

Mura 2-1 Tottenham: Antonio Conte's side fall to EMBARRASSING defeat

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- Tomi Horvat gave Mura the lead with a terrific finish after just 11 minutes
- Tottenham's Ryan Sessegnon was then sent-off for two yellows after 32 minutes
- Captain Harry Kane netted a equaliser with a deft finish 18 minutes from time
- But the hosts grabbed a winner with the last kick of the game via Amadej Marosa
- Spurs must beat Rennes to have any chance of qualifying for knockout stages

You have to hand it to Tottenham. This was a night to suck the zest from any manager. Even one with the boundless zeal and passion of Antonio Conte. It took them all of three weeks.

'I am starting to understand the situation - it is not simple. At this moment the level at Tottenham is not so high,' Conte admitted after this humiliation.

'I am happy to stay here but we have to work a lot to improve the quality of the squad. We are Tottenham but there is an important gap with the top teams. I am not scared.'



Antonio Conte suffered his first defeat as Tottenham boss in shocking fashion against Mura



Mura's players celebrate a momentous night after their last-minute goal saw them beat Spurs



Spurs woefully underperformed and now their Conference League hopes go to the last game



Harry Kane had equalised for Spurs before the Slovenian hosts scored a last-minute winner



Kane skippered a strong Spurs side on the night and finished cutely in the 72nd minute



Spurs played the majority of the match with 10 men after Ryan Sessegnon's clumsy red card

TOTTENHAM RATINGS

Tottenham (3-4-3): Gollini 6; Tanganga 6, Sanchez 3, Rodon 5 (Dier 53, 6); Doherty 4 (Davies 53, 6), Skipp 5.5, Ndombele 6 (Hojbjerg 76, 6), Sessegnon 3; Alli 4 (Son 53, 6.5), Gil 5 (Lucas 53, 7), Kane 6

Subs not used: Lloris, Austin, Royal, Reguilon, Winks

Goals: Kane 72

Yellow: Alli

Red: Sessegnon

Manager: Antonio Conte 5.5

Referee: Antonio Nobre 6

Maybe not. But Conte is not naïve either. He will have seen how, with every road trip in the Europa Conference League, Spurs break new ground. How with every foreign adventure, the rap sheet grows for their second-string. How with every visit to a backwater of continental football, their capacity for charity knows no bounds.

The concern for Conte? After handing out famous wins to Pacos de Ferreira and Vitesse Arnhem, this embarrassment tops the lot. NS Mura. A club only founded in 2012, a team whose ground was deemed unfit to host this game. A side without a point in Europe's third-rate competition before Thursday night. Statistically the worst side in the whole thing - comparable in quality to Accrington Stanley, apparently.

So for them, Amadej Marosa's goal – with the last kick of this game – secured an unforgettable triumph.

As for the bubble of optimism that greeted Conte's arrival in north London?

'I am not a magician and after three weeks I have found players that want to work and have great commitment but sometimes it is not enough,' he said.

'I want to be very honest, we have to work a lot and improve in many, many aspects. We have to do better at many, many things. It is important in football to have vision. Where are you now and what do you want in the future.'

He added: 'We have to do better in everything, everything, everything.' Here's hoping that message gets through to Dele Alli, Bryan Gil and the other fringe players who wasted this first chance to impress.

No one did their cause more harm than Davinson Sanchez and Ryan Sessegnon.



Tomi Horvat celebrates his early opener after Davinson Sanchez allowed him to cut inside

The wingback was sent off after 31 minutes on his first start since August; Sanchez giftwrapped both Mura goals. First, on 11 minutes, he allowed Tomi Horvat to cut inside and curl Mura in front.

And then, deep into stoppage time, he allowed Marosa to cut inside before deflecting the ball past Pierluigi Gollini in his own goal. He was nothing if not consistent.

It's nights like this that make you sympathise with Nuno Espirito Santo and his two-tier squad.

Certainly Conte will know more about his best team after this. Spurs now head into their final Group G game knowing, realistically, only victory over Rennes will keep alive their hopes of progression.

Mura weren't even formed the last time Tottenham tasted silverware. Now they may have cost Conte his best chance of ending that drought. Earlier, the Italian almost spared his side's blushes with a quadruple substitution that stirred Spurs to life in the second half.



Worse was to come when Sessegnon received a second yellow card following a silly lunge



Conte rang the changes early in the second-half, making four substitutions at the same time



Heung-min Son was one player introduced and the South Korean did force a good save

Lucas Moura, one of those replacements, found Harry Kane – one of two survivors from victory over Leeds – who cancelled out Horvat's opener. But then, deep into stoppage time, Ben Davies slipped and, Marosa was set free to score.

