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Kane sinks Fulham to become Tottenham joint record scorer

LONDON: Antonio Conte vowed to "win something" with Harry Kane after the striker became Tottenham's joint record scorer as his 266th goal for the club sealed a vital 1-0 win against Fulham on Monday. England captain Kane netted on the stroke of half-time with a clinical strike from the edge of the penalty area at Craven Cottage.

Jimmy Greaves' Tottenham record had stood since 1970, but Kane's first goal in his last three appearances gave him a share of the historic milestone. Kane played despite being ill with a fever and Tottenham boss Conte admitted he is desperate to reward the selfless star with silverware. Without a major trophy for club and country, Kane has been linked with Manchester United.

But Conte said: "Today he was amazing. I think he scored a fantastic goal, the execution, to control the ball, then to kick it in that way, only a world-class striker can score this goal. About the spirit that I spoke before, I want to underline Harry played with a fever and he was not so good, but he wanted to play because he understood the moment."

"He understood he is a point of reference for us. For sure, I would like to help him and me, also his team-mates, to try to do something important, to win something with Tottenham because he loves Tottenham. Tottenham is in his heart and it should be good if together we were able to win something, because then it is important to have this record, but I think it could be more important if you win a trophy."

Kane could break Greaves' record in Tottenham's next match in the FA Cup fourth round at second tier Preston on Saturday. It is only a matter of time before Kane takes sole possession of Tottenham's most hallowed record. That remarkable achievement

would have seemed impossible during a difficult start to his career that featured several failed loan spells before he finally emerged as a star.

Greaves, who died aged 81 in 2021, is regarded as one of the most natural goal scorers in football history. A member of England's 1966 World Cup-winning squad, who netted 44 times for his country, Greaves is the highest scorer in English top-flight history with 357 goals. For Kane to be alongside such a legendary player is a tribute to his predatory instincts and his perseverance. The 29-year-old is now one short of becoming the third player to net 200 Premier League goals, after Alan Shearer (260) and Wayne Rooney (208).

'Good answer'

Kane also drew level with Rooney as England's joint record goalscorer after bagging his 53rd international goal in the World Cup quarter-final defeat against France in December. Thanks to Kane's 18th goal in all competitions this season, fifth placed Tottenham closed the gap on fourth placed Manchester United to three points. It was a much-needed result after successive defeats against Manchester City and Arsenal damaged Tottenham's bid to qualify for next season's Champions League via a top four finish.

Conte's team had conceded 21 goals in their previous 10 league matches. So, while Kane rightly took the spotlight, Conte was just as pleased by his players' defensive resilience. "It was a big win. I had a good answer from my players. I asked them for solidity of the last season and the will and desire to fight and to be resilient," Conte said.

Failing to turn their first half pressure into goals proved fatal for Fulham as Kane entered the



LONDON: Tottenham Hotspur's English striker Harry Kane vies with Fulham's English-born US defender Antonee Robinson at Craven Cottage on Jan 23, 2023. — AFP

record books in first half stoppage-time. Turning on the edge of the Fulham area, Kane worked a yard of space before curling a superb strike past Bernd Leno. The record-equaling goal was met with sarcastic chants of 'one-season wonder'

from Tottenham fans, who recalled the doubting response to his first prolific season for the club. Kane almost had the outright record in the second half, but Leno tipped over his close-range header. — AFP

Mbappe scores five in PSG rout of amateur minnows

PARIS: Kylian Mbappe became the first Paris Saint-Germain player to score five times in one match as the Ligue 1 giants crushed sixth-tier amateur minnows Pays de Cassel 7-0 in the French Cup on Monday. Mbappe, who scored a hat-trick in France's defeat by Argentina in the World Cup final just over a month ago, netted a hat-trick in the first half here as PSG led 4-0 at the break against their regional league opponents.

He struck twice more after the restart, with Neymar and Carlos Soler scoring PSG's other goals in the last-32 tie. The Qatar-owned club, who have won the French Cup 14 times, more than any other team, will now play away to bitter rivals Marseille in the last 16 early next month. That match is scheduled for the week beginning February 6, just a week before PSG host Bayern Munich in the first leg of their Champions League last-16 tie.

