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ian Piero Gasperini warned that psychology will be key as Italian newcomers Atalanta look to avoid another huge defeat at the hands of Champions League rivals Manchester City in Milan today.

The Premier League champions can seal their ticket to the knockout rounds with a win over Atalanta, who have lost all three Group C games in their first ever foray into the elite European competition.

Man City are top of their group with maximum nine points and 10 goals scored, with the Bergamo side bottom after conceding 11 goals conceded and scoring just two.

Five of those came last time out, when an 11-minute Raheem Sterling hat-trick helped City to a 5-1 win in Manchester.

"The psychological aspect will be fundamental," said Gasperini.

"It's a tight turnaround, but we'll prepare as best we can."

Atalanta hit back in Serie A days later with a 7-1 demolition of lowly Udinese, but they have felt the absence of star Colombian striker Duvan Zapata, who has been out with a thigh injury picked up on international duty last

Without him Atalanta have slipped from third to fifth in Serie A, eight points behind leaders Juventus after a 2-0 defeat to Cagliari at the weekend.

Juventus, Inter Milan and Napoli are used to measuring themselves against the European elite, but Atalanta's only trophy was the Italian Cup back in 1963.
The turn around in their fortunes

has been orchestrated by former Genoa and Palermo boss Gasperini who took over in 2016.

The 61-year-old's success at Atalanta came eight years after being sacked by Inter Milan after just three months.

The northeners sprinted to third in Serie A last season ahead of Inter Milan, their best ever finish, with the most goals scored, and reached the Italian Cup final.

This season they have continued on the same path leading the way in the scoring charts with 30 goals scored after

ZAPATA RETURN ESSENTIAL

Their success has been largely powered by Zapata, who stayed on after finishing second top scorer in Serie A last season with 23 goals

Fellow Colombian Luis Muriel arrived last summer from Fiorentina, joining Argentine forward Alejandro Gomez and Slovenian striker Josip Ilicic.

Zapata (6) and Muriel (8) have accounted for 14 league goals between them this term.



Raheem Sterling celebrates after completing his hat-trick against Atalanta during UEFA Champions League group C match at Etihad stadium

And Gasperini expressed his fury when Zapata, on a four-game scoring run, pulled up injured in a "useless" friendly with Colombia.

Zapata has been key to Atalanta's exciting high-pressing and fast paced style of play, which should in theory have carried over to Europe.

But they have had a baptism of fire with defeats at Dinamo Zagreb (4-0), Man City (5-1) and letting a 1-0 lead slip

against Shakhtar at the San Siro to lose

Despite their struggles Brazilian defender Rafael Toloi insisted that Atalanta are in their rightful place among the European elite.

"We've earned to the right to play such opponents," the 28-year-old said ahead of meeting Man City.

"They have super players, Sterling is very fast, so we'll have to be aggres-

sive and very careful in the markings. We know that with our fans at home we can

Atalanta can still theoretically reach

And their 'home' game will be at the San Siro, 56km from Bergamo, deemed more suitable by UEFA than their 21,000-seater Stadio Atleti Azzurri

But the odds are stacked as they take

Real target Galatasaray double



Sergio Ramos battles for ball possession

IANS MADRID

 $R_{\mathrm{Galatasaray}}^{\mathrm{eal}}$ Madrid will entertain $R_{\mathrm{Galatasaray}}^{\mathrm{eal}}$ in the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium today in a game where a win will go a long way in assuring their place in the knockout stage of the Champions League.

Madrid's 1-0 victory in Istanbul a fortnight ago may have only left them on four points from three games in their qualifying group, but Paris Saint Germain's (PSG) 5-0 win in Bruges means that if PSG secure a home win against the Belgian side (as expected), a win in Madrid today would give Real Madrid a five-point cushion over third

Zinedine Zidane's men go into the game after another disappointing display at the weekend which saw them held 0-0 at home by struggling Betis and Zidane needs his strikers to be more effective than at the weekend.

