Real Madrid exposes unbeaten record in Champions League soccer



Madrid, November. 29 (PL) - Real Madrid today exposes its unbeaten record in the Champions League of European soccer, when it receives Napoli for the fifth qualifying matchday of Group C.

The Spaniards have accumulated four wins and only need a draw to finish first in the group, and the Italians appear second, five points behind the Merengues.

The team led by Italian coach Carlo Ancelotti will be missing Belgian Thibaut Courtois, Brazilians Éder Militao and Vinicius Júnior, Angolan Eduardo Camavinga and Croatian Luka Modric.

Another of Spain's football greats, Barcelona, reached the second round of the Champions League on Tuesday, after defeating Porto 2-1 in the H key.

Goals by Portuguese duo Joao Cancelo and Joao Félix in the 32nd and 57th minutes gave the Azulgranas the victory at the Estadio Olímpico Lluís Companys.

The visitors got on the board for the first time on the half-hour mark with Eduardo Gabriel Aquino Cossa "Pepe", and Cancelo equalized shortly after.

Barça started strongly in the second half and, in the 57th minute, Cancelo assisted Joao Félix to turn the game around.

In another match, Manchester City came from behind in extra time to beat RB Leipzig 3-2 and secure top spot in Zone G for the Round of 16.

Goals from Norway's Erling Haaland in the 54th minute, Phil Foden (70th) and Argentina's Julian Alvarez (87th) lifted the English side, who remained unbeaten at home in the Champions League for more than five years.

Spaniard Josep "Pep" Guardiola's men made a dreadful start to go into the locker room trailing 0-2, overcome by the running speed of Lois Openda, who grabbed a brace for the Germans (m. 13 and 33).

Atlético de Madrid qualified for the next round of the continental competition thanks to a 3-1 win in Rotterdam against Feyenoord, after two own goals by the Dutch team, one by Lutsharel Geertruida (14th minute) and the other by Santiago Giménez (81st), and a goal by Mario Hermoso (57th).

Borussia Dortmund also advanced to the next round in section F after beating AC Milan 3-1 away at the San Siro.

Two penalties marked the start of the match. Frenchman Olivier Giroud missed his in the sixth minute and Marco Reus did not waste to put the German team ahead (m. 10), although Nigerian Samu Chukwueze equalized before the break (37).

In extra time, Borussia dominated the game and took all three points with goals from England's Jamie Bynoe-Gittens (59th minute) and Karim Adeyemi (69th).

Italy's Lazio took a solid step towards advancing to the next round with a 2-0 win over Scottish side Celtic.

Roman team idol and captain Ciro Immobile came off the bench just in time to rescue his club at the Stadio Olimpico and needed just three minutes from 82-85 to lead them to their third Group E win.

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