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eat Leverkusen



yer Leverkusen's Montilla Castro (L) tackles Bayern Munich's Franck Ribery of France.

red Bayern in the off-season
ng with Klose and Ribery as
t of a 70-million euro (\$96
lion) spending spree.
lose leads the league with eight
ile Toni is second with his six.
gether the duo that German
loids dub "Kloni" have 14 goals
two more than Leverkusen's
al of 11 and more than every
er team except Schalke (15) and
rder Bremen (18).
It was a hard-fought victory,"
yern coach Ottmar Hitzfeld told
miere television. "There were
me critical moments. The ball
is clearly over the line on the
allowed goal. After a call like
t everyone is a bit nervous."
lose, who limped off with a
ee injury in the 50th minute after
collision with Leverkusen's
efan Kiessling, said it was an
important victory for Bayern over
e club that had a six-match

unbeaten streak going in.

"Leverkusen played well, kept us
under pressure and caused us some
problems," said Klose.

After the match, Bayern
commercial manager Uli Hoeness
said Klose's knee injury was not
serious.

Bayern goalkeeper Michael
Rensing, a late replacement after
Oliver Kahn suffered an injury
warming up for the match, turned
in another outstanding short-notice
performance.

Rensing had three big saves in the
first half, denying Stefan
Kiessling, Theofanis Gekas, and
Arturo Vidal before Tranquillo
Barnetta hit the near post.

Bayern had their chances at the
other end. Leverkusen goalkeeper
Rene Adler had three fine saves as
well, stopping Toni twice in the
first half and Ribery after the
break.

* A Brand New Idea to Promote Soccer

One of Iranian soccer enthusiasts
by writing a letter to the
International Football Federation
(FIFA) in his website introduced
new idea to promote soccer
worldwide.

The letter reads as follows:

To Whom May Concern

Dear Sir

There are different soccer
competitions in different
countries worldwide like
European Champions League,
Asian Champions League, etc.
My idea and proposal is to
recognize and select the best and
strongest team of the year.

Since different soccer
competitions are held worldwide,
selection of teams for my
proposed competition will be
different in order that it can create
an exciting event.

The best teams of each
continents would be better to play
each other as round-robin format
because the true champions will
take the trophy and nothing will
be decided by luck.

I think the outset of summer will
be the best time for this event
because all players will be off
duty from their national leagues.

I request you to observe legal
right and advantage of this
tournament if it is formed based
on my idea.

Best Regards

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