



**FRANKFURT:** Frankfurt's Alexander Meier, right, and Dortmund's Marcel Schmelzer challenge for the ball during a German first division Bundesliga soccer match between Eintracht Frankfurt and Borussia Dortmund in Frankfurt, Germany, yesterday. — AP

## DORTMUND CRASH TO DEFEAT AT FRANKFURT

**BERLIN:** Borussia Dortmund were brought crashing to earth yesterday following their record Champions League win with a 2-1 Bundesliga defeat at Eintracht Frankfurt, who went third in Germany's top flight.

It was a first defeat in 10 games for Dortmund and came hot on the heels of their 8-4 romp on Tuesday at home to Legia Warsaw—a record score for a Champions League game.

Hungary international Szabolcs Huszti had given the home side the lead only for Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang to equalise, but Haris Seferovic grabbed the winner for Frankfurt.

Unbeaten in six Bundesliga games, they go level on points with reigning champions Bayern Munich, who play Bayer Leverkusen later. Dortmund coach Thomas Tuchel started just three of the side which began against Legia and again Dortmund were guilty of poor defending as Frankfurt scored both their goals from restarts.

After a goalless first-half at Frankfurt's Commerzbank Arena in front of a crowd of 51,500, Eintracht took the lead just 16 seconds after the break as Huszti converted a Timothy Chandler cross from close range. Tuchel responded by making three changes with just over half an hour to go, bringing on Germany star Marco Reus, France winger Ousmane Dembele and tough-tackling midfielder Sebastian Rode.

The move initially paid off as Aubameyang headed home Dembele's ball on 77 minutes, but from the restart, Frankfurt attacked and Dortmund allowed Swiss striker Haris Seferovic to slot his shot past goalkeeper Roman Weidenfeller. Dembele hit the crossbar in added time with Frankfurt's Finland goalkeeper Lukas Hradecky beaten.

The result saw Frankfurt replace Dortmund in third and broke Borussia's run of four straight wins. It was Dortmund's first defeat since losing to Bayer Leverkusen on October 1. Fresh from their Champions League draw at home to Manchester City on Wednesday, Borussia Moenchengladbach were held to another 1-1 stalemate at Borussia Park, against Hoffenheim, to leave them winless in seven league games. Gladbach took the lead when Syrian-born Mahmoud Dahoud belted his shot into the far corner on 25 minutes.

But Hoffenheim levelled through Nadiem Amiri on 53 minutes to preserve their unbeaten record this season.

Wolfsburg are just two points above the relegation spots after their 1-1 draw with Ingolstadt. Anthony Jung's first-half goal for Ingolstadt was cancelled out by Daniel Caligiuri's equaliser. Wolfsburg goalkeeper Diego Benaglio saved a first-half penalty attempt by Moritz Hartmann with the match goalless. In a thrilling north German derby between the league's bottom two teams, Hamburg were held to a 2-2 draw at home to neighbours Werder Bremen, with all the goals coming in the first half.

Austrian international Michael Gregoritsch scored both of Hamburg's goals either side of a Fin Bartels strike before Bremen's Serge Gnabry, who marked his senior Germany debut earlier this month with a hat-trick, made it 2-2. In the afternoon's other game Cologne, who are fourth, were held to a 0-0 draw at home by Augsburg. Later on Saturday, second-placed Bayern host Leverkusen hoping to bridge the six-point gap unbeaten leaders RB Leipzig opened on Friday with a 4-1 win at Freiburg. — AFP

## DAWSON EARNS HULL DRAW WITH WEST BROM

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**HULL CITY:** Gareth McAuley's powerful downward header was cancelled out by Michael Dawson's late tap-in as West Bromwich Albion were held 1-1 at struggling Hull City in the Premier League yesterday.

Dawson scored his third goal in his last

five matches when he beat Ben Foster in the 72nd minute following Dieumerci Mbokani's nod down, rescuing a point for the home side who were outplayed for large parts of the match.

McAuley looked set to be the unlikely hero after he evaded the home defence and sent a thunderous header past the helpless David Marshall in the 34th minute after being picked out by Matt Phillips.

Salomon Rondon put a header just wide in stoppage time following a frenetic final 15 minutes, leaving West Bromwich in mid-table on 17 points. Hull, who have won once in their last 11 matches, remained in 18th place on 11 points. — Reuters

## IRRESISTIBLE MONACO BLOW AWAY MARSEILLE

**PARIS:** Monaco kept up their outstanding recent form as Valere Germain scored twice in a 4-0 win over Marseille in the Mediterranean principality yesterday.

