

STAR SPORTS 2
English Premiership
Watford v Man United
Live from 5:00pm
STAR SPORTS 4
English Premiership

Tottenham v Sunderland
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SONY ESPN
Serie A
Inter Milan v Juventus
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Fiorentina v Roma
Live from 12:30am (Monday)
SONY SIX
La Liga
Osasuna v Celta Vigo
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Athletic Bilbao v Valencia
Live from 8:00pm
Villarreal v Real Sociedad
Live from 10:30pm
Espanyol v Real Madrid
Live from 1:00am (Monday)

Barca back to winning ways

AFP, Madrid



Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez and Neymar were all on target as Barcelona got back to winning ways in La Liga with a 5-1 thrashing at newly promoted Leganes on Saturday.

Barca suffered a shock 2-1 home defeat to Alaves last weekend, but despite a bright start from the hosts there was to be no repeat of that upset once Suarez teed up Messi to open the scoring after 15 minutes.

Suarez and Neymar tapped home to give Barca a healthy half-time lead before a Messi penalty and wonder strike from Rafinha made it 5-0.

Gabriel Appelt Pires's fine free-kick pulled a goal back for Leganes 10 minutes from time.

Barca move level with Real Madrid at the top of the table, but Madrid play their game in hand away to Espanyol without the injured Cristiano Ronaldo and Gareth Bale on Sunday.

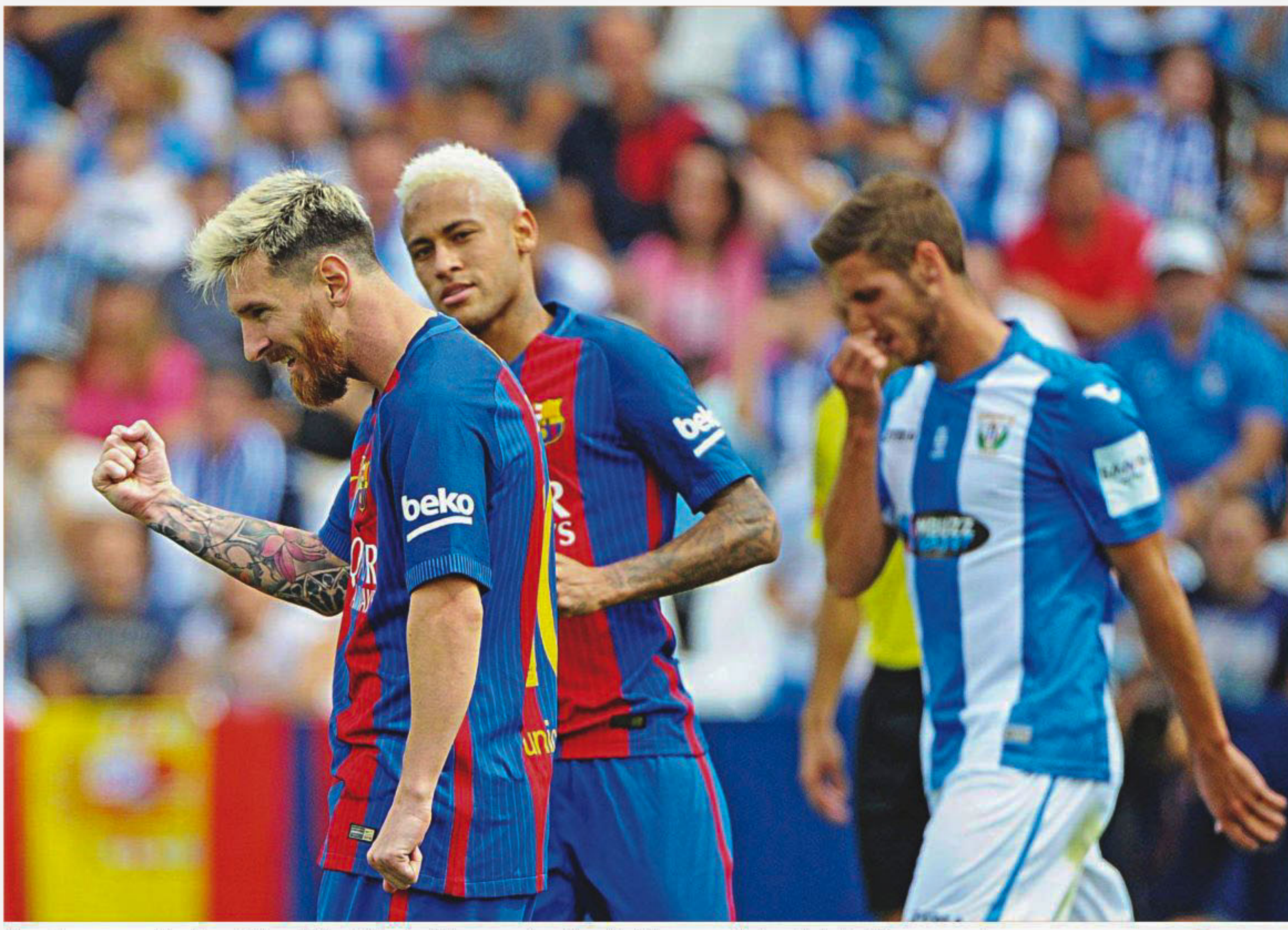
Messi, Suarez and Neymar were starting together for only the second time this season and, just as in a 7-0 thrashing of Celtic on Tuesday, showed no mercy as Leganes's high defensive line was torn apart in the first-half.

