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Dortmund, Chelsea stage big CL comebacks

Liverpool take control of Group E as Inter face elimination

PARIS, Nov 6, (AP): On a night of big comebacks in the Champions League, Borussia Dortmund came from two goals down to beat Inter Milan 3-2 while Chelsea erased a three-goal deficit to draw 4-4 against nine-man Ajax.

Napoli fluffed a chance to qualify for the knockout stage after drawing 1-1 at home to Salzburg, while defending champions Liverpool held on for a 2-1 win against Belgian side Genk at Anfield.

Five-time champions Barcelona couldn't score at all, with star striker Lionel Messi hitting the crossbar and having a late shot saved by standout goalkeeper Ondrej Kolar in 0-0 draw with visiting Slavia Prague.

Barcelona remain top of Group F with eight points and Dortmund are

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only one behind. But Inter have only four and are facing elimination.

While Messi failed to add to his whopping total of 113 goals in Europe's top club competition, Salzburg's 19-year-old rising star Erling Haaland made it seven in four games with an early penalty only for Hirving Lozano to equalize for Napoli just before halftime.

Memphis Depay continued his scoring form as Lyon beat Benfica 3-1 to stay in touch with group rivals Leipzig, which top Group G by two points after winning 2-0 at Zenit St Petersburg.

Group H is up in the air, with Valencia beating Lille 4-1 to join Ajax and Chelsea on seven points with two rounds remaining.

Chelsea fell behind after two minutes, then trailed 4-1 after 55, yet almost won on a wild night at Stamford Bridge.

Chelsea's comeback charge was helped by Ajax - last season's semifinalists - playing the final 20 minutes with nine men after defender Daley Blind and Joel Veltman were sent off in quick succession.

Substitute Reece James made it 4-4 with a 74th-minute equalizer for coach Frank Lampard's side.

Chelsea striker Tammy Abraham's own goal gave Ajax a second-minute lead before Jorginho equalized with his first of two penalties.

Quincy Promes put Ajax in front



Genk's Jhon Lucumi brings down Liverpool's Mohamed Salah (right), during the Champions League Group E soccer match between Liverpool and Genk at Anfield Stadium, Liverpool, England on Nov 5. (AP)

with a header while another Chelsea own goal - this time by goalkeeper Kepa - and midfielder Donny van de Beek's strike gave Ajax a three-goal cushion.

Defender Cesar Azpilicueta pulled a goal back in the 63rd and Jorginho notched his second penalty in the 71st - awarded in the same sequence that saw both Blind and Veltman handed a second yellow card - to set up a rousing finish.

Chelsea even thought it had scored a

late winner through Azpilicueta, but the goal was ruled out for a handball by Abraham after a video review.

Valencia won with four goals in the last 25 minutes after trailing to Lille striker Victor Osimhen's 25th-minute strike.

Valencia equalized with a 66th-minute penalty converted by Dani Parejo - Panenka style - and hosts went ahead with an own goal by defender Adama Soumaoro.

Midfielder Geoffrey Kondogbia and

substitute Ferrán Torres added late goals.

Kolar kept Barcelona at bay with a string of fine saves, denying Messi with his legs in the 79th having earlier saved from the star forward and from Gerard Pique and Sergi Roberto.

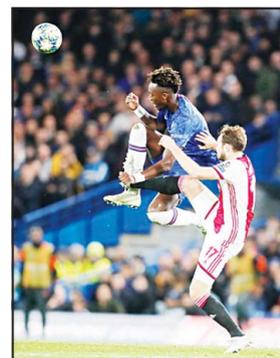
Although Barca extended its record unbeaten streak in Europe's top club competition to 34 consecutive home matches, the Czech side looked sharp on the counterattack and forced eight corners.

A day after turning 21, defender Achraf Hakimi - who is on loan from Real Madrid - scored twice and grabbed Dortmund's winner in the 77th minute after Inter led 2-0 at halftime thanks to goals from Lautaro Martínez and Matias Vecino.

Hakimi kick-started Dortmund's comeback in the 51st minute and Julian Brandt equalized in the 64th.

