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Five wins in a row for Solskjaer

AFP, London



Ole Gunnar Solskjaer enjoyed a fifth successive win in as many games as interim manager of Manchester United when his side beat Reading 2-0 in the third round of the FA Cup at Old Trafford on Saturday.

The former United striker had already guided the Red Devils to a run of four straight Premier League victories since being appointed coach after controversial former boss Jose Mourinho was sacked last month.

That winning sequence was maintained against second-tier strugglers Reading, with the third round marking the entry into the FA Cup, the world's oldest senior knockout football competition, of England's topflight clubs.

United, last season's losing finalists, were 2-0 up before half-time, thanks to goals from Juan Mata and Romelu Lukaku but Reading had their chances against a still suspect defence.

Mata gave United, 12-times winners of the Cup, the lead in unusual fashion in the 22nd minute.

United initially had a goal disallowed for offside against Fred but referee Stuart Attwell, after a lengthy consultation with the corner of the game.

video assistant referee, awarded the home side a penalty for a foul on Mata in the build-up.

The Spanish midfielder then scored from the spot himself, sending Reading goalkeeper Anssi Jaakkola the wrong way.

Alexis Sanchez and Lukaku were both making their first United starts under Solskjaer and the pair combined to make it 2-0 deep into stoppage time at the end of the first-half.

From Sanchez's through-ball, the onrushing Lukaku calmly rounded Jaakkola and scored from a tight angle.

Elsewhere, an all-Premier League clash saw Brighton win 3-1 away to south coast rivals Bournemouth.

Brighton, beaten in a replay by United in the 1983 FA Cup final, scored with what amounted to their first attack of the game when Anthony Knockaert fired them into a 31st-minuted lead.

And three minutes later it was 2-0, when Yves Bissouma's long-range shot went in off the post.

Bournemouth pulled a goal back through Marc Pugh's fine effort from 20 yards out but Brighton restored their twogoal lead in the 64th minute when Florin Andone headed in from the Seagulls' first



Manchester United striker Romelu Lukaku rounded Reading keeper Anssi Jaakkola to score a 13th goal in his last 14 FA Cup appearances and seal the game at Old Trafford yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

Thisara's 140 goes in vain

Kiwis seal series AFP, Mount Maunganui

A maiden century by Sri Lanka's Thisara Perera went in vain as New Zealand wrapped up the ODI with a 21-run victory in the second ODI yesterday.

With Sri Lanka chasing the hosts' 319 for seven, they were on the ropes at 128 for seven when Perera opened up.

He faced 74 deliveries and cracked 13 sixes and eight fours before he was the last wicket to fall and Sri Lanka were out for 298 with 22 balls remaining.

Sri Lanka reached 112 for two when Ish Sodhi captured the wicket of Kusal Mendis for 20 to trigger a collapse which saw five wickets fall in six overs. SCORES IN BRIEF NEW ZEALAND: 319 for 7

(Munro 87, Taylor 90, Neesham 64; Malinga 2-45) SRI LANKA: 298 all out in 46.2 overs (Gunathilaka 71, Perera 140; Henry 2-52, Sodhi 3-55, Neesham 2-48) Result: New Zealand won by 21 runs and lead the 3match series 2-0.

Player-of-the-match: T Perera.

Federer wins record third

AFP, Perth



Roger Federer has become the most successful player in Hopman Cup history after leading Switzerland to a 2-1 win

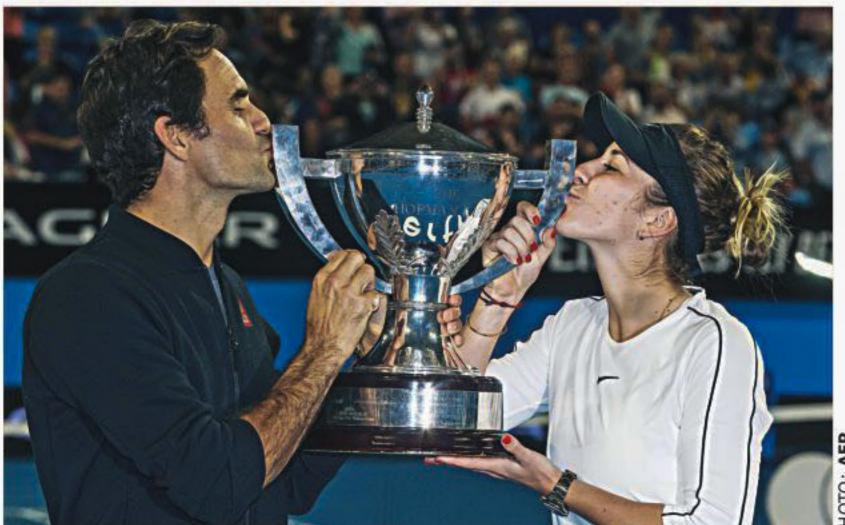
in an enthralling final of the mixed teams tournament in Perth Saturday. In what is tipped to be the final edi-

tion of the unique tournament, the best was saved for last as Federer became the first player to win three Hopman Cups, teaming with Belinda Bencic for the duo's second consecutive title.

