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Arsenal midfielder Aaron Ramsey (R) celebrates after scoring the second goal with teammate Danny Welbeck during their Europa League quarterfinal second leg against CSKA Moscow at the VEB Arena on Thursday.

It's Arsenal v Atletico

AFP, Nyon



Arsenal will face Atletico Madrid in the semifinals of the Europa League in a mouth-watering clash of two big clubs that have taken a backseat in their domestic leagues in recent years.

French club Marseille will play FC Salzburg, a club backed by soft drinks giant Red Bull, in the other semifinal.

Arsene Wenger's Arsenal will play the first leg at the Emirates Stadium against Atletico, led by French striker Antoine Griezmann, who are favourites to win the competition for the third time.

Wenger, whose side play Man United away in the Premier League between the two semifinal legs, had identified Atletico, Champions League finalists in 2014 and 2016, as the most dangerous side in the draw.

"Everybody speaks about Atletico Madrid that they look the strongest team on paper," he said, but he also described Marseille as a difficult place to go.

The first legs will take place on April 26 with the second on May 3.

"They are a similar kind of club to us," Atletico Madrid director Clemente Villaverde said at the draw in Nyon.

"Arsenal are a great team, they're up there every year fighting for trophies and getting deep into their European competitions," he said.

Arsenal reached the last four of the Europa League after surviving a scare against CSKA Moscow in Thursday's quarterfinal second leg in the Russian capital.

Danny Welbeck and Aaron Ramsey both scored late in the game for Arsenal to calm nerves after CSKA had raced into a 2-0 lead on the night. The London side won 6-3 on aggregate.

Atletico lost 1-0 to Sporting in Lisbon on Thursday but advanced 2-1

on aggregate.

British bookmakers William Hills have made Atletico hot favourites to lift the trophy, but explained why Arsenal fans still have reason for optimism.

"It could be argued that Arsenal need this more than Atletico as a route into the Champions League next season," said William Hill spokesman Joe Crilly.

"Their Europa League form has been in stark contrast to their Premier League form during the second half of this season and they have every chance of progressing," Crilly said.

Marseille overcame a first-leg deficit to beat German side Leipzig 5-3 over two legs in their quarterfinal, while 1994 finalists Salzburg produced the shock result of the night by defeating Italian side Lazio 4-1 at home to win 6-5 on aggregate.

Salzburg have already beaten Marseille once in the competition this season, a 1-0 victory in Austria. The teams also drew 0-0 at the Velodrome.

Real face Bayern test

Liverpool take on Roma

AFP, Nyon



Defending champions Real Madrid will face Bayern Munich in the semifinals of the Champions League while Liverpool play AS Roma in

a repeat of the 1984 final.

Cristiano Ronaldo's Real will travel to Bayern's Allianz Arena for the first leg as the Spanish giants go in search of a third successive European crown.

Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool side will host Roma at Anfield in their first match.

The Liverpool-Roma tie pits Mohamed Salah, who has scored 39 goals in all competitions already this season, against his former club. "Looking forward to seeing you again," Roma tweeted about the Egyptian striker.

Real, who have won the competition 12 times, reached the semifinals by fighting off a remarkable Juventus comeback as Ronaldo scored a late penalty to earn a 4-3 win on aggregate.

Roma produced one of the most remarkable comebacks in Champions League history to knock out Lionel Messi's Barcelona with a 3-0 victory in the Italian capital that gave them an unexpected win on away goals over the two legs.

Bundesliga champions Bayern, who named their former player Niko Kovac as their next coach minutes before the draw, eased past Sevilla in their quarterfinal.

Bayern's sporting director Hasan Salihamidzic said despite losing to Real in the 2017 quarterfinals, they held no fear for the Bavarians.

"They are formidable opponents. We were knocked out by them last year and we want to do better this year," Salihamidzic said.

"I'm optimistic. We have great respect for them but we're not afraid."

Real director Emilio Butragueno said Zinedine Zidane's team were confident they can win a third consecutive European crown.

"It is truly historic to win two finals in a row and so obviously the prospect of reaching another final is an enormous source of motivation," he said.

"We'll see what we are capable of, but we're confident."

Liverpool beat runaway Premier League leaders Manchester City 5-1 on aggregate to set up their meeting with Roma. The English

side have happy memories of the 1984 final, played in Rome's Olympic Stadium. They won 4-2 on penalties after the match finished 1-1 in extra-time.

Klopp said: "I tried to think about what I feel, but it was not that I thought 'Thank God not Bayern, thank God not Real Madrid, yippee Roma' or the other way around."

The first legs will take place on April 24-25 and the second will be on May 1-2.

The 2018 final will be played in Kiev on May 26.

Coincidence or corruption?

AGENCIES, Rome

Tickets went on sale on the AS Roma website for their Champions League semifinal clash against Liverpool on Thursday night, a day before the draw was held, reports Italian daily Il Tempo.

The report was accompanied by a screenshot of the website which shows tickets on sale for the first leg at Anfield. While it is not unusual for teams to prepare certain pages ahead of time when the outcomes are limited, the 'gaffe' on Roma's website has proven too coincidental for conspiracy theorists to let go lightly.

Not only were the opponents correct, the order of the matches -- i.e. who would play at home first -- and the dates, which were both dependent on the draw, also matched up perfectly.

The chances of getting all those factors right has a probability of just 8.33 per cent which has led many to believe the draw in Nyon was a fixed affair.

Those 'conspiracy theorists' have also dug up former Fifa president Sepp Blatter's quotes in 2016, when he claimed that some European draws were fixed using "hot and cold balls" and that he had witnessed it taking place.

AB stars in RCB win

STAR SPORT DESK

Royal Challengers Bangalore overcame stutters at crucial junctions of their innings to beat Kings XI Punjab by four wickets in their Indian Premier League at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru yesterday.

There were two separate occasions during their chase of 155 that Bangalore lost pairs of wickets in quick succession. However, Washington Sundar -- coming in after Mandeep Singh's run-out followed the dismissal of AB de Villiers in the 19th over bowled by Andrew Tye -- kept a cool head and struck a brace of boundaries in the last over bowled by Mohit Sharma to take them home with three balls to spare.

But it was de Villiers's 40-ball 57 that proved most vital. The South African genius came to the crease after another of his kind, captain Virat Kohli, was dismissed for 21 by Afghanistan's 17-year-old wunderkind Mujeeb Ur Rahman, whose googly deceived the Indian captain and hit timber. That left them at 33 for two after Brendon McCullum's dismissal in the first over.

De Villiers hit two boundaries and four sixes and helped Bangalore through a crisis when Ravichandran Ashwin dismissed Quinton de Kock (34-ball 45) and Sarfaraz Khan in successive deliveries in the 11th over to leave them on 87 for four. De Villiers took them to within touching distance before holing out, and with five to get in the last over, Sundar ensured there would be no more stutters.

Earlier, KL Rahul's 47 and Karun Nair's 29 were the backbone of Punjab's 155 all out in 19.2 overs. Umesh Yadav was the best bowler for Bangalore, picking three for 23.

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