One likely change will see Fede Valverde back to inject some energy into central midfield and Marcelo could step in to give more attacking projection at left-back, while Zidane may opt to replace one young Brazilian winger, Rodrygo with another, Vinicius Jr.

Galatasaray will be cheered on by around 3,000 travelling fans, but their cause is not helped by an injury to striker Radamel Falcao, who has travelled with the team but won't form part of the Matchday squad, while full-back Sener Ozbayrakli is also out after being injured in Galatasaray's last game.

on Man City, who are second in the Premier League and on a run of 10 wins from their last 11 matches in all com-

Goalkeepers are like wine: Sreejesh

Indian hockey star P R Sreejesh feels that goalkeepers are like wine which gets tastier if kept longer, reflecting on his illustrious career from warming the bench to becoming one of the best in the world.

Sreejesh, a former captain, said the setbacks in the early part of his career taught him lessons to take failures as stepping stones to success. "The first few years

were quite hard for me. It took time for me to understand what exactly is international hockey. With time the game has changed, the game has got faster, so every tournament teaches you something," Sreejesh "When I started my

career I used to concede a lot of goals but still every one had faith in me, they kept motivating me. The best part of a goalkeeper is that when you are the second choice you get to gain a lot of experience by sitting outside and watching. I am very much grateful to my seniors for their advises and suggestions," he "And this is where I

am today after overcoming the obstacles. Goalkeepers are like wine, the longer you keep it, the better it tastes."

At 33, Sreejesh is at the twilight of his career but the lanky custodian from Kerala has not planned anything yet about his

"I am not planning anything yet because now it's more important to focus on Olympics and after that how the circumstances will be we don't know. So, it's all about short-term goals," he said, when asked about his retirement plans after Olympics. "For me the next focus

is FIH Pro League where

we are going to meet a lot of tough opponents. When it comes to a senior-most player you need to keep short goals all the time to sharpen yourself and perform your best," Sreejesh added.

The former captain feels that the country has left behind the lean patch of 2008-2012 and predicted a much-improved show in the Tokyo Games than any of the last few Olympics.

India failed to qualify for the 2008 Olympics and four years later, the team finished last in the London Games. In the 2016 Rio Olympics, India bowed out in the quarterfinals.

"If you take it from 2008 till 2016, the low point for Indian hockey was 2008 when we failed to qualify. In 2012, we finished last, and in 2016 we finished eighth. I feel this time we will improve and prove ourselves. India qualified for

Tokyo Olympics after beating Russia 11-3 on aggregate in Bhubaneswar on Šaturday, and Sreejesh, regarded as one of the best goalkeepers of the world, is expected to man the Indian goal in Tokyo. "It's a great thing for us

that we are going to Tokyo. After every tournament we analyse ourselves and in this tournament we got a very good lesson that we can't underestimate any team," said Sreejesh, known as the 'wall of Indian hockey'. After opting out in its

maiden season last year, India will make its debut in the FIH Pro League against the Netherlands in a home fixture on January 18 and The Pro League

involves nine teams in men's and women's sections, each playing on home and away basis on a two-year schedule. Índia will host their

first six matches.

I'll finish season at Ajax: Ten Hag

Ajax coach Erik ten Hag on Monday ruled himself out of the running to take over as time being, saying he would be staying at the Dutch champions until at least the end of the current season.

Ten Hag reportedly is high on the list to take Kovac's place after Ajax's scintillating run to the Champions League semifinals last season and their impressive start to this campaign. He was Bayern's reserves

coach from 2013-15 under Pep Guardiola, but told reporters on Monday he would not be tempted to return to Bavaria just vet. Asked at Stamford Bridge

whether he would be staying at Ajax, he said "I can confirm that. "I have a strong connec-

tion with my team, with every

one at Ajax, so I can confirm that I stay in Aiax this season. said the 49-year-old. However Ten Hag, who is under contract at Ajax until

out an eventual move. "Bayern is a fantastic club, I felt really comfortable and really enjoyed to work there

2022, refused to entirely rule



but now I'm in Ajax," he said.