The hosts were given a warning when Diego Rico blocked Messi's goalbound effort from Barca's first counter-attack.

However, Leganes were punished moments later when Suarez showed great strength to burst down the right and his low cross was easily turned home by Messi.

The roles were reversed for Barca's second when Messi was gifted possession inside the Leganes half and waltzed past two defenders before teeing up Suarez for a tap-in.

Meanwhile, Antoine Griezmann and Fernando Torres struck twice as Atletico Madrid moved into third with their third win of the week in a 5-0 rout of Sporting Gijon.



Barcelona superstar Lionel Messi (L) celebrates his second goal against Leganes during their La Liga encounter at the Butarque Municipal Stadium yesterday.

Ronaldo, Bale to miss Espanyol trip

AFP, Madrid

Real Madrid will have to cope without Cristiano Ronaldo and Gareth Bale in the quest for a club-record 16th straight La Liga win after coach Zinedine Zidane said both will miss Sunday's trip to Espanyol.

Bale was forced off early by a hip knock as Real came from behind in dramatic fashion to beat Sporting Lisbon 2-1 on Wednesday in the Champions League. Ronaldo started Real's fightback against his old club, but misses out this weekend due to illness.

"Cristiano won't travel. He has a problem with his throat and is not ready to play," Zidane said on Saturday.

"We are not going to risk anything and much less so with Ronaldo."

Zidane also stressed Madrid's busy schedule with five games in the next two weeks was also behind his decision to leave out Bale.

"He suffered a heavy blow (on Wednesday) so we won't risk anything. All the players want to play, but we have a lot of games," added Zidane.

Bayern floor Ingolstadt

AFP, Berlin

Illness-hit Bayern Munich conceded their first goal of the season before roaring back with a 3-1 win at home to Ingolstadt to stay top of the Bundesliga on Saturday.

Having scored 20 goals without reply winning all of their first five competitive games, including Tuesday's 5-0 Champions League drubbing of Rostov, Bayern leaked their first goal of the season with just eight minutes gone at Munich's Allianz Arena.

Captain Philipp Lahm, defender David Alaba and forward Thomas Mueller were all out with a virus, as was cold-sufferer Mats Hummels, and Ingolstadt took advantage of Bayern's lack of key figures early on.

Australia international Mathew Leckie broke down the left wing and set up Paraguay striker Dario Lezcano, who stroked his shot past Manuel Neuer to silence the 75,000-strong crowd.

The lead lasted just four minutes as Robert Lewandowski curled his shot past the reach of Ingolstadt's goalkeeper Orjan Nyland for his 11th goal of the season for club and country.

Ingolstadt finished the half stronger, but Bayern were not to be denied a sixth straight win this season.

Man City pull clear

AFP, London



Kevin De Bruyne, Raheem Sterling and Kelechi Iheanacho shone as Manchester City crushed Bournemouth 4-0 on Saturday to provisionally go five points clear in the Premier League.

League debutant Ilkay Gundogan also found the net for Pep Guardiola's City, who have made their best ever start to a season with eight consecutive wins in all competitions.

