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De Roon, Pasalic fire Atalanta into fourth

AFP | Milan, Italy

Midfielders Marten de Roon and Mario Pasalic scored late as Atalanta beat Udinese 2-0 to surge back into the top four in Serie A on Monday.

The side from Bergamo move ahead of Roma into the final Champions League spot days after booking their ticket to the Coppa Italia final on May 15 against Lazio.

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Atalanta with 59 points from 34 games move one point ahead of Roma who drop to fifth with four games left of the campaign.

"We're experiencing something remarkable, the lads are doing incredible things," said coach Gian Piero Gasperini as his team target a place in top-tier European football for the first time.

"It's in our hands now."

Inter Milan, on 62 points, are just three points ahead of Atalanta, with Roma a point behind followed by Torino and AC Milan both on 56 with Lazio still in the running in seventh on 55.

"Roma have only one point



Marten De Roon of Atalanta BC in action

then less than us, but the others are all there too," continued Gasperini.

"There are twelve points and all have to win at least three games to make sure they play it, then if we win four, it's mathematical.

"We can all do the tables, we are all inside and no one is left

out. "This is the extraordinary thing about this championship and it makes everything even more fascinating."

Free-flowing Atalanta were contained by northern rivals Udinese for much of the match before Netherlands international De Roon opened the scoring

from the penalty spot after 81 minutes after Sandro brought down Andrea Masiello in the box.

Croatia playmaker Pasalic added a second four minutes later for his third goal in five matches.

"We knew it would be difficult, Udinese are superior to



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their current ranking," said Gasperini of the north-eastern side who are just four points above the drop zone.

Atalanta play Lazio in Serie A next Sunday in the Stadio Olimpico, ten days before returning to Rome again for the Coppa Italia final.

Their final three games will be against Genoa, champions Juventus and Sassuolo.

Sassuolo moved up to tenth on Monday with a 1-0 win over Fiorentina.

Domenico Berardi scored the only goal after 37 minutes to extend Fiorentina's winless run to ten games, as the Tuscany side drop to 12th.

BDS Bassali excel in ETS League

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BDS Bassali defeated Pak Arab Zalmi by 47 runs in the Div A ETS League organized by Cricket Bahrain Association.

Batting first BDS Bassali posted 205 runs. Asif Siddiqui top scored with 63 runs. He was well supported by Junaid Aziz who made 56 runs. In reply Zalmi could only manage 158 runs. Ahsan Khan top scored with 55 runs. Junaid Aziz claimed 5 wickets for BDS Bassali.

BCC defeated Awan Bassali by 96 runs in another fixture. Batting first BCC posted 185 runs. Wasif Iqbal top scored with 43 runs. Mohd Khurram claimed 3 wickets for Bassali. In reply Bassali could only manage 89 runs. Anasim Khan claimed 3 wickets for BCC

Wimbledon prize money rises 11.8 pc

Reuters | London

Wimbledon prize money will total 38 million pounds (\$49 million) for this year's championships, a rise of 11.8 percent, the All England Club announced.

The men's and women's singles champions will receive 2.35 million pounds each — 100,000 more than in 2018.

NMS, ISB advance into semi finals

● **Anantha Krishnan hits the first century of the tournament**

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Indian School vice captain Ananthakrishnan hit the first century of his career and the first in the CBA - ALBA under 14 Cricket tournament as his team defeated Ibn Al Hytham Islamic School.

Batted first the Indian School scored a huge total of 180 for 5 wickets. The highlight of the innings were an unbeaten 115 runs in just 69 balls by Ananthakrishnan. In reply Ibn Al Hytham was bowled out for 50 runs. Ishan Lakshmi-kant was the most successful bowler who took 4 wickets for 6 runs. Nachiket and Aryan Pande claimed 2 wickets each.

New Millennium School captain Aryan Koul has scored the fastest Half century (66 in 29 balls against Bangladesh school. Batted first New Millennium School piled up 174 for 6 wickets. Aryan Koul top scored with 65 and Tejas Prabhurajan played a very useful innings with 44 runs.

Saifat Ahmed was the most successful bowler who took 3 wickets for 35 runs. In reply



Anantha Krishnan

Bangladesh School was all out for 59 runs. Sashank Shukla was the main wicket taker who claimed 4 wickets for 9 runs and Rujul Shyam gave a good support with 2 wickets for 16 runs.

New Millennium School and Indian School from Group - A and Colts Bahrain and Combined School from group - B have entered the semi finals of the CBA - ALBA under 14 School cricket tournament on Saturday at Alba Ground.

New Millennium was unbeatable in the league matches and has entered semi finals with full 8 points. The Indian School has placed second in the group and

entered the Semi finals with 6 points.

New Millennium School beat Indian School by 6 wickets in the last league match.

The highlight of the match was a superb batting performance of Aryan Koul who scored a quick fire 40 in just 24 balls and an unbeaten 32 by the opener Tejas Prabhurajan. (The Indian School -119 for 8 wickets. Aryan Pande -22. New Millennium -120 for 4 wickets. Aryan Koul -40, Tejas Prabhurajan 34not out.)

In Group-B, Colts Bahrain beat Pakistan Urdu School by 4 wickets in their last league match to enter the semi finals. (Pakistan Urdu School - 75 all out. Taha Khan top scored with 16 runs. Colts Bahrain -76 for 6 wickets. Ayan Khan 36 not out. Elton Joseph (3 wickets for 15 runs) and Deon Shaji 2 wickets for 13 runs.

The Combined School beat Pakistan Urdu School by 41 runs in their last league match to enter the semi finals. Combined School has scored 150 for 3 wickets. Opener Aryan Soni (51) has scored a superb half Century and made 103 runs for the first wicket with Arnav Nair, who scored an unbeaten 31 runs.

The semi finals will be played today and finals will be played on Saturday.

Australia's Warner sees run-packed World Cup

AFP | Hyderabad, India

Australia batsman David Warner yesterday predicted a high-scoring World Cup in the uncertain English conditions.

Warner headed off to the Australian camp after ending his Indian Premier League with a 56-ball 81 to help Sunrisers Hyderabad thrash Kings XI Punjab by 45 runs on Monday.

His knock, laced with seven fours and two sixes, capped off a successful return to top-level competitive cricket from a ball-tampering scandal.

The 32-year-old left the IPL on top of the batting rankings with 692 runs from 12 innings, including eight fifties and a century.

Warner predicted the World Cup, where Australia are defending champions, will be more IPL style high-octane cricket.

"This World Cup, you'll see some high scores," Warner said. "For the batter, hopefully the ball isn't swinging too much."

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Warner and former Australian captain Steve Smith served 12-month bans for cheating in a Cape Town Test in March last year along with teammate Cameron Bancroft, who missed nine months.

Warner and Smith both performed well in the IPL to boost their confidence ahead of joining Australia's World Cup training camp in Brisbane on Thursday.

Smith was made Rajasthan Royals captain midway into the league despite not being eligible to lead the national side.



Sunrisers Hyderabad cricketer David Warner gestures as he walks back to the pavilion during the 2019 Indian Premier League (IPL) Twenty20 cricket match between Sunrisers Hyderabad and Kings XI Punjab

Warner said the break away from cricket had given him time to reflect on his game.

"I have had time off to work harder at my game. I put the bat down for 16-18 weeks and tried to be the best man I can be, the best husband I can be and that's worked for me."

Warner is keen to build on his IPL success when Australia start the World Cup against Afghanistan on June 1 in Bristol.