



Two-goal Eder sinks Bayern

Singapore

Eder scored two headers to lead Inter Milan to a 2-0 victory against a lacklustre Bayern Munich yesterday in a pre-season friendly game in Singapore.

There was a scare for the German champions when Franck Ribery limped off towards the end of the first half, but coach Carlo Ancelotti said later he suffered a minor ankle injury and would be back in action in days.

Bayern dominated early on but it was Inter that managed to get a goal in the eighth minute against the run of play.

An Antonio Candreva cross found 30-year-old Eder, who

dispatched his header past the Bayern goalkeeper Sven Ulreich.

Playing in front of a crowd of about 23,000 in the city-state's main stadium, Inter scored their second in the 30th minute on another quick counter attack.

Croatian winger Ivan Perisic picked out Eder with a pin-point cross, leaving the striker to score his second header of the game.

Ribery had seemed the biggest threat for Inter, although the German champions seemed to lack their usual cutting edge.

But four minutes after the second goal, he left the

pitch with an injury, with the Frenchman substituted for Milos Pantovic.

Bayern said Ribery needed stitches for a cut to an ankle but Ancelotti added it was a "small problem" and the player would be back in action in three to four days.

Eder did not get the chance to complete a hat-trick as he was taken off on 50 minutes by Inter coach Luciano Spalletti for Gabriel Barbosa.

Bayern grew into the game but never looked completely comfortable, even with the introduction of Thomas Mueller, who scored two goals in the side's 3-2 victory over Chelsea in a friendly match in

Inter Milan's Eder (R) celebrates with teammate Ivan Perisic (2nd L) after his second goal



Singapore Tuesday.

The result was a boost for Inter Milan boss Luciano Spalletti, who took over at the club last month.

"Overall, Inter played a very good game," he said after the match. "I'm very proud of my team. We played very well

on the defence line as well as the forward line."

Despite the disappointing result, Bayern boss Carlo Ancelotti praised the performance of Renato Sanches, who came on as a second-half substitute.

The Portuguese midfielder

had a disappointing first season at Bayern and AC Milan and Manchester United are rumoured to be chasing him.

The game was part of the International Champions Cup, which brings together top-tier teams from Europe. (AFP)

USA lift sixth CONCACAF Gold Cup

Santa Clara

Jordan Morris's late strike lifted the United States to a 2-1 victory over Jamaica on Wednesday in the CONCACAF Gold Cup final.

The United States captured their sixth Gold Cup crown -- one shy of Mexico's record seven victories in the regional championship for North and Central America and the Caribbean.

Morris sealed it in dramatic fashion with a goal in the 89th minute.

A misdirected Jamaican clearance was knocked down by



The USA team celebrates winning the final football game

US super-sub Clint Dempsey near the penalty spot and Morris blazed a right-footed shot past Jamaican keeper

Dwayne Miller and inside the right post.

Jozy Altidore's superb free kick had put the United States

ahead in the 45th minute, but Jamaica's Je-Vaughn Watson equalized in the 50th as the underdog Jamaicans pushed

the US hard.

Jamaica were playing in their second straight Gold Cup final, after falling to Mexico in 2015.

That year they ousted the United States in the semi-finals, while this year they sent the Mexicans packing.

Although they have joined the US and Mexico as the only teams to reach back-to-back finals, they are now just the second team to lose consecutive title matches.

Since the inception of the Gold Cup, Mexico and the US have won all but one edition, with Canada triumphing in 2000. Jamaica lost their talismanic goalkeeper, Andre Blake, to a hand injury early in the contest. (AFP)