A point would have been the most Tottenham deserved.

Until those changes, Conte's side were disjointed, careless and scratchy across the pitch. Just like the old days under Nuno then.

But the arrival of Eric Dier, Son Heung-min, Lucas and Ben Davies made a difference. Son's driving run ended with his shot palmed over. Kane sent a free header straight down the throat of Matko Obradovic. With 18 minutes left, they did level thanks to Kane's chip over Obradovic from a tight angle.

He could have won it in the final 10 minutes, but the striker couldn't crane his neck enough to divert a header on target. And so it was left to Marosa to pile on the misery.



But the evening ended in calamity for Conte's side who now must beat Rennes in two weeks

Re-live all the action with Sportmail's Kieran Jackson:



Kieran Jackson
Host commentator



19:40

FULL-TIME: Mura 2-1 Tottenham

A nightmare evening for Tottenham!

Match report to follow here...

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19:37

GOAL! Mura 2-1 Tottenham (Marosa 90+4)

Would you believe it?!

Mura counter, and Amadej Maroša cuts in against Sanchez and his shot deflects off the Colombian and into the goal.

The most famous night in the history of the Slovenian club!

And the referee blows for full-time straight away...

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19:36

90+3 minutes: Mura 1-1 Tottenham

Last roll of the dice pasts Spurs by - Son's free-kick is glances over the bar by Tanganga.

Looking like a draw in Slovenia...

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19:33

90 minutes: Mura 1-1 Tottenham

Four minutes of added time - can Spurs snatch a winner?

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19:33

89 minutes: Mura 1-1 Tottenham

Lucas Moura dribbles towards the box but fires his shot over the bar, when he should've hit the target.

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19:31

89 minutes: Mura 1-1 Tottenham

Goalscorer Horvat comes off for Cipot. Closing moments now.

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19:28

85 minutes: Mura 1-1 Tottenham

Close from Kane!

Son whips in a corner to the near post, and Kane can't direct his header goalwards from Dier's flick-on.

The ball was slightly behind the Spurs captain...

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19:26

83 minutes: Mura 1-1 Tottenham

A booking for Mura's Lorbek - the hosts' sixth booking of the evening, this time for catching Lucas Moura.

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19:26

GOAL! Bayer Leverkusen 2-2 Celtic (Andrich 82')

Bayer Leverkusen draw level against Celtic...

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19:24

79 minutes: Mura 1-1 Tottenham

Tottenham boss Antonio Conte now receives a yellow card from the referee after showing his anger when a throw-in decision went against his side!

In his defence, it was definitely a Spurs throw.

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78 minutes: Mura 1-1 Tottenham

Mura make a change too, Motric comes on for Sturm.

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76 minutes: Mura 1-1 Tottenham

Conte plays his last card: Hojbjerg comes on for Ndombele in midfield.

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GOAL! Mura 1-1 Tottenham (Kane 72')

Spurs are level - and it is Harry Kane!

Lucas Moura plays in tonight's captain and at the near post lifts the ball over the Mura keeper and into the far corner!

Boy did Conte need that! Can they now find a winner?

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19:12

68 minutes: Mura 1-0 Tottenham

After being fouled 30 yards from goal, Harry Kane tries his luck from the free-kick but his strike is way over the bar...

Not been his night, so far.

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19:08

64 minutes: Mura 1-0 Tottenham

Yellow card for Mura's Sturm, for a clear pull-back on Lucas Moura.

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19:06

61 minutes: Mura 1-0 Tottenham

Few changes for Mura now - Kozar and Mulahusejnović come off for Marosa and Ouro.

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19:02

58 minutes: Mura 1-0 Tottenham

Two good chances for Spurs!

Sub Heung-min Son forces a good save from Matko Obradović after running across the box, and then at the subsequent corner, Kane plants his free header straight at the Mura goalkeeper...

Pressure growing from the visitors!

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GOAL! Bayer Leverkusen 1-2 Celtic (Jota 56')

Celtic have come from behind to lead in Germany!

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18:57

54 minutes: Mura 1-0 Tottenham

Antonio Conte has seen enough - and he's made FOUR substitutions!

Rodon, Gil, Alli, and Doherty make way for Davies, Son, Moura and Dier.

You have to say, it's definitely necessary!

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18:56

52 minutes: Mura 1-0 Tottenham

Tottenham have started brighter here, of that there is no doubt.

Still a slight lack of cutting edge though. Play has just stopped here too with Dele Alli embroiled in a shoving match after Bryan Gil went down under pressure.

Alli receives a booking, as does Mura's Karamarko.

