

Champions League needs VAR, says Guardiola as City gain from penalty

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Manchester City needed no help to swat aside Shakhtar Donetsk 6-0 to move to the brink of the Champions League last 16, but got a boost with a farcical penalty award that led to even manager Pep Guardiola to call for the introduction of VAR.

Hungarian referee Viktor Kassai remarkably pointed to the spot when Raheem Sterling tripped himself up as he bore down on goal midway through the first half with City already leading 1-0 through David Silva's opener.

"It's not (a penalty)," said Guardiola. "VAR doesn't exist in UEFA so that is the problem."

Despite some controversial calls, the use of video referees was largely deemed successful at the World Cup and will be introduced in the Champions League next season.

However, Guardiola, who was sent to the stands for protesting a goal City had wrongly ruled out in a quarter-final elimination to Liverpool last season, called for it to be used in the competition this term.

Jennings ton puts Lanka on the ropes

Keaton Jennings hits undefeated 146 as England set Sri Lanka 462 to win



England batsman Ben Stokes cuts the ball to pick up some runs watched by Sri Lanka wicketkeeper Niroshan Dickwella

AFP | Galle, Sri Lanka

Keaton Jennings century helped England put Sri Lanka on the ropes in the first Test yesterday, setting the hosts a daunting 462 to win at notoriously low-scoring Galle.

England declared at 322 for six on day three with Jennings 146 not out after a patient innings that saw him deal deftly

with the home side's spin attack.

At the close of play, Sri Lanka were 15 without loss with Dimuth Karunaratne on seven and Kaushal Silva on eight after hanging on for seven overs, with a further 447 to make at a ground where no team has successfully chased more than 99.

In the morning session a somewhat shaky Rory Burns, brought in to fill the huge shoes of the retired Alastair Cook,

was run out for 23.

Moeen Ali, out first ball in the first innings, fared little better, driving straight to Rangana Herath at mid-on off Dilruwan Perera for three.

Herath, in his last game before retiring, then got England captain Joe Root out for the second time in the match, caught behind for three.

But Jennings played cautiously and looked comfortable against spin against Perera and the other spinners. An LBW

appeal off Dhananjaya de Silva when Jennings was on 58 was turned down and Sri Lanka chose not to review.

Ben Stokes hit a brisk 62 off 93 balls that saw three sixes, including one back over Perera's head and an almighty sweep high over midwicket off Dhananjaya de Silva to bring up the 300.

But shortly before tea he became Perera's second scalp, a demon of a ball pitching outside leg and angling back to take the Durham all-rounder's off stump.

SCOREBOARD

England first innings 342 (B. Foakes 107, S. Curran 48; S. Lakmal 3-18, D. Perera 5-31)
Sri Lanka first innings 203 (A. Mathews 52; M. Ali 4-66)

England second innings

R. Burns run out 23
K. Jennings not out 146
M. Ali c Herath b Perera 3
J. Root c Dickwella b Herath 3

B. Stokes b Perera 62
J. Buttler c Silva b Herath 35
B. Foakes c Mendis b Dananjaya 37
S. Curran not out 0
Extras (b4, lb7, nb2) 13
Total (6 wickets, 93 overs) 322
Did not bat: A. Rashid, J. Leach, J. Anderson
Bowling: Perera 30-3-94-2, Lakmal 9-2-30-0, Herath 23-1-59-2, Dananjaya 18.5-2-87-1, de Silva 12.1-2-41-0
Fall of wickets 1-60 (Burns), 2-67 (Ali), 3-74 (Root), 4-181 (Stokes), 5-258 (Buttler), 6-319 (Foakes)

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