

Sports

# Italy set new unbeaten record as Germany thump Armenia

## Lingard, Saka lead England past Andorra; Spain thrash Georgia

PARIS: Italy broke the world record for the longest unbeaten run in international football with a goalless draw at Switzerland on Sunday, while Germany got their World Cup qualifying campaign back on track by thrashing Armenia 6-0. European champions Italy should have taken all three points, but Swiss goalkeeper Yann Sommer saved Jorginho's second-half penalty. "The ball didn't want to go into the goal," Italian coach Roberto Mancini told RAI. "We had too many chances today not to win the match... We have to be more clinical and more precise." The draw, however, extended Mancini's side's unbeaten run to 36 matches, breaking the previous mark they shared with Brazil and Spain. The Azzurri remain top of Group C, four points above Switzerland who have two games in hand.

Italy are bidding to banish the memories of their shock failure to qualify for the 2018 World Cup. The group winners automatically reach next year's finals in Qatar, with the runners-up heading into the play-offs.

The Germans brushed off the cobwebs of their underwhelming 2-0 win over Liechtenstein in Hansi Flick's first match in charge by thrashing previous leaders Armenia to go top of Group J. Bayern Munich winger Serge Gnabry scored twice in the first 15 minutes. Timo Werner set up Marco Reus, who was recalled by Flick, to put the result beyond doubt before netting himself to complete a dominant opening 45 minutes.

The home crowd in Stuttgart were given a fifth goal

to cheer by Jonas Hofmann early in the second period, before the four-time world champions added further gloss in added time through 19-year-old debutant Karim Adeyemi. They now lead Armenia by two points, with Romania a point further back after beating Liechtenstein 2-0. A shock home loss to North Macedonia earlier this year had put Germany's qualification in danger.



### Belgium impresses with win over Czech

#### England cruise at Wembley

A much-changed England labored for long periods before seeing off Andorra 4-0 in their first match at Wembley since their Euro 2020 final defeat by Italy on penalties. Jesse Lingard, who missed out on Gareth Southgate's Euro squad, put the hosts ahead in the 18th minute, but a second goal did not arrive until substitute Harry Kane's penalty 18 minutes from time.

England, for whom Southgate made 11 changes, did

enjoy a late goal spree as Lingard netted a second and Bukayo Saka marked his birthday by finding the net. That goal brought loud cheers from the crowd at Wembley — where Saka missed the decisive penalty in the shootout against the Italians in July.

"He (Saka) got a fabulous reception, before and during the game," Southgate told ITV. "You can see how popular he is with the rest of the team as well." England have won all five of their matches in Group I and visit Poland, who they lead by five points, tomorrow. Robert Lewandowski scored twice and Adam Buksa grabbed a hat-trick as the second-placed Poles hammered San Marino 7-1. Spain, who are in danger of not qualifying automatically, thrashed Georgia 4-0 in Badajoz. First-half goals from Jose Gaya, Carlos Soler and Ferran Torres ensured they would bounce back from their loss to Sweden with a win. Pablo Sarabia also netted after half-time, but although the 2010 World Cup winners move top of Group B, they are only one point ahead of Sweden who have two games in hand.

Belgium put one foot in Qatar with an impressive 3-0 victory over the Czech Republic which saw Romelu Lukaku mark his 100th cap with a goal. The Chelsea striker has now scored 67 goals for his country and 50 in his last 50 appearances. Eden Hazard and Alexis Saelemaekers also got on the scoresheet as Roberto Martinez's Belgium stretched six points clear of the Czechs at the top of Group E.—AFP



BASEL: Switzerland's goalkeeper Yann Sommer saves a penalty kicked by Italy's midfielder Jorginho (center) during the World Cup 2022 qualifier football match between Switzerland and Italy, on Sunday at St Jakob-Park stadium in Basel. — AFP

## Subs steal show from Aubameyang and Salah in dramatic draw

JOHANNESBURG: Mostafa Mohamed scored in the final minute to snatch a 1-1 World Cup Group F qualifying draw for 10-man Egypt in Gabon on Sunday after Jim Allevinah had put the dominant hosts ahead. Billed as a showdown between high-profile English Premier League forwards Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang of Gabon and Mohamed Salah of Egypt, the stars had to take back seats as two substitutes netted. All the drama came in the final 19 minutes in Franceville, starting with a red card for Egypt midfielder Omar Gaber after being yellow-carded twice. Allevinah put Gabon ahead two minutes later, beating goalkeeper Mohamed el Shenawy from inside the box after the visitors failed to clear a free-kick.

