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CASILLAS DUPED BY DOPPELGANGER

Although, he has faced Lionel Messi numerous times in his career as a goalkeeper of Real Madrid, Iker Casillas was caught by surprise when the Argentinian's doppelganger entered the interview room, failing to initially distinguish him from the Barcelona star. While the current Porto keeper was being asked by the interviewer what would he say to Messi if he suddenly appeared in front of him, he felt a tap on his shoulder turning back only to see the Iranian who looks exactly like the Blaugrana forward. Unable to recognise him at the first moment, Casillas addressed him in Spanish, to immediately figure out that his supposedly Argentinian colleague wasn't able to form a sentence. Immediately both of them burst into laughter with the former Los Blancos keeper accepting that the production's joke caught him off-guard. --Agencies

Bundesliga sets new attendance record

Afp, *Berlin*

Bundesliga giants Borussia Dortmund and Bayern Munich led the way as the top two tiers of German football broke spectator records last season, the German federation said on Friday.

The Bundesliga itself registered over 19 million spectators for the 2016-2017 season as Dortmund, with their celebrated 'yellow wall' of fans were the best supported team averaging around 80,000 per game, with champions Bayern 5,000 adrift of that.

Attendances rose by 1.3 percent with an average of 40,694 fans for each top flight game with the second tier also attracting an impressive average of 21,560 per match.

Leeper breaks Pistorius's record

Afp, *Sacramento*

Paralympic athlete Blake Leeper broke Oscar Pistorius's record for the T43 400 meters at the US world championship trials on Friday.

Leeper, a 27-year-old born without lower legs, competed in the men's 400m semi-finals wearing carbon fiber prosthetic blades, finishing seventh in 45.25sec.

Although the time was not good enough to advance him to Saturday's final, it saw Leeper smash jailed South African 'blade runner' Pistorius's mark of 45.39 set in Daegu, South Korea in August 2011.

"I really wanted to come forth and make the finals," Leeper said.

"Looking at the bigger picture, I made semifinals and broke the world record today. It is hard to believe."

Bravo poised for return

Afp, *Moscow*

Manchester City goalkeeper Claudio Bravo could play for the first time since April in Sunday's Confed Cup clash against Australia, says Chile's coach Juan Antonio Pizzi.

Bravo, 34, has not played since injuring his calf in April during a derby against Manchester United.

In his absence, Johnny Herrera was in goal for Chile's 2-0 win over Cameroon and Thursday's 1-1 draw with Germany in Russia.

But Bravo, Chile's joint most capped player alongside Arsenal's Alexis Sanchez, could return to help the Copa America winners reach the last four.

"Claudio is fit and has managed to train in the last few days and he is ready, we'll decide who will be our goalkeeper tomorrow," said Chile's coach Juan Antonio Pizzi on Saturday.

"We'll take into account that he hasn't played for a while, but he has shown he's fit in the last few training sessions."

Chile, the Group B leaders, need only a point at Moscow's Spartak Stadium to reach the semis while the Socceroos must win by three clear goals to reach the last four.

Inter Milan defender Gary Medel limped out of Thursday's Germany draw with cramp, but has recovered and could captain Chile in Moscow.

"He's doing fine, he had a small muscle contraction issue, he will be up to speed and he wants to play," said Medel's teammate Franciso Silva.

Pissi admitted his team went off the boil in the second-half against Germany, but expects the Australians to struggle with his team's pace.

Portugal superstar Cristiano Ronaldo (L) celebrates his opening goal, from a penalty, with teammate Pepe during their Confederations Cup group A encounter against New Zealand at the Saint Petersburg Stadium yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

Goretzka brushes off Arsenal rumours

Afp, *Sochi*

Germany's rising star Leon Goretzka on Saturday brushed off reports that Arsenal are set to swoop for the midfielder who has impressed at the Confederations Cup.

With Germany's World Cup-winning stars all rested for the Confed Cup, the 22-year-old is one of those who has seized his chance to shine in Russia.

He is set to face Cameroon on Sunday in the final Group B match with Germany on the verge of the semifinals.