Gabriel Boschilia opened the scoring from a free-kick before Germain added two more of his own as Monaco put the game to bed before half-time, with substitute Guido Carrillo putting the gloss on the result at the death. The result comes four days after Monaco beat Tottenham Hotspur 2-1 to secure qualification for the last 16 as winners of their Champions League group.

It was a fifth straight win in all competitions for Monaco and Europe's most prolific side kept up their remarkable scoring record—they are banging in the goals at an average of just over three per game in Ligue 1 this season.

Leonardo Jardim's men go provisionally top of the table on goal difference from Cote d'Azur rivals Nice, who can move back to the summit when they host Bastia today. Defending champions Paris Saint-Germain can also move level on points with Monaco if they win away to Lyon on Sunday evening.

Monaco's starting line-up showed just two changes to the team that had dis-

patched Spurs at the same Stade Louis II on Tuesday, with Boschilia and Andrea Raggi coming in for Thomas Lemar and the injured Benjamin Mendy.

Brazilian prospect Boschilia opened the scoring midway through the first half when he curled a superb free-kick on his left foot beyond the reach of Yohann Pele and into the top-right corner of the net for his fourth goal of the season. Germain, whose father Bruno played for Marseille two decades ago, doubled the home side's lead when he headed in after a brilliant Bernardo Silva assist. And Germain struck again six minutes from half-time, curling a shot beyond the reach of Pele after good play down the right by Djibril Sidibe.

A shell-shocked Marseille, with their new American owner Frank McCourt watching on, had no answer and Monaco secured their record win over OM when they netted again in injury time.

Pele stretched to keep out a Germain chip, but Argentine striker Carrillo, who had replaced Radamel Falcao, converted the rebound to make it four.

Marseille have won just once, and scored just twice, in five league games under new coach Rudi Garcia and remain in mid-table. — AFP

# WESTBROOK LEADS OKLAHOMA COMEBACK FOR OT VICTORY

**DENVER:** Russell Westbrook had 36 points, 18 assists and 12 rebounds for his sixth triple-double, and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Denver Nuggets 132-129 in overtime on Friday night. Westbrook scored 24 points in the fourth quarter and overtime to help the Thunder rally from 13 down and end a three-game losing streak. His 18 assists were a season high. Victor Oladipo had 26 points for the Thunder. Westbrook scored 17 points in the fourth quarter to start the comeback. His two free throws with 9.5 seconds left made it 122-119, but Denver tied it when Steven Adams fouled Jamal Murray on a 3-point attempt and the rookie hit the free throws. Kenneth Faried blocked Westbrook's layup at the horn to send it into overtime. Wilson Chandler finished with a season-high 30 points and 11 rebounds. Jameer Nelson had 21 points and 13 assists, both season highs, for the Nuggets.

### SPURS 109, CELTICS 103

Kawhi Leonard had 25 points and 10 rebounds and Patty Mills scored 19 to lead San Antonio to its eighth straight victory. Mills made a 3-pointer with 45 seconds left after the Celtics made it a one-possession game. David Lee had 15 points and 12 rebounds, and rookie Davis Bertans scored a career-high 15 to help the Spurs improve to 9-0 on the road this season. San Antonio beat Boston for the 10th straight time. Isaiah Thomas scored 24 points with eight assists and Avery Bradley had 19 points and eight rebounds for Boston, which had won three in a row.

### CAVALIERS 128, MAVERICKS 90

Kevin Love scored 27 points, Kyrie Irving added 25 and Cleveland led by as many as 45 points in a rout of Dallas. Love hit seven 3-pointers while Irving, who made his first 10 shots, scored 19 points in the first quarter. Irving's big quarter came two nights after Love scored an NBA-record 34 in the first against Portland. LeBron James, playing in his 1,000th regular-season game, had 19 points and 11 assists. The defending NBA champions faced little resistance from the team with the league's worst record. Dallas scored the game's first basket before the Cavaliers turned the game into a rout. Cleveland led 36-16 after one quarter and was ahead 68-28 late in the second. Dirk Nowitzki, who appeared in only his fifth game of the season because of an injured right Achilles, scored 15 points for Dallas.

### ROCKETS 117, KINGS 104

James Harden had 23 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists in his fourth triple-double of the season, and Houston set an NBA record with 50 3-point attempts in its victory over Sacramento. The Rockets went 21 of 50 from beyond the arc and came within two makes of matching the single-game record they already share with the Orlando Magic. The Rockets made eight 3s in the first quarter, six in the second, three in the third and four in the fourth. Trevor Ariza added 18 points and nine rebounds, while Clint Capela scored 17 points to lead Houston to its eighth win in the last nine games between the teams. DeMarcus Cousins had 32 points and nine rebounds for Sacramento despite being hindered by foul trouble much of the second half. Cousins made four consecutive 3-pointers late in the fourth quarter when the Kings pulled within 112-104.

