

# Bayern Munich has work to be done

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**B**ayern Munich coach Ottmar Hitzfeld was careful not to get carried away after a convincing 3-0 victory over Spartak Moscow in the Champions League, urging his men to concentrate on their Bundesliga homework.

"We just can't keep giving away precious points," he said. "Our goal remains to win the German title."

Bayern has shined in Europe but often looked unimpressive at home.

In the last two weeks, Bayern has beaten Spartak twice but lost to tiny Munich club Unterhaching, 1-0, and tied Cologne, 1-1, at home, in the Bundesliga.

The Cologne tie left the Bavarians two points ahead of Schalke and Borussia Dortmund, but they have already lost six Bundesliga matches — one more than in last year's title-winning campaign.

"We must always give our best, not only in Europe, but also in the Bundesliga," said goalkeeper Oliver Kahn, who was instrumental in Bayern's comfortable win in Moscow with a string of crucial saves.

In the Champions League, Bayern has done just about everything right. It tops Group C with 10 points and needs just one point in its last two games — at Lyon on March 6 and at home against Arsenal on March 14 — to clinch a quarterfinal berth.

Bayern officials had complained about the state of field and the freezing temperatures in Moscow, saying the match should not be played, but everything went smoothly.

Former Bayern star Lothar Matthaeus said after the Spartak game that Bayern is clearly the best team in Europe.

But captain Stefan Effenberg, whose accurate playmaking was one of the keys to Bayern's win, said the Munich club still had a long way to go before winning the trophy that has eluded it since the last of three successive European Cup triumphs in 1976.

"We haven't won anything yet," he said. *(Reuters)*

**Mehmet Scholl (right) survived freezing conditions, scoring twice for Bayern Munich and disposing of Jerry-Christian Tchuisse and his Spartak Moscow teammates.**



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