

Man City thrash Real Madrid

Los Angeles

Pep Guardiola's Manchester City has spent big to bolster their defence this summer, but showed they will be a force to reckon with at the other end this season in a 4-1 friendly win over Real Madrid on Wednesday.

A second-half blitz in front of 93,000 fans at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum saw City secure their first pre-season victory in

style. Real were unable to contain Guardiola's side once they got their noses in front early in the second half.

The £28.5 million (32 million euros, \$37 million) spent by City on Nicolas Otamendi two years ago now almost seems like small change after City have splashed out around £50 million each on Kyle Walker, John Stones and Benjamin Mendy over the last 12 months.

But after Otamendi pounced from a couple of yards out to smash the ball into the net, the entire complexion of the International Champions Cup encounter changed.

Until that point, Real had been the more dangerous side in an end-to-end encounter, with Isco, in particular, causing City's back

five problems with his range of passing.

City's new £32 million keeper Ederson - culpable in last week's friendly defeat to neighbours Manchester United - was forced to produce smart saves to deny Isco, Karim Benzema and Casemiro, with the latter also heading against the post.

Gabriel Jesus and Sergio Aguero both went close at the other end, but once Otamendi found the net in the 52nd minute, on the rebound after Stones's header was saved, City were rampant.

Substitute Raheem Sterling calmly tucked away a lovely through-ball from the impressive Kevin De Bruyne just moments after firing a shot inches wide.

The advantage was then extended

to three after Stones scuffed a shot into the far corner from a De Bruyne corner.

City were twice denied a third by the woodwork, with Francisco Casilla producing a stunning fingertip save to push De Bruyne's free-kick onto the post and then Leroy Sane smashing the ball against the near post within seconds of entering the field.

But the icing on the cake arrived for Guardiola's side in the final 10 minutes, when 17-year-old Spaniard Brahim Diaz cut inside off the right and curled a beauty into the top corner from the edge of the area.

Real grabbed a late consolation when Oscar Rodriguez produced a stunning effort from 30 yards which soared into the top corner. (AFP)

Eliaquim Mangala #15 and Raheem Sterling #7 congratulate Brahim Diaz #55 of Manchester City after he scored a goal

Ledecky wins fourth gold

Budapest

Katie Ledecky led the USA to the women's 4x200m freestyle title at the world championships yesterday with a powerful anchor leg to win her fourth gold medal in Budapest.

Ledecky touched the wall at seven minutes, 43.39 seconds while Li Bingjie, who took silver for China, finished at 1.57 secs back and Adriane Titmus earned bronze for Australia at 5.12.

Victory marked a great night for the United States after Chase Kalisz earlier won the men's 200m individual medley gold.

Then Caeleb Dressel and Nathan Adrian came first and second respectively in the men's 100m freestyle final.



Gold medallists USA's Katie Ledecky, Melanie Margalis, Mallory Comerford and Leah Smith celebrate on the podium

Ledecky swung the relay for the USA quartet when she dived in for the final leg.

She was on Li's shoulder for the first 50 metres, but made her move at the first turn and ended up finishing a full length

ahead of the Chinese.

Having been beaten into joint second by Federica Pellegrini in Wednesday's 200m freestyle -- Ledecky's first defeat in 13 finals at world championships -- the 20-year-

old freestyle queen bounced back in style.

Ledecky has now won five medals at these championships after gold in the 400m freestyle, 1500m freestyle, the 4x100m, plus that 200m silver. (AFP)

Belmonte adds 200m fly world title to Olympic gold

Budapest

Spain's Mireia Belmonte won the women's 200m butterfly title at the world championships yesterday to add to her Olympic gold medal.

Belmonte touched the wall in two minutes, 05.26 seconds with Germany's Franziska Hentke taking silver at 0.13 back and Hungary's Katinka Hosszu earning bronze at 0.63.

Having won world silver at home in Barcelona four years ago, Belmonte has gone one better a year after being crowned Olympic champion in Rio.

"This is one of the best moments of my life," said



Mireia Belmonte competes

the Spaniard. "This golden medal was the last which was missing from my collection.

"Rio is the best moment in my life, but this is an important moment. The key to win this final was the first 100 metres." (AFP)

Dressel bags men's 100m world title

Budapest

Caeleb Dressel won the men's 100m freestyle final at the world championships yesterday to bag his third title in Budapest and give the United States the gold and silver.

Dressel touched the wall first at 47.17 seconds with compatriot Nathan Adrian, the 2012 Olympic champion, second at 0.70 back as France's Mehdy Metella earned bronze at 0.72.

"Right now, it's all smiles,"

said Dressel. "I'll let it sink in a bit, it's my first and last event tonight, so I'm excited.



"Man - it's nice to go one-two with Nathan, there's nothing like seeing Americans on top.

"I just want to do my best each time with I go into the water with the flag on my cap."

The 20-year-old completed his hat-trick of world golds by powering home over the final 50 metres in a commanding display having already been part of the victorious 4x100m freestyle and mixed 4x100m medley relay squads. (AFP)

Brazil's Medeiros takes women's 50m gold

Budapest

Brazil's Etiene Medeiros won the women's 50m backstroke gold at the world championships yesterday in a desperately tight final which she won on the wall.

Medeiros clocked 27.14 seconds, a new Americas record just 0.08 away from the world record set in 2009, while China's Fu Yuanhui took silver at 0.01 back.

Bulgaria's Aliaksandra Herasimenia earned bronze



Gold medallist Brazil's Etiene Medeiros (C), silver medallist China's Fu Yuanhui (L) and bronze medallist Belarus' Aliaksandra Herasimenia celebrate on the podium

at just 0.09 behind as all finished within half a second of Medeiros. (AFP)