After scoring twice in a 4-1 win away to Genk two weeks ago, midfielder Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain scored the winner for group leaders Liverpool.

Fellow midfielder Georginio Wijnaldum grabbed Liverpool's first goal in the 14th and, after Ally Mbwana



Chelsea's Tammy Abraham (left), and Ajax's Daley Blind fight for the ball during the Group H Champions League soccer match between Chelsea and Ajax at Stamford Bridge in London on Nov 5. (AP)

Samatta leveled with a header shortly before halftime, Oxlade-Chamberlain struck in the 53rd.

In Italy, Haaland's 23rd goal in 17 competitive matches this season silenced the Napoli crowd. But Lozano then scored his first home goal for Napoli.

Leipzig moved to the verge of qualifying from the group stage for the first time, even with star forward Timo Werner only used as a substitute on a freezing night in St Petersburg.

Leipzig's breakthrough came on the stroke of halftime when midfielder Diego Demme hammered in a rebound after Marcel Sabitzer's free kick hit the wall. Sabitzer made it 2-0 midway through the second half.

Depay went off at halftime with a thigh strain, even though coach Rudi Garcia said he wanted to stay on.

The Netherlands forward volleyed home in the 33rd minute from midfielder Houssein Aouar's cross from the left to make it 2-0 after imposing center half Joachim Andersen netted an early header.

Benfica striker Haris Seferovic pulled a goal back in the 76th, but Lyon substitute Bertrand Traoré made sure of the win in the 89th.



KUNA photo
Kuwait Judo national team won 22 medals in various categories in the 19th Arab Judo Championships which concluded in Amman, Jordan. 127 judokas representing 14 countries took part in the tournament. Pictured are Kuwaiti judokas displaying their medals and trophies.

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Panthers place QB Newton on IR

WASHINGTON, Nov 6, (RTRS): The ongoing saga regarding the foot injury of Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton has ended, with the veteran going on injured reserve to end his 2019 season.

"For the past seven weeks, Cam has diligently followed a program of rest and rehab and still is experiencing pain in his foot," Panthers general manager Marty Hurney said in a statement Tuesday. "He saw two foot specialists last week who agreed that he should

Foles has been out since breaking his left collarbone in the season opener, and he underwent surgery to install a plate and screws. He will return Nov 17 when the Jaguars play at the Indianapolis Colts in Week 11.

Foles' replacement, rookie Gardner Minshew II, played well enough that Foles' return to the starting lineup wasn't a given. Marrone informed the quarterbacks and then the rest of the team Tuesday morning.

Los Angeles Chargers owner Dean

Spanos strongly denied a report that his team could move to London.

The Athletic reported Monday that the move was a possibility, and Spanos told the outlet that wasn't happening. On Tuesday, he was more vehement in his feelings.

"It's total f--ing bull--. We're not going to London. We're not going anywhere. We're playing in Los Angeles. This is our home, and this is where we are planning to be for a long f--ing time. Period," Spanos told local beat reporters.

Kuwait's Al-Rashidi wins gold in 14th Asian shooting tournament

DOHA, Nov 6, (KUNA): The Kuwaiti shooter Talal Al-Rashidi on Wednesday won the gold medal in the trap individuals' competition of the 14th Asian shooting tournament currently held in Qatar.

His fellow national Khaled Al-Mudhaf came second and the Kuwaiti champion, Nasser Al-Muqalled ranked third in the teams' trap competition. The Indian team came second, followed by the Qataris.

President of the Kuwaiti Shooting

Club Duatij Al-Otaibi, in remarks to KUNA, expressed pride for this distinguished victory in this tournament involving 34 countries represented by top notch shooters.

He dedicated it to His Highness the Amir, His Highness the Crown Prince and His Highness the Premier.

The Kuwaiti shooter Al-Rashidi "won the third qualifying ticket for Kuwait for the Tokyo Olympic games after Kuwait won two tickets in previous tournaments," he added.

Freshmen lead Stanford to rout of Eastern Washington

Robinson-Earl spurs Villanova past Army

VILLANOVA, Pennsylvania, Nov 6, (AP): Jeremiah Robinson-Earl scored 24 points and grabbed 13 rebounds and Sadiq Bey had 22 points to help No. 10 Villanova cruise to a 97-54 win over Army on Tuesday night.

