

Bayern Thrash Barcelona 8-2 in UEFA Champions League Quarters



Bayern's Robert Lewandowski scores his sides sixth goal during the Champions League quarterfinal match between FC Barcelona and Bayern Munich at the Luz stadium in Lisbon, Portugal, Aug 14, 2020.

LISBON (Dispatches) - German champions Bayern Munich have utterly humiliated Barcelona with an extraordinary 8-2 demolition job that sent them through into the semi-finals of the Champions League.

Thomas Mueller scored twice for a rampant Bayern, who led 4-1 after 31 astonishing minutes, as Lionel Messi and his team mates were condemned to a thrashing that felt like the end of an era for the illustrious Catalan club.

"We feel devastated, although shame is the real word I'm looking for," said Barca defender Gerard Pique, adding that the historic defeat called for urgent changes across the club.

Barca coach Quique Setien, who is unlikely to survive the looming inquest, called the

drubbing "a tremendously painful defeat".

Bayern coach Hansi Flick hailed an "outstanding" display from his side but stressed that they were firmly focused on the semifinal, which will be against Manchester City or Olympique Lyonnais.

Mueller added: "We had so much fun today. Of course, Barcelona are special, so we had to be even more aggressive and come back again and again. "You can imagine we feel good after this match but we have to be quiet and regenerate."

The scoreline recalled Germany's 7-1 semifinal win over Brazil in the 2014 World Cup, a game where Flick was on the bench as the national team's assistant coach.

It began with Bayern grabbing a fourth minute lead when Mueller collected Ivan Perisic's cross from the left and played a clever one-two with Robert Lewandowski before drilling home.

76ers Close Regular Season by Breezing Past Rockets 134-96

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) -- Tobias Harris scored 18 points and the Philadelphia 76ers closed the regular season by trouncing the Houston Rockets 134-96 on Friday night.

The 76ers and Rockets played most of their regulars for about the first 2 1/2 quarters even though both teams already were locked into playoff matchups, making Friday night's game meaningless.

The Rockets were playing without All-Star guard Russell Westbrook, who is expected to miss at least the start of the playoffs with a strained right quadriceps. The 76ers continue to play without Ben Simmons, who is out indefinitely after undergoing surgery on his left knee Monday.

Philadelphia begins an Eastern Conference first-round series with the Boston



Philadelphia 76ers forward Al Horford (42) drives against Huston Rockets guard James Harden, left, during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Friday, Aug. 14, 2020, in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Celtics on Monday. Houston is facing the Oklahoma City Thunder in a Western Conference series starting Tuesday.

The 76ers' starting lineup included All-Star center Joel Embiid, who injured his right hand Wednesday in a loss to the Toronto Raptors. Embiid played 22 minutes and scored

14 points.

"We clearly need a healthy Joel Embiid," 76ers coach Brett Brown said. "Nobody denies that. We can't dismiss that. We need a healthy Joel Embiid, to make the run that we need to make."

Alec Burks added 16 points, Raul Neto with 14, Furkan

Korkmaz with 12, Shake Milton with 11 and Al Horford and Mike Scott with 10 each.

James Harden had 27 points and 10 assists for Houston. Jeff Green scored 17 points, Eric Gordon had 13 and Bruno Cabocio added 11.

The 76ers went on a 17-2 run late in the first quarter and owned a 39-26 lead at the end of the period. The Rockets scored the first five points of the second quarter to cut the margin to eight, but Philadelphia answered with a 13-0 run and led 71-47 at halftime.

After Houston got within 11 points, Philadelphia went on a 19-2 spurt late in the third quarter to put the game out of reach.

"It is what it is today," Rockets coach Mike D'Antoni said. "I get it. It didn't mean a whole lot. We'll be ready Tuesday."

Serena Falls to 116th-Ranked Rogers



Serena Williams reaches for a shot during her Top Seed Open quarterfinals match Friday. She lost 1-6, 6-4, 7-6 (5) to No. 116 Shelby Rogers.

KENTUCKY (Dispatches) - Serena Williams suffered her first loss since 2012 to a rival outside the WTA's top 100, falling to fellow American Shelby Rogers in a Friday quarterfinal at the Top Seed Open.

Rogers, ranked 116th, outlasted ninth-ranked Williams 1-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7/5) after two hours and seven minutes, finishing the 23-time Grand Slam champion with a service winner.

"It's every kid's dream growing up to be able to do something like that," Rogers said. "Weird circumstances. Weird surroundings. But a win is a win."

The U.S. Open hardcourt tuneup event at Lexington, Kentucky, is being staged in a quarantine bubble due to the COVID-19 pandemic

that had kept Williams idle since a February Fed Cup appearance.

Top seed Williams had not lost to a player outside the top 100 since falling to France's Virginie Razzano in the first round of the 2012 French Open.

Williams, who ousted sister Venus on Thursday, was playing matches to prepare for the U.S. Open, which starts August 31. She will seek a seventh title on the New York hardcourts to match Margaret Court's all-time record of 24 Grand Slam crowns.

Rogers reached her first WTA semi-final since Rio in 2016. She'll face 63rd-ranked Swiss left-hander Jil Teichmann, who ousted American Catherine Bellis 6-2, 6-4.

Hamilton Tops Final Practice Ahead of Qualifying in Spanish GP



MONTMELO, Spain (AP) -- Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton was fastest in final practice for the Spanish Grand Prix ahead of qualifying later, where he will go for a record-extending 92nd pole position.

Hamilton was 0.151 seconds clear of Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas and 0.515 in front of Red Bull's Max Verstappen. McLaren's Carlos Sainz Jr. showed impressive pace and ended fourth.

Mercedes also led practice on Friday with Bottas and Hamilton swapping places. Verstappen was third in both sessions.

Esteban Ocon did go off moments from the end of P3 when he had to swerve suddenly to the right to avoid crashing into the back of Kevin Magnussen, who broke late.

Ocon went into the wall and damaged the front of his Renault, bringing a red flag out to stop the session and giving the Renault team just two hours to repair the car for qualifying.

Four-time F1 champion Sebastian Vettel struggled again despite Ferrari fitting his car with a new chassis, finishing 12th.

Verstappen won last Sunday's race at Silverstone to end a streak of three wins for Hamilton and four straight for Mercedes. It also moved the Dutch driver up to second place in the standings behind Hamilton, with Bottas dropping to third.

Hamilton has won the past three Spanish GPs, although those were held in May in lower temperatures not so tough on tires.

Klopp Wins Premier League Manager of the Season



Liverpool's German manager Jurgen Klopp has been named Premier League manager of the season

LIVERPOOL (Dispatches) - Jurgen Klopp has been named Premier League manager of the season after guiding the club to their first league title in three decades.

The 53-year-old German beat Chelsea's Frank Lampard, Leicester City's Brendan Rodgers, who Klopp replaced at Liverpool in 2015, and Sheffield United's Chris Wilder.

Liverpool coasted to the title, they narrowly lost out on to Manchester City in the previous campaign.

They garnered 99 points, winning 32 of their 38 league games, to finish 18 points clear of Manchester City.

Klopp -- who coached Liverpool to the Champions League trophy in the 2018/19 season -- picked up in July the League Manager's Association manager of the year award.

The Premier League award -- Liverpool defender Trent Alexander-Arnold won the young player gong on Friday -- is an accumulation of votes from the public combined with those of a panel of football experts.