

Liverpool snatch late winner to stun PSG

Kane brace puts Bayern on course for last eight, Raphinha earns 10-man Barca tight first leg win

AFP, PARIS: Liverpool snatched a late winner to beat Paris Saint-Germain away 1-0 in the first leg of their heavyweight Champions League last-16 tie on Wednesday, while Bayern Munich took charge with a 3-0 win over German rivals Bayer Leverkusen.

French league leaders PSG dominated at the Parc des Princes but couldn't make their superiority count and Harvey Elliott struck three minutes from time after replacing Mohamed Salah with Liverpool's only shot on target.

Khvicha Kvaratskhelia had a goal ruled out for offside in the first half but Arne Slot's side defended resolutely to keep PSG at bay and are in a strong position to advance to the quarter-finals going into next week's second leg at Anfield.

Liverpool goalkeeper Alisson Becker made several crucial saves as PSG had 28 attempts on goal but could not replicate the finishing that had allowed them to score 21 goals in their last five Champions League outings.

If Liverpool finish the job at home next Tuesday, they



Liverpool's English forward Harvey Elliott (left) watches as the ball passes by Paris Saint-Germain's Italian goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma to score Liverpool's first goal during the UEFA Champions League Round of 16 first leg match at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris



could face Aston Villa in the quarter-finals, but PSG coach Luis Enrique said his side will have "nothing to lose". Harry Kane scored twice as Bayern closed in on the last eight with a first win over Xabi Alonso's Leverkusen in seven matches.

The England captain headed in Michael Olise's superb cross to give Bayern the lead at the Allianz Are-

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RESULTS

Last 16, first legs
Feyenoord 0 Inter Milan 2 (Thuram 38, Martinez 50), Bayern Munich 3 (Kane 9, 75-pen, Musiala 54) Bayer Leverkusen 0, Benfica 0 Barcelona 1 (Raphinha 61), Paris Saint-Germain 0 Liverpool 1 (Elliott 87).

Second legs to be played on March 11/12

na. Jamal Musiala added a second early in the second half when Leverkusen goalkeeper Matej Kovar let an innocuous delivery into the box from Joshua Kimmich slip from his grasp.

Bayern lost Manuel Neuer to injury before the night went from bad to worse for Leverkusen, who had Nordi Mukiele sent off. Kane rounded off the scoring from the penalty spot following a VAR review after he was impeded

by Edmond Tapsoba.

A downbeat Alonso admitted it would take a remarkable turn of events for Leverkusen to overturn the deficit.

Barcelona edged past Benfica 1-0 in Lisbon thanks to Raphinha's second-half strike despite playing most of the game with 10 men.

Teenage defender Pau Cubarsi was sent off midway through the first half for a foul as the last defender, but Barcelona clung on and Raphinha drilled home after 61 minutes to give the five-time European champions a slim advantage.

Inter Milan seized control of their tie against Feyenoord as Marcus Thuram and Lautaro Martinez scored in a 2-0 win in Rotterdam.

France striker Thuram hooked in a cross from Nicolo Barella slightly against the run of play late in the first half, with Lautaro Martinez lashing in a second on 50 minutes.

Feyenoord knocked out Inter's city rivals AC Milan in the play-off round but have since changed coaches, with former Arsenal and Manchester United striker Robin van Persie returning to take charge of his hometown club.

FIFA to pay \$1b prize money for Club WC

PTI, PARIS: FIFA on Wednesday announced it will pay total prize money of one billion dollars to participants in the Club World Cup taking place in the United States this year.

The figure is significantly more than the prize money offered for either the last men's or women's World Cups.

World football's governing body has given few details about the funding of the first edition of the 32-team tournament that will take place every four years but it has signed up a broadcaster and major sponsors in recent weeks.

In a statement confirming the prize money on offer, FIFA said it expected to generate \$2 billion in revenues from the expanded Club World Cup. It also confirmed that a women's edition will take place from 2028.

"The FIFA Club World Cup will not only be the pinnacle of club football, but also a vivid demonstration of solidarity that will benefit clubs at large to a scale that no other competition has ever done," said FIFA President Gianni Infantino.

