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Juventus' title hopes stunted

REUTERS, Turin

Juventus' faint Serie A title hopes were further dented by local rivals Torino, who fought their way back to earn a deserved 1-1 draw in Friday night's derby.

An Andrea Belotti volley in the second half cancelled out Matthijs de Ligt's early header, leaving Juve fourth in the table on 47 points after 26 games, eight behind leaders AC Milan, who visit bottom side Salernitana on Saturday.

Fifth-placed Atalanta, on 44 points after 24 games, have the chance to leapfrog Juve when they visit Fiorentina on Sunday.

To make matters worse for Massimiliano Allegri's side, defender Daniele Rugani was injured in the warm-up and then his replacement Luca Pellegrini was taken off at halftime.



Forward Paulo Dybala then had to be substituted early in the second half.

Dutch defender De Ligt headed Juve in front in the 13th minute, arriving at the far post to connect with a Juan Cuadrado free kick.

Torino coped well with falling behind and matched their more illustrious neighbours for intensity and intelligence and went on to outplay them in the second half.

After coming close to scoring on a few occasions they found an equaliser when Josip Brekalo raced to the byline and launched a cross back into the box which star striker Belotti converted on the volley.



Canada's Kirsten Moore-Towers and Michael Marinaro compete in the pair free figure skating event in the Beijing Winter Olympics at the Capital Indoor Stadium in Beijing on Saturday.

PHOTO: AFP

Five young stars who lit up Beijing 2022

AFP, Beijing

Several young stars made a name for themselves at the Beijing Olympics. Here are five talents who look set to reign over future Winter Games.

Eileen Gu

The 18-year-old, who was born in California and switched allegiance from the United States to China in 2019, was already well known in the host nation but her two golds and one silver in freestyle skiing propelled her to an international audience.

She was the unofficial face of the Games. But with the success came scrutiny and awkward questions about whether Gu had given up her US passport for a Chinese one, something she refused to answer.

The teenager, who has a Chinese mother and American father, still lives and studies in the United States.

Su Yiming

The host nation soon had another teenage home hero to celebrate in the form of snowboarder Su Yiming.

Su, who turned 18 on Friday, had to settle for a controversial silver in slopestyle -- many experts said he deserved to win gold and judges later admitted they made a mistake.

The former child actor did not have to wait long though for gold, taking the Big Air title.

Su's success threatened to break China's internet, a hashtag relating to it getting more than one billion views on the Twitter-like Weibo.

Nathan Chen

Much of the spotlight in men's figure skating fell on two-time reigning champion Yuzuru Hanyu.

But that did not bother the 22-year-old American Chen who was all grace and composure as he produced a dominant performance to win his first Olympic title.

An Olympic gold had been the only

major prize eluding the three-time world champion.

Zoi Sadowski Synnott

The 20-year-old snowboarder made history for New Zealand after winning their first ever Winter Olympics gold medal.

Clad in all black, she came from behind to snatch the women's slopestyle with an incredible final run, before being mobbed in the snow by her rivals at the finish.

Juraj Slafkovsky

There might have been no NHL stars at the Olympics but Slovakia has one in the making in 17-year-old Juraj Slafkovsky.

Considered a top prospect for the NHL's July draft, the big forward -- he's 1.92-metre (6ft 3ins) tall -- sent his stock soaring with his nose for goal.

He scored five times in six games as Slovakia reached the semi-finals.

Slafkovsky is the youngest player to ever represent Slovakia in Olympic hockey and was going up against some veterans twice his age in Beijing.

Chittagong Abahani bounce back

SPORTS REPORTER

Following back-to-back draws, Chittagong Abahani returned to winning ways with a 2-1 win against newcomers Swadhinata KS in their Bangladesh Premier League fixture at the Freedom Fighters' Memorial Stadium in Rajshahi yesterday.

The port city side took the lead in the 24th minute when their Nigerian striker Ebimobowe Thankgod converted from the spot before Afghan midfielder Omid Popalzay doubled the lead 26 minutes into the second half.

Swadhinata KS reduced the arrears eight minutes later through Jahedul Alam, however, they failed to find a second goal despite Chittagong Abahani being reduced to 10 men with five minutes remaining. The victory lifted Chittagong Abahani to fifth position with eight points from four matches while Swadhinata remained in ninth position with four points.

In the other match at the Sheikh Fazlul Haque Moni Stadium in Gopalganj, Uttar Baridhara inflicted an identical margin defeat on Muktiyoddha Sangsad. Arif Hossain and Suzan Biswas scored for Baridhara while Soma Otani scored a consolation goal for Muktiyoddha.

The defeat means Muktiyoddha are yet to open their account while Baridhara moved to four points from four matches.

Elite Academy kick off BCL today

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Bangladesh Championship League, the second-tier club competition of professional football in the country, will kick off today at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur.

Former Premier League outfit NoFeL Sporting Club will take on newcomers BFF Elite Academy in the opening match at 4:00pm while Fortis Football Club will square off against Gopalganj Sporting Club at 6:15pm. A total of 12 teams will take part in the BCL this season, with two teams earning promotion and two going down at the end of the league. However, BFF Elite Academy, one of the three newcomers will not be subject to promotion or relegation regardless of their final standing in the points table.

Abdus Salam Murshedy, league committee chairman, explained the reasoning behind this format yesterday.

"We have invested money and have given facilities to this academy to prepare players for the future. If they don't get to play professional football, then the pipeline to our national team will be damaged. So we have taken this decision to give these players a chance," Murshedy said.



Djokovic faces Musetti in Dubai comeback

AFP, DUBAI

Novak Djokovic faces Italian teenager Lorenzo Musetti in Dubai next week in a tough first round comeback following the drama surrounding his Australian Open deportation.

The world number one makes his return to the court on Monday after the coronavirus vaccine row that kept him from defending his Australian Open title.

Djokovic and wild card Musetti have history, with the 19-year-old taking the first two sets off the Serb when they met in last year's French Open.

Musetti eventually retired due to injury with Djokovic leading the last 16 clash 6-7 (7/9), 6-7 (2/7), 6-1, 6-0, 4-0.

Djokovic went on to seal the title at Roland Garros for his 19th Grand Slam, with his 20th secured at Wimbledon the following month.

The 34-year-old has kept a low profile since his deportation from Australia last month over his refusal to get jabbed.

"I am excited to go back and play on Monday," he told media in Dubai on Thursday.

"I miss tennis after all that has happened."

Djokovic, who last hit a ball in anger in the Davis Cup in Madrid in December, is a five-time winner in Dubai.

The event also features Britain's Andy Murray, who has three major titles to his name and who will start against a qualifier.

Djokovic is able to play in the tournament as a coronavirus vaccine is not a requirement to enter the United Arab Emirates, which announced 895 new cases on Thursday.

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