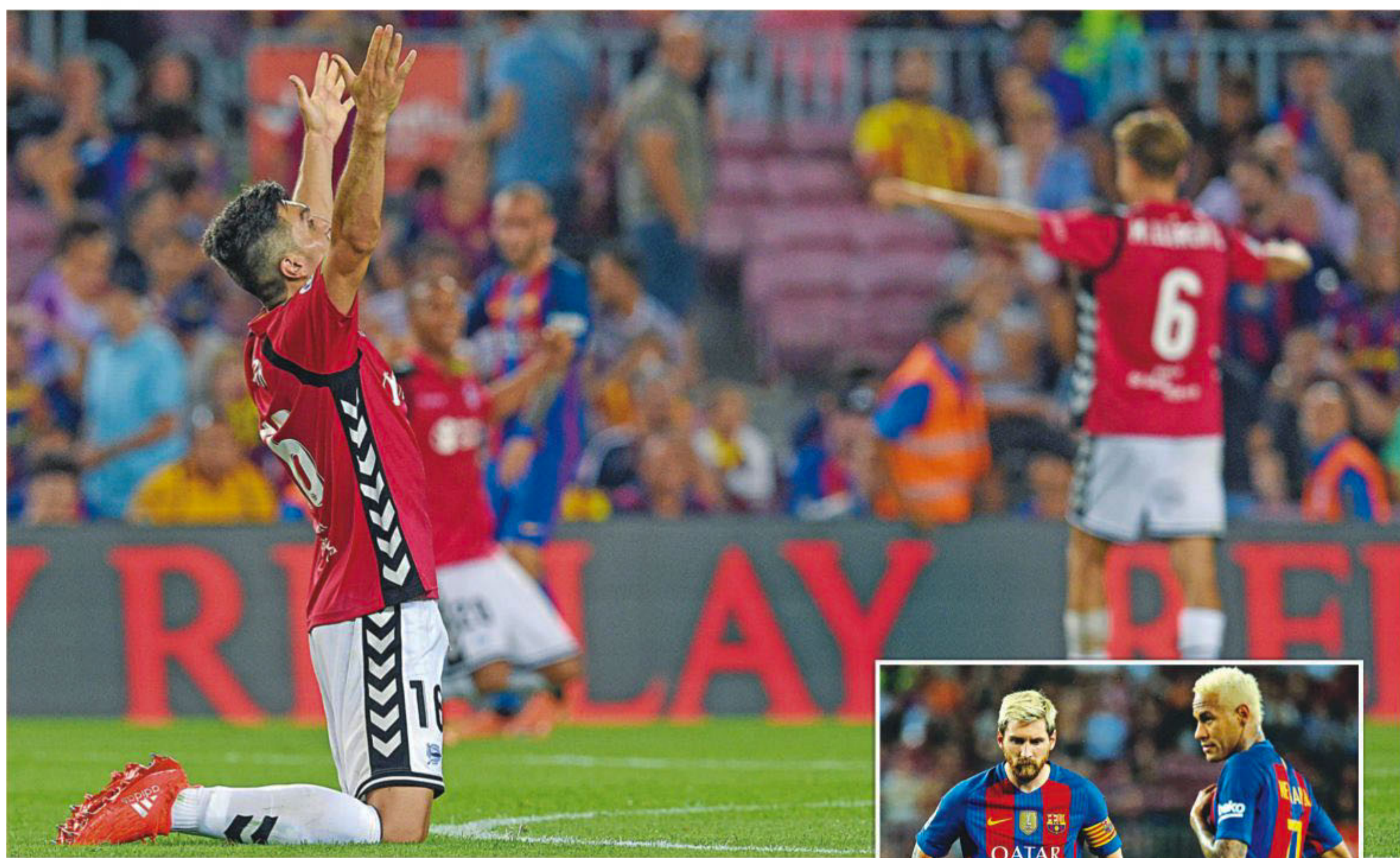
Celtic will be high on confidence after thrashing old rivals Rangers 5-1 on Saturday.

"It's clear it wasn't our best game, they didn't have many chances but they were very effective," said midfielder Sergio Busquets.

"We lacked a spark, we lacked a lot of things. It is hard to say it is a deserved defeat because they also didn't create a lot."

And Iniesta insisted Barca will have licked their wounds and learned the lesson in time for the visit of the Scottish champions.

"We have to do better in the next game in a different competition," added the Spanish international. "As always when there is a defeat, we have to analyse it and correct it for the next game."



After holding Atletico Madrid in their La Liga opener, newly-promoted Deportivo Alaves went one better and pulled off a heist at the Nou Camp against Barcelona on Saturday. (INSET) Barca's attacking line-up featuring Lionel Messi and Neymar mustered only two shots at goal, their lowest since an October 2012 game against Real Madrid. PHOTO: AFP



After his double-double in the Olympics, British long-distance runner Mo Farah secured an unprecedented third on the trot in the Great North Run on Sunday. PHOTO: AFP

# Mo' history for Farah

AFP, London



Britain's Mo Farah claimed an unprecedented third consecutive victory in the Great North Run half-marathon in north-east England on Sunday.

The four-time Olympic champion pulled clear of America's Dathan Ritzenhein to complete the course between Newcastle and South Shields in a time of one hour and four seconds.

Kenya's Vivian Cheruiyot won the women's race in her first half-marathon, edging out compatriot Priscah Jeptoo.

"I knew it was going to be a hard race today," Farah told BBC television. "To be honest, I'm knackered. I can hardly talk."

"It's good to finish on a high here. What a year I've had. I just have to go home now and chill out and see the kids."

Farah's victory in the world's biggest half-

marathon came after he completed a second consecutive Olympic double in the 5,000 metres and 10,000 metres in Rio de Janeiro.

