

HAMBURG FAN STEALS ENTIRE GOALPOST

An 88th-minute winner from Luca Waldschmidt was enough to keep Hamburg out of the relegation picture on the final day of the Bundesliga season, ensuring the club maintain their record of never having been relegated from Germany's top tier. After the last-minute escape, Hamburg fans were notably frenzied when the final whistle blew, with a mass pitch invasion ensuing at the Volksparkstadion. Amidst the hubbub, one of the goalposts was completely uprooted and removed from the stadium. Amazingly, the guilty party was spotted on CCTV later on that day, parading with his keepsake around the local train station.



Valverde to take over Barcelona?

AGENCIES, Madrid

Spanish media outlet El Correo reported on Sunday that Athletic Bilbao manager Ernesto Valverde has agreed to succeed Luis Enrique at Barcelona next season.

The daily added that Barcelona president Josep Maria Bartomeu had already informed the squad of the decision to appoint the 53-year-old, who spent two seasons at the Nou Camp as a player from 1998-1990.

The report stated that the deal was almost sealed and that it was now merely a case of hammering out the small print on what is expected to be a two-year deal.

It also claimed that there was a bilateral clause in the agreement, permitting either party to pull of the agreement before May 31.

That would allow Barcelona to keep their options open in case a high-profile manager becomes available, but it is not expected that the clause will be activated.



Real Madrid players celebrate after securing their first La Liga title in five years. The race had gone down to the wire, but Real Madrid held on in the final matchday to claim their their 33rd crown.

PHOTO: REUTERS

L'pool seal 4th place

Wenger's Arsenal miss out on CL for first time

AFP, London



Arsene Wenger's torrid year reached a calamitous climax as Arsenal failed to qualify for the Champions League for the first time in 20 years after Manchester City and Liverpool wrapped up the remaining top four places on the final day of the Premier League season.

Wenger's side won 3-1 against Everton, but Liverpool's 3-0 victory over Middlesbrough and Manchester City's 5-0 demolition of Watford pushed Arsenal out of Europe's elite.

After reaching the Champions League for the last 19 seasons, Arsenal will spend next term trekking around the unglamorous outposts of the Europa League.

That indignity will cost Arsenal an estimated £50 million in revenue and increase the pressure on Gunners boss Wenger, who has endured a miserable season filled with fan protests and calls for his resignation.

The Frenchman, who has yet to reveal if he will sign a new contract to extend his 21-year reign, could still finish the season with silverware as Arsenal face Chelsea in the FA Cup final next Saturday.

But even that won't be enough to quell the mutinous atmosphere among Arsenal supporters who believe Wenger has lost his edge.

"It's frustrating," Wenger said. "We did the job until the end. Our points total is decent if you look at it over the years."

Wenger's team were condemned to finishing fifth because Liverpool eased into the Champions League for the first time since 2014-15.

Liverpool finish fourth and will enter the Champions League play-off round next

season as they look to make the group stages

"It's a big relief. A club like Liverpool needs to be in the Champions League, Reds boss Jurgen Klopp said.

At Vicarage Road, City wrapped up third place and automatic entry into the Champions League group stages.

Harry Kane finished as the Premier League's leading scorer for the second successive year as the striker's hat-trick took him to 29 goals and inspired a 7-1 win at Hull.

John Terry was given an emotional send-off as champions Chelsea beat Sunderland 5-1 before hoisting the Premier League trophy.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	PTS
Chelsea (C)	38	30	3	5	93
Tottenham	38	26	8	4	86
Man City	38	23	9	6	78
Liverpool	38	22	10	6	76
Arsenal	38	23	6	9	75
Man Utd	38	18	15	5	69
Everton	38	17	10	11	61

Terry captained Chelsea on his farewell appearance at Stamford Bridge ahead of his post-season departure.

Blues boss Antonio Conte paid a fitting tribute to Terry, taking him off in the 26th minute -- matching his shirt number -- and Chelsea's players formed a guard of honour as he walked off to a standing ovation.

Jose Mourinho named Manchester United's youngest ever Premier League starting line-up, with an average age of 22 years and 284 days, and the kids rose to the occasion with a 2-0 win over Crystal Palace.



Chelsea finally got their hands on the Premier League trophy yesterday and they celebrated it, and captain John Terry's (C) retirement, with fervour at Stamford Bridge after a casual 5-1 win over relegated Sunderland.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Real end 5 years of waiting

AFP, Madrid



Real Madrid won their 33rd La Liga title and first for five years as Cristiano Ronaldo's 40th goal of the season helped seal a 2-0 victory at Malaga on Sunday.

Ronaldo got Madrid off to the perfect start after just two minutes before Karim Benzema's close-range finish sealed the title 10 minutes into the second half.

Madrid beat over Barcelona at the top of the table by three points as the Catalans' come-from-behind 4-2 victory over Eibar in outgoing coach Luis Enrique's last home game in charge wasn't enough for a third straight title.

"When you win the league it is a very important moment and for Real Madrid even more so because it is the best club in the world," Madrid boss Zinedine Zidane told Spanish TV station Movistar. "We had to return to winning this league."

Real needed just a point to be

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Barcelona	38	28	6	4	90
Atletico Madrid	38	23	9	6	78
Sevilla	38	21	9	8	72
Villarreal	38	19	10	9	67
Real Sociedad	38	19	7	12	64

assured of the title and any lingering nerves were dispelled within seconds.

