

# English clubs stumble

Yamal denies Newcastle, Liverpool lose and Atletico thrash Spurs in Champions League

● **Yamal scores 96th-minute penalty for Barcelona**

● **Newcastle draw 1-1 after Harvey Barnes opener**

● **Atletico Madrid beat Tottenham 5-2**

● **Bayern Munich thrash Atalanta 6-1 in Italy**

● **Liverpool lose 1-0 to Galatasaray again**

AFP | Paris

Lamine Yamal's last-gasp penalty earned Barcelona a 1-1 draw at Newcastle United in the first leg of their Champions League last-16 tie on Tuesday, while Liverpool lost 1-0 to Galatasaray in Istanbul for the second time this season.

Atletico Madrid piled more misery on Tottenham Hotspur by winning 5-2 on a nightmare evening for visiting goalkeeper Antonin Kinsky, while Bayern Munich are all but through to the quarter-finals after thrashing Atalanta 6-1 in Italy.

At St James' Park, Newcastle were heading for a night to savour when Harvey Barnes broke the deadlock on 86 minutes as he turned in a Jacob Murphy cross for his sixth Champions League goal this season.

However, Barcelona were awarded a penalty deep in injury time when Dani Olmo was tripped by Malick Thiaw and Yamal -- a peripheral figure



Barcelona's Spanish forward #10 Lamine Yamal passes the ball whilst under pressure from Newcastle United's English midfielder #20 Lewis Hall

throughout the game -- converted with the last kick of the match in the 96th minute.

That will make Newcastle's task harder going to the Camp Nou for the return next Wednesday as they aim to reach the quarter-finals for the first time.

"There's hope, of course there is. We believe in ourselves, we believe in our capabilities. I think we've shown that today," said Newcastle manager Eddie Howe.

The winners of that tie look likely to face Atletico in the last eight, after Diego Simeone's side tore apart Spurs at the Metropolitan, with Julian Alvarez scoring twice.

It was a horrible night for struggling Tottenham and an especially dreadful one for their

Czech goalkeeper Kinsky, whose two previous appearances this season had come in the League Cup.

His slip when attempting to clear led to Marcos Llorente slotting in Atletico's sixth-minute opener, and Antoine Griezmann then took advantage of a Micky van de Ven slip to grab another for the hosts.

The game was just 15 minutes old when Kinsky made a complete mess of an attempted first-time pass, gifting the ball to Alvarez for 3-0.

The 22-year-old Kinsky's humiliation was compounded as he was then substituted by coach Igor Tudor, but replacement Guglielmo Vicario could not keep out Robin Le Normand's header to make it 4-0 midway

through the first half.

Pedro Porro pulled one back, but Alvarez ran half the length of the pitch following a superb Griezmann lay-off to get Atletico's fifth early in the second half.

Dominic Solanke fired in on 76 minutes to make it 5-2, perhaps giving Spurs a glimmer of hope for the return.

## Brilliant Bayern hit six

However, it is hard to see how they arrest a slump which has seen them lose all four games under new coach Tudor, and six on the bounce overall.

"Unfortunately, it happened in this big game, these mistakes. So we paid for this start of the game, it was too much for us," lamented Tudor, who said he needed to "preserve" the devastated Kinsky by taking him off.

"I've been coaching for 15 years, I've never done this. It was necessary to preserve the guy, preserve the team."

Earlier, Liverpool lost by a single goal to Galatasaray, just as they had when the clubs met in Turkey in the league phase.

Mario Lemina scored the only goal for the Turkish league leaders, heading in from close range after Victor Osimhen nodded down a corner.

Osimhen had the ball in the net again in the second half, only for an offside decision to come to Liverpool's rescue.

The Anfield side will need to do much better if they are to turn the tie around next week at home.

"It's already a difficult place to come to, but when you're 1-0 down it makes it even harder," said Liverpool boss Arne Slot.

Bayern confirmed their status as one of the leading contenders to win the competition by crushing Atalanta in Bergamo, with Michael Olise in inspired form.

Harry Kane played no part as Josip Stanisic tapped in an early opener and Olise applied a great finish to make it 2-0 midway through the first half.

Olise set up Serge Gnabry to make it 3-0 before half-time, and the latter also hit the bar late in the first half.

Nicolas Jackson got the fourth early in the second half, and the outstanding Olise curled in the fifth, his 15th of the season.



Tottenham Hotspur's Czech goalkeeper #31 Antonin Kinsky (R) is hugged by Tottenham Hotspur's Italian goalkeeper #01 Guglielmo Vicario as he is substituted



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TOTTENHAM COACH IGOR TUDOR

Jamal Musiala netted the sixth, and there is surely no way back for Atalanta, even if Mario Pasalic got one back in stoppage time.



In a move described as a mercy substitution to "preserve" the player, Tottenham coach Igor Tudor pulled 22-year-old goalkeeper Antonin Kinsky after just 15 minutes following three catastrophic errors that gifted Atletico a 3-0 lead



Bayern Munich's French midfielder #17 Michael Olise tries to score against Atalanta's Italian goalkeeper #29 Marco Carnesecchi

## Olise could be world great, says Kompany

AFP | Bergamo

Vincent Kompany said that Michael Olise could become one of the world's best footballers after the France international starred with a brace in Bayern Munich's 6-1 thumping of Atalanta.

Olise was all over the pitch and drew applause from Atalanta's passionate home sup-

port when he crashed home his second of the night, and Bayern's fifth in the 64th minute.

"He arrived with a mentality that gives him a chance to be one of the best players in the world," Kompany told reporters.

"I don't want to compare the players, because they are not the same players at all. But the mentality, when I played with

Kevin De Bruyne, I was lucky to watch him come through as a young player and see him become a superstar, a world star.

"It is that obsession for detail. And Michael has that. It's not enough. So I think we have to push him to do more. But he's on a very good trajectory and it's a pleasure to witness it."



Atletico Madrid's French forward #07 Antoine Griezmann (R) scores his team's second goal

## Griezmann dreaming big at Atletico

AFP | Madrid

Atletico Madrid star Antoine Griezmann confirmed he plans to stay at the club and dreams of "doing something big" after thrashing Tottenham 5-2 yesterday.

The French forward, 34, had been heavily linked with a move to MLS side Orlando City before the end of March, when the American league's transfer window closes.

However Griezmann found the net in Atletico's big last 16 first leg triumph and, with a Copa del Rey final to come in April, is dreaming of silverware.

"I am very good here, enjoying myself a lot, what I do

on the pitch speaks for itself," Griezmann told Movistar.

"We will see, but the idea is to go until the final and let others talk.

"(Playing in the Copa del Rey final) is my dream, my objective and I hope we can do something big."

Atletico, who finished as runners-up in the 2014 and 2016 Champions League finals, have a great chance to reach the quarter-finals.

"We took advantage of some errors of theirs, they were slipping a lot on the pitch and we're used to it," said Griezmann.

"We wanted to press them a lot, and we did, the errors came from our pressing."