"All revenue generated by the tournament will be distributed to the participating clubs and via club solidarity across the world as FIFA will not keep a single dollar." British streaming service DAZN was awarded the exclusive global rights to the June 14-July 13 tournament in December with a source close to the negotiations saying the contract was worth around one billion euros (\$1.05 billion).

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Matthews, Kerr power MI to six-wicket win; UPW play-off hopes all but over

LUCKNOW: Hayley Matthews smashed a 46-ball 68, while Amelia Kerr registered her best figures of 5/38 as Mumbai Indians stormed to a six-wicket win over UP Warriorz in the Women's Premier League, here, on Thursday. The former champions chased down 151 in just 18.3 overs, boosting their net run rate and jumping to second in the table with eight points, two behind leaders Delhi Capitals with a game in hand. This was UP Warriorz's third consecutive defeat, leaving them on the brink of elimination. Chasing a modest 151 on a dew-laden Ekana Stadium, MI lost Amelia Kerr (10) early, but Matthews took charge, hammering a 35-ball fifty in a match-winning 92-run stand with Nat Sciver-Brunt, the partnership coming off just 58 balls. She played fluently off the back foot, especially through the off-side, and reached her second half-century of the season against UPW with a crisp boundary between point and cover-point. She dismantled Chinelle Henry with a towering six over deep midwicket before sweeping Sophie Ecclestone for back-to-back boundaries as MI raced to 50/1 in the powerplay. Earlier, opting to bowl, MI turned the game on its head with the New Zealand legspinner Kerr becoming the sixth player in WPL history to bag a fiver.

Prague Masters: Aravindh crushes Giri to surge ahead

PRAGUE: Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram crashed through the defenses of super-solid Anish Giri to jump in to sole lead after the end of the seventh round of Prague Masters chess tournament now underway here. It was Aravindh all the way while R Praggnanandhaa played out a draw with pre-event rating favourite Wei Yi of China. Results round 6: Quang Leim Le (Vie, 3) lost to Sam Shankland (Usa, 2.5); R Praggnanandhaa (Ind, 4.5) drew with Wei Yi (Chn, 3.5); Anish Giri (Ned, 3) lost to Aravindh Chithambaram (Ind, 5); Gurel Ediz (Tur, 3.5) beat Nguyen Thai Dai Van (Cze, 2.5); David Navara (Cze, 3) drew with Vincent Keymer (Ger, 3.5). Challengers: Richard Stalmach (Cze, 3) drew with Finel Vaclav (Cze, 3); Divya Deshmukh (Ind, 1.5) lost to Jonas Buhl Bjerre (Den, 5.5); Nodirbek Yakubboev (Uzb, 5.5) beat Ivan Salgado Lopez (Esp, 3.5); Marc Andria Maurizzi (Fra, 4) beat Nemej Jychym (Cze, 2); Ma Qun (Chn, 4) drew with Stamatis Kourkoulous-Arditis (Gre, 3).

Mulder replaces injured Carse in Sunrisers Hyderabad squad

HYDERABAD: South Africa's Wiaan Mulder on Thursday replaced Brydon Carse in Sunrisers Hyderabad squad for the upcoming Indian Premier League after the English all-rounder sustained a toe injury. The 27-year-old Proteas all-rounder, who featured in Wednesday's semifinal of the Champions Trophy against New Zealand, has joined the 2016 winners and last year's finalist SRH for Rs 75 lakh. "Carse is ruled out of the IPL 2025 due to an injury and his replacement Mulder, who is an all-rounder, will join SRH for Rs 75 Lakh," the IPL said in a release. Mulder has so far played 18 Tests, 25 ODIs and 11 T20Is for South Africa. Carse, who was a member of England's squad in the Champions Trophy, had suffered a toe injury during their contest against Australia.