Full debutant Islam Slimani scored twice as champions Leicester City won 3-0 at home to Burnley and there were also wins for Arsenal and West Bromwich Albion.

At the Etihad Stadium, Guardiola made

RESULTS

Hull 1 (Snodgrass 79-pen) **Arsenal 4** (Sanchez 17, 83, Walcott 55, Xhaka 90+2)
Leicester 3 (Slimani 45+1, 48, Mee 78-og) Burnley 0
Man City 4 (De Bruyne 15, Iheanacho 25, Sterling 48, Gundogan 66) Bournemouth 0
West Brom 4 (Chadli 8-pen, 56, Rondon 37, McClean 44) West Ham 2 (Antonio 61, Lanzini 65-pen)

four changes to the team that had outclassed Borussia Moenchengladbach in the Champions League, with Bacary Sagna, Gael Clichy, Nolito and Iheanacho coming in.

Jack Wilshere, on loan from Arsenal, made his first Bournemouth start, but it was to prove an afternoon to forget for the England international.

He gave away the free-kick that led to City's 15th-minute opener, De Bruyne cleverly stroking the set-piece beneath the jumping wall and into the bottom corner.

The Belgian was involved in the hosts' second goal 10 minutes later, moving Nolito's pass on to Sterling, who unselfishly teed up Iheanacho -- deputising for the suspended Sergio Aguero -- to score.

Sterling added a third early in the second

half, squeezing a shot over the line after Iheanacho had returned the favour, before De Bruyne set up Gundogan for City's fourth.

The only disappointment for Guardiola was the late dismissal of Nolito for leaning his head towards Adam Smith.

Everton can trim City's lead back to two points if they win at home to Middlesbrough in Saturday's late game.

Liverpool and Chelsea also trail City by five points following the Merseyside club's impressive 2-1 win at Stamford Bridge on Friday.

Arsenal are also on 10 points after winning 4-1 at Hull City to register a third consecutive league win for the first time since last December.

Alexis Sanchez claimed his first goal of the afternoon when Alex Iwobi's shot flicked off him and into the net in the 17th minute.

After Theo Walcott had chipped in to make it 2-0, Robert Snodgrass reduced the arrears with a 79th-minute penalty following a foul on Hull debutant Dieumerci Mbokani by visiting goalkeeper Petr Cech.

But Sanchez made the game safe six minutes later by lashing home after Hull goalkeeper Eldin Jakupovic had saved from Walcott and substitute Granit Xhaka added a stunning late goal from long range.

Leicester are three points back in ninth place after Slimani put paid to Burnley at the King Power Stadium.

Algeria international Slimani was making his league debut after his 28 million pounds (\$36.4 million, 32.6 million euros) transfer from Sporting Lisbon. He scored a pair of headers either side of half-time, nodding in a Christian Fuchs free-kick in first-half stoppage time and then heading home from strike partner Jamie Vardy's flick.

Ben Mee's own goal from Riyad Mahrez's cross completed the scoring in the 78th minute.

In the day's remaining game, West Brom withstood a late West Ham United fightback to claim an entertaining 4-2 win at The Hawthorns.

Higuain recalled

AFP, Buenos Aires

Forwards Gonzalo Higuain and Sergio Aguero have been called up for Argentina's two World Cup qualifiers in October, alongside Barcelona star Lionel Messi, coach Edgardo Bauza has announced.

Juventus striker Higuain had been overlooked by Bauza for a 1-0 win over Uruguay and 2-2 draw to Venezuela this month.

SQUAD

GOALKEEPERS: Sergio Romero (Manchester United/ENG), Mariano Andujar (Estudiantes), Nahuel Guzman (Tigres/MEX)

DEFENDERS: Facundo Roncaglia (Celta Vigo/ESP), Mateo Musacchio (Villarreal/ESP), Ramiro Funes Mori (Everton/ENG), Marcos Rojo (Manchester United/ENG), Martin Demichelis (Espanyol/ESP), Pablo Zabaleta (Manchester City/ENG), Gabriel Mercado (Sevilla/ESP), Nicolas Otamendi (Manchester City/ENG)

