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Sk Jamal keep losing

SPORTS REPORTER

Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club's dream of clinching a hat-trick title of Bangladesh Premier League is fading fast as they suffered a 2-0 defeat, their third in a row, to lightweights Arambagh KS in the first match of the second phase at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The Dhanmondi giants, who had fought admirably well to lead the 12-team table till the eighth round despite having a depleted side, recently flew in Stefan Hansson to consolidate the lead. But since the Swede's arrival, the two-time defending champions spectacularly failed to shine and have collected only one point from four outings. They have now 19 points in total from 12 games and are five points behind leaders Chittagong Abahani, who have played a game less.

SHEIKH JAMAL	0 - 2	ARAMBAGH
UTTAR BARIDHARA	3 - 0	SHEIKH RUSSEL

Brazilian's attempt was denied by Arambagh goalkeeper Mitul Hasan, who foiled three good attempts.

Arambagh broke the deadlock in the 41st minute when Sheikh Jamal defender Didarul Haque struck his own net while attempting to clear a feeble clearance from third-choice goalkeeper Sujon Hossain.

The charges of Saiful Bari Titu then doubled the lead 13 minutes after restart when Mohammad Abdullah beat Sujon with a placing shot after availing a defence-splitting pass from midfielder Yoko Samnick.

Sheikh Jamal brought three pairs of fresh legs to stop the rot, but those replacements virtually had no impact on the match.

Otojareri then missed from the spot, allowing Arambagh to leave the field with their fourth win in 12 matches and 18 points in the bag.

SHEIKH RUSSEL FALL TO BARIDHARA AGAIN

Having lost by a single goal in the first phase, Sheikh Russel KC once again fell to Uttar Baridhara Club, losing 3-0 this time against the prompted club.

Baridhara's new Brazilian recruit Leonardo Lima struck a brace in the second half after Sabuj Biswas gave them a first-half lead an early lead. With their third win in 12 matches, Uttar Baridhara moved up to 11th position with nine points while Sheikh Russel slipped to the bottom of the table with eight points.



Borussia Dortmund midfielder Julian Weigl (C) juggles the ball during a training session in Dortmund yesterday on the eve of their Champions League Group F match against Sporting Lisbon.

PHOTO: AFP

Bender out of Spurs clash

AFP, Berlin

Bayer Leverkusen will be without influential captain Lars Bender for Wednesday's crunch Champions League clash with Tottenham Hotspur at Wembley.

Right-back Bender, who won a silver medal with Germany at the 2016 Rio Olympics, is out with a bruised heel from Saturday's 2-1 comeback win at Wolfsburg in the Bundesliga.

Also out injured is Australian winger Robbie Kruse, although he is out of favour and has not featured in either the Bundesliga or Champions League this season.

But Leverkusen coach Roger Schmidt has German international Jonathan Tah and Turkey's Omer Toprak fit after injuries to strengthen his defence.

Leverkusen are third in Group E after drawing their first three games, just one point behind Spurs, with Monaco top.

Germany set Pope date

AFP, Berlin

World champions Germany will be granted an audience with Pope Francis when the team travel to Italy for a friendly international next month, head coach Joachim Loew confirmed on Monday.

Germany play a 2018 World Cup qualifier away to minnows San Marino on November 11, then face Italy in a friendly in Milan four days later.

The German squad will meet the 79-year-old Argentine around the time of the Italy match.

"It's great that this will be possible," said Loew in a press conference on Monday to confirm his contract extension until 2020.

"It does not matter which religious ideologies you have - it's a great thing for everyone when the team gets involved in other things."

Several of the diverse German squad are Muslim, including Arsenal midfielder Mesut Ozil, defender Shkodran Mustafi, Juventus midfielder Sami Khedira and Manchester City's Ilkay Gundogan.

The pope is known to be a football fan and is an honorary member of German second division club 1860 Munich.

Tattooed Jose auctions watch

AGENCIES, London



Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho helped to raise thousands of pounds at a charity dinner - by auctioning off his watch as a last-minute lot.