### WARRIORS 109, LAKERS 85

Kevin Durant had 29 points, nine assists and six rebounds, and Golden State beat injury-depleted Los Angeles for the second time in three days. Stephen Curry scored 24 points and Klay Thompson had 18 in the Warriors' 10th consecutive victory. They followed up their 43-point win in Oakland on Wednesday with another comfortable win in these clubs' fifth meeting in 43 days. Draymond Green had 12 points and eight rebounds before leaving in the third quarter with a bruised left ankle from a collision with teammate Ian Clark. Jordan Clarkson scored 20 points for the Lakers, who played without injured starters Julius Randle, Nick Young and D'Angelo Russell.

### KNICKS 113, HORNETS 111, OT

Carmelo Anthony scored a season-high 35 points, including the tiebreaking jumper with 3.1 seconds left in overtime, and New York beat Charlotte. Derrick Rose added 16 points and blocked Kemba Walker's 3-pointer that would have won it just before the buzzer. Kristaps Porzingis also scored 16 points in the Knicks' sixth straight home victory. Former Hornets guard Courtney Lee finished with 12 points in the opener of a home-and-home series. Marco Belinelli scored 19 points, Nicolas Batum had 18 and Walker added 17 for the Hornets, who have lost four straight games.



**DENVER:** Denver Nuggets forward Kenneth Faried (35) blocks a shot by Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook (0) in the closing moments of the second half of an NBA basketball game, Friday, in Denver. Oklahoma City won in overtime, 132-129. — AP

### PISTONS 108, CLIPPERS 97

Kentavious Caldwell-Pope had 16 points and a career-high 10 assists as Detroit beat Los Angeles. Detroit won its second straight and improved to 7-2 at home, as opposed to 1-7 on the road. The Clippers lost for just the second time in 13 games, falling to 7-1 on the road. Marcus Morris scored 17 points and Andre Drummond had 16 points and 10 rebounds, as the Pistons got at least 15 points from all five starters. Jon Leuer added 11 points and 11 rebounds off the bench. J.J. Redick and Blake Griffith each had 24 points for the Clippers, while Chris Paul had eight points to go with 15 assists.

### TRAIL BLAZERS 119, PELICANS 104

Damian Lillard scored 27 points, CJ McCollum added 24 and Portland snapped New Orleans' four-game winning streak. Lillard added 11 assists for the Blazers, who were coming off a 1-4 road trip. It was the 2,000th win in franchise history. Anthony Davis, who went into the game ranked second in the league with an average of 31.3 points a game, led the Pelicans with 31 points and 13 rebounds.

### JAZZ 95, HAWKS 68

Gordon Hayward scored 24 points as Utah beat Atlanta, which has lost four of five after starting the season 9-2. Hayward was unstoppable early and started the game making his first six shots. Utah used a 23-2 run early in the fourth quarter to put the game away as George Hill hit a pair 3-pointers and Rudy Gobert converted a three-point play. Hill finished with 23 and Gobert notched double-double No. 8 with 10 points, 10 rebounds and five blocks. Dennis Schroder scored a team-high 16 for the Hawks (10-6) and Paul Millsap added 11. Atlanta shot just 31.3 percent from the field. The Jazz (9-8) won the second quarter 24-11 to push its lead to 48-34 at halftime. They used a 20-3 run to build the cushion, highlighted by a behind-the-back dribble, pull-up jumper by Hill followed by a 3-pointer from the veteran.

### BULLS 105, 76ERS 89

Jimmy Butler and Dwyane Wade had 26 points apiece to lead Chicago over Philadelphia. Taj Gibson added 12 points for the Bulls, who finished a six-game road trip with a 4-2 record. Butler rested for the entire fourth quarter of the blowout. Chicago led from start to finish against the short-handed 76ers, who played without center Joel Embiid. A leading candidate for Rookie of the Year, Embiid missed his fifth game as part of his rehab plan for a foot injury that cost him the last two seasons. Embiid is averaging 17.8 points and 7.6 rebounds in just 22.6 minutes as he is on a minutes restriction.

### HEAT 90, GRIZZLIES 81

Tyler Johnson matched his season high with 22 points, Dion Waiters added 15 and Miami snapped its two-game losing streak by beating Memphis. James Johnson added 13 points and Josh Richardson finished with 12 for Miami in the game that matched Heat coach Erik Spoelstra against his

former assistant, first-year Memphis coach David Fizdale. Mike Conley, who came off the bench, led Memphis with 16 points but shot only 5 of 15 from the field. JaMychal Green finished with 14 points for Memphis, which played without Zach Randolph following his mother's death and had its six-game winning streak snapped. Miami shot 12 of 31 outside the arc and forced 18 turnovers, leading to 23 points.