MIDFIELDERS: Matias Kranevitter (Atletico Madrid/ESP), Javier Mascherano (FC Barcelona/ESP), Lucas Biglia (Lazio/ITA), Augusto Fernandez (Atletico Madrid/ESP), Ever Banega (Inter Milan/ITA), Erik Lamela (Tottenham/ENG), Nicolas Gaitan (Atletico Madrid/ENG), Angel Di Maria (PSG/FRA)

STRIKERS: Lionel Messi (FC Barcelona/ESP), Angel Correa (Atletico Madrid/ESP), Lucas Pratto (Atletico Mineiro/BRA), Sergio Aguero (Manchester City/ENG), Paulo Dybala (Juventus/ITA), Gonzalo Higuain (Juventus/ITA)

Jose tells Pogba to forget price tag

AFP, London



Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho has urged midfielder Paul Pogba to forget his world-record price tag and concentrate on producing the goods for the team.

United broke the world transfer record to bring Pogba, 23, back to the club from Juventus last month in a deal worth an initial 89 million pounds (\$115.7 million, 103.7 million euros).

Pogba produced disappointing performances in United's losses to Manchester City and Feyenoord, but Mourinho pointed to the France midfielder's busy close season as a mitigating factor.

"The world-record player is always a question that will be open until somebody breaks the record," Mourinho said, in comments published by British newspapers on Saturday.

"I think there are clubs that paid 20, 30, 40 (million pounds), which is a bigger deal than what Man United paid for Paul because you make a relation between what you pay and the club revenue.

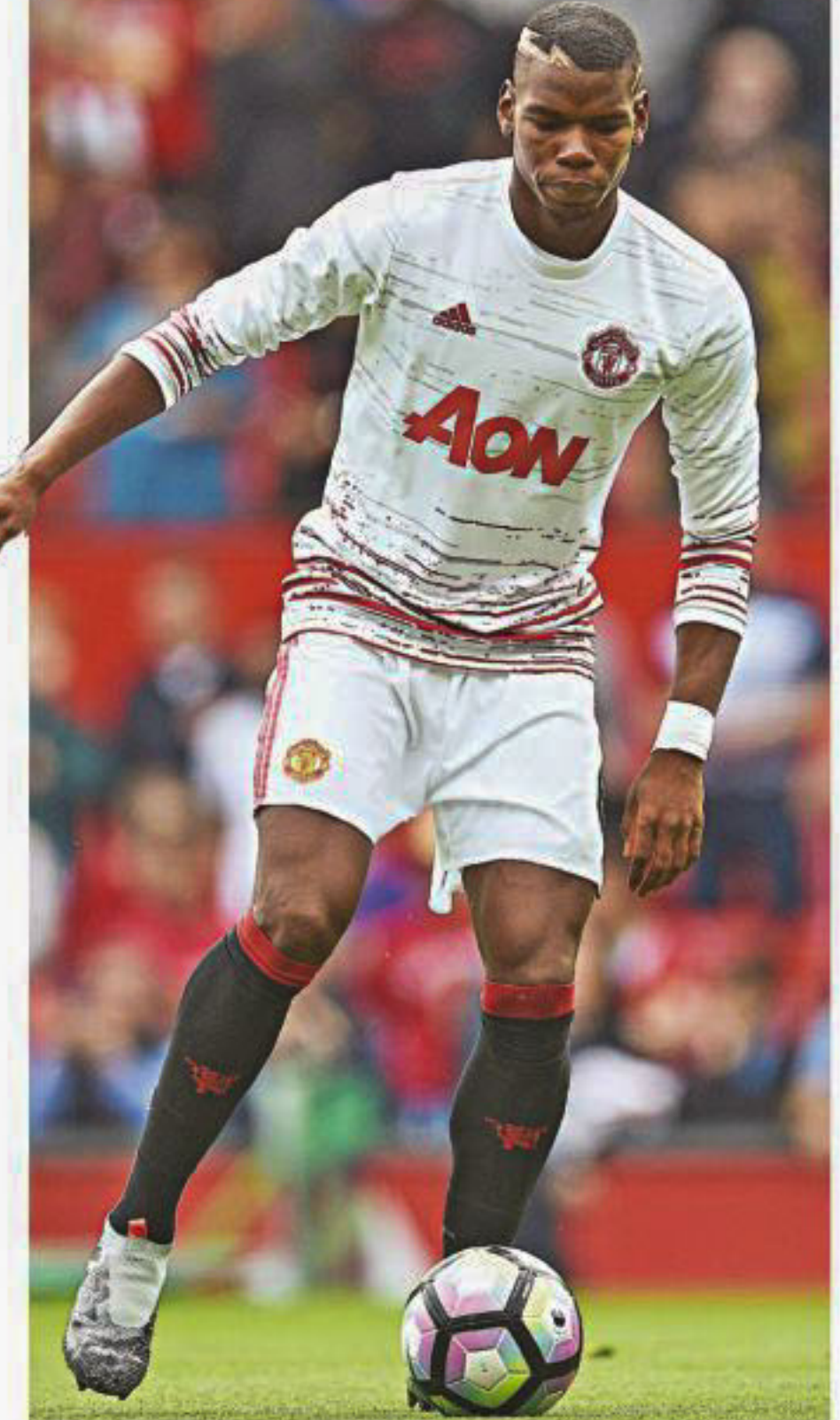
"You realise that other clubs paying 20, 30, 40 is a much bigger thing than what Man United did and I just want Paul to forget that and to play his football.

