Big spending Madrid clubs out to deny Barca another title

By Sport Reporter

Athletic Bilbao signed in the last days of the transfer window Spanish midfielder Unai Lopez to complete its squad for the upcoming season. The 23-year-old was a free agent after his contract with CA Osasuna expired last season. He has been training with the Basque club and has already been included in their pre-season tour to the United States.

Osasuna and Athletic Bilbao are among the clubs that have already completed their squads for the upcoming season. Athletic Bilbao signed three players in the last days of the transfer window, including Unai Lopez, while Osasuna signed defender Takefusa Kubo from Espanyol.

Athletic Bilbao is one of the clubs that have expressed interest in signing Barcelona striker Ansu Fati, who has been in good form recently.

Barcelona, on the other hand, is yet to sign any new players this summer. The Catalan club has been linked with a number of players, including Premier League stars like Jadon Sancho and Raheem Sterling.

Athletic Bilbao's new signing Unai Lopez has been training with the team and has already been included in their pre-season tour to the United States. He is expected to make his debut for the club in the upcoming season.
**Sala and pilot ‘exposed to carbon monoxide’**

**FOCUS**

**Fearless teenager Felix leads charge of refreshed Atleti**

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**Buenos Aires, Argentina

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Felix leads charge of refreshed Atletico

Athleti won five out of six of their pre-season games, beating Real and Juventus.

While the coach has been getting us playing at 100 per cent, we can’t afford to suffer lots of injuries this season. “I think the younger players he has brought here can fight for every ball and never give up.”

The tournament has come to an end, but for him that is the path to the top to always choose.”

The youngster has also averaged a goal or an assist every 15 minutes in pre-season, prompting Spanish newspaper Marca to boldly declare: “Not even Lionel Messi and Luis Suarez have created a two-speed society, where you have the top teams in the world in terms of foreign investors. Yet Matthaeus believes that, in general, the English fans hate them in the last few years.

"They are the strongest leagues in the world. Working in the Bundesliga, we still respect the quality of the players who are there."..."
**RUGBY**

Kolisi returns for Boks as Erasmus challenges players to earn World Cup spot

South Africa's Siya Kolisi (left) tackles England's Mark Wilson (centre) during the international rugby union match at Twickenham Stadium in London. (AP Photo)

The referee is reported to have overturned a 1-0 first-leg deficit for England against South Africa, who were eliminated after a dramatic penalty shootout involving 11 players. The South African captain Siya Kolisi (left) will start as the Boks look to reach their first World Cup in 20 years.

The Boks will make their first international appearance since their loss to England in the Six Nations last year, eager to prove that they are not just a one-off success story. The team is led by the experienced and popular captain Siya Kolisi, who has been praised for his leadership and off-field behaviour.

It will be a tough test for the South Africans, who face a resilient England side that is looking to consolidate their place at the top of the rankings. The Boks will need to play at their best if they want to have any chance of progressing to the quarter-finals.

**SPORTS**

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South Korea's Kim-In-Boo, 33, made her debut as a match commissioner for the 2022 World Cup qualifier between Iran and the Philippines last month. The South Korean is one of four women appointed by the AFC to preside over matches in the region.

Kim said she was not surrounded by a crowd of cheering fans when she made her debut, as was the case for her compatriots. She has been a regular on the AFC’s international panel since 2018 and has also officiated at the AFC Women’s Asian Cup in 2018.

**FOCUS**

QPR call for UEFA action after alleged racist abuse

UEFA has confirmed that it is investigating allegations of racist abuse directed at QPR’s Loic Remy during the club’s Premier League match against West Ham United. The incident occurred during the second half of the game and the player reportedly used a racist term in his reaction.

QPR have called for UEFA to take action against West Ham for the alleged racist abuse. The club has also reported the incident to the police.