The Portuguese boss delighted guests at the United for Unicef gala dinner by auctioning 'The Mourinho Collection', consisting of his signed, worn Adidas hoodie, training top and the scarf he held high as he was unveiled as United manager on the Old Trafford pitch in July.

The 53-year-old also offered a very generous last minute lot: his very own watch which is valued at around £16,000 which he took off his wrist to donate. The collection of items raised over £30,000 alone - and helped the event as a whole raise an incredible £215,000.

Mourinho said: "Charity is one of the amazing things in society and I have always been very supportive of Unicef. You know that the money is going to the right place and is going to make a big difference."

"Tonight the money is going to help children in Thailand so we know that we are going to contribute to a better future - I think it is difficult to have a better feeling than that."

Mourinho was joined at the event by his players, including Bastian Schweinsteiger following his return to first-team training.

Rarely without a timepiece, fans also got a rare glimpse of the Special One's eye-catching wrist tattoo after he unbuckled his Big Bang Unico Bi-Retrograde Chrono Titanium Ceramic watch.

Mourinho, a devoted family man, got his first tattoo upon returning to manage Chelsea for his second spell at the club in July, 2013.

Valencia keep struggling

AFP, Madrid

Valencia's poor La Liga season continued as Los Che remain just a point above the relegation zone after a 1-1 draw at fellow strugglers Deportivo la Coruna on Monday.

Deportivo have failed to replace the goal threat posed by Lucas Perez since his move to Arsenal in August, but a point is enough for them to move out of the bottom three on goal difference.

Turkish midfielder Emre Colak's towering header from a right-wing cross put Deportivo in front in first-half stoppage time.

However, in former Italy coach Cesare Prandelli's third game in charge, Valencia battled back after the break and Rodrigo tapped home Nani's low cross just before the hour mark.

The visitors then looked the more dangerous, but Deportivo goalkeeper Przemyslaw Tyton rushed from his line to block Martin Montoya's effort.

Last 16 places in sight

AFP, Paris



AFP Sports looks ahead to Wednesday's Champions League action with reigning champions Real Madrid, Juventus, Borussia Dortmund and debutants Leicester City all looking to clinch places in the last 16 with two games to spare (kick-offs 19:45 GMT):

BORUSSIA DORTMUND V SPORTING LISBON

Dortmund have started strongly in Group F and will secure their place in the last 16 with a win at home to Sporting at the Signal Iduna Park. Thomas Tuchel's men were 2-1 winners when the teams met in Portugal recently and have lost just one of their last 11 matches. However, they were held to a goalless draw by Schalke in the Ruhr derby at the weekend and sit only sixth in the Bundesliga. In addition, they have a long injury list with Marcel Schmelzer, Sven Bender, Marco Reus, Neven Subotic and Erik Durm all on the sidelines. Sporting need a positive result to keep alive their chances of reaching the knockout phase for the first time since 2008/09 but they have had one draw and suffered 11 defeats on their 12 previous visits to

Germany.

LEGIA WARSAW V REAL MADRID

Incidents at Legia's last home game, a 6-0 defeat to Borussia Dortmund, means this meeting with the reigning champions will be played behind closed doors in the Polish capital. Legia lost 5-1 in Madrid last time out and are yet to register a point in the group -- another defeat here will eliminate them, while even a draw may not put off the inevitable. Madrid, meanwhile, will be through with a win, provided Borussia Dortmund also win. Zinedine Zidane's men warmed up for this game with a 4-1 win at Alaves in which Cristiano Ronaldo bagged a hat-trick. They are top of La Liga, unbeaten in 15 games this season and have scored 24 times in their last five matches. Ronaldo, meanwhile, is just two goals away from reaching a century in European competition.

FC COPENHAGEN V LEICESTER CITY

The Leicester City fairytale can reach the Champions League knockout phase if the shock English champions get a result at Copenhagen, who have four points so far. One of only three teams in the competition on full points from the opening three games, the feeling is that coach Claudio

Ranieri is focusing on Europe. A win in Denmark will secure a place in the last 16, and they warmed up with a 1-1 draw at Tottenham Hotspur at the weekend. They travel to Denmark with their Danish international goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel in exceptional form. Copenhagen, who had gone 23 games without defeat before losing 1-0 in the reverse fixture, come into the match still unbeaten domestically and six points clear at the top of their league.

