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By Sports Reporter

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"I believe the Champions League is the most important competition," Klopp said. "We have to win it this year."

Klopp's comments come after Liverpool were held to a 0-0 draw by United at Old Trafford on Monday night. Despite having the better of the chances, Liverpool could not find a winner and United held on to a much-needed victory as substitute Adam Lallana levelled five minutes from time.

Klopp's side have been in good form in recent weeks, winning four of their last five league games. They are currently top of the Premier League table, but Klopp still feels they could be more clinical.

"The quality they have, [when they] play like that, it's actually difficult. It's no excuse, we needed to be better," he said.

Klopp's comments come after United had not scored in their previous two matches prior to Monday night's game at Anfield.

"We are a good team and it's normal people think about how we concede a lot. We need to start winning games," Klopp said. "Liverpool's frustration only turned to joy when Vincenzo Grillo's cross was turned in by Andy Robertson in the 90th minute for the opening goal.

"When we come here this year, last year and the year before they just defend," Klopp added.

"We are a good team and we have time. We need to start winning games," Klopp said. "When we make our chances, we take them. We need to start winning games."
Bayern out to prove Spurs drubbing was no fluke

Bayern suffered their first defeat this season by crashing 2-1 at home to Hoffenheim

**FOOTBALL**

**CHAMPIONS LEAGUE**

Bayern Munich have no intention of reining in their ambitions for Champions League glory after a well-deserved drubbing at the hands of Manchester United on Saturday.

Bayern's hopes of progress will be boosted by the victory over United, which brings them back into contention for the group stages. However, they will need to perform well in their remaining matches to secure a place in the knock-out stages.

Bayern's recent form has been impressive, with six wins in their last seven matches in all competitions. They have scored 18 goals in those matches and conceded just four.

**FOCUS**

Pochettino not going grey over Spurs speculation

Spurs manager Mauricio Pochettino has urged his players to focus on the present as they prepare for their next match against Manchester United.

Pochettino has been linked with a move to the Premier League's top clubs, but he has insisted that he is happy at Tottenham.

He said: "I am not going to be grey over speculation. I am going to be grey over the matches we have in the next week or so, and that is what matters to us.

"We need to focus on the matches we have coming up and not get carried away with what is happening outside the pitch.

"We need to be focused on what we need to do to win the matches and improve our performance."
**Ref triggers anger for ‘mocking’ France red card**

France's Sebastien Vahaamahina has been shown a red card by South African referee Jaco Peyper during their quarter-final match against Wales at the Oita Stadium in Japan on Sunday.

The All Blacks' flanker and São Paulo-bound Tolu Latu will miss a World Rugby match for the first time due to the call of the World Rugby referee for the World Cup.

**SPOTLIGHT**

**Red-carded Vahaamahina quits international Rugby**

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Astros seek World Series dynasty as Nats hunt fairytale title

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Day wins Japan Skins as Woods emerges unscathed

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Pakistan drop Sarfaraz, Malina tour

**AFP**

Pakistan dropped former skipper Sarfaraz Ahmed for the Tests against New Zealand, with 37-year-old Mohammad Rizwan taking over as the national captain for the first and third Tests, after Misbah-ul-Haq was appointed chief selector of the national side.

**FOCUS**

**SQUADS**

**FOURTH ROUND**

**ROUND-UP**

Indian Mohamed Shahzad cemented his place in the side with 79 off 43 balls, including six sixes and eight fours, as the Sri Lankans were bowled out for 172. Pakistan’s batting continued to struggle, with only Fakhar Zaman hitting 34, but the tailenders, with the exception of Sarfraz Ahmed, contributed to add some respectability to the score.

**FOCUS**

Pakistan’s batsmen struggled to find any rhythm in the middle overs, with only Mohammad Rizwan hitting 34 to frustrate the Sri Lankans. Pakistan’s bowlers, however, were able to keep the Sri Lankans in check, with Shoaib Malih taking 5-39 to help Pakistan win the match.

**SCORECARD**

**FOCUS**

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SPORT

Sadd will be missing his star players Bouhassan and Hassan, who are suspended for today’s match against Hilal.

By Sports Reporter

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 dez has not given up on his
 side putting things right in
 the AFC Champions League fi nal face-off at Losail Circuit

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Fina Swimming World Cup Doha

To be staged next February

The FINA Swimming World Cup
series started in 2004. With stars
such as Klete Keller (USA) and
Michelle Coleman (USA) involved,
the event has gained impor-
tance. The World Cup consists of
three events: Doha, Kazan and
London. The best performances
in each of these events are counted
in the overall ranking of the year.

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