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eat Leverkusen



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

ed 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. igher 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 at 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 ight 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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