Can PSG and Real Madrid prevent all-English final?

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The photo of WCPS players celebrating after scoring a goal during the UEFA Champions League final last month in match against Manchester City at the Etihad Stadium in Paris on April 28.

AP/Peter Powell

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Al Khor, Shanaia clash in high-stakes play-off

The winners will play in the QNB Stars League second season, with the loser set for Division Two.

By Sports Reporter

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Al Khor and Shanaia are all set for the play-off match to determine which of the two will be promoted to the Qatar Stars League this season. The winners will play in the QNB Stars League.

The match regulations stipulate that in the event of a draw in regular time, an extra 30 minutes of extra time will be played. In the event of a goalless extra time, the teams will play a shot-out to determine the winner.

Al Khor will be looking to stay at the top of the league, where they have been for most of the season. They have a well-organized team and excellent coaching staff.

Shanaia, on the other hand, have shown great determination and have been a tough opponent throughout the season. They will be looking to make a statement.

The match is set to start at 6:30 PM at the Suhaim bin Ali Stadium. The match will be broadcast live on beIN Sports.

Bale hat-trick fires Spurs to victory over Sheffield United

Tottenham full-back Ben Davies was at the double as Tottenham sealed fourth place in the Premier League with a 2-1 win over Sheffield United on Sunday afternoon.

The victory was Spurs' 12th win of the season and secured them a place in the top four. The match was a tight affair, with both teams creating chances but failing to break the deadlock.

In the 41st minute, Davies crossed from the left and the in-form Harry Kane got on the end of it to score Tottenham's first goal. The home side took the lead and never looked back.

In the 67th minute, Davies doubled Tottenham's lead with another fine header from a cross from the left. The match was effectively over as Spurs continued to dominate.

But Sheffield United weren't done yet, and in the 77th minute, they reduced the deficit through an own goal. Despite this, Spurs held on to secure their place in the top four.

TUFC

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Ferrari power plays its way to victory in China

The 600 of West Bromwich Albion in the southern Midlands region, south-east of Paris, was last in the Champions League during the 2010-11 season, when they lost to Manchester United in the semi-finals, where the local children were also called. What was not at the stadium with their hero: "We had a dream to be here, but I never really knew that," said a local fan. "We live in a small town, but the club is very close to us." Kean and his family celebrated by making a banner to hang on their door "for years to come." The banner reads: "Kean is our hero."

Serious and the world’s greatest," CSSi.com

Kean made an immediate impact in the Champions League. He scored his first goal on his debut against Celtic in September 2017, and he has since scored 11 goals in 14 appearances for the club.

Kean's first goal came in a 3-0 win over Celtic in the group stage, before scoring in a 2-1 victory over Benfica in the round of 16. The Italian international has also scored in matches against Tottenham Hotspur, Liverpool and Real Madrid, helping his team reach the quarter-finals of the competition.

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LALIGA

Messi double leads Barca to nail-biting win

Barcelona reduce the gap behind Atlético back to two points, with four games left to play

By David Curto

Valencia 1-4 Barcelona

Lionel Messi missed a penalty but still scored twice, including an extra-time winner, to give Barcelona a 4-1 victory over Valencia at the Mestalla on Saturday night to boost the Catalans’ chances of winning the La Liga title.

Valencia goalkeeper Albiol made a string of saves to deny the visitors, but it was not enough to prevent them from losing.

The match was overshadowed by the return of Daniel Parejo, who was sent off against Real Madrid recently.

Barcelona were also without their top scorer, Luis Suarez, who was suspended for two matches due to a training ground incident.

Valencia had scored the only goal of the game in the second half through a header from Rodrigo, but Barca rallied to take the lead in the 75th minute when Messi converted a penalty

Barcelona were a different team after the break and took control of the game, with Messi scoring twice and setting up another goal for Ousmane Dembele.

The result keeps Barcelona in touch with Atlético Madrid, who are currently two points ahead of them in the league standings.

The match was marred by incidents on the pitch, with Madrid’s coach Zinedine Zidane being sent to the stands and a number of players from both teams being shown yellow cards.

Barcelona manager Quique Setién praised his team’s performance and said they had deserved more from the game.

“Barca put a lot of pressure on Valencia and deserved more from the game,” Setién said.

“Messi was great again, and he was the difference today. He scored two goals and set up two others. He was fantastic.”

Valencia, who are currently in sixth place, will now focus on their remaining league fixtures, which include games against Real Sociedad and Real Madrid.

Barcelona, on the other hand, will face Real Madrid in their next match, which is also a crucial game in the La Liga title race.

La Liga table:

1. Barcelona 65
2. Atlético Madrid 63
3. Real Madrid 60
4. Valencia 51
5. Real Sociedad 49
6. Sevilla 47

Next matches:

Barcelona vs Real Madrid (La Liga, 17th April)
Valencia vs Real Sociedad (La Liga, 17th April)

FOCUS

Valencia sack Gracia as coach after miserable season

Valencia have sacked coach Marcelino Garcia Toral after a poor run of form.

