

NAVAS DEDICATES TITLE AND HAIR TO KIDS

Real Madrid keeper Keylor Navas shaved his head after his side's title win to support children and their families fighting cancer. The Spanish giants celebrated their first league title since 2012 on Sunday with a 2-0 victory against Malaga. And although the Costa Rican stopper played the match with a full head of hair, journalists were left baffled when he faced the media with a freshly shaven haircut. But there was a wonderful reason when asked why he had pulled out the razor moments after celebrating on the pitch. He said: "For all the kids fighting cancer. For their families, for those who continue fighting. This title is for them. I pray to God for all of them, that they can recover from their illness." The 30-year-old may have played his last league game for Zinedine Zidane's side with increasing speculation that he will leave the Bernabeu in the summer. He has played 27 matches this campaign despite a string of mistakes and praised the team's effort as they picked rivals Barcelona to top spot.



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Scotland slay Sri Lanka in landmark win

Kyle Coetzer and Matthew Cross both

scored hundreds as Scotland beat Sri Lanka by seven wickets at Beckenham, southeast England, for a historic success.

Aus to unleash fearsome foursome

Australia are set to unleash their fearsome foursome for the first time against Sri Lanka in a

Champions Trophy warm-up at The Oval.

Argentine match halted after fans shower pitch with dolls

An Argentine first division match between

Rosario Central and Racing is briefly halted after the home fans shower the pitch with dolls wearing the shirts of their arch rivals.

Guardiola promises improvement after first English season

Manchester City are already working on

how they can improve next season after sealing a spot in the Champions League, manager Pep Guardiola says.

Horschel defeats Day on first hole of playoff

Billy Horschel makes a par putt on the first

playoff hole to defeat Australian Jason Day at the AT&T Byron Nelson in Texas.

Inter end winless run

Inter Milan avoided setting an unwanted club record of nine league matches without a win by

beating Lazio 3-1 away after their opponents had two players sent off.



Real Madrid fans surround the open top bus on which the players celebrate their La Liga title glory on Plaza Cibeles in Madrid yesterday. (Inset) Real Madrid captain Sergio Ramos (L) kisses the statue of goddess Cybele beside teammate Marcelo.

PHOTOS: AFP

Thousands flock to celebrate title

AFP, Madrid



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Thousands of Real Madrid fans, many decked in the famous white team jersey, converged in the centre of the Spanish capital to celebrate the club's 33rd league title after a 2-0 win over Malaga on Sunday.

Elated fans cheered and lit flares when the squad arrived on an open-top bus bearing the word "Campeones" (champions) on the side at the club's traditional celebration spot, the Plaza de Cibeles, as confetti rained down.

Team captain Sergio Ramos and other players decked in white shirts with the number 33 on the back filmed the crowd with mobile phones from the top of the bus, which was escorted by police on horseback.

Ramos took to a walkway over the plaza's fountain and draped the statue of the goddess Cybele with the club flag just before 3:00 am (0100 GMT) as Queen's anthem "We Are the Champions" blared out from loudspeakers.

Real Madrid left-back Marcelo then tied a team scarf around the statue as the crowd cheered.

"We have to win the Champions League now. We are counting on all of your support. Let's Go! Thank you very much," Portuguese striker Cristiano Ronaldo said atop the walkway before singing along with the crowd.

Ronaldo and French striker Karim Benzema scored the two goals which gave Real their win over Malaga and their first Spanish league title since 2012. The club will pursue a third UEFA Champions League victory in four seasons in the final against Juventus, who on Sunday secured third successive Serie A and Coppa Italia double, in Cardiff on June 3.

"This is great and on June 3 against Juventus it will be even better," said 37-year-old Real supporter Emilio Guillen as he celebrated with friends at Plaza de Cibeles.

If Real win the Champions League, it would be the club's first La Liga and European champions cup double in nearly six decades.

Many fans heaped praise on Real coach Zinedine Zidane, the former French international who took over the club for his first head coaching job less than two years ago.

"Hiring Zidane was the best decision Real has made in a long time," said Alfredo Cordero, 36, who had a club flag draped over his back.

'Madrid were better than us'

AGENCIES, Barcelona



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Following a final day which ended in disappointment, Barcelona veteran Andres Iniesta spoke with gravitas as he described Real Madrid as deserving La Liga champions and revealed why they were beat to the league title this season.

The Spanish midfielder insists that Madrid were the better side on the course to winning the title.

The race for first place came down to the final games of the season. Barcelona started sloppily against Eibar but overturned a two goal deficit en route to a 4-2 victory to keep pressure on their bitter rivals.

However, three points was not enough as Zinedine Zidane's men defeated Malaga 2-0 at the La Rosaleda to claim his first La Liga title for the first time as a manager and also for the first time for Real in five years.

Post-match the experienced midfielder, Iniesta, made clear that Real were the deserving champions after a season where the two teams battled neck and neck.

"We have done our job by winning today but we have been up against a rival who has just been a little better than us, they are a deserving champion," he explained to BeIN.

Consistency has been a real issue for the Catalan giants this season with results often slipping away at crucial moments in the campaign and this hasn't been lost on the 33-year-old or coach Luis Enrique.

"La Liga is 38 games long and it rewards consistency. We were not consistent enough -- especially earlier in the season at home -- and we have paid for that," said Enrique. "We didn't depend on ourselves [going into the final day]. We fought until the very end and now we congratulate a worthy champion."

While Iniesta added: "We haven't found the consistency that is necessary to be champions, it is a shame because we have only missed out by three points."

Barcelona will face Alaves on May 27 while Real Madrid will be up against Juventus in Cardiff Wales come June 3rd for the Champions League finals.