For the second year in a row, the Swiss beat the German pairing of Alexander Zverev and Angelique Kerber by claiming a deciding mixed doubles rubber loaded with drama.

It was Switzerland's fourth title overall, behind only the United States with six. Federer first won the Hopman Cup back in 2001 when he teamed with Martina Hingis.

The 37-year-old gave the Swiss the early ascendancy with a straight sets win



Roger Federer became the most successful player in Hopman Cup history, lifting his third title for Switzerland with the help of Belinda Bencic. The duo defeated the German pairing of Alexander Zverev and Angelique Kerber in the final.

against Zverev, before Kerber squared the tie by beating a dogged Belinda Bencic to set up the mixed doubles decider.

Federer was a dominant figure in an extraordinary doubles match as the Swiss claimed the abbreviated format 4-0, 1-4, 4-3 (5/4) to clinch the title.

Fittingly, it was Federer who served out the match in the third set tie-break, having been unable to do so earlier in the set, when after an extended rally Zverev dumped a backhand into the net to hand the Swiss victory.

In the men's singles, Federer bounced

back from a November loss to Zverev in London to beat the big-serving German 6-4, 6-2 and make it a clean sweep of his singles matches in Perth for the second year running, less than two weeks before he defends his Australian Open title.

It was a high-octane match, with plenty of big serves and clean winners, but Federer was able to answer everything the 21-year-old threw at him.

He broke Zverev in the 10th game of the first set and then tightened the noose on the German, with two more breaks in the second set.

Federer clinched the match with a typically crisp forehand volley. "I am happy I was able to maintain

Ethe good, high quality tennis I showed ₹ all week," he said. "It is good to finish on a singles performance like this, I was able to come up with some good serve and volley and it all worked out today."

Godin could go for free, says Simeone

AGENCIES, Madrid

Diego Simeone indicated that Atletico Madrid captain Diego Godin could leave as a free agent, but denied suggestions that the club are making no effort to keep the defender. With media reports

claiming the Uruguayan will move to Inter in Serie A when his contract expires in June, Simeone was quizzed on Godin's future in his press conference ahead of Atletico's clash with Sevilla.

Simeone said the club are working to find a solution to the situation, but left the possibility of Godin's departure open.

"Both Atleti and the player are seeking the best solution for all parties," Simeone told reporters. "The club and Godin know what I think about this. If he does remain with us, it'll be because it's best for him and the club."

Reports in Italy claim Godin will join Inter on a two-year deal with the option of a third year.

BCL transfers underway

SPORTS REPORTER



The transfer window got underway yesterday for the Bangladesh Championship League, the second-tier of professional football league, even though none of the 11 participating teams showed up on the opening day of the three-week long transfer.

The league is scheduled to start on February 4 and the first leg of matches is scheduled to finish on April 17. Each team will play 20 matches at the Birshrestha Mostafa Kamal Stadium in double-legged system. This time three new clubs - Shadhinota Krira Sangha,

Wari Club and Dhaka City FC -- have been added to the roster while Farashganj SC, demoted from the Premier League, made the league an 11-team one unlike last year's

"There were six applications for inclusion in the BCL, but having scrutinised everything, the league committee gave green signal to three of those teams while Farashganj were automatic inclusions as demoted from top-tier," BFF's competition's manager Zaber AL Ansari said when asked about the criteria of the new inclusions.

The participating teams this time are: Farashganj SC, Victoria Sporting, Fakirerpool YMC, T&T Club, Uttar Baridhara, Police FC, Feni Soccer, Agrani Bank, Shadhinota

Krira Sangha, Wari Club and Dhaka City FC. Last year's champions Bashundhara Kings have already proven their worth in top-tier football, winning the Independence Cup title after finishing runners-up in the season-opening Federation Cup. NoFeL Sporting, the runners-up team of last season, are also plying their trade in

top-tier this season while Kawranbazar PS were the only team among 10 teams to have been relegated.

Aus plunge into deep trouble

AFP, Sydney



Australia blew a strong start with yet another top order batting collapse in

Sydney Saturday, leaving themselves a mountain to climb to stay in the fourth and final Test against India.

When play was abandoned half an hour early due to rain, they were 236 for six, still 386 behind with Peter Handscomb (28) and Pat Cummins (25) fighting a rearguard action after some soft dismissals plunged the hosts into deep trouble.

Australia went to lunch at 122 for one but meekly surrendered soon afterwards, losing three wickets for 24 runs, with spinners Ravindra Jadeja and Kuldeep Yadav doing the damage. Yadav ended with 3-71 and Jadeja 2-62.

While aggressive rookie opener Marcus Harris blazed a career-best 79, senior players Usman Khawaja, Shaun Marsh and skipper Tim Paine all failed to deliver when needed most.

"I got a start and a few of us got a start but none of us went on to get a big score so it's pretty simple to work out what went wrong," said Harris.

