

Portugal crush Lithuania

Cristiano Ronaldo breaks Euros record with four-goal haul in Portugal rout

● Ronaldo scored early in the first half and added three more in the second after the hosts had evened the match before halftime

Reuters | Vilnius

Portugal captain Cristiano Ronaldo took his international tally to 93 goals when he scored four times to give the European champions a 5-1 win away to Lithuania in their Euro 2020 qualifier on Tuesday.

Playing in his 161st international, the 34-year-old notched his eighth hat-trick for his country and the 54th of his remarkable career to help Portugal through what had threatened to turn into a frustrating evening.

Unheralded midfielder William Carvalho completed the rout in stoppage time as Portugal stayed second in Group B with eight points, five behind leaders Ukraine with one game in hand.

Serbia are a further point behind in third after a 3-1 win in Luxembourg.

"I scored one goal against Serbia and four today and what I want most is to continue like this," said Ronaldo, who converted an early penalty and then added three second-half goals.

Portugal coach Fernando San-



Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo controls the ball

tos said: "Ronaldo is the best player in the world, this is clear and unmistakable proof".

Lithuania, bottom with one point, missed an early chance when Vyckintas Slivka fired over from close range and they quickly paid the price when Markus

Palionis handled a Joao Felix cross and Ronaldo put away the spot kick in the fifth minute.

Lithuania goalkeeper Ernestas Setkus made an excellent save to prevent Edvinas Girdvainis turning the ball into his own net but Vytautas Andriuskevicius

then grabbed a surprise equaliser, rising above his marker to head home from a corner in the 28th.

Good chances

Ronaldo set up good chances for Felix and Bernardo Silva,

which were wasted, after the break before taking matters into his own hands.

Just as Portugal were beginning to show signs of frustration, Ronaldo produced a low shot which bobbed twice in front of Setkus in the 62nd minute.

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international goals have been scored by Cristiano Ronaldo in 161 matches for Portugal

The Lithuania goalkeeper got his hand to it, but it hit his head and bounced into the net.

Three minutes later, Ronaldo was left free in the area to sweep home Bernardo Silva's cross and Silva also provided the pass for Ronaldo to sidefoot his fourth 11 minutes later.

Carvalho's goal, his fourth in 60 games, was a fitting reward for a player who keeps the Portugal midfield ticking over without getting much attention.

"I'm convinced that these players are capable of finishing top of this group," said Santos.

Aleksandar Mitrovic scored twice to keep Serbia's hopes alive with a win in Luxembourg. He headed Serbia in front after 36 minutes and Nemanja Radonjic curled in the second 10 minutes after the restart.

Substitute David Turpel pulled one back and Serbia were on the ropes until Sergej Milinkovic-Savic produced a delightful reverse pass for Mitrovic to fire in the third.

Langer denies Smith was mocking Leach with glasses celebration



Australia's Steve Smith plays a shot during the fourth day of the fourth Ashes cricket Test

Reuters | London

Australia's Steve Smith was impersonating their bespectacled former opening batsman Chris Rogers by donning glasses after winning the fourth test at Old Trafford and not mocking England spinner Jack Leach, coach Justin Langer said on Tuesday.

Smith was seen wearing a pair of glasses while celebrating with his team mates in a huddle during Australia's victory celebrations after the visitors retained the Ashes with a 185-run win that gave them a 2-1 lead in the series.

Leach was an unlikely hero in the third test at Headingley when he came in at number 11 and helped centurion Ben Stokes chase 359 to win. The spinner was seen repeatedly wiping his glasses between deliveries.

France ease past Andorra

● Kingsley Coman scores again to lead France to 3-0 win over Andorra in the Euro qualifier

● Antoine Griezmann missed a penalty again but later set up a goal for France

AFP | Paris



France's Kingsley Coman during the build up to score their first goal

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KINGSLEY COMAN

Another goal from Kingsley Coman set France on their way to a 3-0 victory over Andorra in their Euro 2020 qualifying clash at the Stade de France on Tuesday as Antoine Griezmann missed a penalty for his country for the second game running.

Coman had scored twice in Saturday's 4-1 win over Albania at the same venue and this time he opened the scoring in the 18th minute against their Pyrenean neighbours, ranked a lowly 136th in the world.

"It has been a very good week. It has gone well personally and collectively," Coman told television station TF1.

Having hit the bar with a penalty against Albania, Barcelona star Griezmann had a spot-kick saved before the half-hour mark here, but his club colleague Clement Lenglet headed in his first international goal to make it 2-0 in the second half.

Wissam Ben Yedder wrapped

up the win for Didier Deschamps' team on what was a notable occasion, as France played their 100th game at the stadium where they won the World Cup final in 1998.

The world champions could have won by more -- they hit the woodwork twice in the second half against an Andorra side who fought bravely but remain without a point or a goal after six qualifiers.

Les Bleus are joint-top of

qualifying Group H with 15 points after six games, level with Turkey and three ahead of Iceland with the top two teams advancing to next year's 24-team, Europe-wide finals.

"We came together to get six points in September and we have got the job done," Deschamps told TF1.

Turkey, who beat France at home in June, won 4-0 in Moldova on Tuesday and visit France next month.

Iceland's hopes of qualifying suffered a major blow on Tuesday when they went down 4-2 in Albania. Their home meeting with France in Reykjavik on October 11 will be crucial for them.

France should not be too concerned about that trip, however, not least because the likes of Kylian Mbappe, Paul Pogba and N'Golo Kante may be back by then.

Motor racing remembers Hubert at funeral in Chartres

AFP | Chartres, France

Brought together by sorrow the motor sport family gathered in Chartres, north-central France on Tuesday for the funeral of Anthoine Hubert, killed in a F2 crash at the Belgian Grand Prix in late-August.

"It's hard to believe that our passion could have separated us," Hubert's girlfriend Julie told several hundred mourners at a ceremony that lasted more than three hours and was shown on a giant screen outside the town's historic French Gothic cathedral.

In turn, the driver's father, Francois, former Formula 1 driver Alain Prost, friend Amaury, girlfriend Julie and long-time sponsor Olivier Lamirault paid tribute to the 22-year-old they call "my big

man", "Tonio", "my Nini" or "my kid".

"Anthoine, your smile, your positive energy, that's the image we all have of you," said Prost, representing Hubert's team Renault Sport Racing.

The four-time F1 world champion recalled "the kindness, curiosity, intelligence, professionalism and gentleness" of the young man and said Hubert's "discernment and the quest for perfection would have propelled towards a bright future."

In front of a black and white portrait of the young man proudly waving a French flag, Julie said: "If you only knew how much I hate this sport, this passion that brought us together but took your life. I had forgotten how dangerous it was, I think."



(From L) Prema Racing's German driver Mick Schumacher, French former racing driver Jean Alesi and Retired French F1 racing driver and Renault special advisor Alain Prost, arrives for the funeral of Late French racing driver Anthoine Hubert's at the Cathedral of Notre Dame