JUVENTUS V LYON

The 2015 finalists Juventus will qualify for the next round with a win over their struggling French visitors. Juve are unbeaten in their last 18 home matches in Europe and are fresh from beating Napoli 2-1 in Serie A at the weekend when Argentine striker Gonzalo Higuain scored the winner against his old club and refused to celebrate. Paulo Dybala is absent for the hosts, who won 1-0 in Lyon two weeks ago. Striker Alexandre Lacazette missed a penalty for the Ligue 1 side in that match but he has been back in goalscoring form, grabbing a brace in a 2-1 away win at high-flying Toulouse at the weekend. After Gianluigi Buffon saved Lacazette's penalty in the reverse fixture, Juventus had Mario Lemina sent off but beat Lyon thanks to Juan Cuadrado's strike. Lyon will be out if

Klose calls it quits

AFP, Berlin



Germany's prolific Miroslav Klose, the all-time World Cup top-scorer, announced his retirement on Tuesday at the age of 38.

Germany's leading scorer with 71 goals in 137 internationals was without a club after his Lazio contract expired last season and he will now join the national side's coaching team.

Klose hit a record 16th goal in World Cup finals during the 7-1 semifinal thrashing of hosts Brazil two years ago, which saw him overtake former Brazil star Ronaldo.

Germany went on to win the title.

Klose now plans to join Germany's coaching staff after an invitation from head coach Joachim Loew.

According to a German FA (DFB) statement, Klose will complete an individual training programme with the goal of embarking on a coaching career.

He will be on the Germany bench alongside Loew for the 2018 World Cup qualifier away to San Marino on November 11 and the friendly four days later against Italy in Milan.

"I celebrated my biggest successes in the national team, the time was wonderful and remains unforgettable so I am happy to be able to return to the DFB," said Klose.

"The idea has been growing in the last few months to stay on the pitch, but with a new perspective, mainly as a coach."

"To be able to read a game, to prepare myself meticulously, to develop strategies and tactics -- that had already really interested me as a player."

"I am very grateful to Jogi Loew and (DFB director) Hansi Flick for this opportunity

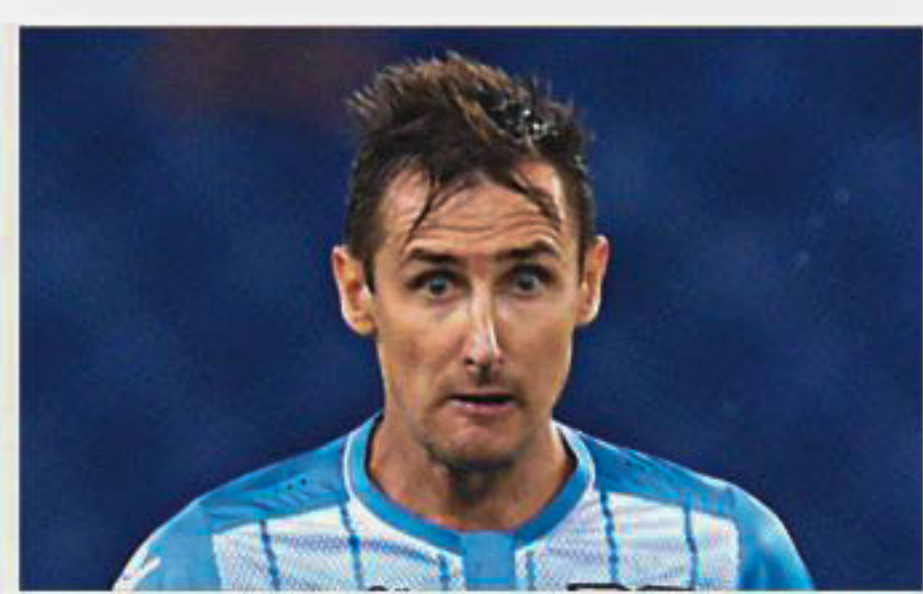
and chance to sharpen my practical skills."