### RAPTORS 105, BUCKS 99

DeMar DeRozan scored 26 points and Kyle Lowry added 19 to lead Toronto over Milwaukee. DeRozan again tormented the Bucks and Toronto hit 14 3-pointers to continue its dominance against Milwaukee. The Raptors have won 11 of the last 12 meetings. Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 29 points and added 11 assists, while Tony Snell had a season-high 16 points for the Bucks. With the game on the line, Lowry hit a 3-pointer and DeRozan knocked down a contested jumper with 16 seconds left to seal the victory. Two nights after the Raptors made 12 3-pointers in a win at Houston, they went 14 of 31 from behind the arc against the Bucks, who came in with the No. 1 defensive 3-point percentage in the league at 30.6 percent.

### PACERS 118, NETS 97

Glenn Robinson III scored 20 points as Indiana beat Brooklyn. The Pacers opened the second half with a 20-5 run and led by as many 31 points. Rodney Stuckey scored 18 points, and Al Jefferson and Myles Turner each finished with 16. Robinson was one of six Pacers to score in double figures. Paul George sat out Friday night, nursing a sore left ankle. Brook Lopez finished with 20 points for the Nets.

### WIZARDS 94, MAGIC 91

John Wall had 26 points and 10 assists to help Washington hold on and beat Orlando. Wall scored the Wizards' last eight points as Washington held on after surrendering a 19-point, first-quarter lead. Otto Porter Jr. scored 19 for Washington and all five starters finished in double figures. Serge Ibaka led the Magic with 19 points, while Nikola Vucevic contributed 17 points and 17 rebounds. Elfrid Payton scored 15 points, all in the second half, as Orlando lost its third straight game.

### TIMBERWOLVES 98, SUNS 85

Andrew Wiggins scored 25 points, Karl-Anthony Towns added 22 and Minnesota rallied from a 10-point, fourth-quarter deficit to beat Phoenix. Eric Bledsoe scored 23 for the Suns, who were just back from a six-game road trip. Minnesota used a 27-6 outburst to quickly erase the Phoenix lead and pull away, snapping a three-game losing streak. The Timberwolves outscored Phoenix 31-10 in the fourth quarter. The Suns committed a season-high 26 turnovers, resulting in 23 Minnesota points. Phoenix also was just 6 of 26 from 3-point range. Brandon Knight added 15 points for Phoenix but only two in the second half. Devin Booker scored 11. — AP

## JEONBUK HYUNDAI WIN ASIAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

**AL-AIN:** South Korea's Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors won the Asian Champions League 3-2 on aggregate after a 1-1 draw with UAE's Al Ain in the final's second leg yesterday.

An atmosphere of gloom enveloped the Hazza bin Zayed Stadium as home fans wept after Al Ain squandered a penalty to let Jeonbuk off the hook and let a second Asian Champions League crown slip through their hands.

The Emiratis were surprise winners of the inaugural edition of the tournament in 2003, but yesterday a host of missed chances combined with some stout defending by the Koreans put paid to their aspirations.

For Jeonbuk, who won the first leg 2-1 last week in Jeonju, it was also their second continental title after their 2006 title.

Han Kyo-won put Jeonbuk ahead in the 30th minute with a fine volley off a corner taken by Lee Jae-sung to put the South Koreans two goals up on aggregate. But the hosts were back in the game just four minutes later when Lee Myung-joo cut down the deficit with a volley of his own that bounced off the turf to beat goalkeeper Soon-tae Kwoun. Kwoun, who had brought off a fine save to thwart Al Ain star Omar Abdulrahman early in the game, then soon found himself facing Brazilian Douglas after Danilo Asprilla was brought down in

the box in the dying minutes of the first half.

However, Douglas, one of the stars of Al Ain's campaign this season, fired the ball well over the post much to the agony of their supporters.

To add insult to injury, Al Ain coach Zlatko Dalic was dispatched to the stands by referee Ryuji Sato soon after. Al Ain managed to keep the Jeonbuk goal under pressure for much of the second half, but Ismail Ahmed headed over the bar, while goalkeeper Kwoun brought off saves from Asprilla and Douglas. Nine minutes before time, Kwoun came to his side's rescue once again, saving a shot from close range by Ibrahim Diaky as Jeonbuk held on for the title. — AFP



**AL-AIN:** Jeonbuk players celebrate as they are crowned champions following their AFC Champions League final between UAE's Al-Ain and South Korea's Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors at the Hazza bin Zayed Stadium in Al-Ain yesterday. — AFP