England considering Test skipper Stokes for white-ball captaincy

LONDON: England cricket supremo Rob Key said on Thursday "it would be stupid" to rule Test captain Ben Stokes out of consideration for the role of skipper of the struggling white-ball team. Vice-captain Harry Brook had appeared to be the heir apparent to Buttler but he is likely to be a mainstay in all three international formats, meaning a formidable workload. England and Wales Cricket Board managing director for men's cricket Key is considering his options, which include expanding Stokes's remit. Appointing Stokes as limited-overs captain would mean extending his "Bazball" alliance with Brendon McCullum, now the coach of England's white-ball teams as well as being in charge of the Test side.

Australian tennis great Fred Stolle has died at age 86

MELBOURNE: Fred Stolle, a winner of two Grand Slam singles titles and 17 major doubles trophies, has died, Tennis Australia said Thursday. He was 86. Stolle was an "iconic figure" in tennis as a player and later as a commentator for Australia's Nine Network and U.S. broadcasters, Tennis Australia CEO Craig Tiley said. Tiley did not provide a cause of death. The 1.91-meter (6-foot-3) Stolle was part of Australia's successful era in the 1960s as tennis progressed from an amateur to professional sport. Nicknamed "Fiery Fred" or "Fiery" for short, he lost the first five Grand Slam singles finals he reached - four of them to fellow Australian Roy Emerson.

2026 World Cup final to have Super Bowl-style show: Infantino

PARIS: The 2026 World Cup final in New Jersey will make history by having a Super Bowl-style half-time show, world football chief Gianni Infantino said. Cold-play band members Chris Martin and Phil Harvey will determine the artists who will perform, FIFA president Infantino said. "I can confirm the first-ever half-time show at a FIFA World Cup final in New York/New Jersey," Infantino wrote on Instagram.

US confirms bid for 2031 Women's World Cup after FIFA boost

LOS ANGELES: The United States Soccer Federation (USSF) said Wednesday it will press ahead with a joint bid for the 2031 Women's World Cup after a FIFA decision boosted the CONCACAF region's chances of staging the tournament. The USSF said in a brief statement on social media that it planned to "complete the bid process to host the 2031 FIFA Women's World Cup" in partnership with the CONCACAF regional federation and its members.

Shami is ISL's youngest goal-scorer

PTI, HYDERABAD: Seventeen-year-old Shami Singamayum scripted history as the youngest-ever goal-scorer in Indian Super League history, capping off Punjab FC's commanding 3-1 victory over Hyderabad FC, here, on Wednesday.

Punjab FC found the breakthrough in the 41st minute through an own goal from Alex Saji. Muhammad Suhail's long-range attempt, following a pass from Ricky Shabong, sparked confusion in the Hyderabad FC defence, leading to Saji's unfortunate mis-clearance into his own net.

Majcen doubled Punjab FC's lead in the 56th minute, clinically finishing Suhail's well-weighted pass from the centre of the box.

Hyderabad FC pushed forward in response, leaving spaces at the back, which Punjab FC exploited in the 86th minute.

Petros Giakoumakis led a counterattack, setting up Singamayum, who fired home from outside the box with his left foot, sealing the win in historic fashion.

At 17 years and 322 days, Singamayum became the youngest-ever goal-scorer in ISL history. Hyderabad FC pulled one back deep into stoppage time (90+4'), as Ramhlunchhanga smashed Cy Goddard's pass into the bottom right corner. However, it proved too little, too late.

Hyderabad FC will play Kerala Blasters FC on March 12, whereas Punjab FC are set to square off against Mohammedan SC on March 10.

RESULT

Hyderabad FC 1 (Ramhlunchhanga 90+4') Punjab FC 3 (Alex Saji OG 41', Luka Majcen 56', Shami Singamayum 86')

ISL FIXTURE

Mumbai City FC vs Kerala Blasters FC at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Kochi, at 7.30 pm

Dnyanprassarak College, Don Bosco emerge men, women athletics champs

Best Athlete Male & Female was bagged by Moses Mascarenhas of Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, Margao and Shimron Nathan of Don Bosco College, Panjim, respectively

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PANJIM: Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre, Assagao, and Don Bosco College, Panjim, won the Goa University's 37th Inter-Collegiate Athletics Championship Men and Women 2024-2025 respectively organised by Goa University at the SAG's Athletics Stadium, Bambolim, recently. GVM's Gopal Govind Poy Raiturcar College of Commerce and Economics, Farmagudi-Ponda, were the men's runners-up, while second runners-up were Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, Margao.

Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Khandola, were the women's runners-up, while second runners-up were Rosary College of Commerce and Arts, Navelim.

Around 1,000 athletes from 47 colleges affiliated to Goa University participated in the three-day championship.

Like last year, this year also the championship saw the use of Photo finish technology for all track events.

Total five records were broken in this athletic meet: 4x400 Relay Women by Don Bosco College, Panjim, with performance of 53.001sec. 100 M Hurdle Women by Nathan Shimron of Don Bosco College, Panjim, with performance of 15.695sec. 100 M Run Men by Moses Mascarenhas of Parvatibai Chowgule College, Margao, with performance of



The men and women champions along with chief guest PES's RNS College of Arts and Science, Ponda, Principal Professor Vikas Pissurlekar, guest of honour Anura Prabhu Dessai, international badminton player, College Director of Physical Education and Sports of Don Bosco College Panjim Ryan Pereira and Assistant Director of Physical Education and Sports, Goa University Balachandra Jadar at the SAG's Athletics Stadium, Bambolim, recently



10.692. 800 M Run Women by D'Souza Swizel of St Xavier's College, Mapusa, with performance of 2.30sec. Hammer Throw Men by Bhosle Rudra of DM's College, Assagao, with performance of 36.55metres.

Best Athlete Male and Female of the championship was awarded Moses Mascarenhas of Parvatibai Chowgule College of Arts

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and Science, Margao, and Shimron Nathan of Don Bosco College, Panjim, respectively.

Prof Sunder N Dhuri, Registrar, Goa University, was the chief guest for the opening ceremony and in-

augurated the championship. The chief guest for the prize distribution ceremony, Professor Vikas Pissurlekar, principal of PES's RNS College of Arts and Science, Ponda, and guest of hon-

our international badminton player Anura Prabhu Dessai, College Director of Physical Education and Sports of Don Bosco College, Panjim, Ryan Pereira graced the occasion and along with Balachandra Jadar, assistant director of physical education and sports, Goa University, presented trophies and medals to the winners.

GOA DIARY

2nd Goa Veterans Cricket League to start on March 9

PANJIM: The second edition of Goa Veterans Cricket League will commence on March 9, at 1919 Sportz Arena, Verna. A total of six franchises will take part in the league organised by Goa Veteran Cricket Association. BJP Goa State President Damu Naik will be the chief guest for the inaugural ceremony, while Chicalim Sarpanch Kamalprasad Yadav will be the guest of honour. The participating teams are - Desserts n more Avengers, Royal Ruby, Vasco Mariners, Gomanchal Warriors, RMK's XI Mapuca and Mangirish Veterans. Thereafter, the matches will be played at MCC ground, Margao, on March 12, 13, 15 and final on March 16. The winners will be awarded Rs 2 lakh, while the runners-up will take home Rs 1 lakh. Man-of-the-match will be awarded Rs 5,000.

TODAY'S SPORTS

I-League: Churchill Brothers FC vs Shillong Lajong, at Raia ground, 4.30 pm

Goa Professional League (Super League): Dempo SC vs FC Goa, at Dempo Sports Academy ground, Ellal-Old Goa, 4 pm

GFA Futsal League: Cana Beaulim SA vs Verna Cultural & SA, at Manohar Parrikar Indoor Stadium, at Navelim ground, 6 pm. Ponda Footballers vs Enfermos SC, at Manohar

Parrikar Indoor Stadium, Navelim ground, 7 pm

GFA U-13 Division I-League: Churchill Brothers SC vs SESA FA, at Betalbatim ground, 4.30 pm

14th Wilted Leisure Soccer Cup (inaugural): SC Davorlim vs Shiroda Youth Club, at DSYA ground, Curtorim, 4.39 pm

10th Fatorda Veterans football: Murida Veterans vs Fatorda Veterans, at Don Bosco ground, Fatorda, 4.45 pm

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