

Klopp says Liverpool don't have enough players to rotate



Jurgen Klopp speaks with Fabinho after a match (file photo)

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Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp says his mounting injury list ahead of Tuesday's Champions League clash with Ajax Amsterdam means he does not have enough fit players to rotate his squad.

The latest player to be sidelined at Anfield is utility man James Milner who suffered a hamstring injury in Saturday's 1-1 draw at Brighton & Hove Albion.

Klopp said Spanish midfielder Thiago Alcantara remains out for a few more weeks and full back Trent Alexander-Arnold has not yet been given the green light to return to full training.

Central defenders Virgil van Dijk and Joe Gomez both remain out with a long-term injuries while forward Xherdan Shaqiri and midfielder Naby Keita are also missing for Tuesday's game.

Asked if the busy schedule meant he would have to prioritise between European and domestic competition, Klopp said

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he never made such choices and that in any case he was in no position to rotate his squad.

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Liverpool will go through to the knockout stage from Group D if they avoid defeat by Ajax and will be group winners if they win and Atalanta fail to beat Midtjylland.

Asked about dealing with a fixture pile-up while facing a lengthy injury list, Klopp said he had no choice but to cope with the circumstances.

BRAVE CF announces nominees for KO Of The Year

Voting for BRAVE CF 2020 Year Of Change Awards begins

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BRAVE CF had a memorable 2020 as the promotion navigated its way through the challenges of COVID19 to deliver 12 groundbreaking shows in four different countries. While memories from the year are aplenty, the knockouts artfully delivered by the athletes have been some of the most thrilling highlights.

To celebrate the top blows landed in 2020, BRAVE CF has now released the top seven knockouts of the year and fans have been entrusted with deciding the best KO of the year through online voting. This means that knockout of the year is aptly the first category from the prestigious awards to have all its nominees.

Seven athletes, all of them from different countries, have been nominated for the awards. The first nominee is Mihai Laurentiu who knocked out Ioan Vranceanu with a devastating head kick at BRAVE CF 35. Kevin Ruart, from Switzerland, is the second nominee on the list. His knockout of Ion Surdu with an



Nominees

Mihai Laurentiu def. Ioan Vranceanu - BRAVE CF 35
Kevin Ruart def. Ion Surdu - BRAVE CF 36
Bianca Antman def. Veera Nykanen - BRAVE CF 37
Rahmatullah Yousufzai def. Abdulmanap Magomedov - BRAVE CF 41
Sam Patterson def. Felipe Silva - BRAVE CF 41
Amin Ayoub def. Cleiton Predator - BRAVE CF 44
Yann Liasse def. Abbas Khan - BRAVE CF 44

impressive punch gave him victory in the first round in their bout in BRAVE CF 36. The next on the list is another kick, this time by Bianca Antman who earned a big statement win over Veera Nykanen with a stupendous head kick knockout at BRAVE CF 37.

Also featured is Rahmatullah Yousufzai who defeated Abdulmanap Magomedov with thunderous punches at BRAVE CF 41. Soon after Yousufzai's spectacle at BRAVE 41, Sam Patterson shocked the world on the same night with a clinical finish against veteran Felipe Silva.

Patterson's sniping right hand delivered the winning blow for the Englishman.

Amin Ayoub's title-clinching knock out of Cleiton Predator at BRAVE CF 44 is also featured. Amin gave the then champion his first TKO loss in 8 years. Yann Liasse's impressive win over Abbas Khan after an exhilarating flying knee and punches at BRAVE 44 also made the list.

The best KO will be announced based on the voting results from the fans who have the chance to vote by visiting BRAVE CF's official Instagram account (www.instagram.com/bravemmaf). Nominees for other categories will be announced soon.



An agreement for the construction of the new tennis courts at the Bahrain Tennis Club was signed, by Khamis Muhammad Al Muqila, President of the Bahrain Tennis Club, and Jaiil J. Zabar, Managing Director of the Gulf Fencing and Specialist Surfacing Est. W.L.L., in the presence of Mirza Al Sammak, Vice President of the Bahrain Tennis Club and Khaled Ghuloom Ali, the club's board member. According to the agreement, the Gulf Fencing and Specialist Surfacing Est. W.L.L will construct two new tennis courts in the Bahrain Tennis Club, with comprehensive maintenance and renovation work for Tennis court No.6, so that the club has 10 tennis courts, all in compliance with international specifications, qualifying BTC to host the largest International Tennis Tournaments

Real's Hazard sidelined with thigh injury

Reuters | Madrid

Real Madrid have confirmed that their Belgium forward Eden Hazard has suffered a thigh injury, with local media reporting that the problem will keep him out for at least three weeks.

Hazard had to be replaced in the 28th minute of Saturday's shock home defeat by Alaves

36 games have been missed by Eden Hazard through injury for Real with a number of different issues

and has endured a torrid time with injuries since joining the club in 2019.

“Following tests carried out today on our player, Eden Hazard, by Real Madrid Medical Services, he has been diagnosed with an injury in the rectus femoris muscle of his right leg. His recovery will continue to be assessed,” said a club statement on Monday.

Bahrain's Murtaza Talha and Ramazan Gitinov nominated to IMMAF Award

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The Kingdom of Bahrain is the biggest powerhouse in MMA around the world, as the Bahrain national team is currently ranked number one in the IMMAF national rankings and the positive results won't stop piling up.

After Bahraini Sabrina de Sousa got nominated for the IMMAF Amateur MMA Awards in the Best Female Athlete category, two more members of the Bahrain National Team got



Murtaza Talha celebrates after a win

nominations: Murtaza Talha and Ramazan Gitinov.

Murtaza Talha is a double IMMAF World Champion undefeated in his amateur tenure. He recently made his professional transition with BRAVE Combat Federation. On November 19, Talha submitted Vadim Litvin in the first round at BRAVE CF 45 to earn his first pro victory.

Ramazan Gitinov is currently ranked number one pound-for-pound in the IMMAF rankings and won the World Championship and the European Open Championship in the Welterweight division. Gitinov is on a 12-win streak and remains undefeated since 2017.

The two nominations are yet another example of the Kingdom of Bahrain excellence when it comes to the sport of Mixed Martial Arts and the fruitful results of His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa's investment in the development of MMA through KHK MMA, the Bahrain MMA Federation, and BRAVE Combat Federation.

Given the special circumstances, the IMMAF Amateur MMA Awards will be held virtually, through video conference, but the votes in the athletes categories, such as Sabrina de Sousa from Bahrain's one, will be casted by all member federations across the globe.



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