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Olympique Marseille vs Lazio

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Lewandowski hits 100

AFF, Paris

Robert Lewandowski marked reaching the milestone of 100 Champions League appearances with a hat-trick on Tuesday as Bayern Munich punched their ticket for the last 16 with a 5-2 home win over Benfica.

Lewandowski, Serge Gnabry and Leroy Sane scored for Bayern at the Allianz Arena while Benfica's Morato and Darwin Nunez netted for the visitors.

Lewandowski, who also had a penalty saved, has now chalked up 81 Champions League goals and 100 appearances since his competition debut for ex-club Dortmund a decade ago.

"I never thought I would have so many games with so many goals," Lewandowski told Amazon.

"In the first 20 minutes I hardly got the ball, which makes it hard for a striker to stay patient.

"After the first goal, it always goes a bit easier."

Bayern's fourth straight win in Europe guarantees them a last 16 place with two group games left as they hold a six-point lead at the top of Group E.



Dybala scores twice for perfect Juventus

Captain Paulo Dybala's brace helped Juventus to a 4-2 win over Zenit Saint Petersburg on Tuesday as the Turin side secured their place in the last 16 of this season's Champions League with two group games to spare.

Juve kept up their 100 percent record in Group H, which they top by three points from European champions Chelsea, who were 1-0 winners at Malmo in Sweden earlier. Massimiliano Allegri's side are also nine points clear of third-placed Zenit, meaning their place in the knockout phase is secured.

Juve are three points clear of reigning European champions Chelsea, who beat Malmo 1-0 in Sweden with a second-half Hakim Ziyech goal. Thomas Tuchel's side, who were again without Romelu Lukaku, need one more point to be certain of advancing.

Fati dedicates goal to Aguero

Ansu Fati said his goal and Barcelona's victory were for the absent Sergio Aguero as Tuesday's 1-0 win at Dynamo Kiev sent the Catalans up to second in Group E of the Champions League. Barca's maiden away success of the season in all competitions allowed them to move above Benfica, after their 5-2 loss at Bayern Munich, who qualified for the last 16.

"The goal is for Kun (Aguero). This victory is for him. Hence my dedication," Fati told Movistar. "We are going to fight. We depend on ourselves and we are going to go with everything. We knew it was an important week," he added ahead of Saturday's La Liga trip to Celta Vigo.



'Ronaldo for Man Utd is like Jordan for Chicago Bulls'

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Cristiano Ronaldo scored two, including a stoppage-time equaliser, as Manchester United came from behind twice to earn a 2-2 draw away to Atalanta in the Champions League on Tuesday.

The 36-year-old Ronaldo has now scored five goals in four games for United in this Champions League campaign and has nine in 11 outings for the club this season.

His outstanding finishing secured a vital point for United, who were minutes away from slipping to third in the group but instead find themselves top on seven points.

"We never give up, we believe until the end, it is a good result for us," said Ronaldo.

"The beginning was tough, we knew Atalanta would do a lot of pressure, they have a fantastic coach, when I played at Juventus they were always difficult to play against. We were a little bit lucky in the end but that is football," he added.

"We have to still improve, we have

different players, different system, we have to adapt with each other, but it will take time. We have time to improve and be better."

Manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer said Ronaldo gave Manchester United the same kind of edge NBA great Michael Jordan gave the Chicago Bulls.

Ronaldo's first brought United level on the stroke of half-time on Tuesday before he fired a stoppage-time equaliser to send United joint top of Group F with Villarreal.

The 36-year-old also scored in comeback victories at home against Villarreal and Atalanta, prompting Solskjaer to compare his impact to that of six-time NBA champion Jordan.

"We all have our roles and responsibilities," Solskjaer told reporters. "Of course, Cristiano is a leader in the group but that's what he does, he scores goals.

"We're not happy conceding two goals ... But he (Ronaldo) does provide those moments and I'm sure the Chicago Bulls didn't mind having Michael Jordan either.

"Sometimes teams have the players they have and that's why they are Man United, that's why they are champions at the Chicago Bulls. You just come up with those moments."

Ronaldo, who returned to the club in the summer, has scored nine goals in all competitions this season, five of those in the Champions League.

"For me, Cristiano is getting better and better for us. He's feeling better," Solskjaer added.

"You know he's not had a proper pre-season, now he is getting better and better and he's feeling up to speed now."

West Indies aim for survival

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Defending champions West Indies will be desperate to address their batting woes and keep their slim semi-final hopes alive when they take on Sri Lanka in the T20 World Cup in Abu Dhabi today.