**SPORTS**

Ajax, Red Star through as Celtic and Porto crash out

Ajax have advanced to the round of 16 of the UEFA Champions League after a 3-1 win over Celtic in the Netherlands. The Dutch club overcame the Scottish giants to set up a clash with Porto in the next round.

Ajax dominated the match from the start, with Percy Tau scoring twice before half-time to give the home side a comfortable lead. Despite Celtic’s efforts, they were unable to find a way past Ajax’s defence and were relegated to the Europa League.

**SPEECH**

SEVENTEEN: The pop sensation

Seventeen, a South Korean girl group, has released their first album, “You Make My Day.” The album features hit singles such as “Dance Code” and “Goonj,” and has been widely praised for its catchy melodies and upbeat lyrics.

The group’s success has been attributed to their unique sound and innovative music videos. Seventeen has become one of the most popular K-pop groups in recent years, with fans around the world tuning in to their live performances and music videos.

**SPORTS**

US soccer club sign 14-year-old on professional contract

The Nashville SC has signed 14-year-old soccer prodigy Alex Fine to a professional contract, making him the youngest professional male signing in the history of the USL Championship. Fine, who is just 14 years old, trained with the club’s academy before being offered a professional deal.

The signing comes after a successful trial period with the club, during which Fine impressed the coaching staff with his technical skills and determination.

Fine, who hails from Connecticut, has been playing soccer since he was six years old and has quickly established himself as a promising young talent. He has represented the Connecticut Youth Selects in various tournaments and has been praised for his enthusiasm and passion for the sport.

**SPORTS**

Spotlight: Female Redeemers

Female footballers have made significant strides in recent years, breaking barriers and challenging stereotypes. Many female footballers are stepping up to the plate, proving their worth in the sport.

Women’s football has come a long way from its early days, with female players facing discrimination and limited opportunities. However, the sport has seen a surge in popularity in recent years, with more women taking up the sport and breaking into the male-dominated world of professional football.

Female footballers are not just scoring goals and winning matches, but also inspiring the next generation of women to take up the sport. They are role models, breaking down stereotypes and proving that women can perform at the highest level in football.
Wallabies’ look to breach All Blacks Eden Park fortress

The sight of big men in gold jerseys sending All Blacks sprawling was a sweet one for Wallabies fans.

Austraian players perform the haka before the Rugby Championship Bledisloe Cup match in Perth on Saturday. (AFP)
Lakers fans reminding James he’s not necessarily one of the greatest

Jack Flaherty continued his recent run of excellence on Tuesday, striking out seven Royal batters over seven innings and allowing just one hit in the Cardinals' 4-0 victory over Kansas City.

**MLB RESULTS**

St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Jack Flaherty pitches against the Kansas City Royals during the MLB match in Kansas City on Tuesday.

**Taste loses appeal of 4-game ban**

The NFL has agreed to a four-game suspension for New York Giants wide receiver Golden Tate in a case first heard in 2018.

**Does LeBron fit among Lakers greats?**

The Los Angeles Lakers have the longest current scoreless-innings streak in the majors at 23 innings.

**Jaguars (7-3-1)**

**Tigers (6-4-2)**

**Blue Jays (3-8)**

**Rangers (5-0-2)**

**White Sox (7-3)**

**Royals (5-5)**

**Cardinals (36-21)**

**Giants (3-7)**

**A's (14-13)**

**Mariners (4-8)**

**Yankees (22-15)**

**Red Sox (22-14)**

**Indians (30-13)**

**Twins (28-13)**

**Brewers (30-14)**

**Blue Jays 3, Rangers 0; Nationals 3, Giants 3, A's 2; Cardinals 2, Royals 0; Indians 5, Mariners 11, Tigers 6; Yankees 8, Red Sox 7; Indians 6; Twins 7, Brewers 5; Blue Jays 3, Tigers 2; White Sox 6, Indians 5; Rangers 4, White Sox 7; Orioles 8, Rays 2; Rays 13, White Sox 4; Orioles 3, Blue Jays 2; Nationals 3, Rangers 6; Royals 4, Indians 6; Rangers 5, White Sox 9; Blue Jays 2, Indians 4; Orioles 5, Rays 7; Rangers 7, Indians 4; White Sox 4, Blue Jays 5; Indians 6, Blue Jays 3; Rays 4, Indians 3; Indians 4, Rays 5; Blue Jays 1, Indians 4; Blue Jays 5, Rays 1; Indians 7, Indians 6;

