

Dortmund triumph



Dortmund's Marc Bartra (L) and Wolfsburg's Daniel Didavi vie for the ball

Berlin

American teenager Christian Pulisic scored and created a goal as he replaced Barcelona target Ousmane Dembele to spark Borussia Dortmund to a 3-0 win over Wolfsburg yesterday.

The 20-year-old Dembele has attempted to force Dortmund into selling him to the Spanish giants by boycotting training and, having been suspended indefinitely, missed his side's opening game of the new German league season.

Dortmund's director of sport Michael Zorc confirmed Dembele will be sold to Barcelona in this transfer window if they meet Borussia's price, reportedly set at 130 million euros (\$152m). Pulisic only turns 19 next month, but the US international was

superb in Wolfsburg as he deputised for Dembele on the right wing.

He drilled home Dortmund's first goal on 23 minutes in a move involving Mario Goetze, back in the Borussia line-up after seven months out with a metabolic disorder.

Dortmund doubled their lead when ex-Barcelona defender Marc Bartra curled in a stunning strike on 27 minutes.

The centre-back, who was badly injured in the April bomb blast targeting the Dortmund team bus, celebrated by kissing the black armband that players on both teams were wearing in support of the victims of this week's Barcelona terror attack. Pulisic then capped a brilliant performance with a pass to put Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang

behind the Wolfsburg defence for the third goal on 60 minutes.

"I can only be happy with the game and the result," said new Dortmund coach Peter Bosz after his first Bundesliga game.

The Dutchman singled out Goetze for praise after the attacking midfielder played the first hour as he rebuilds his fitness after a long lay-off.

"It was obvious that Mario Goetze is an extraordinary player and will be very important for us," said Bosz.

Dortmund top the fledgling table for the time being after defending champions Bayern Munich beat Bayer Leverkusen 3-1 on Friday through goals by new signings Niklas Suele and Corentin Tolisso, and a Robert Lewandowski penalty. (AFP)

Neuville crashes out of German Rally

Saarbrücken

World championship leader Thierry Neuville crashed out of the Rally of Germany with a broken suspension yesterday as Estonia's Ott Tanak underlined his iron-grip on the race.

After 17 of the 21 stages, Tanak holds a commanding 21.4 seconds lead over Norway's Andreas Mikkelsen, while the Estonian's Ford team-mate Sebastian Ogier is third at 29.6 behind going into the final day.

Tanak took two of the stages on Saturday morning while Spain's Dani Sordo claimed a hat-trick of three straight wins on the Panzerplatte arena



Belgium driver Thierry Neuville

which had dried out after Friday's heavy rain had left the drivers battling mud.

"All okay - it's been a clean day,

no mistakes and the other guys have made some. I think we have a good margin. For the moment it looks okay, I don't see any reason to worry," said Tanak.

France's Ogier, the four-time world champion, is set to leave Germany as the overall leader in the world championship after Belgium's Neuville finished the morning's ninth stage speed test with the rear left wheel hanging off his Hyundai i20.

Neuville, who was third overall at that point, and Ogier are tied at the top of the standings, so the Belgian's early exit gives Ogier the opportunity to regain the overall lead. (AFP)

England hammer Windies in 1st Test



England's James Anderson (2nd R) celebrates with teammates

Birmingham

England hammered the West Indies by an innings and 209 runs as the inaugural day/night Test in Britain ended inside three days at Edgbaston yesterday.

West Indies, following on, were bowled out for 137 in their second innings as they lost 19 wickets in total during the day's play.

Victory gave England a 1-0 lead in a three-match series that continues with the second Test at Headingley starting on Friday.

England had established a commanding position thanks to Alastair Cook's 243 and the opener's stand of 248 with captain Joe Root (136) as the home side piled up 514-8 declared.

West Indies slumped to 168 all out in reply, with only Jermaine Blackwood (79 not out) offering

much resistance.

Root enforced the follow-on, with West Indies 346 runs behind, and the tourists promptly collapsed again.

Stuart Broad took three wickets for four runs in 11 balls, including two in two, as he surpassed Ian Botham's tally of 383 Test wickets and moved into second-place in England's all-time list behind longstanding new-ball partner James Anderson. (AFP)

BRIEF SCORE

England 514-8 dec (A Cook 243, J Root 136, D Malan 65; R Chase 4-113) beat West Indies 168 (J Blackwood 79 no; J Anderson 3-34) and 137 (S Broad 3-34) by an innings and 209 runs

US maintain 3 point Solheim Cup lead

Los Angeles

Cristie Kerr set a US Solheim Cup record with her 19th career point as the Americans split yesterday's four foursomes matches with Europe to maintain a three-point lead in the match-play showdown.

Kerr and Lexi Thompson beat England's Jodi Ewart Shadoff and Germany's Caroline Masson 5 & 3 in the first match of the morning, as the US picked up where they left off in the wake of a sweep of Friday afternoon's fourball matches.

Paula Creamer and Austin Ernst beat England's Mel Reid and Dane Emily Pedersen 5 & 3 before Europe hit back with wins in the last two foursomes.

Swede Anna Nordqvist and Georgia Hall beat Stacy Lewis and Gerina Pillier 2 & 1, while Scotland's Catriona Matthew and Karine Icher of France notched a 2 & 1 win over Danielle Kang and Michelle Wie.

Heading into the afternoon fourball matches, the US led the



Cristie Kerr

Ryder Cup-style competition 7 1/2 to 4 1/2.

Kerr passed US captain Juli Inkster for the most points in American Solheim Cup history.

For the second straight day, Kerr and Thompson won the first hole to grab a 1 up lead over their European opponents. (AFP)