The Wildcats had their five-year run as the preseason Big East favorite end this season but outranked Seton Hall by two spots in the Top 25. Villanova played like a team worthy of national championship contention against overwhelmed Army.

These aren't the Wildcats that were 30-win regulars and won national titles in 2016 and 2018. Most of the stars of those teams have moved on to the NBA - rookie Eric Paschall scored 34 points for Golden State on Monday - and the Wildcats have one of the youngest teams in coach Jay Wright's 19 seasons. The Wildcats lost their two leading scorers from last season in Paschall and Phil Booth, and the underclassman are being counted on to carry them into March. Justin Moore and Robinson-Earl gave Villanova two freshmen in the starting lineup for the first time since 2002-03.

Robinson-Earl, the preseason Big East Freshman of the Year, was sensational in his debut and scored 15 points by the break. The Wildcats treated this one like a glorified scrimmage, but they played with a dose of ruthless aggression that should overcome any concerns over inexperience. They went on a 16-0 run in the first half, raced to a 31-point lead and led 49-26 at the break.

Villanova finished at the basket, buried 3s and shared the ball (12 assists on 18 first-half baskets) in a fantastic opener for the program's 100th season. Cole Swider scored 18 points and hit four of Villanova's 12 3-pointers.

Bobby Knight coached Army on March 19, 1966, in the consolation game of the NIT the last time these two teams met. The Black Knights could have gone another 53 years without having to play the Wildcats. Tommy Funk and Tucker Blackwell led Army with 15 points.

Robinson-Earl was considered one of the top 15 recruits in the nation and is the son of former Kansas Jayhawk

Lester Earl. The Kansas native finished his prep career at IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida. Robinson-Earl made 9 of 14 shots (with five turnovers) and proved Wright was correct in giving the hyped freshman the start.

Freshman Francesca Belibi had 12 points and 15 rebounds in helping No. 3 Stanford win its 21st consecutive home opener, a 92-27 rout of Eastern Washington in the season opener for both teams.

Freshman Hannah Jump hit four consecutive 3-pointers and scored 12 points for the Cardinal, who improved to 34-12 in season openers. Ashton Praeltel scored 15 points, Kiana Williams added 11 points and Lexie Hull had 10.

Kennedy Dickie scored seven points to lead the Eagles, who have never beaten a ranked opponent.

Eastern Washington scored 10 points in the first quarter and was then held to 11 points over the next 28 minutes. Tatiana Reese, who scored five points, hit a 3-pointer with under three minutes to play end the drought.

Stanford was 13 of 28 from 3-point range.

The Cardinal never trailed and began pulling away early in the second quarter, using a 13-0 run sparked by Praeltel's driving layup.

The Eagles were 2 of 21 from the

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field in the second quarter, while Stanford was 9 of 17.

Jump hit a 3-pointer in the final minute to give Stanford a 38-15 lead heading into halftime.

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski was pleased with his young team's poise in the season opener, especially that of sophomore Tre Jones.

Jones scored 15 points and Cassius Stanley added 11 of his 13 points in the second half to help No. 4 Duke beat third-ranked Kansas 68-66 in the opener of the Champions Classic on Tuesday night at Madison Square Garden.

"The difference maker was Tre. Lot of young guys, lot of new guys," Krzyzewski said. "We really tried to play good defense in our first 30 practices. We played really good defense (tonight).

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continue that path prescribed by the team's medical staff, and that it likely will take significant time for the injury to fully heal."

Newton, 30, played in just two games this season, both defeats, and has not seen action since Sept 12. The Panthers are 5-1 since then with Kyle Allen at quarterback.

The official diagnosis was a Lisfranc injury to the left foot, and surgery had not been recommended for Newton as of this past weekend, according to multiple reports.

Nick Foles will return as the Jacksonville Jaguars' starting quarterback following their bye week, coach Doug Marrone said.



KUNA Photo
Kuwaiti shooter Talal Al-Rashidi celebrates with other winners on the podium