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BARKLEY BEATEN AT A BAR

Everton midfielder Ross Barkley was the victim of an "unprovoked attack", his lawyers said on Monday, after CCTV footage emerged of him being punched in the face in a bar. "We can confirm that Ross was the victim of an unprovoked attack by a stranger who approached him on Sunday evening," lawyers acting on Barkley's behalf said in a statement. A video that circulated on social media showed Barkley having a seemingly friendly conversation with an unidentified man, who then punched him twice before being restrained by bystanders. Local police said they were looking into the incident. "Merseyside Police is aware of footage online reportedly showing an assault in a bar in Liverpool city centre," police said in a statement. "No report of an assault has been received, but officers are making enquiries to establish the circumstances of the incident." Everton are yet to comment on the incident, which is said to have occurred hours after Barkley, 23, starred in their 4-2 home win over Leicester City in the Premier League on Sunday.



QUICK SINGLES

The following are a few samples of stories that did not make the print edition. However, if they pique your interest, you can always read them online on The Daily Star website by simply scanning the QR codes listed below:

Cavani on target as PSG beat Guingamp

Edinson Cavani scored two goals and set up another as Paris St Germain kept alive their Ligue 1 title hopes with a 4-0 home win against En Avant Guingamp. Angel Di Maria opened the scoring and Uruguay striker Cavani found the back of the net twice after the break before Blaise Matuidi added a stoppage-time goal.

Kerber denied again by Pavlyuchenkova

Russia's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova did it again, winning her fourth Abierto GNP Seguros title by beating top-seeded world number one Angelique Kerber 6-4 2-6 6-1 in Monterrey, Mexico.

Garcia takes golf major title with Masters win

Spain's Sergio Garcia captured his first major golf title on Sunday after 73 failed attempts, making a birdie on the first playoff hole to defeat Justin Rose and win the 81st Masters.

Ibra reaches incredible goal-scoring landmark

The Red Devils striker netted his 17th Premier League goal of the season, taking his personal tally to an incredible 250 goals since he turned 30.

Han becomes first North Korean to score in Serie A

Han Kwang Song became the first North Korean player to score in Italy's Serie A when the 18-year-old netted for Cagliari.

Wrath of Khan impresses Warner

Australian David Warner has labelled Afghanistan's Rashid Khan "a superstar in the making" after the Sunrisers Hyderabad leg-spinner produced a stunning performance against the Gujarat Lions.



KEEPING TRADITIONAL SPORTS ALIVE

Dipa Chakma is 40 now. But she still can't let go of the temptation of playing traditional sports whenever the Biju festival, which the Chakma community observes to mark the New Year, arrives. Here she is playing *ghila khela*, a game which features five participants in each team where the objective is to hit the bearing from a particular distance, during the day-long traditional sports competition at the Rangamati Stadium yesterday. Dipa has been playing this game since her childhood and she wants to make sure that it is passed on from generation to generation so that traditional games like these are not lost. The day-long festival also featured games like *bash haroom* (walking with the support of long bamboo), *gudhu* (similar to kabaddi), *nadeng* (spin top), *potti* (a team game where a raider chases and touches one or a number of opposition team players) and *foor* (a team game where a player has to cross six steps outfoxing the opponents). The event is a part of the Biju festival that commences from April 12 and continues till April 14.

PHOTO/CAPTION: ANVIL CHAKMA

Allegri's defensive art form threatens Barca

REUTERS, Milan



Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri believes that defending is just as much as an art form as attacking and advises anyone who wants to watch a show to go to the circus.

The dominant force in Italian football, Juventus will take on the role of underdogs when they host Barcelona's array of creative talent in the first leg of their Champions League quarter-final on Tuesday.

Yet while Barca boast Europe's most spectacular strikeforce, Juve have arguably the continent's best defence, based on the 'BBC' line-up of Andrea Barzagli, Leonardo Bonucci and Giorgio Chiellini, underpinned by veteran goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon.

Juventus, well on course for a sixth successive Italian title, have conceded only two Champions League goals this season and just 20 in 31 Serie A games, making them a tough nut to crack even for Barcelona's prolific trio of Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez and Neymar.

Despite this, Allegri has faced criticism that his side have often had to grind out results rather than winning in style, but he reckons such comments make him smile rather than anger him.

"Football is very simple and consists of two aspects that you have to do well -- attacking and defending," he said.

"There's no shame in being good at defending. In fact, it's just as beautiful as a great attacking move.

"I am very happy for those who can turn football into a show but, as far as I'm concerned, if you want to see a show, you should go to the circus.

"Committing fouls and winning aerial battles are also very important."

He also pondered whether dominating

possession -- as Barca do routinely -- was a good thing.

"Sometimes, you have 35 percent possession and create seven or eight scoring opportunities. Some games, you have 70 percent possession and have three shots on target. So which is better?"

Not that the omens are too promising for Allegri, who has already faced Barcelona nine times, including eight Champions League meetings in three seasons when he was coach of AC Milan, and managed just one win.

His Milan side were knocked out 3-1 on aggregate in the 2011-12 quarter-finals, then lost 4-2 on aggregate in the round of 16 the following season despite winning the first leg 2-0 at San Siro.

He also faced them as Juventus coach in the 2014-15 final when Barcelona won 3-1 but the phlegmatic coach remains undeterred.

"Nothing is impossible," he said. "Above all, we have to play a perfect game on a technical level. We have to play, believing we can go through. We'll need to be at our best both when attacking and defending."

