

## Sports

# Dortmund boss wants clamp down on fans coming onto pitch

## No Haaland, no problem as cup holders Dortmund advance

BERLIN: Borussia Dortmund coach Marco Rose says more must be done to prevent the club's supporters getting on to the pitch during home matches after star striker Erling Braut Haaland ended up giving his playing shirt to a pitch-invading fan earlier this month. "This shouldn't be allowed to explode exponentially and that three or four people get onto the pitch every game," said Rose.

The coach became involved after a Dortmund fan got onto the pitch following the final whistle of Tuesday's 2-0 German Cup win over Ingolstadt and managed to get the playing shirt of Brazil midfielder Reinier. Rose sees a worrying trend after a similar incident in their previous home game when Haaland celebrated scoring a goal with a pitch-invading Dortmund fan, who ended up with the Norway star's shirt.

"We have to find a solution so that this doesn't happen every weekend," said Rose who helped escort the fan off the pitch on Tuesday. "I can understand the fans trying to get a shirt, but basically everyone knows that we should try to stop this."

With 80,000 fans able to fit into Signal Iduna Park



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at full capacity. Rose said that "if 80,000 do the same thing, we will have our work cut out". The coach explained that he intervened on Tuesday to prevent over-zealous stewards rough-handling the pitch-invader. "Nobody should get injured" he said, but Rose also had sympathy for the stewards, "who were just trying to do their job".

Thorgan Hazard netted twice as holders Borussia Dortmund advanced without striker Haaland, who is

sidelined by injury. Germany winger Julian Brandt set up both goals for Hazard who came off the bench to score twice in the second-half at Signal Iduna Park. Haaland is missing with a hip issue and with under-study Youssoufa Moukoko also sidelined, third-choice striker Steffen Tigges made only his fifth appearance this season.

Dortmund labored against their second division opponents with England midfielder Jude Bellingham claiming the best first-half chance. The hosts settled the second-round tie when Hazard scored a minute after coming on by firing home from close range. The second goal arrived nine minutes from time when Hazard converted Brandt's cross to put Dortmund in Sunday's draw for the third round with the ties to be played January 18/19.

Bundesliga sides RB Leipzig and Hertha Berlin both managed to avoid upsets as they came through their ties against fourth-tier minnows Babelsberg and Preussen Muenster respectively. Hoffenheim handed out a 5-1 thrashing to second division Holstein Kiel. — AFP



DORTMUND: Borussia Dortmund's coach Marco Rose (left) and forward Thorgan Hazard celebrate after their team's German Cup 2nd round football match against Ingolstadt in Dortmund, Western Germany, on Tuesday. — AFP



MILAN: AC Milan's Swedish forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic (center) replaces AC Milan's French forward Olivier Giroud (right) during the Italian Serie A football match between AC Milan and Torino at The San Siro Stadium in Milan, on Tuesday. — AFP

## Giroud fires low-key Milan top of Serie A

MILAN: Olivier Giroud scored the only goal in AC Milan's 1-0 win over Torino on Tuesday to move his side to the summit of Serie A despite an underwhelming performance at the San Siro. France forward Giroud tapped home his fourth league goal since arriving from Chelsea in the summer in the 14th minute of a largely dreary contest to move Milan three points clear in first place. Napoli can however reclaim top spot today with a home win over Bologna. "I'm very happy, we did well early in the match and afterwards Torino didn't create lots of chances," said Giroud in faltering Italian to DAZN before switching to English. "We have the three points which is the most important thing. We play every three days and it's very difficult for the body, so everything was not perfect but we are very pleased with the win tonight."

It was a sixth straight Serie A win for Stefano Pioli's side on the day Milan announced they had halved their losses to 96.4 million euros (\$111.8 million). However, with a long injury list slowly being reduced it was a far from vintage performance against a Torino team who played their part and could have earned at least a point with some sharper finishing.