Iscu latched upon a poor clearance from Luis Hernandez and his through ball freed Ronaldo to round Carlos Kameni and fire into an empty net.

"This is the reward for the consistency and sacrifice of 38 games," said Madrid captain Sergio Ramos. "This group, this squad deserves it."

Malaga's attitude ahead of the game had been questioned after their coach Michel said that he would have preferred his former club had won the league before their visit to La Rosaleda to give them a guard of honour.

Benzema ensured the title early in

the second half when he swept home the loose ball after Kameni had saved Ramos's effort. In Barcelona, Enrique was given a warm send-off at the Camp Nou as he was greeted with a giant banner reading: "One of us forever".

And Barca at least salvaged some pride by fighting back from 2-0 down to avoid a first ever defeat against Eibar.

Japanese midfielder Takashi Inui had the visitors dreaming as he hit a pair of sweetly struck half-volleys in off the underside of the crossbar either side of half-time. However, David Junca turned into his own net after Neymar had hit the post to start Barca's revival 25 minutes from time.

Yoel Rodriguez produced an incredible save to deny Lionel Messi from the penalty spot moments later.

Barca weren't to be denied a sixth straight win to end the season though as Luis Suarez bundled home from close range before Messi made amends with his second penalty 15 minutes from time. And Messi rounded off the scoring with his 53rd goal of the season in stoppage time.

Juve complete double with eye on CL final

AFP, Turin



First-half goals from Mario Mandzukic and Paulo Dybala, and a late header from Alex Sandro sealed a 3-0 win over Crotona to hand Juventus a record sixth consecutive Serie A title Sunday.

Massimiliano Allegri's men took a one-point lead over Roma into their penultimate game of the league campaign and needed a win to secure the title.

Ahead of their final game at Bologna next week, Juve are now four points ahead of their closest challengers.

Mandzukic gave the hosts a 12th minute lead when he met Juan Cuadrado's cross at the back post to fire past Alex Cordaz.

Croatia international Mandzukic, celebrating his 31st birthday, almost gave Juve a 2-

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Napoli	37	25	8	4	83
Lazio	36	21	7	8	70
Atalanta	37	20	9	8	69
AC Milan	37	18	9	10	63

0 lead before Fabio Sampedro toe-poked the ball away from the big forward as he teed up.

But the fans who packed out Juve's stadium for their final home game of the campaign were not to be denied.

Juventus will now turn their focus to winning an unprecedented club treble when they face 11-time champions Real Madrid in the Champions League June 3 final in Cardiff.



Paulo Dybala scored a fantastic free-kick to give Juventus their second goal in their Serie A match against Crotona at the Juventus Stadium yesterday. A 3-0 win gave the Old Lady from Turin their sixth consecutive Scudetto.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Auba coy on future

AFP, Berlin

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang says next week's talks with Borussia Dortmund will decide his future after he became the German league's top-scorer for the first time on Saturday.

The Gabonese scored with a superb volley, then converted a penalty in Dortmund's 4-3 home win over Werder Bremen.

His double left him on 31 goals, one more than Bayern Munich's Robert Lewandowski, as the race to be the Bundesliga's top scorer went to the wire.

The victory confirms Dortmund finish third to qualify directly for the Champions League next season, but Aubameyang gave no guarantees he will be around.

He has a contract until 2020, but says his future depends on talks with the club before next Saturday's German Cup final against Eintracht Frankfurt in Berlin.

"We'll see. We have one game left. I will talk to the club next week and then decide," he said. After lifting the 'Golden Cannon' trophy as the German league's top scorer, he said: "The team put in a lot of work, I have them all to thank for this."

Aubameyang has repeatedly said he wants to play for Real Madrid to keep a promise he made to his now deceased grandfather, just before he passed away.

Zverev rises to the occasion in Rome

AFP, Rome



Germany's Alexander Zverev stunned four-time Rome champion Novak Djokovic 6-4, 6-3 to win his first Masters title on Sunday, confirming his status as a French Open dangerman.

The 20-year-old claimed his maiden Masters 1000 title after becoming the youngest player in a decade to reach a final at this level and will move to 10 in the world as a result.

But despite a clinical straight sets win over Austrian Dominic Thiem on Saturday, world number two Djokovic produced a flawed performance on centre court that saw

him curse and swear as he struggled to find a way back into the match.

Zverev now has four career titles, three of which have come this year.

Earlier, Ukraine's Elina Svitolina continued her brilliant season with a clinical 4-6, 7-5, 6-1 upset win over injury-hit Simona Halep in the Italian Open final on Sunday.

Svitolina overcame a tough first set against the sixth-seeded Romanian to level the match in a fiercely contested second set.

Halep, who won the Madrid Open last week, needed treatment after going over on her right ankle in the second set as she hit a return from the baseline.

In the decider, the Romanian was visibly hurting and was helpless to prevent Svitolina from claiming her fourth title of the season.

ANNOUNCEMENT

MCQ Test for the posts of Senior Officer & Officer

The MCQ test for the posts of Senior Officer & Officer will be held on **Friday 26 May 2017, at 03:00 p.m.** Details of the test will be available in the Admit Card.

The candidates are requested to download and print their Admit Cards for the MCQ test from the website of the Bank:

www.pubalibangla.com/career.asp

Admit Cards will be available at the website only for the short-listed candidates.



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