The Spanish club, who are currently in 11th place in La Liga, have been struggling under the guidance of Garcia Toral, who was appointed in July 2017.

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“After much reflection, we have taken the decision to remove Marcelino Garcia Toral as Valencia’s manager,” said the club’s sporting director, Jose Luis Gaya.

Gaya added: “This decision was not an easy one to make, but it is in the best interests of the club.

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When asked about his future, Garcia Toral said: “I don’t know what’s going to happen, but I’ve enjoyed my time at Valencia.

“I’ve had some good moments, but also some tough ones.

“I’ve enjoyed working with a very talented team, but we haven’t achieved the results we wanted.”

Garcia Toral has been at the club for four years, and has won two league titles.

“Many things have gone wrong this season, and I think a change of manager is necessary to bring a fresh approach.

“Santiago Solari is a good option, and I’m sure he’ll do a great job.”

Gaya concluded: “We wish Marcelino the best of luck in his future endeavors.”

(Sources: Valencia official website, newspaper reports)

SPOTLIGHT

For Gabon’s footballers, the name of the game is survival

Gabon’s national football team has been in a precarious position throughout their history, but their priority is to ensure they qualify for the 2022 World Cup.

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Giannis and Bucks edge Nets, LeBron remires ankle

NBA

Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 40 points with 16 of 16 from the free throw line and the Milwaukee Bucks defeated the Brooklyn Nets 117-101 on Sunday.

Two other teams with a little bit of trouble: Space Antelopes, who have been dealing with a couple of injuries this season, and the Detroit Pistons, who are struggling to win games.

The game started with a series of quick baskets, with Giannis Antetokounmpo hitting a three-pointer to put the Bucks up 12-5. The Nets responded with a 7-0 run, but Giannis hit another three-pointer to get the Bucks back to within 11 points.

In the second quarter, the Bucks continued to dominate with a 10-0 run to take a 37-22 lead. The Nets couldn't keep up with Milwaukee's offensive rhythm.

In the third quarter, the Nets tried to come back, but the Bucks were too strong, pulling ahead by 20 points. The fourth quarter was a continuation of the same trend, with the Bucks maintaining their lead and securing the victory.

LeBron James faced ankle issues and was ruled out for the game.


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NHL

Dobey explodes for 2 grand slams, 16 runs to rout Brewers

The Los Angeles Dodgers exploded for 2 grand slams and 16 runs to rout the Milwaukee Brewers 16-13 on Sunday.

In the first inning, the Dodgers got things started with a two-run home run by Cody Bellinger. The Brewers responded in the top of the second inning with a solo home run by Christian Yelich, but the Dodgers immediately took the lead back with another two-run shot by Bellinger.

In the third inning, the Brewers traded a pair of runs, but the Dodgers again answered with a three-run home run by Trea Turner. The Brewers tried to make a comeback in the fourth inning, but the Dodgers scored three more runs, making the score 14-6.

The Dodgers continued to pour it on in the fifth inning with a grand slam by Max Muncy. The Brewers managed to score a pair of runs, but the Dodgers added two more runs in the sixth inning, making the score 19-8.

Despite the large score difference, both teams showed signs of life. The Brewers scored a pair of runs in the seventh inning, but the Dodgers scored three more runs to extend their lead to 21-10.

The game ended with the Dodgers scoring three runs in the ninth inning, securing the victory with a final score of 24-13.


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PHILADELPHIA - Three-time National League MVP Mookie Betts has been traded to the New York Mets, according to sources.

The deal is pending approval by Major League Baseball and is expected to be announced soon. The Mets will send a package of players and prospects to the Los Angeles Dodgers in exchange for Betts, who is entering the final year of his contract.

The trade is a significant move for the Mets, who have struggled to compete in recent years. Betts is a two-time All-Star and has won the NL MVP award three times.


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Coleman leads Lightning to 2-1 win in Detroit

Bobby Coleman tallied a goal and an assist as the Tampa Bay Lightning defeated the Detroit Red Wings 2-1 on Wednesday.

The Lightning took control early in the first period with a goal by Zach Parise, who was set up by a漂亮的一次 pass from Coleman.

The Red Wings responded in the second period with a goal by Jared Coreau, who was set up by Adam Erne.

In the third period, the Lightning scored the game-winning goal on a power play goal by Victor Hedman, who was set up by Coleman.

The Lightning dominated the game, outshooting the Red Wings 34-26 and holding them to their lowest scoring output of the season. The win improves the Lightning's record to 16-6-1 on the season.

Despite Coleman's contributions, the Lightning's victory was not without challenges. Goalie Louis Domingue made 32 saves in the game, including a crucial stop late in the third period to seal the win.