Andrea Belotti was substituted in the 54th minute, seconds after the Italy striker scuffed a presentable opportunity after being well set up by Karol Linetty. Antonio Sanabria wasted Torino's best chance with 14 minutes remaining, collecting Dennis Praet before hitting his close-range shot too close to Ciprian Tatarusanu.

And Praet left the home fans with their hearts in their mouths 11 minutes later when his shot took a massive deflection off Fikayo Tomori and clipped the top of the crossbar. Torino pushed for a leveller but Milan held for the win with some frantic defending.

### Red card enrages Venezia

Venezia fell to a late 2-1 home defeat to Salernitana after Ethan Ampadu's strange sending off left the hosts down to 10 men for more than 20 minutes. Andrea Schiavone swept home the winner for Salernitana in the 95th minute in Venice to complete a come-from-behind win in the clash between struggling promoted sides.

The away side moved off the bottom of the table with seven points but are still in the relegation zone despite their first away win of the season. They are level with third-from-bottom Genoa, who earned a 1-1 draw at Spezia thanks to Domenico Criscito's 85th-minute penalty.

"We need to keep up this rhythm because it's important. We played well, we were all together, today you saw a group that wanted to win and the three points were very important," Franck Ribery told DAZN. Salernitana had a man advantage from the 67th minute, with the scores level through goals from Mattia Aramu and Federico Bonazzoli.

Wales midfielder Ampadu, 21, performed what looked to be a perfect tackle to dispossess Ribery, but referee Marco Di Bello pulled out his red card. Venezia players surrounded Di Bello in protest and the match official then went to the pitchside screen to check his decision after being prompted by VAR.

However Di Bello inexplicably confirmed his decision to send off Ampadu, on loan at Venezia from Chelsea. "We had a referee who was the worst performer on the pitch," Venezia coach Paolo Zanetti told DAZN. "These are important matches in which we're fighting for our survival, they can't be influenced by things like that." — AFP

lead over their teammates as they look to claim an eighth world title.

In the Manufacturers' Championship, the points scored by Evans and Ogier have added to Toyota's tally and brought it a step closer to sealing the title. Toyota now leads by 47 points with a maximum of 52 available from the season finale in Italy, which takes place from 19 to 21 November at the Autodromo Nazionale di Monza.

Over the years, Toyota has been participating in many different forms of motorsports, including Formula One, the World Endurance Championship (WEC), and the Nurburgring 24 Hours endurance race. Toyota's participation in these events was overseen by separate entities within the company until April 2015, when Toyota established GR, to consolidate all of its motorsports activities under one in-house brand. Representing Toyota's belief that 'the roads build the people, and the people build the cars,' GR highlights the role of motorsports as a fundamental pillar of Toyota's commitment to making 'ever-better' cars. Harnessing years of experience gained under the extreme conditions of various motorsports events, GR aims to forge new technologies and solutions that bring the freedom, adventure, and joy of driving to everyone.

## Chelsea survive S'hampton, Arsenal see off Leeds

LONDON: Chelsea needed a penalty shootout for the second consecutive round to reach the quarter-finals of the League Cup as they edged past Southampton, while a much-changed Arsenal beat Leeds 2-0 on Tuesday. Kepa Arrizabalaga was the Chelsea hero as he made a string of late saves to deny Saints a place in the last eight as the game at Stamford Bridge ended 1-1 after 90 minutes.

Both goals came minutes either side of half-time as Kai Havertz headed Chelsea into the lead before Southampton hit back quickly when Che Adams bundled the ball home after Kepa parried Kyle Walker-Peters' shot. The Spain goalkeeper saved from Will Smallbone, Mohammed Salisu and Lyanco to deny the tie to a shootout.

Kepa then denied Theo Walcott from the spot and Smallbone blasted over as Chelsea progressed despite Mason Mount's penalty being saved by Fraser Forster. Two goals in 14 second-half minutes from Callum Chambers and Eddie Nketiah took Arsenal through at the Emirates.

Mikel Arteta had named a strong side in the previous two rounds with the Gunners not involved in European football for the first time in 25 seasons. But the Spaniard made nine changes from the side that started Friday's 3-1 win over Aston Villa.