Egypt coach Hossam el Badry reacted to falling behind by introducing Mohamed I3 minutes from time and the Galatasaray forward nodded in a dramatic equalizer after his chip was parried. Salah missed a win over Angola last Wednesday because Egypt is on the United Kingdom coronavirus "red list" and he would have been forced to quarantine for 10 days on his return had he gone to Cairo.

Meanwhile, Namibia went top of Group H with a surprise 1-0 away victory over Togo thanks to a spectacular second-half goal by Elmo Kambindu. After coming off the bench in a 1-1 draw with Congo Brazzaville three days ago, Kambindu was promoted to the starting line-up by coach Bobby Samaria for the match in Lome.

The change paid off eight minutes into the second half when Kambindu scored with a bicycle kick after Deon Hotto floated a free-kick into a crowded goalmouth. Namibia have four points from two matches, one more than Sadio Mane-inspired Senegal.

#### Togo pointless

Togo are pointless under recently hired Portuguese coach Paulo Duarte after also losing in Senegal, and are all but out of the running to finish first and secure a place in the final qualifying round. Rwanda and Kenya,

who drew 1-1 in Kigali, are other countries with little hope of being among the 10 group winners after the sixth and final round of mini-league matches in November. Kenya have two points and Rwanda one after two matches each in Group E.

When Rwanda goalkeeper Emery Mvuyekure fumbled a low cross, Michael Olunga hammered the ball into the net on nine minutes for the visitors. The lead lasted 11 minutes before a header from centre-back Abdul Rwatubyaye struck a fellow Rwandan and landed in the Kenyan net. Qatar-based Olunga was a constant threat, but could not score again to secure the victory Kenya desperately needed after being held by Uganda in Nairobi on Thursday.

There should have been seven matches, but the Group I clash between Guinea and Morocco was called off on Sunday because of a "volatile political and security situation in Conakry", according to CAF. Guinean special forces head Colonel Mamady Doumbouya said soldiers had seized power, dissolved the constitution of the mineral-rich but impoverished country, and detained President Alpha Conte. The Moroccan delegation managed to stay "safe" at a Conakry hotel before later departing the country to head home, national football federation official Mohamed Makrouf told AFP in Rabat. — AFP

## Former France defender Adams dies after almost 40 years in coma

MARSEILLE: Former France defender Jean-Pierre Adams has died aged 73 after almost 40 years in a coma, his former club Nimes announced yesterday. Adams, who made 22 international appearances in the 1970s, slipped into a coma after a mistake by the anesthetist during routine knee surgery in 1982. The anesthetist had to take responsibility for eight patients that day — many of the staff at the hospital were on strike — and left a trainee to keep an eye on Adams. Both were found guilty in court in the 1990s and received a one-month suspended sentence and a 750 euro (\$890) fine. "I was not up to the task I was entrusted with," commented the trainee later.

His widow Bernadette cared for him for the remainder of his life following his discharge from hospital 15 months after the operation. "Jean-Pierre feels, smells, hears, jumps when a dog barks. But he cannot see," Bernadette said in 2007. Bernadette, who had two sons with Adams, told the BBC in 2016 that despite the sentences handed to the anesthetist and the trainee, the hospital in Lyon had never apologized. Born in Dakar in 1948, Adams was one of the first men born in West Africa to play for France. His center-back partnership with Marius Tresor for France was nicknamed "the black guard" by then French national coach Stefan Kovacs. "We learned this morning of the death of Jean-Pierre Adams," Nimes wrote on Twitter, extending their "sincere condolences to his family". Adams also played for Nice and Paris Saint-Germain. Nice tweeted their condolences and said they would pay homage to him before their next Ligue 1 home match with Monaco on September 19. PSG also tweeted a tribute to "one of its glorious old players" saluting his "joie de vivre" and his charisma. — AFP

## Poland gives visa to second Belarusian Olympic athlete

WARSAW: Poland has provided a humanitarian visa to a second Belarusian athlete, Olga Safronova, who said it would have been "dangerous" for her to remain home, the Polish news agency PAP reported yesterday.

Safronova came to neighboring Poland, which has been offering refuge to a growing number of Belarusian dissidents, after she was dropped from the Belarus roster for the Tokyo Olympics when her horse was deemed to be limping.

But "when I came to Poland and got the horse examined, it turned out that it was completely healthy and fit to compete," she told PAP. She then spoke out against Belarusian strongman Alexander Lukashenko and sports officials, according to her lawyer Tomasz Wilinski, and landed on a list of traitors. "It was this list where if you found yourself on it, you could not work or continue your sports career," Safronova said. "If I hadn't left Belarus, it would have been dangerous for me... Here I feel safe and my horses are safe," she added. Poland gave both her and her partner humanitarian visas and she is now living and training outside of Warsaw, with plans to apply for Polish citizenship and represent the country at sporting events.—AFP

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Adan Hospital	23940620
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