"Euro final, no pre-season, holidays, come back -- it's normal that in the first week he had the very good impact in the first game (in United's 2-0 win over Southampton).

"It's normal that after the first game he has a little decrease, but I am full of trust with him because I know the player he is.

"I know that he is a very good guy with a lot of ambition, so the form will come naturally and will come with the team. The team improves, Paul improves. No problem."

United visit Watford in the Premier League on Sunday, when they will be seeking to bounce back from their back-to-back defeats by City, in the league, and Feyenoord, in the Europa League.



PAUL POGBA



Manchester City midfielder Kevin De Bruyne jumps for joy after scoring the opening goal against Bournemouth during their Premier League clash at the Etihad Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Klopp playing down hype

AFP, London



Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp refused to countenance the suggestion his side might be Premier League title contenders following their impressive 2-1 victory at Chelsea.

Dejan Lovren's close-range volley and Jordan Henderson's sublime 25-yard curler earned Liverpool victory at Stamford Bridge on Friday, with Diego Costa replying for the home side.

Liverpool have also beaten Arsenal and defending champions Leicester City this season, but Klopp was no more willing to discuss their title chances than he had been after their 3-1 win here last October.

"I'm really not interested," he told a reporter in the Stamford Bridge press conference room when asked about Liverpool's title prospects.

"Someone asked me that when we won 3-1 last season against Chelsea. My answer was: 'Are you crazy?' I remember it.

"I learnt a little bit about the English (media). We have 10 points. That's fantastic. I'm really happy after these difficult fixtures.

"We know we can play good football, we're convinced about our quality. We just have to do it every week, or every three days."

The only blot on Liverpool's league record so far was their surprise 2-0 defeat at promoted Burnley, which was followed by a 1-1 draw at Tottenham Hotspur.

Liverpool's performance on Friday was notable for its intensity, with midfielders Sadio Mane, Adam Lallana, Georginio Wijnaldum and Henderson helping to prevent Chelsea gaining a foothold in the game.

Klopp was dismissive when it was put to him that his players might struggle to sustain such a rhythm and said their dominance of possession in the first half had actually helped them save energy.

"I've managed for 16 years and I get asked that all the time," said the German, whose side visit second-tier Derby County in the League Cup on Tuesday.

"It's not about intensity. It's about finding a solution for the opponent. In the first half it was not that intense.

"We had the ball, so it's about movement, playing football simply. We can come through the lines by running.

"The most intense football is if you make a mistake and have to run in the wrong direction, as we did for their goal. We have to improve, but we don't run like crazy all the time."

Chelsea manager Antonio Conte handed a second debut to Brazilian centre-back David Luiz, who returned to the club on transfer deadline day after two seasons at Paris Saint-Germain.

It was Conte's first defeat as Chelsea manager and the first time he had seen one of his teams beaten at home in a league game since Juventus lost 2-1 to Sampdoria in January 2013.

Chelsea slumped to a disappointing 10th-place finish last season and Conte warned his players they risk meeting a similar fate this term if they do not sharpen up.

"I don't want to repeat a bad season like last year," he said.