Leeds boss Marcelo Bielsa attempted to lift his side from a slump with just four changes from a 1-1 draw with Wolves on Saturday as England international Calvin Phillips made his return from injury. The visitors enjoyed the better of the first-half, but paid a heavy price for failing to make it count.

Chambers had barely been on the pitch for a minute after replacing Benjamin White when he forced the ball over the line from a corner to open the scoring. Eddie Nketiah then made the most of a rare start to seal the tie against his former club.

The England under-21 international pounced on a slack header towards his own goal from Liam Cooper and scooped the ball over Illan Meslier before getting a slice of luck as his mis-hit finish bobbed into the net.

"We understood the game and what we had to do, we did this the right way," said Arteta. "They gave us some issues, they always do, but we created a lot of shots and situations without being very clinical, we adjusted a few things at half time and we were better and stronger."

League One side Sunderland are also into the quarter-finals as they beat Queen's Park Rangers 3-1 on penalties after a 0-0 draw at Loftus Road. — AFP

## FIFPro, European Leagues call for reform in wake of Super League threat

BRUSSELS: Two key organizations in the running of European football on Tuesday announced a joint manifesto calling for greater influence over decisions affecting the future of the sport in the wake of the failed breakaway Super League project.

Global players union FIFPro held a policy forum in Brussels at which it unveiled the joint initiative with the European Leagues organization, which represents over one thousand clubs from 30 countries across the continent. It has been a turbulent few months for football governance, with 12 clubs stunning the sport in April by announcing a breakaway European Super League, only for their plan to unravel in a matter of a few days in the face of widespread opposition.

Real Madrid, Barcelona and Juventus remain attached to the project despite the other nine clubs — including six from the Premier League — quickly backing out. Meanwhile FIFA is struggling to find consensus on controversial plans to hold the World Cup every two years.

"The current system of government is no longer capable of dealing with the decisions that need to be taken," said the FIFPro general secretary Jonas Baer-Hoffmann at the event held in the shadow of the European Parliament. Leading representatives from European football's governing body UEFA, or from the influential European Club Association, were absent.

"We need everyone in the room for these discussions and unfortunately they are not," Baer-Hoffmann said. "To take big constructive decisions has become virtually impossible. It is time for significant change in the governance of football."

The announcement of the manifesto came as representatives of the European Parliament on Tuesday called for mechanisms to be put in place to protect against the threat of a Super League. "Sport is a right for everyone and we need to ensure that it is safe, accessible, inclusive and equal for all," said Tomasz Frankowski, a Polish former player and now a member of the European Parliament.

The EU's Sports Policy report also expressed opposition to the biennial World Cup proposals, saying "sports organizations must respect the established frequency of major international sports events". Members of leagues and organizations from across the continent who gathered in Brussels complained about the lack of dialogue with FIFA over the proposals to play the World Cup every two years instead of the current four-year cycle.

The proposals have been championed by former Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger in his role as FIFA's director of global development. "Wenger's presentation was purely informational," said Bobby Barnes, the deputy chief executive of the English Professional Footballers Association. "We talk about being consulted as stakeholders. If your role within the game is to be acknowledged, you have to have these conversations before Wenger's presentation." — AFP

## GAZOO Racing claims podium finish at Rally de Espana

MADRID: The GAZOO Racing (GR) World Rally Team (WRT) achieved another podium finish recently in the FIA World Rally Championship (WRC) when Elfyn Evans claimed second place in the No. 33 Toyota Yaris WRC at the Rally de Espana in Spain. The result sets up a final-round Driver's Championship title decider with his teammate Sebastien Ogier at next month's Rally Monza in Milan.

Evans and co-driver Scott Martin had led the rally in the No. 33 Toyota Yaris WRC after winning the first three stages, and went on to finish second on the podium by the end of the four-day event. The points gained ensure that Evans still has an opportunity to secure his first Drivers' Championship going into the final round in Italy. Sebastien Ogier and co-driver Julien Ingrassia now hold a 17-point

