

# Leipzig down Gladbach

**Berlin**  
RB Leipzig cut Bayern Munich's lead at the top of the Bundesliga to five points yesterday as Emil Forsberg and Timo Werner netted in a 2-0 win at Borussia Moenchengladbach.

Leipzig brushed off

consecutive defeats with an impressive display at Borussia Park to trim the lead of Bayern, who had needed a 96th-minute Robert Lewandowski goal to draw 1-1 at Hertha Berlin on Saturday.

Germany hopeful Werner, who is in contention for a call-up when die Mannschaft play England next month, and Forsberg were involved in both goals as RB returned to winning ways after defeats to Hamburg and Dortmund.

Second-placed RB took the lead when Forsberg, who signed a new deal until 2022 earlier this month, slammed home Werner's pass on 31 minutes for the Swedish playmaker's sixth league goal this season.

Leipzig's Hungary goalkeeper Peter Gulacsi then saved Thorgan Hazard's penalty on the stroke of half-time sending Leipzig into the break at 1-0.

Werner, who is just 20, doubled

RB's tally with his 12th league goal of the season when he swept Forsberg's final pass past Gladbach's goalkeeper Yann Sommer on 55 minutes to put the visitors

2-0 up.

However, Leipzig endured a nervous final 10 minutes as the hosts turned up the pressure.

Gladbach pulled a goal back nine minutes from time when towering Danish centre-back Jannik Vestergaard beat Gulacsi with a header from a corner.

Leipzig's Austria midfielder Marcel Sabitzer forced Sommer into a diving save in added time as RB chased a third goal. The result leaves Leipzig eight points clear of nearest rivals Borussia Dortmund, who beat Wolfsburg 3-0 at home on Saturday to go third. (AFP)

# 'Beautiful' maiden Tour for Hermans

Muscat

Belgium's Ben Hermans yesterday celebrated "the most beautiful" first big win of his career in the Tour of Oman yesterday.

Alexander Kristoff took the final day honours in a sprint with 30-year-old Hermans avoiding any mishaps in the closing sixth stage.

The BMC rider had topped the overall standings since surprising a group of better fancied rivals with a late attack to win Wednesday's second stage.

He followed that up with Saturday's penultimate mountain stage to set up the win which comes after his second place finish in last month's Tour of Valencia.

Hermans' main claim to fame up to this season was serving as lieutenant to his more decorated compatriot Philippe Gilbert.

But after the former world champion's move to Quick Step Hermans has capitalised on what he says is his "newfound responsibility and freedom" at BMC.

"To be worthy of this confidence I worked really hard over the winter, that's clearly the reason behind my early season form," he said. Looking ahead he added: "The aim now will be to build on this in the Ardennes classics."

Kristoff, followed across the line in Muscat by Eduard Grosu of Romania and Italy's Sacha Modolo, was annexing his third stage of the race.

The Katusha rider described the final dash for the line at the end of Ben Hermans a 152 kilometre ride as "very complicated" due to the headwind on Muscat's Muttrah Corniche.

The Norwegian added: "This week is going to give me a

lot of confidence before my main objectives, the Nieuwsblad (a one day race in Belgium) and the Paris-Nice."

In the general rankings, Portuguese rider Rui Costa came in second at 22sec with Italian Fabio Aru in third at 35sec.

Hermans adds his name to a roll of honour in Oman that includes cycling greats Chris Froome and last year's winner Vincenzo Nibali. (AFP)



Leipzig's Emil Forsberg and Moenchengladbach's Andre Hahn vie for the ball



Belgium's Ben Hermans, from BMC Racing Team, raises his arm in celebration

## Football Scores

### English FA Cup fifth-round:

Fulham	0	Tottenham	3
Blackburn	1	Man United	2

### Spanish La Liga:

Real Sociedad	0	Villarreal	1
Valencia	2	Athletic Bilbao	0
Celta Vigo	3	Osasuna	0
Barcelona	2	Leganes	1

### French Ligue 1:

Bordeaux	3	Guingamp	0
Lyon	4	Dijon	2
Montpellier	2	Saint-Etienne	1
PSG	0	Toulouse	0

### Italian Serie A:

Bologna	0	Inter Milan	1
Chievo	1	Napoli	3
Pescara	5	Genoa	0
Sampdoria	1	Cagliari	1
Udinese	1	Sassuolo	2
Roma	4	Torino	1
AC Milan	2	Fiorentina	1

### German Bundesliga:

B. Moenchengladbach	1	RB Leipzig	2
Cologne	1	Schalke 04	1

# Jang takes Australian Open

Adelaide

South Korea's Jang Ha-Na stormed to a three-shot victory in the Australian Open at Royal Adelaide with a blistering eagle-birdie finish yesterday.

The world number six claimed her fourth LPGA tournament win with a sensational flourish to her final round.

Jang, 24, conjured a remarkable finish with an eagle from long range at the 17th followed by a brilliant birdie at the 18th to reach 10-under 282.

Her round of four-under 69 equalled the lowest round of the day but it was done in the

toughest of the conditions with gusty winds.

Jang defeated Denmark's Nanna Madsen on seven-under 285 with a group of four including

Thailand's world number two Ariya Jutanugarn at joint third on six-under 286.

Overnight leader American Lizette Salas, who led by three shots at the 11th hole yesterday, fell away badly to record a five-over 78 and finish tied for seventh.

New Zealand's world number one Lydia Ko never fired in the tournament and finished tied for 46th place. Ko completed just one round under par at Royal Adelaide in her first outing since changing coach, club-makers and caddie. (AFP)



Jang Ha-Na

## Sixth and final stage Results:

- Alexander Kristoff (NOR/Katusha) 2hr 57min 03sec,
- Eduard Grosu (ROM) s.t.
- Sacha Modolo (ITA) s.t.,
- Bert Van Lerberghe (BEL) s.t.,
- Manuel Belletti (ITA) s.t.,
- Ramon Sinkeldam (NED) s.t.,
- Sonny Colbrelli (ITA) s.t.,
- Lasse Hanssen (DEN) s.t.,
- Kristian Sbaragli (ITA) s.t.,
- Roy Jans (BEL) s.t.

## Overall

- Ben Hermans (BEL/BMC) 20hr 56min 20sec,
- Rui Costa (POR) at 22sec
- Fabio Aru (ITA) 35
- Merhawi Kudus (ERY) 58
- Tsgabu Grmay (ETH) 1:12
- Romain Bardet (FRA) 1:17
- Mathias Frank (SUI) 1:19
- Lachlan Morton (AUS) 1:21
- Giovanni Visconti (ITA) 1:33
- Nathan Haas (AUS) 1:38.