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Kvitova and Bencic march into Madrid Open quarter-finals

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F1 rivals aim to race hard but fair as pressure rises

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MEXICO’S O’WARD TRIUMPHS IN TEXAS FOR FIRST INDYCAR WIN

McLaren’s Pato O’Ward won his first IndyCar victory in Texas, powering into the lead on the second-to-last lap of the 268-lap, 268.5-mile (432.66 km) race at the Circuit of The Americas on Sunday.

The Mexican driver crossed the line in first place, finishing 0.835 seconds ahead of Jimmie Johnson, who was second.

O’Ward’s win comes after a difficult season for him, which included a crash at the opening race of the year in St. Petersburg.

“My teammates and I have been working hard on this car,” O’Ward said after the race. “To finally get this win after all the hard work and dedication from everyone involved is incredible.”

With his win, O’Ward becomes the first Mexican to win an IndyCar race since 1980, when fellow Mexican Héctor Mancinelli won at Phoenix.

“It’s been a really long time,” O’Ward said. “I’ve been working so hard to get this done. But finally, the pieces came together and we were able to bring this home.”

O’Ward’s victory is his second of the season and comes on the heels of a strong showing at the Rolex 24 at Daytona earlier this month.

“Amazing team,” O’Ward continued. “They have been pushing me really hard to get to this point. I’m really grateful to everyone involved.”

O’Ward now sits second in the championship standings, just 23 points behind championship leader Scott Dixon.

With three races remaining in the 2023 season, O’Ward and his team are looking to build on this momentum as they head into the final stretch of the season.

“There’s a lot of racing left,” O’Ward said. “But our preparation for this season has been strong, and I think we have what it takes to finish strong.”

McLaren Team Principal Pat McLaughlin was thrilled to see O’Ward secure his first IndyCar win.

“Pato has worked incredibly hard to get here,” McLaughlin said. “He’s been pushing himself to the limit every weekend, and it’s definitely paid off.”

Burmester under four-trophy drought

Toro Rosso, Scuderia AlphaTauri and Alpine are all in the hunt for the fourth consecutive season as well as the fourth consecutive year of losing four trophies in a row.

Alpine, with its strong performance so far this season, has a good chance of breaking the drought this year.

“Alpine has been one of the biggest surprises of the season so far,” Toro Rosso’s Sergio Pérez said. “They have been consistently strong and have the potential to take the fourth place.”

Scuderia AlphaTauri, with its strong showing at the United States Grand Prix, is also in contention for the fourth place.

“Scuderia AlphaTauri has really stepped up in the recent races, and I’m confident they can continue their strong performance,” Toro Rosso’s Pierre Gasly said.

With three races remaining in the season, it will be interesting to see which team can end the drought this year.

“Despite the challenges, I’m still confident we can finish the season strong,” Toro Rosso’s Alex Albon said. “We have the speed and the potential to take the fourth place, and I think we can do it.”

Diplomats excel at Dr Amrithi tribute

The event was held in memory of Dr Srinivas Amrithi, a renowned Indian diplomat who passed away in 2000.

“Dr Amrithi was a great diplomat who left a lasting impact on the international community,” said Indian Ambassador to the US, Ravi Shankar Prasad. “His dedication to promoting peace and understanding between different cultures will always be remembered.”

Diplomats from several countries attended the event, including the US, India, Japan, and Saudi Arabia.

“The event was a great opportunity to come together and remember Dr Amrithi’s contributions to the world,” said Saudi Ambassador to the US, Yasser Al-Rumayyan. “He was a true diplomat and a leader who inspired many.”

The event included speeches, a panel discussion, and a cultural performance.

“Dr Amrithi was a great lover of culture and understood the importance of bringing people together through art and music,” said Indian Ambassador to the US, Ravi Shankar Prasad. “We should all strive to follow in his footsteps.”

The event concluded with a reception and a chance for attendees to network and share their thoughts on Dr Amrithi’s legacy.

“I think it was a great event,” said Japanese Ambassador to the US, Shinzo Abe. “We learned a lot about Dr Amrithi’s life and his contributions to the world.”

The event was a great success, and attendees left inspired by Dr Amrithi’s legacy and dedication to diplomacy.
Beach Volleyball World Tour: Qatar’s Yousouf Ahmed Triumph in Cancun

CRICKET

Jayawickrama’s 11 debut wickets seal Lanka win over Bangladesh

It was a childhood dream to play for Sri Lanka one day and get 11 wickets in the game is simply unbelievable

Sri Lanka’s 11 wickets against Bangladesh were scored in their last Test match

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MVP: H. M. Perera

New Zealand tour England

New Zealand have overthrown the last 11 players in the Test match with England.

Cricket Council of New Zealand said they have purchased 230 tickets for the final Test match in Christchurch.

NZ will play the final Test match against Australia in Christchurch.

Australia tour India

Australian cricket team will tour India for the three-match One Day International series and a four-match Test series.

IPL tie postponed after two players positive for Covid-19

Stranded cricket star claims Australia over India travel ban

Indian Premier League postponed after two players test positive for Covid-19.