Farah, 33, endeared himself to the large crowds watching by mimicking the goal celebration of former Newcastle United striker Alan Shearer as he finished, raising his right hand in the air.

Shearer tweeted his approval, writing: "Love it @Mo\_Farah!"

Farah's triumph follows accusations made by his wife, Tania, who also ran in the race, that he was "humiliated" by an airline attendant in the United States.

She told the Sunday Telegraph a Delta Airlines official "yelled" at her husband and sent him to the back of a queue.

Other reports said the Farah family had arrived late for first-class boarding.

The family were reportedly travelling home from Rio and were about to embark on the final leg of their journey from Atlanta to Portland, Oregon.

# Higuain brace powers Juve

AFP, Milan



Gonzalo Higuain and Jose Callejon starred as Juventus and Napoli warmed up for their respective Champions League opening group games with comprehensive wins over Sassuolo and Palermo on Saturday.

Higuain, who signed for Juventus from Napoli in a big-money move over the summer, answered his recent critics with a well-taken brace in a one-sided 3-1 win over Sassuolo in Turin.

In Palermo, Marek Hamsik got Napoli off the mark with a 47th minute opener, his 82nd goal for the club overtaking Diego Maradona's 81-goal haul when he helped them to their two league titles, in 1987 and 1990.

Callejon's brace came amid a poor defensive display from an outclassed Palermo, but still took the Spaniard's tally to four in three games.

But it is Juve who are the most fancied Italian side in Europe this season, and Higuain's third goal of the campaign has raised hopes Juve, beaten finalists in 2015, can go all the way, starting with a win against reigning Europa League champions Sevilla on Wednesday.

Higuain, making his Juve debut after several frantic weeks of trying to lose the excess pounds he piled on over a summer, was buoyed after a promising Juventus display.

"This is the kind of Juventus side we need for the Champions League, but we have our feet firmly on the ground," he told Sky Sport.

Coach Massimiliano Allegri admitted "Higuain made the difference", but was quick to underline his squad have yet to iron out many of their early-season creases.

"We still have a lot of improvement to make... we conceded far too many shots by Sassuolo," said the Italian. "Today we played well offensively, but

we're still looking for the DNA of our defensive game."

For not the first time since his arrival from Real Madrid, in 2013, Higuain has drawn criticism for starting the season overweight.

Allegri's decision to only start him from the bench in their opening two games, when he hit the winner in Juve's opening 2-1 win over Fiorentina, has already been vindicated.

Although yet to start banging goals in with the regularity that earned him a Serie A record with 36 last season, Higuain's two-goal haul on Saturday suggests he could be on his way to another remarkable season.

He added, defiantly: "I was never really worried, I knew that with some hard work the goals would come."

Juve's performance against a Sassuolo side set to make its Europa League debut, at home to Athletic Bilbao on Thursday, was not the only dominant one of the night.

# Learning Italian by Hart

AGENCIES, Rome

Torino boss Sinisa Mihajlovic is delighted with Joe Hart's attitude after his move to the Italian side.

Hart began training this week and Mihajlovic has been impressed with his mentality, and willingness to speak in Italian to his defenders.

"He's very determined. I spoke to him before the signing to ensure he was fired up," he said.

"He's already formed a good rapport with the other guys, communicating in Italian. I am pleased. He speaks a little Italian, he's learning those words that you need on the pitch to lead the defence and he's using them in training."

# Leipzig rock Dortmund

AFP, Berlin



RB Leipzig stunned Bundesliga title hopefuls Borussia Dortmund 1-0 on Saturday to claim the club's first win in the German top flight, while Joel Pohjanpalo scored a stunning hat-trick in Bayer Leverkusen's 3-1 defeat of Hamburg.

Guinea international Naby Keita struck a minute from time as Leipzig, founded just seven years ago, toppled Thomas Tuchel's Dortmund in their first Bundesliga home game.

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang threatened early for Dortmund and Andre Schuerrle hit the bar, while Timo Werner and Dominik Kaiser both went close for the hosts, before substitute Keita popped up with the winner on an assist from Scottish teenage debutant Oliver Burke.

The 19-year-old, who came off the bench late on, became Scotland's most expensive player after joining Leipzig from Nottingham Forest for around 13 million pounds last month.

"We put things in place to stop our opponents, but with the substitutions we reacted when we felt we could win the match," said Leipzig coach Ralph Hasenhuettl. "We've shown we can play at this level."

Dortmund manager Tuchel admitted his side, who open their Champions League campaign away to Legia Warsaw of Poland on Wednesday, had not been at their best.

"We made life a bit difficult for ourselves. We weren't so much forced into mistakes, but we made unnecessary errors. We were ready for this match, but we were lacking that finishing touch," he said.

Earlier, US international Bobby Wood gave Hamburg the lead just before the hour against Leverkusen at the BayArena, but the introduction of Finland striker Pohjanpalo on 72 minutes swung the game dramatically in the home side's favour.

The 21-year-old, who scored on his Bundesliga debut last month, equalised for Leverkusen within seven minutes of his arrival, but was far from done as he netted twice more in stoppage time to hand Roger Schmidt's side their first points of the season.

Leverkusen begin their Champions League adventure when they host CSKA Moscow in the opening round of group stage matches midweek, but Borussia Moenchengladbach will have to recover quickly ahead of their trip to Manchester City after losing 3-1 at promoted Freiburg.

Thorgan Hazard, the younger brother of Chelsea star Eden, fired the visitors ahead 10 minutes before half-time, but two goals from Freiburg midfielder Maximilian Philipp turned the game on its head before Nils Petersen added a late third from the penalty spot.

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