Moyes resigns as Sunderland manager

AFP, London

David Moyes has resigned as Sunderland manager following their relegation from the Premier League, the club announced yesterday.

The 54-year-old Scot was appointed last July and oversaw a desperate season that saw Sunderland finish 16 points adrift of safety at the foot of the table.

"I would like to thank (chairman) Ellis Short and the board for giving me the opportunity to manage Sunderland and the fans for always being so passionately supportive of their club," Moyes said in a statement.

"I wish the players and my successor well in their efforts towards promotion back to the Premier League."

Sunderland's relegation after 10 years in the top flight was confirmed following a 1-0 home defeat by Bournemouth last month.

Moyes's departure completes a sorry few weeks for the former Everton manager. It is his third successive short-lived stint at a club, following previous disappointments at Manchester United, where he lasted just 10 months, and Real Sociedad.

Abahani confirm last 8

SPORTS REPORTER



Walton Federation Cup

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The quarterfinal line-up of the Walton Federation Cup was completed yesterday as defending champions Abahani defeated Muktijoddha Sangsad 1-0 to emerge Group A champions at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Winger Rubel Mia separated the sides on the half-hour mark with a clever strike to power the Sky Blues past Muktijoddha Sangsad with four points from two outings. The Mukti, who finished with three points, also went through to the last eight.

The quarterfinal line-up pits Sheikh Jamal against Mohammedan on Wednesday, Chittagong Abahani against Sheikh Russel KC on Thursday, Rahmatganj MFS against Muktijoddha Sangsad on Friday and Abahani against Brothers Union on Saturday.

After being held to a 1-1 draw by newcomers Saif SC in the tournament opener, Abahani had a break due to their AFC Cup commitments. Having suffered defeat against Maziya S&RC in that fixture, Abahani were under pressure to perform, especially due to the fact that Muktijoddha Sangsad had already confirmed their quarterfinal berth by beating Saif SC.

However, Drago Mamic's side put up a commanding show and notched a comfortable 1-0 victory in the end.

Mamic opted to strengthen his defence by drafting in five defenders including Samad Yusuff in the starting eleven while keeping Nabib Newaj Jibon and Landing Darboe upfront. The strategy worked well to expose the Muktijoddha Sangsad defence time and again.

Abahani created a nice opportunity in the 18th minute when Sohul Rana ran down the left flank to cut the ball back to Jibon,

who saw his low drive from inside the box brilliantly parried away by goalkeeper Uttam Kumar before Abahani broke the deadlock in the 30th minute.

Rubel was presented with a lob inside the box and the diminutive midfielder made no mistake as he rounded off three defenders and beat the goalkeeper.

Abahani could have doubled the margin during the 45th minute when Rubel whipped in a low cross from the right for Jibon, who however tried to nod it in from handshaking distance where a simple tap-in



The Abahani players rehydrate in a cooling break during their Federation Cup fixture against Muktijoddha Sangsad at the BNS yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

would have made the difference.

Abahani kept pressing for a second goal after restart and created a few good chances. Sohul missed an open net five minutes into the second half while Landing saw his curling effort cleared off the goal-line by defender Saikat Bhoumik.

In the dying moments, substitute Emeka Darlington frustrated the Sky Blues by missing the target from close range while another substitute, Shahedul Alam, drove wide of an open net from inside the box.

Dolberg breaks fan's arm

GOAL.COM

Kasper Dolberg has hit the target 23 times this season, but one wayward warm-up effort saw the Danish striker break a supporter's wrist.

The 19-year-old has starred for Ajax in 2016-17, earning him widespread acclaim and reports of interest from Manchester United.

Dolberg will lock horns with the Red Devils in the Europa League final on Wednesday, with his Dutch club looking to him for inspiration in the final third.

Dolberg rules out Utd or City move.

He has provided that on numerous occasions since breaking through in Amsterdam, but did end up sending an unfortunate fan to casualty on his last appearance against Willem II after firing a wild pre-match shot into the stands.

Stijn Udo, the supporter in question, explained to AT5: "It was going very fast. The ball hit my wrist very hard."

"At half-time, I went to the first aiders, they gave me a bag of ice, but I did not want to miss the match. Ajax could have become champions!"

"After the match, I went to the hospital. First I thought it was a bruise, but after taking x-rays, it turned out that I broke my wrist in two places."

Djokovic names Agassi as coach

AFP, Rome



Novak Djokovic revealed on Sunday that American great Andre Agassi would be his new coach, but said they did not yet have a "long-term commitment".

"I spoke to Andre the last couple weeks on the phone, and we decided to get together in Paris. So he's gonna be there. We'll see what future brings. We are both excited to work together and see where it takes us," said Djokovic, beaten 6-4, 6-3 in the Rome Masters final on Sunday by 20-year-old German Alexander Zverev.

"We don't have any long-term commitment. It's just us trying to get to know each other in Paris a little bit."

Djokovic returns to Paris next weekend as the defending French Open champion but looking to improve his clay court game after an inconsistent spell.

He parted with long-time coach Marian Vajda earlier this month, having also ended a three-year relationship with six-time Grand Slam champion Boris Becker at the end of last season, in a bid to get back to his brilliant best.

Becker took to Twitter to back Djokovic's decision. "Excellent choice from @DjokerNole for bringing @AndreAgassi into his team! Wishing both lots of luck in the future together!", the German tweeted.

Given his performances of late, he will be hoping 47-year-old Agassi, an eight-time Grand Slam champion, can make a positive contribution.

The Serbian was outplayed by Spanish nemesis Rafael Nadal on his way to defeat in the semifinals of the Madrid Masters last week.

And despite reaching the final in Rome on Sunday, Djokovic looked well below his clinical best before losing to German starlet Zverev in 1hr 21min.

Next up is his defence of his title in the French capital.

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