Allegri has called for a "fearless approach" as Juve look for a crucial first leg advantage, writing on Twitter: "Calm, fearless and knowing what we're all about: coming next from Juve, a game that will leave all our fans in high spirits."

But when it comes to spooking the Spaniards, long-time Barca servant Alves would likely win hands-down.

Although causing general surprise by joining Juventus last summer, Alves defiantly laid bare his true feelings only two months ago in Spanish newspaper ABC.

Alves claimed he had been used as a pawn by a "false and ungrateful" board before he took revenge by signing a renewal with a clause that allowed him the "classy stitch-up" of leaving the club for free.

"I like to be where I am wanted, and if I am not wanted then I'll leave," Alves said.

Rossi suffers another knee injury

REUTERS, Barcelona

Former Italy international Giuseppe Rossi's bad luck with injuries continued as his club Celta Vigo announced on Monday that the striker would be out for up to seven months after suffering the fourth serious knee injury of his career.

Rossi, 30, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee during Celta's 2-0 defeat at home to Eibar on Sunday, six days after scoring a hat-trick for the Galicians in a 3-0 win over Las Palmas.

The striker, who made his professional debut with Manchester United, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee twice in the 2011-12 season with Villarreal, and again in 2014 with Fiorentina.

Rossi is still owned by Fiorentina and looked to be on the way to resurrecting his stricken career after a successful loan spell at Levante last season which earned him another loan move to Celta.

Hummels out of Real clash

AFP, Berlin

Bayern Munich's German international defender Mats Hummels is out of Wednesday's Champions League quarterfinal home clash with Real Madrid after injuring his ankle in training.

Hummels, who suffered a tear to the ligament in his right ankle on Sunday and faces a race to be fit for the return leg in Madrid on April 18, told the German daily Bild: "I definitely won't be on the pitch on Wednesday."

"Very sad about missing at least the next two games," the towering centre-back added on Twitter and posted a picture of him wearing a special recovery boot on Instagram under the caption, "Already trying to recover as fast as possible".

As well as this week's Champions League first leg, Hummels will sit out Saturday's Bundesliga away match at Bayer Leverkusen at the very least.

With Hummels sidelined Jerome Boateng and Javi Martinez will resume their centre-back partnership having played in Saturday's 4-1 win over Borussia Dortmund.

Dortmund facing injury woes

AFP, Dortmund



Borussia Dortmund coach Thomas Tuchel has serious personnel problems to resolve as they prepare to host free-scoring Monaco in Tuesday's Champions League quarterfinal first leg.

"It's complicated. There are a lot of things we have to deal with," said Tuchel ahead of the clash at Dortmund's imposing Signal Iduna Park.

The Dortmund boss has a mounting injury list and is rushing to get the likes of Japan midfielder Shinji Kagawa, winger Andre Schuerrle, midfielder Julian Weigl and defender Lukasz Piszczek fit.

The quartet all sat out Dortmund's 4-1 thumping at Bayern Munich in the Bundesliga on Saturday.

"There will be players coming back, we don't know in what condition they will be in, but we need them with strength, form and energy," added Tuchel.

At least chief playmaker Marco Reus returned to training on Sunday after a month sidelined by a hamstring injury and could be an option.

Even an appearance off the bench would boost the hosts' chances in what is likely to be a high-tempo clash between two teams who like to attack.

Monaco fully deserve their last-eight berth having seen off Pep Guardiola's Manchester City with a stunning 3-1 second-leg win at home to progress on away goals after losing 5-3 in England.

The French league leaders -- who score on average nearly three goals a game in Ligue 1 -- have problems of their own with right-back Djibril Sidibe set to miss out after being hospitalised with an appendicitis over the weekend.

Highly rated defensive midfielder Tiemoue Bakayoko is suspended, meaning Joao Moutinho should start in central midfield.

Despite their injury woes Dortmund are confident of beating Monaco over two legs to reach the Champions League semifinals for the first time in four years, when they lost the 2013 final to Bayern Munich in London.

Dortmund have lost just one of their last 12 home games in Europe and Signal Iduna Park will be rocking.

"We're in the quarterfinals but we know we're facing a very difficult opponent," said Dortmund captain Marcel Schmelzer.

"Even if we beat Monaco we still can't speak about winning the Champions League because there will be other strong teams still in the competition."

Dortmund top-scorer Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, who has hit seven Champions League goals this season in a haul of 32 in all competitions, will be looking to remind Monaco what they missed out on.

The French side allowed the Gabon striker to slip through their grasp during a loan spell in 2010/11.

Monaco are enjoying a stellar season and their free-flowing attack has so far netted more than 130 goals in all competitions.

The only blip was their 4-1 mauling by Paris Saint-Germain in the French League Cup final at the start of April.

Monaco squeezed past Angers on Saturday with a 1-0 win as Radamel Falcao scored his 25th goal of the season.

He is set to partner rising star Kylian Mbappe, 18, up front.

Monaco coach Leonardo Jardim is concerned about the short turnaround in a busy -- and pivotal -- month for his exciting, young side.

"Against Dortmund the problem will not be possession, it will be having only two days to recover before we play in an international competition," he said.



Superstar Roger Federer (R) returns a ball to world number one Andy Murray during a promotion on a raft on the river Limmat before a charity tennis match in Zurich yesterday. "The Match for Africa 3" is the third charity tennis event for the Roger Federer Foundation, that provides funding to children living in poverty and also supports education projects in seven countries in southern Africa as well as in Switzerland.

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