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LeBron James is undoubtedly one of the greatest players in the history of basketball, with 20 seasons in the league under his belt. He has won four NBA championships and has been named NBA MVP four times. James is known for his incredible athleticism, scoring ability, and playmaking skills. Despite his accolades, there are some who question whether he will be remembered as one of the greatest Lakers of all time.

The Lakers have a rich history and have seen many great players come through their ranks. Kobe Bryant, Magic Johnson, Shaquille O'Neal, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, and Karl Malone are just a few of the names that come to mind when discussing the Lakers' all-time greats. James recently posted an Instagram photo in a Lakers jersey, sparking discussions about his future with the team.

Some believe that James, with his 20,000-plus comments, could surpass any of the greats and be considered one of the best Lakers of all time. However, he's finding out that reality is not as simple as it might seem.

According to the analysis, there are 30 seasons where James has played for the Lakers, with an average of 7.88 seasons per player. This suggests that it will take more than one season for James to pass any of the greats.

The key is winning a championship. The Lakers have been a dominant force in the NBA, with 17 championships to their name. Winning a championship would validate James' place in the team's storied history.

In conclusion, while James is undoubtedly a great player and has achieved many accolades, it remains to be seen whether he will be remembered as one of the greatest Lakers of all time. The analysis suggests that it will take more than one season for him to surpass any of the greats and be considered one of the best Lakers of all time.

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**How good is Luck?**

In his most recent appearance, Luck logged almost 300 yards and three touchdowns against the Cardinals. However, the focus in this game was on Luck's recovery from a shoulder injury that had kept him out for the last two games.

Luck is considered one of the best quarterbacks in the NFL, with 10 Pro Bowl selections and a Super Bowl victory under his belt. Despite his success, he has faced criticism for not winning enough championships.

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**Vanderbilt coach Butch Jones**

**NBA Photos by USA TODAY Sports**

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**Tate loses appeal of 4-game ban**

Tate's appeal was heard by an arbitration panel, which upheld the NFL's original decision.

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**Does LeBron fit among Lakers greats?**

The debate continues as James' future in Los Angeles remains uncertain.
Roger Federer defeats Novak Djokovic to advance as Serena Williams pulls out of Cincy

Federer, Djokovic advance as Serena pulls out of Cincy

I'm very happy, even if it was a bit tricky with the rain delay. I'm happy to be back on court

Albon to fight for Red Bull chance; Bottas, Hulkenberg fear

Doping scandal snags Thai Olympics medal machine

The diminutive lifter, like most of the team has still not right. This is a hard time for the Thai team. The situation has been described as a moralising for the Thai team, which is having mixed results at the world championships.

The International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) has been investigated for rigging results and fixing matches, leading to the suspension of the Thai Olympic anti-doping programme.

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**SPOTLIGHT**

Semenya says she never felt supported by other women

The South African athlete Caster Semenya was speaking at a women's conference in Johannesburg yesterday. (Reuters)

**CRICKET**

Gayle blasts 72 before rain halts third ODI

West Indian Chris Gayle was the hero of the day as he hit 72 in the third ODI between India and West Indies in Kolkata. (Gulf Times)

**ATHLETICS**

Kipchoge likens sub-two hour marathon attempt to moon landing

Eliud Kipchoge reveals plans to break two hour marathon record. (Reuters)
Tayor or rescues NZ after Dananjaya five-wicket haul

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