"We're a young group and we're trying to work it out and think on our feet but we're playing against the number one side in the world, so it's not like it's an easy thing to do."

Despite the task ahead, Harris remained optimistic.

"Obviously 600 is a big score to chase down or get a close deficit, but I think the more time we can occupy the crease,

you never know what can happen." India took a stranglehold on the match over the first two days, compiling 622 for seven declared on the back of centuries from Cheteshwar Pujara

and Rishabh Pant. They lead 2-1 after wins in Adelaide and Melbourne and are fast closing in on a historic first-ever series win since they first toured Australia in 1947-48.

On a day when the Sydney Cricket Ground was a sea of pink to mark a breast cancer awareness initiative, Khawaja was dismissed for 27 after

mistiming a shot off Yadav. At the other end, Harris quickly

found a groove and went to lunch on 77. However, he added just two more before chopping a Jadeja delivery onto

his stumps. So far, none of Australia's batsmen has reached three figures over the four Tests, with Harris' 79 the highest anyone has scored. In contrast, India have had a field day, compiling five centuries.

SCORES IN BRIEF INDIA: First innings 622-7 decl AUSTRALIA: First innings 236 for 6 (Harris 79, Khawaja 27, Labuschagne 38, Head 20, Handscomb 28 not out, Cummins 25 not out; Jadeja 2-62,



Yadav 3-71)

Australia opener Shaun Marsh threw away his wicket -- as many other Australians did on the third day of the fourth Test in Sydney -- chasing a ball outside the off-stump and edging behind to Ajinkya Rahane. PHOTO: AFP

Maradona out of hospital

REUTERS, Buenos Aires

Argentine football great Diego Maradona was released from hospital after being admitted earlier on Friday with internal bleeding in the stomach which was discovered during routine examinations, his

daughter Dalma said. "For those who were really worried about my dad I can tell you that he is well," Dalma wrote on Twitter after fears over her father's health spread. "He

is going home soon." The 58-year-old was having a routine medical in his homeland before returning to Mexico, where he is coach of second division side Dorados de Sinaloa, when doctors discovered the problem.

However, a source close to the family told Reuters the problem was not serious and that Maradona, who famously led his country to the 1986 World Cup title, was not in any danger.

Another source said Maradona may have to undergo more tests.

The news of his admittance came just hours after Maradona's lawyer confirmed he would coach in Mexico for a second consecutive season.

SHORT CORNER

Bale injury not serious, says Solari Real Madrid were handed a boost on Saturday when tests on Gareth Bale's calf injury revealed only a grade-

Bale was forced off at half-time against Villarreal on Wednesday as Madrid were held to a 2-2 draw. But the club have confirmed the problem is minor.

Grade-one tears are the least severe of the three classifications. Bale will miss the La Liga game against Real Sociedad on Sunday and is unlikely to be risked against

Leganes in the first leg of the Copa del Rey on Wednesday. Madrid will hope to have him back later this month, however, with league games against Real Betis, Sevilla and Espanyol to come.

"We think the injury is not too serious," Solari said at a press conference earlier on Saturday. "He will go through tests today and we all hope he is back with us quickly." As well as Bale, Marco Asensio, Marcos Llorente and

Mariano Diaz are all recovering from injuries and expected to miss the game on Sunday. Pep warned over touchline antics Pep Guardiola has been warned by the Football Association over his behaviour after Manchester City

manager launched into a touchline rant during the

champions' crucial 2-1 victory against Liverpool. Guardiola threw his scarf to the ground and shouted at fourth official Martin Atkinson after a decision from referee Anthony Taylor went against City in the second half on Thursday.

It is the 47-year-old's first warning and the decision was posted on the FA website, which also makes it clear that any manager receiving four such warnings must serve a touchline ban.

Bournemouth sign Solanke Bournemouth completed the signing of Liverpool striker Dominic Solanke for a reported fee of £19 million on Friday night.

Solanke's arrival was the first of two moves from Anfield to the Vitality Stadium on Friday, with Reds defender Nathaniel Clyne also joining on loan until the end of the season.

It is expected that Solanke's switch will pave the way for Bournemouth's veteran striker Jermain Defoe to join Rangers on an 18-month loan.



Rangpur Riders centrepiece and last edition's player of the series Chris Gayle landed in Dhaka yesterday for the ongoing Bangladesh Premier League. PHOTO: COLLECTED

"I think Bournemouth are going somewhere," Solanke told afcbTV. "Over the past few years, they have been really good in the Premier League and had some good positional finishes as well. I think it's a good club to be at, especially for someone of my age." Nishikori powers into Brisbane final Japanese star Kei Nishikori was in superb form as he demolished Jeremy Chardy 6-2, 6-2 in the Brisbane

International semi-finals on Saturday. The 29-year-old gave his French opponent no chance as he put on a commanding all court display to advance

to the final for the second time in three years. "Everything was working well today," Nishikori said. "I felt like I was too fast on the court today -- I felt very

"Physically and tennis-wise I think it was perfect. I served well, I returned well -- I think that was the key today -- and I was moving well, that was fantas-AFP