West Indies managed to revive their campaign with a scrappy three-run win over Bangladesh after consecutive defeats against England and South Africa.

The two-time champions' chances of reaching the semi-finals look very slim but they aren't out of the race just yet.

They not only need to win their last two fixtures to stay in the mix for the semis but also require dominant victories to improve their net run rate, which is the worst in the group.

The wins will not only improve West Indies chances but will also hurt fellow contenders Australia's chances of progressing and if South Africa lose against England, who are already through, then all three sides could finish on six points which will bring the net run rate into the equation.

The two teams have faced each other on 14 occasions in T20Is. And notably, both the sides have won seven games each. On the other hand they have met seven times in the ICC T20 World Cup and Lankans have dominated the show in terms of wins (5-2).

Sri Lanka slumped to their third consecutive defeat after a dominant victory in their campaign opener. With just one match to go in their Super 12 campaign, Sri Lanka can finish on a maximum of four points which will not be enough to help them progress.

The West Indies bowling unit has shown they are capable of defending decent totals but they urgently need to address their batting frailties. The side, known for its flamboyant style of play, has failed miserably with the bat.



Enamul enters 500-wicket club

SPORTS REPORTER



The final day of the third round of the ongoing 23rd National Cricket League (NCL) saw spinners dominate terms, with national Test cricketers Mehedi Hasan Miraz and Taijul Islam scalping fifiers and veteran left-arm spinner Enamul Haque Junior reaching the 500-wicket milestone in first-class career.

Enamul, playing for Sylhet Division against Rangpur Division, became only the second player to reach the 500-wicket club in the country's first-class circuit behind spinner Abdur Razzak, who ended his first-class career with 634 wickets in 137 outings.

The left-arm achieved the feat when he induced an edge off Rangpur's Jahid Javed and had him caught behind in the very beginning of their innings at the Sylhet International Cricket Stadium yesterday.

"This achievement has years of hard work behind it," Enamul told The Daily Star after the game.

"It felt great, mainly because it shows my dedication towards my first-class career. We senior cricketers always remain very dedicated to our first-class careers and hence this achievement was possible," added the experienced campaigner who has been playing in the domestic circuit for about two decades.

Enamul, who took another wicket on the day, now has 501 scalps in 136 first-class games and is hopeful of breaking Razzak's record in the coming two years.

However, the 34-year-old could not cap off his achievement with a win as his side lost their match against Rangpur by six wickets. Resuming the day on 258 for seven with Amite Hasan unbeaten on 147, Sylhet could only survive 21.2 overs on the day and were bundled out for 292. Amite remained unbeaten on 170 but the right-hander did not receive enough support from the other end.

In reply, Naeem Islam's unbeaten fifty and 31 from Myshukur Rahman at the



top saw Rangpur chase down the 140-run target with ease.

Meanwhile, in the other game in Sylhet, Miraz shone with the ball for Khulna Division as his six for 41 in 42.5 overs, including 22 maidens, helped his side thump Dhaka Division by an innings and 27 runs. Dhaka, who were following on, resumed the day on 46 for one but Miraz ran through their middle order to bundle them out for a meagre 161, still way short of Khulna's first innings total of 419.

In Cox's Bazar, Taijul bagged a six-

wicket haul. But although Taijul's six for 95 in 42 overs helped Rajshahi Division bundle out Barishal Division for 295 in their second innings, the game ended in a stalemate. However, it was still a fruitful outing for Taijul as he ended with his sixth 10-wicket haul in first-class cricket after having picked up four in the first innings.

The other game between Chattogram Division and Dhaka Metropolis at BKSP 3 also ended in an expected draw with Chattogram scoring 228 for five in their second innings before stumps.



'Fans deserve a team with will to fight'

REUTERS

New Tottenham Hotspur manager Antonio Conte has promised fans a team with the "will to fight" for the shirt as he sets about reversing a slump in fortunes for the London club.

Former Juventus, Italy and Chelsea manager Conte was sought by Tottenham in the summer as a replacement for Jose Mourinho but for one reason and another a deal was not struck and Spurs hired Nuno Espirito Santo instead. That appointment ended abruptly on Monday when the Portuguese was sacked after only 10 Premier League games.

"It's an honour and a pleasure and for now I want to repay this trust," the Italian said in his first interview posted on the club's Twitter feed.

"My philosophy is very simple. To play attractive football and good football for the fans, to have a stable team, not up and down. I think the fans deserve to have a competitive team with a will to fight. "We will do everything to deserve their support."