

BAYERN EYE 4TH TITLE

Berlin
Robert Lewandowski claimed his 12th goal in his last four games as Bundesliga leaders Bayern Munich trounced second-placed Borussia Dortmund 5-1 to go seven points clear yesterday.

The Polish hot-shot netted Bayern's third and fourth goals at Munich's Allianz Arena after Thomas Mueller's double, including a first-half penalty, before Mario Goetze grabbed Bayern's fifth to compound his former club's misery.

"It's a big win. It's good to have a seven-point advantage and also to have won in the way we did," said Mueller.

"But we have to keep going and keep collecting points after the international break."

Having sent Bundesliga records tumbling by scoring five in just nine minutes in the 5-1 thrashing of Wolfsburg less than a fortnight ago, Lewandowski has scored each game since, including a hat-trick in the 5-0 Champions League rout of Dinamo Zagreb.

Lewandowski is the Bundesliga's top scorer with 12 goals with Gabon striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang just behind him with 10 in eight matches.

Dortmund suffered their first defeat in 15 games under new coach Thomas Tuchel.

The gap between the chasing pack and Bayern already looks ominous with Pep Guardiola's Bavarians hunting an unprecedented fourth straight league title.

"We struggled in the first 15 minutes, but our third goal made the difference," said Guardiola.

"We are very happy as we have beaten one of the best teams in Europe."

Bayern stepped up a gear when Mueller controlled Jerome Boateng's long ball and beat Dortmund goalkeeper Roman Burki on 26 minutes.

Dortmund conceded a penalty when Henrikh Mkhitaryan fouled Thiago in the area and Mueller drilled home the spot-kick on 35



Bayern Munich's Robert Lewandowski (right) scores the third goal

minutes to double the hosts' lead. The visitors fought back on 36 minutes when Aubameyang swept home

Gonzalo Castro's superb cross, but it was all Bayern from then on.

Lewandowski made it

3-1 on 46 minutes when he finished off his half-chance after another superb long ball from Boateng.

Leaders Villarreal shocked by Levante

Madrid
Liga leaders Villarreal's unbeaten start to the season came to an end as Levante claimed their first win of the campaign with a 1-0 victory yesterday.

Villarreal were reduced to 10 men on 35 minutes when Bojan Jokic saw a straight red card for a high challenge on Ivan Lopez.

The visitors held out until seven minutes from time when Brazilian striker Deyverson converted Nabil El Ghilas's cross to take Levante off the foot of the table.

Defeat for Villarreal means



Levante's Simao (left) vies with Villarreal's Roberto Soldado

Real Madrid can move to the top of the table if they beat Atletico Madrid later on Sunday.

Elsewhere, the pressure on Valencia boss Nuno Espirito

Villarreal were reduced to 10 men on 35 minutes when Bojan Jokic saw a red card for a challenge on Ivan Lopez

Santo was increased as his side blew a 1-0 lead to lose 3-1 at Athletic Bilbao.

Dani Parejo put the visitors in front at San Mames as they looked to build on 1-0 victories against Granada and Lyon in the past week.

However, Athletic came roaring back to secure just their second win of the season thanks to goals from Aymeric Laporte, Markel Susaeta and Aritz Aduriz.

Real Betis moved up to eighth as goals in either half from Heiko Westermann and Ruben Castro handed them a 2-0 win at Rayo Vallecano.

Sports in Shorts

Al Rowaie take part in annual convention

Manama

Bahrain Tennis Federation General Secretary Fouad Al Rowaie recently took part in the annual convention of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) which was held in Chile.

During the gathering, American David Haggerty was elected to a four-year term as the president of the ITF in the election.

Nibali wins Tour of Lombardy

Como

Italy's Vincenzo Nibali won the Tour of Lombardy yesterday after launching a daring attack 17.5km from the finish to triumph in the final cycling 'monument' of the season.

Nibali, 30, the 2014 Tour de France champion, held off late chasers to cross the line in Como, after a 245km ride from Bergamo, just over 20sec ahead of Spaniard Daniel Moreno with Frenchman Thibaut Pinot finishing a close third.

Moses out of Nigeria friendlies

Abuja

West Ham United forward Victor Moses has pulled out of Nigeria's friendlies against the DR Congo and Cameroon, the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) have announced.

The Super Eagles tackle DRC in Vise, Liege, on Thursday, October 8 and will then confront Cameroon's Indomitable Lions in Dendermonde. In a letter to the Nigeria Football Federation Moses said he was pulling out in a precautionary move against injury.

Shaikh Abdullah inaugurates official logo

DT News Network
 Manama

Shaikh Abdullah bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Vice President of the International Federation of Bodybuilding, President of the Asian Bodybuilding and Fitness

It has decided that the festival, will be held from December 11 to 12



A still from Inauguration ceremony

Federation and President of Bahrain Weightlifting and Physical Education Association has unveiled the

official logo for the National Sports Day Festival 2015 at the union's headquarters at Umm Al Hassam in the

presence of the Board of Directors. It has decided that the festival, which will be held from December 11-12 will include several bodybuilding categories including females and youths.

The festival will be accompanied by an exhibition on health and food supplements and a photo exhibition.

Shaikh Abdullah has urged the members of the board of directors to make efforts in order to bring out the best of the festival and all in a manner befitting the status of sport bodybuilding.

More than 170 athletes for second GCC Games

DT News Network
 Manama

Bahrain will be sending more than 170 athletes for the Second GCC Games due to take place from October 15 to 26 in Dammam, Saudi Arabia.

Ghuloom Hussain, a member of Bahrain's administrative delegation to the Games, said the Bahrain athletes will start collecting their official outfits from the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) before departure next week.

Hussain said BOC general secretary Abdulrahman Askar

as well as other arrangements and would spare no effort in providing all that would help the Bahraini athletes achieve aspiring results.

The delegation also includes director Feras Al Halwachi, deputy director Hamad Al Baker, and members Mohammed Al Zayed, Ebrahim Siyadi and Yaqoub Al Mohsin.

Bahrain will compete in athletics, football, basketball, volleyball, handball, weightlifting, table tennis, bowling, karate, swimming and