The Schalke midfielder scored in Germany's opening 3-2 win over Australia in Group B, then put in a strong display in Thursday's 1-1 draw with Chile.

He has a year left on his Schalke contract and Goretzka insists he is fully focused on the Confed Cup.

However, with Juventus, Bayern Munich and Tottenham Hotspur also said to be interested, reports from the UK claim Arsenal are preparing a 21 million pounds ($26.8m) bid for him.

"I do not really want to say anything about the transfer rumours, I'm focusing on the Confed Cup," he said in Sochi.

"I'm not going to give state-of-play updates, but if there are facts, I will announce them.

"I'm not the type to be impressed by newspaper reports, I know what my qualities are, but I will not build myself up."

If he joins the Gunners, Goretzka would be Arsenal's second off-season signing from Schalke after Bosnia defender Sead Kolasinac left earlier this month.

Christian Heidel, Schalke's general manager, says they will not let Goretzka leave before his contract expires in June 2018.

Kvitova in Birmingham final

Reuters, *London*

Petra Kvitova's comeback from a lengthy injury layoff gathered further momentum on Saturday as she reached the Aegon Classic final in Birmingham after Lucie Safarova retired from their semi-final with a leg injury. Twice Wimbledon champion Kvitova, playing in just her second tournament of the year, was 6-1 1-0 up at the Edgbaston Priory Club when her Czech compatriot pulled out.

Kvitova will face Australian Ashleigh Barty who upset Spain's Garbine Muguruza 3-6 6-4 6-3 in the other semi.

Kvitova is looking in impressive shape after her absence from the sport following a hand injury caused by a knife attack during an attempted robbery at her home in December.

She returned to action in the French Open, going out in the second round, but she has been confident and sharp on her favourite surface.

Kvitova won Wimbledon in 2011 and again in 2014 and she is clearly buzzing with anticipation for the return to the All England Club which she has called her "home".

"I couldn't have imagined to have a better comeback than I am having now. Paris was a bit weird and strange, and I couldn't play the best over there," she said.

"I am happy that I am able to show good tennis here. I played four matches already, so it's a good record and good preparation for the final.

"The hand is good, which... I am not feeling any pain, and that's the best news."

Safarova was the latest player to withdraw in the latter stages of the WTA event.

On Friday, American Coco Vandeweghe retired with an ankle injury in her quarter-final against Muguruza.

In another last-eight game Barty also had a walkover, with Italian Camila Giorgi retiring with a leg injury in the first set.

The Australian, ranked 77th in the world, then made the most of the opportunity as she beat the 2016 French Open champion and 2015 Wimbledon finalist Muguruza to earn a chance to win a second WTA title.

The match turned when Barty broke at 2-2 in the second set after the Spaniard had looked comfortable.

"I didn't really get a look in on her serve in the first set and once I knew I was in with a shot it was a little bit of a different story," said Barty.

Muguruza saved two match points in the final set as she battled hard but after recovering from her first set reverse, the Australian, who has also played national level cricket in her homeland, looked in command by making great use of the slice.

Can Loew maintain semis record?

Afp, *Sochi*

Joachim Loew can maintain his proud decade-long record of steering Germany to the semifinals at major tournaments with a draw against Cameroon on Sunday enough to reach the last four of the Confederations Cup.

Since Loew took charge as head coach after Germany finished third at the 2006 World Cup on home soil, the team has always reached the semifinals at either European championships or World Cup finals.

The world champions take on Cameroon's Indomitable Lions at Sochi's Fisht Stadium on Sunday while Chile play Australia in Moscow in the final round of Group B games.

Germany are second to Chile in the table only by a single goal with both teams on four points while Cameroon and Australia have a point each.

While Germany need a point in Sochi, Cameroon must win by two clear goals to progress.

"A draw would be enough for us to go through, but it would be good to win the group so we'd play our semi-final in Sochi," said Loew.

"I'm planning a few changes in a position or two, some will get a break to allow fresh faces to come in."

Germany have won two of the three previous meetings and there was a 2-2 draw when the teams last met in a pre-World Cup friendly in 2014.

A year before the World Cup, Loew took the gamble of leaving all of his World Cup-winning stars at home to blood fringe players.