Loew, who extended his contract as head coach until 2020 on Monday, said he was delighted to welcome Klose into his backroom staff.

"Miro has always been dependable so I am very happy that he is now part of our team," said the 56-year-old, who has been head coach since 2006.

"He is a role model, as a human being and an athlete, who gives his all for the team and its success."

"We want to support him in the DFB on



his path for becoming a coach.

"I am certain we (the backroom staff) as well as the players will benefit greatly from his presence and participation."

Klose made his Bundesliga debut in 2000 with Kaiserslautern and went on to play for Werder Bremen, Bayern Munich and Lazio.

He scored 121 goals in 307 matches in Germany's top flight and managed 68 goals in 173 Serie A games during five years with Lazio, who he joined in 2011.

His final appearance for Germany was in the 2014 World Cup final win over Argentina after extra time at Rio de Janeiro's iconic Maracana stadium.

Karunaratne takes SL to the brink

AFP, Harare

Dimuth Karunaratne scored his fourth Test century as Sri Lanka built a formidable lead over Zimbabwe before rain thwarted their victory push on day four of the first Test at Harare Sports Club on Tuesday.

Karunaratne confirmed his return to form with 110 in Sri Lanka's second innings, which had reached 247 for six when the rain arrived four overs into the final session.

Although the rain halted after an hour, the light failed to improve and so Sri Lanka will take a lead of 411 into the final day.

Zimbabwe captain Graeme Cremer's unexpected Test century had headlined the third day's play, which saw Zimbabwe bowled out for 373 in response to Sri Lanka's first innings total of 537.

SCORES IN BRIEF
SRI LANKA: First innings 537
ZIMBABWE: First innings 373
SRI LANKA: Second innings 247 for 6 (Karunaratne 110, Perera 17, Mendis 19, De Silva 64; Mumba 4-50)

Inter sack de Boer

AFP, Milan



Frank de Boer has been sacked as coach of Inter Milan after just 11 Serie A games for failing to ignite the Italian giants at home and in Europe.

Sunday's loss at similarly struggling Sampdoria was Inter's fifth league defeat since the start of the season and prompted a fan backlash on social media calling for the Dutchman's removal.

"Inter Milan announces that Frank de Boer has been relieved of his duties as first-team coach," a club statement said on Tuesday.

"The first-team squad will be taken over provisionally by our youth team coach, Stefano Vecchi, who will be on the bench for the Europa League game against Southampton."

"The club would like to thank Frank and his staff for their contribution and wish them all the best for the future."

Inter's new Chinese owners Suning appointed de Boer, 46, as a replacement for Roberto Mancini two weeks before the start of the Serie A season.

After investing heavily in players over the summer, Inter -- Italy's last Champions League winners, in 2010 -- were expected to challenge five-time consecutive champions Juventus for the Serie A title, as well as signal their return to Europe by challenging for the Europa League.

But with only four league wins in 11 games Inter are well off the pace. They

slipped to below mid-table at 13 points behind leaders Juventus following the 1-0 defeat at Sampdoria.

In Europe, de Boer's men have been a disaster. They sit bottom of Group K behind leaders Sparta Prague and Israeli side Hapoel Be'er Sheva, who stunned Inter 2-0 at the San Siro.

Inter beat Southampton 1-0 last week and will visit the English Premier League side for the return leg on Thursday, when Vecchi will be in charge.

Although Vecchi will take over on a caretaker basis, former Lazio coach Stefano Pioli is being tipped to replace de Boer permanently.

De Boer was summoned by club bosses two weeks ago and earned a stay of execution on the condition that Inter beat Southampton to relaunch their campaign in Europe.

But defeat away to Sampdoria was the final straw.

"Too bad it ended like this," the sacked de Boer said in a message on his Twitter account, which he shares with his twin brother Ronald.

"This project needed more time to be carried out. I want to thank all the fans for all the support you've given me over these months."

"Forza Inter."

De Boer's time in charge was also marked by a controversy surrounding club captain Mauro Icardi, which some reports claimed had a direct effect on Inter's performances.

A group of headline "ultra" fans demanded last month that Icardi, 23, be stripped of the captaincy over claims he made