"Once we scored the first goal it became harder for our opponents," PSG boss Christophe Galtier told reporters. "The opponents we'll face over the next weeks are of a different quality," he added. Mbappe was given the captain's armband while Neymar also started, but Lionel Messi was rested, allowed to sit out this tie played before a full house at the 38,000-seat Stade Bollaert-Delelis in Lens.



LENS: Paris Saint-Germain's French forward Kylian Mbappe jumps over Pays de Cassel's goalkeeper Romain Samson on his way to scoring a goal at the Bollaert-Delelis stadium on Jan 23, 2023. — AFP

Pays de Cassel are a tiny club representing a handful of villages inland from the port town of Dunkirk in France's far north, but their remarkable run to this stage of the tournament stoked the interest of the whole region. They performed admirably

in the early stages against the Ligue 1 leaders, but their resistance was broken just before the half-hour mark when Mbappe turned in a Nuno Mendes cutback, the ball taking a crucial deflection on its way in. — AFP

Ten-man Inter slip to defeat against Empoli

MILAN: Inter Milan missed the chance to go second in Serie A when they slipped to a 1-0 defeat at home to Empoli on Monday. Inter, who had won their last nine league games against Empoli, began the day in third but their hopes of climbing above city rivals AC Milan into second were hampered five minutes before half-time when Milan Skriniar was dismissed for a second yellow card.

The Slovak defender, who has been linked with a move to Paris Saint-Germain, was booked for obstruction in the 25th minute before being shown the red card for a nasty tackle. The only goal came after 66 minutes when Nedim Bajrami provided the assist for 19-year-old Tommaso Baldanzi to fire home off his left foot for his third goal of the season.

Inter battled hard to retrieve the game with Simone Inzaghi throwing both Edin Dzeko and Romelu Lukaku into the fray. They came close on several occasions and had a header rebound off the bar but less than a week after lifting the Italian Super Cup in style with a 3-0 win over AC Milan, Inter may have kissed goodbye to the Scudetto. Inter remain third, a point behind AC Milan who play at Lazio on Tuesday, and level on points with Roma. Napoli are the runaway leaders, 12 points clear at the top.

In Monday's other game Bologna were held to a 1-1 draw by bottom side Cremonese. The visitors took the lead through a David Okereke penalty five minutes after the break. But Cremonese were denied their first win of the season when Vlad Chiriches scored an own goal five minutes later. On Sunday, Juventus played out a thrilling 3-3 draw with Atalanta in their first match since being slapped with a massive points deduction for illicit transfer activity. Roma took their place in Serie A's Champions League positions following a 2-0 win at Spezia. — AFP



MILAN: Empoli's Italian midfielder Tommaso Baldanzi celebrates after opening the scoring against Inter Milan on Jan 23, 2023 at the Giuseppa-Meazza (San Siro) stadium. — AFP

Madagascar hammer Sudan to reach last 8

ALGIERS: Debutants Madagascar swept into the African Nations Championship (CHAN) quarterfinals on Monday with a 3-0 drubbing of Sudan in Algeria. The Indian Ocean islanders also beat Ghana last week, and topping Group C earned them a last-eight showdown against Mozambique on Saturday. Ghana progressed as runners-up and will face the Group E winners - Cameroon or Niger - in another fixture on Saturday.

Tokinantenaina Randriatsiferana put Madagascar 1-0 up after 13 minutes on a chilly night in the eastern city of Constantine, beating goalkeeper Mohamed Mustafa at his near post with a low shot. Solomampionona Razafindranaivo doubled the lead on the half-hour with the goal of the match - a superb lofted shot with the side of his foot over Mustafa.

Lalaina Rafanomezantsoa completed the rout three minutes later with a simple tap-in off a low cross after Mustafa had been rounded. This is the second time Madagascar have made an instant impact in a CAF tournament after debuting in the Africa Cup of Nations (CAN) four years ago and reaching the quarter-finals in Egypt. The CAN is open to home and foreign-based players while the CHAN is confined to footballers with clubs in their country of birth.

But despite the restrictions, CHAN matches are classified as full internationals with results counting toward the FIFA world rankings. On Tuesday, the last two quarter-finals places will be filled after an Oran double-header in which Mali face Mauritania in Group D and Cameroon meet Niger in Group E. — AFP

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