

Sports

Ronaldo sends Man United into last 16, Chelsea thrash Juventus

Draw leaves Barcelona with tough task of beating Bayern to qualify

PARIS: Manchester United booked their place in the Champions League last 16 as Cristiano Ronaldo scored in a 2-0 victory at Villarreal on Tuesday, while holders Chelsea also reached the knockout phase by thumping Juventus.

Three-time European champions United went into their first game since sacking Ole Gunnar Solskjaer at the weekend needing a win to confirm a top-two finish in Group F. But they were under massive pressure as defeat would have left their fate out of their own hands.

David de Gea made two crucial saves and United, with Michael Carrick in caretaker charge, took advantage through Ronaldo's 78th-minute lob. Jadon Sancho, so often a peripheral figure since his big-money move from Borussia Dortmund in the close-season, capped a fine individual display with his first goal for the club late on.

"It's not an important result for me personally. It's an important one for the players and the club," said Carrick. Ronaldo's goal was the 799th of his career, his 140th in the Champions League and his sixth in the competition this season.

The other qualification spot in the group remains up for grabs after Young Boys and Atalanta played out a thrilling 3-3 draw in Bern. Late goals from



VILLARREAL: Manchester United's forward Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates after scoring a goal during the UEFA Champions League Group F football match against Villarreal at La Ceramica stadium in Villarreal on Tuesday. —AFP

already this term. Chelsea grabbed their third goal less than two minutes later, Ruben Loftus-Cheek prodding the ball to Hudson-Odoi, who smashed home from close range.

There was still time for Timo Werner, making his first appearance since an injury layoff, to come off the bench and score in added time. "We did really well, it is so tough to score goals against Juventus and we created so much," said Tuchel. "Full credit for an amazing performance and a fantastic result." Zenit drew 1-1 with Malmö to secure a spot in the Europa League knockouts.

Barcelona stutter

Barcelona were held to a goalless draw by Benfica at the Camp Nou in Xavi's second game as coach, but remain above the Portuguese side in Group E. However, the Catalan club will have to beat Bayern Munich in Germany in their final group game to be sure of making the next round.

Benfica host already-eliminated Dynamo Kiev in their last match, trailing Barca by two points. Barcelona endured a nervy first half which saw Gavi

waste the only clear opportunity, blazing over from close range when Memphis Depay was waiting in the middle for a tap-in.

Xavi's men improved after the interval, though, with Frenkie de Jong's header forcing Benfica keeper Odysseas Vlachodimos into a flying save. But it was Benfica who almost took a huge step towards the last 16 deep into injury time, only for Haris Seferovic to shoot wide when he should have scored. "We played well but there's a bitter aftertaste because we were here to win tonight," Barca defender Ronald Araujo told uefa.com. "In front of our fans, our people - and now we simply must go and win in Munich."

The other game in Group E saw Bayern Munich wrap up top spot with a 2-1 victory at Dynamo Kiev. Robert Lewandowski lit up a snowy evening in the Ukrainian capital by scoring a magnificent overhead kick, with Kingsley Coman also on the scoresheet for the six-time winners. In Group G, Lille made Salzburg wait to reach the last 16 as Jonathan David scored a first-half winner in a 1-0 victory in France. All four teams in the group can still go through, after Sevilla saw off Wolfsburg 2-0. — AFP

with one match to play to top the group and progress to the knockout stages. The runners-up would be consigned to a play-off which also features the eight third-placed Champions League group teams.

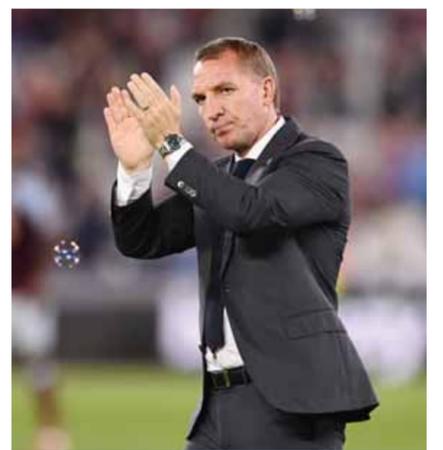
Napoli are away to bottom side Spartak Moscow who need to win to stay in the race themselves on Wednesday. A win for Rodgers's side could set up a winner takes all trip to Napoli in their final match. Leicester winger Ademola Lookman — on loan from Bundesliga outfit RB Leipzig — is predicting a tough encounter with Legia.

"Whenever you're playing in Europe, you're coming up against a good team," he told the Leicester website. "Unfortunately, we lost to them over there, but we will be looking to use that experience to win our game here. In that game over there, they were very intense, they fought a lot and they made it difficult for us. We couldn't get a victory out of the game, but hopefully this game will enable us to force ourselves on them, take the fight to them and show our true qualities."