"I'm not a dreamer, I focus on Ajax, and that is important. I live for today and my only focus is on Aiax."

COACH IN 3 WEEKS

MUNICH: Bayern Munich president Uli Hoeness says the German giants will take their time to find Niko Kovac's successor, but expects them to be

coach within three weeks. Kovac was sacked on Sunday after 16 months in charge in the wake of Bayern's 5-1 drubbing at Eintracht Frankfurt.

Kovac's assistant coach Hansi Flick has been named interim boss.

Hoeness says Bayern's senior figures will "think calmly about how to handle" finding a new head coach with a decision expected to be made during the forthcoming international break.

"I think that by the time around in Duesseldorf (on November 23), we'll know how the coach's issue has been resolved," Hoeness added.

According to Sky Germany, PSG coach Tuchel, who has a contract until 2021, has been approached by Bayern, but has already ruled out an immediate switch.

While, Ajax coach Erik ten Hag, one of the early favourites having coached Bayern reserves from 2013-15, has also announced he will not leave the Dutch side before the end of the season.

Massimiliano Allegri, Jose Mourinho and Arsene Wenger, who are all currently without a club, have been mentioned as possible candi-

Flick, Joachim Loew's assistant coach when Germany won the 2014 World Cup, will be in charge at least for Bayern's home matches today in the Champions League against Olympiakos and on Saturday in a crunch Bundesliga match against Borussia Dortmund

Gilly expects Ind-Aus to play D/N Test next year

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former Australia wicket-keeper Adam Gilchrist is hopeful of India agreeing to play a Day/Night Test in his country next year after Virat Kohli and his men were convinced to compete in their maiden pink ball match by new BCCI chief Souray Ganguly.

India were requested to play a Day/Night Test in Australia during the 2018-19 tour but the visitors had declined the offer. A year later, India will be playing their maiden Test with pink ball against Bangladesh from November 22 in Kolkata.

They would be here next summer after the T20 World Cup. I expect there will be a

Day/Night Test there. I haven't heard from Cricket Australia but I expect there would be one," Glichrist said on the sidelines of an event by Tourism Australia. "I was a reluctant starter of

Day/Night Tests but now I can totally see the positive outcomes that is going to help Test cricket stay relevant," he added, referring to his own apprehensions about the pink

There have been 11 Day/Night Tests so far with Australia being involved in five of them. Australia and New Zealand were the first to play the format in 2015.

There is going to teething issues, particulary in India with dew, working out what

series, what venues and it is take a bit of time. I used to be worried about the statistic of the game, can you compare with Day/Night in twilight to batting in broad day light," he explained his take on the innovation.

"It is different. But there was a time we didn't have covered wickets, helmets, so a lot of things have changed. It is a game that has evolved over time. So whatever it takes to keep it alive and now I am very supportive of Day/Night," he

The 47-year-old former Australia vice-captain was also asked about the newly-introduced World Test Championships in which teams are collecting points for every

bilateral result.

"I understand why the ICC is trying to make sure that each Test means something even if it is 2-0 in a three-Test series, make sure that the teams keep fighting and salvage something towards the Test championship," he said.

"It will be interesting to see over the cycle if players find it more relevant. But I don't think it is necessary a guarantee that more people attending Test cricket. I think the days of consistent crowds of Test cricket are probably gone.

'The big marquee series like India-Australia and the Ashes will still garner a decent crowd. There's still a very strong passive following of Test cricket," he reasoned.

