

Casemiro backs Amorim revival

Manchester United midfielder excited for new era under portuguese manager

● Casemiro believes Amorim can bring success to Man Utd

● Man Utd face a quick turnaround with a match against Ipswich

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Casemiro says Manchester United's players are hungry to learn from new manager Ruben Amorim, who is expected to arrive in Britain yesterday to start the daunting task of reviving the struggling club.

Ruud van Nistelrooy's four-match reign as interim United boss ended with a 3-0 Premier League victory against Leicester on Sunday -- a third win in four matches since Erik ten Hag was sacked.

Brazilian midfielder Casemiro is looking forward to working with the Dutchman's highly rated successor.

"He is very true, very loyal," Casemiro said after the win against Leicester.

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know that Sporting won many titles, changed the club with titles, with trophies.

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Amorim, 39, will be unable to lead coaching sessions until his work permit is granted.

But the Portuguese coach is allowed at United's Carrington training ground for meetings, and talks with Van Nistelrooy will be high on his agenda.

The popular former striker returned to Old Trafford in July



Manchester United's Brazilian midfielder #18 Casemiro fouls Chelsea's Portuguese midfielder #07 Pedro Neto

as one of Ten Hag's assistants on a deal until 2026 and has been open about his desire to stay.

Amorim's first match will be a trip to Ipswich on November 24, meaning there will be little time to implement his ideas and

expected 3-4-3 formation.

Casemiro's form has improved after a shaky start to the season, which included an error-strewn performance in a 3-0 defeat by Liverpool.

"Well, everyone can see can't

they? I only had the Liverpool game, right? The whole team was not good in that game, or this season," said the former Real Madrid player.

"This match, but individually, of course when the goals



are missed, of course it ends up hurting the team more, but I think it's been a good season for me.

"I want to continue growing, I want to continue helping my team-mates and the coach, helping Manchester United grow."

Amorim bid farewell to Sporting in style on Sunday, securing a thrilling 4-2 comeback win at his former club Braga.

The Portuguese champions announced yesterday that Joao Pereira would be the new head coach, stepping up from his role as reserve-team boss.

Troubled Arsenal must 'show their teeth': Arteta

AFP | London

Mikel Arteta urged Arsenal to "show their teeth" after his side's "nightmare" run culminated in a 1-1 draw against Chelsea that dealt a fresh blow to their Premier League title hopes on Sunday.

Arteta's team blew the lead given to them by Gabriel Martinelli's second-half strike as Pedro Neto's superb long-range equaliser extended Arsenal's winless run to four league games. With only three wins in their last nine league matches, the fourth-placed Gunners are languishing nine points behind leaders Liverpool.

Arsenal's unexpected malaise comes after two successive run-



Chelsea's Cole Palmer (2L) vies with Arsenal's Declan Rice (2R)

ners-up finishes in the title race. Arteta still believes they can

get back in the title race, as long as they show the nastier side of

their personality.

Asked what Arsenal need to do to close the gap on Liverpool, the Gunners boss said: "Win, win and win. That is what we have to do. There is nothing we can change about our position right now."

"When it gets nasty, show your teeth and show how much you want it. When you are in Disneyland, everything is beautiful and everyone is nice to you. When it gets dark and difficult, that is the time to show your courage."

Arteta has been hampered by injuries to Martin Odegaard, Jurrien Timber and Bukayo Saka among others, with a rash of red cards also unsettling his side early in the season.



The Youth Club team has arrived in Doha, Qatar, to compete in the 27th Asian Club League Handball Championship. Hosted by Al Rayyan Club from November 12 to 23, this championship also serves as a qualifier for the 2025 IHF Men's Super Globe. Matches will take place at the Duhail Handball Sports Hall, under the Qatar Handball Federation

India coach Gambhir backs 'incredibly tough men' Rohit, Kohli

AFP | New Delhi

India coach Gautam Gambhir yesterday backed "incredibly tough men" Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli to prove their critics wrong and find form in Australia.

Skipper Rohit and superstar batsman Kohli came under fire after India crashed to a humiliating 3-0 Test series home defeat to New Zealand.

Rohit scored 91 runs in three matches. Kohli made just 93.

Speaking just before India flew off to Australia for a blockbuster five-match Test series, Gambhir said he had "no concerns for Virat and Rohit".

"They are incredibly tough men," he said.

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Gambhir hit out at Ricky Ponting after the former Australia

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captain questioned the longer-term form of the two senior batsmen.

"What does Ponting have to do with Indian cricket?" Gambhir said.

Gambhir said the Indian team as a whole were eager to prove themselves after the New Zealand defeat, only their second Test series whitewash at home.

"I feel there is a lot of hunger, especially after what has happened in the last series," he said.



India's captain Rohit Sharma (C) with teammates Ravichandran Ashwin (L) and Virat Kohli attend a practice session

Gambhir believes the biggest challenge in Australia will be the quicker pitches compared to India, where conditions are traditionally spin-friendly.

But Gambhir said his under-the-cosh side were ready to "fire from ball one" in a series that

starts in Perth on November 22. "We've been to Australia many times, so that experience will be crucial," said the coach, who has also faced some flak.

"If we play to our potential, we play our best cricket, we can beat anyone on any wicket."

Barca rule out Lewandowski for 10 days, Yamal up to three weeks

AFP | Barcelona

Barcelona star forwards Robert Lewandowski and Lamine Yamal have picked up injuries which have ruled them out of the international break, the La Liga leaders said yesterday.

Lewandowski suffered a back injury in Sunday's 1-0 defeat at Real Sociedad during which he had a goal controversially disallowed.

"Lewandowski is having trouble in the lumbar region of his back, and will be rested for about 10 days," Barcelona said in a statement.

The 36-year-old will miss Poland's upcoming Nations League games against Portugal and Scotland, but should be back for Barcelona's next league outing at Celta Vigo on November 23.

Yamal missed Sunday's game

in San Sebastian with a right ankle injury and is expected to be out of action for between two and three weeks, the club said.

The 17-year-old will miss Spain's matches on Thursday in Denmark and next Monday against Switzerland, and Barca's trip to Vigo.

He is also a doubt for the home Champions League game against Brest on November 26 and the following La Liga meeting with Las Palmas.

Yamal has scored six goals in his 15 games this season, while Lewandowski has 17 in all competitions and is currently the top goalscorer in La Liga.

Barcelona are sixth in the Champions League with nine points. The Catalans are six points ahead of Real Madrid in La Liga but have played a game more than their title rivals.