The move has paid off with forward Lars Stindl scoring in both Monday's 3-2 win over Australia and Thursday's 1-1 draw with Chile leaving him as the Confed Cup's top-scorer.

Loew's young side has so far been convincing in Russia.

They dominated Australia for the first hour in Sochi, then weathered a Socceroos fight back, while in Kazan against Chile they showed guts in fighting back after conceding an early goal.

Loew opted to make no changes against Chile -- the first time a German coach has done that in an international since 1995 -- saying he wanted his team to "tough it out".

With first-choice shot-stopper Manuel Neuer recovering from foot surgery, Loew is expected to again rotate his goalkeeper with Paris Saint-Germain's Kevin Trapp set to start.

Cameroon coach Hugo Broos fielded the same starting line-up for both their opening 2-0 defeat to Chile and Thursday's disappointing 1-1 draw with Australia.

The Belgian is expected to call up the same again against the world champions.

Australia face Chile at Moscow's Spartak Stadium with a draw good enough for the Copa America champions while the Socceroos need a win by three clear goals to reach the last four.

Germany players jog prior to a training session in Sochi yesterday on the eve of their Confederations Cup match against Cameroon. PHOTO: AFP

Cilic, Dimitrov in semis

Afp, *London*

Marin Cilic faces a Queen's Club semifinal showdown with Gilles Muller, while Feliciano Lopez eyes revenge against Grigor Dimitrov in the other last four clash at the Wimbledon warm-up event.

Having lifted the Queen's trophy in 2012, Cilic fancies his chances of adding a second title as the highest ranked player left in the draw following the shock exits of Andy Murray, Stan Wawrinka and Milos Raonic.

The world number seven has yet to drop a set in three matches en route to his fourth Queen's semifinal appearance.

Cilic, who also finished as Queen's runner-up in 2013, was pushed hard by Donald Young in Friday's quarterfinals, but the former US Open champion fired 11 aces to see off the American 6-4, 7-5.

"I'm playing really well this week. I'm feeling great on the court," said Cilic, who is chasing his second ATP title this year.

"It is another match without losing serve, so that's extremely pleasing."

Luxumbourg's Muller is through to his first Queen's semifinal after defeating 2010 champion Sam Querrey 6-4, 7-6 (7/5).

Muller has won the first two ATP Tour titles of his career this year, helping him climb to a career-high ranking of 26, and he now has a seven-match winning streak on grass.

The 34-year-old's huge serve was on full display when he won the 's-Hertogenbosch title on grass last week and once again he used it to devastating effect against 2010 Queen's winner Querrey.

"I was never top 30 before in my life, and now this year for the first time I have a "2" in front of my ranking. That means a lot," Muller said.

"Those are things you dream of as a kid, so when it happens it feels good."

Dimitrov moved into the last four with a 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 win against Russia's Daniil Medvedev.

With Medvedev suffering a shoulder injury during the pre-match warm-up and needing lengthy treatment before he could start playing, it was no surprise Dimitrov won the first set after sprinting into a 5-0 lead.

Medvedev, ranked 60th, gamely levelled the match at one set all, but the Bulgarian world number 11 was too strong in the decider.

Dimitrov, the 2014 Queen's champion, will be looking to reach his third ATP Tour final in 2017.

"It's tough conditions. It's pretty windy. It wasn't easy to play my game, but I had the right approach," Dimitrov said.

"I'm just glad to go through. I'm feeling pretty positive."

QUICK SINGLES

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Jamaica perfects art of developing sprinters

When Usain Bolt hangs up his running spikes after the World Championships in August, the athletics world will bid farewell to arguably the greatest sprinter the sport has ever seen.

Federer eases into 13th Halle semifinal

Roger Federer eased closer to a ninth title at the Halle grass court tournament when he demolished defending champion Florian Mayer of Germany 6-3, 6-4 in the quarter-finals.

Loew has a long talk with Goretzka over future

Germany coach Joachim Loew said he has had a long and honest discussion with Leon Goretzka about the player's career as the Schalke 04 midfielder's performances continue to attract attention.

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