'All Bravado'

Celtic, where Rodgers re-established his managerial credentials after a sour end to his term at Liverpool, are battling to book their ticket into the next stage. Celtic can still qualify automatically and could take a huge step in doing that if they beat table-topping Bayer Leverkusen in Germany. Victory would leave them one point off Leverkusen and with a final home game against Real Betis.

"I feel we are in a good place to have a go at them," said Celtic's Australian manager Ange



LONDON: In this file photo taken on August 23, 2021 Leicester City's Northern Irish manager Brendan Rodgers applauds supporters after the English Premier League football match against West Ham United at The London Stadium in east London. — AFP

Postecoglou. "Can we take the game to them and come away with a result? Otherwise it's all bravado without any substance. The reason we play as we do is because that is the kind of team we want to be. If we fall short we fall short. We get back up and go again." — AFP

News in brief

Carrick hails 'calculated' Ronaldo

VILLARREAL: Manchester United's caretaker manager Michael Carrick said he was not surprised Cristiano Ronaldo delivered again in their 2-0 win over Villarreal in the Champions League on Tuesday. Carrick also said he spoke to Ole Gunnar Solskjaer before accepting his temporary role in charge. "It's what he does," said Carrick about Ronaldo. "In the big games, the big moments, when you need a goal or that something, he's there to deliver. He has that cold, calculated mentality to stay calm. He doesn't snatch at chances. I'm delighted to have him and not surprised at all he managed to come up with a goal for us." Carrick is expected to remain in position for Sunday's game at Premier League leaders Chelsea. Manchester United have said they plan to install an interim manager for the remainder of this season before making a permanent appointment in the summer.

Pochettino 'happy' in Paris

MANCHESTER: Mauricio Pochettino insisted he is happy to see out his contract until 2023 at Paris Saint-Germain on Tuesday despite speculation linking him with the vacant managerial position at Manchester United. The Argentine has long been linked with a move to Old Trafford. Manchester United have said they plan to install an interim manager for the remainder of this season before making a permanent appointment in the summer. That appeared to open the door to a move for Pochettino, who is well on course to winning the first league title of his coaching career with a 11-point lead in Ligue 1 and is aiming to end the Qatari-owned French giants wait to win the Champions League with a star-studded forward line of Lionel Messi, Kylian Mbappe and Neymar.

Hazard 'not finished yet'

MADRID: Thibaut Courtois said that Eden Hazard still wants to be a success at Real Madrid and cannot be written off as a failure. Hazard has not started a game since Madrid suffered a shock defeat at home to Sheriff in September. Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti has praised Hazard's professionalism but admitted last month that he currently "prefers other players". The Belgian has been linked with leaving the club either in January or next summer, having endured a nightmare two years since joining Real Madrid from Chelsea for 100 million euros. "I have known Eden for many years and his dream has always been to play for Real Madrid so he feels sad that it's not going how he wants it to," said Courtois in a press conference.



Lewandowski sends Bayern to group's top

Vincent Sierro and Silvan Hefti gave the Swiss champions a 3-2 lead, but Luis Muriel struck in the 88th minute for the visitors. Atalanta face a winner-takes-all match against Villarreal in Bergamo next month.

Chelsea thrash Juve

Chelsea romped into the last 16 and to the top of Group H with an impressive 4-0 thrashing of Juventus at Stamford Bridge. Thomas Tuchel's men knew that qualification would be secured if they could avoid defeat or if Zenit Saint Petersburg failed to beat Malmö.

The Blues dominated the early stages and took the lead through young defender Trevoh Chalobah's third goal of the season. Chelsea's defenders were consistently a menace from set-pieces, and Thiago Silva saw a header saved by Wojciech Szczesny early in the second period. It was a defender who doubled Chelsea's lead in the 56th minute.

England right-back Reece James hammered a fine volley into the bottom corner to net for the fifth time

Man Utd candidate Rodgers keeps focus on Europa League

PARIS: Leicester City boss Brendan Rodgers will put aside speculation linking him with the vacancy at Manchester United to focus on beating Legia Warsaw tonight to ensure the Foxes keep their hopes of automatic qualification to the Europa League knockout stage alive.

The 48-year-old Northern Irishman has been linked with the United role after Ole Gunnar Solskjaer was sacked last Sunday. It comes, though, at a time when Rodgers is encountering his rockiest patch since he took over in 2019.

The Foxes have for the past two campaigns been right in the mix challenging for a Champions League spot. However, this term they are 12th in the Premier League table, eight points off a Champions League spot with almost a third of the season gone. An illustration of how much their form has dropped off was the easy manner in which the team they defeated in May's FA Cup final Chelsea beat them 3-0 last Saturday.

Rodgers needs a quick pick me up against the Polish side who beat them 1-0 in Warsaw in their earlier group stage meeting. Leicester are third in the group, two points off leaders Napoli and one adrift of Thursday's opponents.

Victory over Legia would keep them in the hunt

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