Barca end season with a blitz

Head into winter break atop the table after a 4-1 victory against Alaves

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BARCELONA'S LIONEL Messi, Luis Suarez and Antoine Griezmann were all on target in a convincing 4-1 home win over Alaves on Saturday to reach a combined 30 goals this season and ensure the champions will finish 2019 top of La Liga.

Griezmann put Barca ahead in the 14th minute with a wonderful first-time strike into the bottom corner from a Suarez cut-back and Arturo Vidal also knocked home a pass from the Uruguayan to round off a dominant first-half display.

Alaves midfielder Pere Pons pulled a goal back in the 56th minute with a diving header which briefly caused panic in the home side who were fortunate not to concede an equaliser.

But Messi eased their nerves with a magnificent curling strike from outside the box to restore Barca's two-goal cushion in the 69th and Suarez finally got on the scoresheet by converting from the penalty spot in the 75th.

Barca lead the standings on 39 points from 18 games, three clear of second-placed Real Madrid who host Athletic Bilbao on Sunday.

Sevilla are third on 34 after winning 2-0 at Real Mallorca.

After being unquestionably the second best team in Wednesday's goalless draw with Real Madrid, Barca were under pressure to not only beat Alaves but also to produce an exciting display of attacking football.

They looked intent on doing exactly that, as Vidal fired their first warning shot with a bicycle kick which Fernando Pacheco had to tip away and Messi put the ball in the net but was narrowly ruled offside.

Coach Ernesto Valverde brought Sergio Busquets back into the team after he had



Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez and Antoine Griezmann scored a goal apiece on Saturday. Reuters

missed the game with Real due to illness and he also brought in academy product Carles Alena, benching Ivan Rakitic and Frenkie de Jong.

The changes helped Barca boss possession as their opponents focused on sitting deep and trying to defend, a plan which fell apart once Griezmann scored.

Alaves showed more ambition after the interval and after Pons had pulled them back into contention, Barca looked vulnerable, with keeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen losing the ball outside his box and scrambling to block a shot from Aleix Vidal.

Messi soon lifted the Catalans out of trouble, though, with his 50th goal of the year for club and country, while Suarez's penalty brought up 30 league goals this season for Barca's front three, who have now scored more times between them than 18 La Liga sides.

Zidane says Guardiola 'best coach in the world'

ZINEDINE ZIDANE insisted Saturday his key aim this season was to win La Liga with Real Madrid, but admitted they faced a thrilling challenge trying to outwit Pep Guardiola and Manchester City, who they meet in the last 16 of the Champions League.

Zidane, who has won three Champions Leagues as a coach compared to Guardiola's two, described the Catalan as "the best coach in the world".

The two sides meet in Madrid on February 26 before heading to Manchester for the second leg on March 17.

"It'll be fabulous to play against him (Guardiola)," said Zidane, speaking ahead of Real's game against Athletic Bilbao on Sunday, their final Liga match ahead of the winter break.

"I respected him as a player and now as a coach. He's the top coach in the world and has proved it throughout his career."

Guardiola coached Barcelona to the 2009 and 2011 Champions League titles. He went on to win plaudits at Bayern Munich and City with domestic championships but has failed to land a third Champions League title.

"So it'll be a pleasure for me and a pleasure for all of us to come up against him and his team," said Zidane.

Real are currently level with Barcelona on 36 points on top of la Liga after their 0-0 draw on Wednesday. Athletic Bilbao are seventh, nine points behind.

"Bilbao is another rival and a different proposition. We will play them with all our energy, it's the last game of the year." AFP

With one lift Jeremy smashes 27

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records

YOUTH OLYMPIC gold medallist weightlifter Jeremy Lalrinnunga went on a record-breaking spree, claiming three world marks in a remarkable performance, on the way to a silver in the men's 67kg category at the 6th Qatar International Cup here.

In a power-packed performance, the 17-year-old smashed his own Youth World and Asian record in snatch, clean and jerk and total lift with an effort of 306kg(140kg+166kg) to win the silver medal Friday night.

Jeremy broke 27 records in total all under his name, combining national and international marks. He smashed 12 international records — three youth world, three youth Asian and six Commonwealth records — and 15 national records -- five youth national, five junior national and five senior national.

The teenager from Mizoram started the year by winning a silver medal in the EGAT Cup, lifting 131kg in snatch and 157kg in clean and jerk.

At the Asian Championships, he smashed the Youth World and Asian records with an effort of 297kg(134kg+163kg).



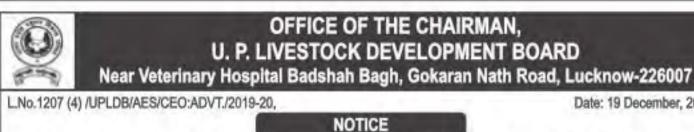
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Real Kashmir, TRAU eye first win I-League victory

REAL KASHMIR and debutants TRAU FC will continue their quest for first win when they clash in an I-league fixture on Sunday. Real Kashmir, who had finished third in their maiden season last year, had a couple of their games in Srinagar postponed due to inclement weather conditions. The visitors had drawn against mighty

Quess East Bengal in a tight opener and they will be yearning for a win here. Hosts Tiddim Road Athletic Union FC have had the proverbial baptism by fire in their debut season, coming up against defending champions Chennai and the two Kolkata giants in their first three games — all of which resulted in defeats. However, they would take

heart from the fact that all three were away games and they improved considerably against the Red & Golds in the last encounter. "We are excited and ready to go. We are disappointed not to have played more but my team is hungry and ready to get playing again,' Kashmir's gaffer David Robertson said. PTI



Applications are invited for the post of CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER in U.P.L.D.B. with its head office at Gokaran Nath Road, Badshah Bagh (Animal Husbandry Directorate Campus), Lucknow in the pay scale of Rs. 37400-67000 and Grade Pay Rs.10000 or equivalent level of pay in pay matrix applicable under 7th Pay Commission with admissible allowances under State Govt. rules from the persons employed or have been in the Central/State Semi-Government Office, autonomous organization of State/Gol and other reputed private institutions. The appointment will be made purely on contract basis only. However, admissible pay may not be less than the last pay drawn by the applicant in his or her parent department prior to joining the post of CEO UPLDB (here pay means substantive pay as per FHB Vol. II Part - 2 to 4).

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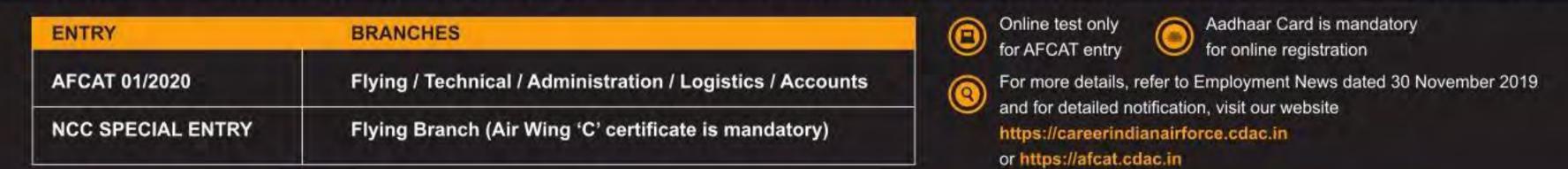
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