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4	2019_MCL_154092_1	Hiring of an Innova or equivalent Covered vehicle with AC fitted (Diesel) for 24 hours duty for use at District Collector / Addl. District Magistrate and senior Officers, Angul for 365 days in one year.	1030760.0
5	2019_MCL_154100_1	Extension work of Brahmani Club (Officer Club) Bharatpur Project, Bharatpur Area.	3732503.
6	2019_MCL_154115_1	Hiring of a Mahindra Bolero / Tata Pick up or equivalent cabin seat 4 plus 1 and minimum 1 (one) Ton Load capacity in rear load body for 24 hours duty for use at Ananta OCP, Jagannath Area for 682 days in 02(two) years.	1868680.
7	2019_MCL_154117_1	Supply of Spares for ACE Rhino 90C Cranes.	10734.
8	2019_MCL_154139_1	Procurement of spares of Loudhailing phone.	76636.
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12	2019_MCL_154160_1	Hiring of One (01) No. Diesel Covered jeep Bolero / Sumo or equivalent, 8 plus 1 seater with AC fitted, Daily 24 hours operation for a period of one year for Talcher Police St ation, Talcher with monthly limit within 4262.50 km	935704
13	2019_MCL_154200_1	Supply of Spares (Hyd. Cylinder)for Tata Hitachi make Ex 1200 Hyd. Excavator.	1052696
14	2019_MCL_154223_1	Procurement of spares for LHD and UDM.	753117
15	2019_MCL_154208_1	Repairing works of Office-cum-Guest house of MCL Bhubaneswar for damage caused due to cyclone FANI.	3103364
16	2019_MCL_153897_1	PROCUREMENT OF KIT FOR TOP ROLLERS AND BOTTOM ROLLERS	1149910
17	2019_MCL_154185_1	Cleaning of spillage coal in and around all the circuits and conveyors of Feeder Crusher of Jagannath OCP, Jagannath Area for a period of two years	6181407
18	2019_MCL_154237_1	AMC work for day to day electrical maintenance work at Feeder Crusher of Jagannath OCP, Jagannath Area	998535
19	2019_MCL_154288_1	Supply and fixing of 64 nos. energy meter along with updation of wiring in executive quarters of colonies under SOCP and LOCP, IB Valley Area	951174
20	2019_MCL_154270_1	Supply of M. S. Flange.	611240
21	2019_MCL_152908_1	Supply of Drugs for Muscle Skelital Disorder for NSCHAND RH, Talcher.	839417
22	2019_MCL_154337_1	Hiring of 01 No. Bolero Camper or Pick-Up Van or equivalent vehicle having seating capacity of 5 (4 plus 1) and loading capacity of minimum 01 ton on rear body for 24 hrs duty, max 3360 km run per month for a period of two years (341 working days per)	1756088
23	2019_MCL_154332_1	Supply of Rotating Assy for Kriloskar Pump (Model SCT 200/48)	660564
24	2019_MCL_154392_1	Annual repair and maintenance of masonry work of GM Complex colony of IB Valley Area.	977141
25	2019_MCL_154400_1	Comprehensive Annual Maintenance contract for 80 Nos of different types of Air conditioners at Central Hospital, IB Valley Area for a period of one year (305 working days per year as per requirement).	567816
26	2019_MCL_154397_1	Hiring of 01 no. Diesel Driven Pick up van (Mahindra Bolero/Tata or equivalent) with 4plus1 seating capacity and minimum 1(one) Ton Load capacity in rear body, for 24 hrs. Duty and average run of 3000 KM per month, for OrientArea, MCL for 03 years.	2639340
27	2019_MCL_154412_1		318936
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30	2019_MCL_154379_1	Hiring of 01 AC Bolero having min seating capacity 6plus1 on 24 hours duty per day max run 5600 km per month for 2 years (683 working days) (2049 working shifts) in GM Pool at KAwith 3 drivers i.e 1 driver per shift (3 shifts per day)	1844783
31	2019_MCL_154451_1	Annual Maintenance Contract of Day to Day cleaning of HEMM at Lajkura Open Cast Project for a period of 2 years(610 days) excluding Sundays and PHDs. (Providing 9 unskilled Labour)	2706333
32	2019_MCL_154497_1	Cleaning of Road from Dera chhak to GVTC Chhak under Jagannath Area for a period of 1 (one) year.	968491
33	2019_MCL_154531_1	Retreading of 20.5 R 25 size OTR Tubeless tyres of CAT 14M Motor Grader of Samaleswari OCP, IB Valley Area.	165200
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