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SECOND-HALF: Mura 1-0 Tottenham

Mura get us underway in the second-half.

Rather surprisingly from a Spurs point of view, no changes at the break.

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HALF-TIME: Mura 1-0 Tottenham

Put simply, a pretty dreadful half for Tottenham Hotspur.

A goal down - courtesy of Tomi Horvat - and a man down after Ryan Sessegnon's stupid sending off.

Antonio Conte will have plenty to say at the break...

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18:33

45 minutes: Mura 1-0 Tottenham

Two minutes of added time.

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18:31

GOAL! Bayer Leverkusen 1-1 Celtic (Juranovic 40' pen)

Celtic level against Bayer Leverkusen via the penalty spot!

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18:28

42 minutes: Mura 1-0 Tottenham

Some lovely play by Mura, who go close...

It's Nik Lorbek who eventually strikes just outside the box, but it doesn't quite curl enough!

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18:26

GOAL! Rapid Vienna 0-1 West Ham (Yarmolenko 39')

The Hammers take the lead in Austria!

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18:23

37 minutes: Mura 1-0 Tottenham

Better from Tottenham.

Oliver Skipp feeds in Harry Kane in the box with his back to goal - the England captain swivels and strikes just wide of the near post with his left foot.

Will the red card actually spark the visitors into life?

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And here's a video of Mura's opener!

"What a fantastic strike!"

Horvat opens the scoring for Mura with a beautiful finish! 🔥 [#UECL pic.twitter.com/zOTH1GYDwp](https://twitter.com/zOTH1GYDwp)

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RED CARD! 32 minutes: Mura 1-0 Tottenham

Oh Ryan Sessegnon, what are you doing!

The Spurs winger receives a second yellow card for a ridiculous late tackle lunging for the ball... it's a definite yellow card, and the 21-year-old receives his marching orders.

It goes from bad to worse for Conte's side. A nightmare for Sessegnon, who could hardly have made a worse impression on Spurs.



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18:17

30 minutes: Mura 1-0 Tottenham

Thirty minutes gone and still no real signs of quick attacking intent from the visitors.

Needless to say, Antonio Conte is close to pulling his hair out on the sideline. Dele Alli with a stray forward pass the latest source of his frustration.

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18:12

26 minutes: Mura 1-0 Tottenham

Kane tees up Sessegnon in the box but the ex-Fulham man is too slow on his right foot, and his shot is blocked.

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18:08

21 minutes: Mura 1-0 Tottenham

Booking for Mura defender Gorenc after a lunge on Harry Kane, who got to the ball first.

Generally though, Spurs playing far too slowly at the moment..

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GOAL! Bayer Leverkusen 1-0 Celtic (Andrich 16')

Celtic go behind in Germany...

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18:02

15 minutes: Mura 1-0 Tottenham

Ryan Sessegnon picks up a needless yellow card for a cynical trip.

Not the start Conte would have been looking for here...

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18:00

14 minutes: Mura 1-0 Tottenham

Big chance for Tottenham to equalise, but Bryan Gil blazes over with his right foot from close range after being played over the top by Ndombele!

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GOAL! Mura 1-0 Tottenham (Horvat 11')

Mura take the lead here - and what a finish by Tomi Horvat!

The midfielder gets in down the right, cuts in all too easily away from Davinson Sanchez and unleashes a pinpoint left-footed shot into the far top corner!

Spurs keeper Pierluigi Gollini didn't even move - and Conte's men trail in Slovenia!



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9 minutes: Mura 0-0 Tottenham

First effort on goal actually comes from the hosts, with Tomi Horvat striking over the bar from distance.

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17:53

5 minutes: Mura 0-0 Tottenham

Fairly even start so far - Tottenham have the majority of the ball but haven't created anything of note yet.

Dele Alli is occupying a role on the left and will be looking to impress Conte against what is far inferior opposition.

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KICK-OFF: Mura 0-0 Tottenham

Tottenham get us underway in Murska Sobota!

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We're almost ready!

The anthem (it's the same as the Europa League, by the way) rings out and we're about to get underway in Slovenia!

Tottenham are in their purple away kit tonight.

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Five minutes until kick-off in Slovenia!





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Here's the state of play in Group G!

Group G		MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
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1	 Rennes	4	3	1	0	7	4	3	10
2	 Tottenham	4	2	1	1	10	6	4	7
3	 Vitesse	4	2	0	2	6	5	1	6
4	 Mura	4	0	0	4	2	10	-8	0

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Antonio Conte made it clear yesterday he WOULD be taking the Conference League seriously

Antonio Conte won't leave big guns at home for Mura trip

Tottenham have yet to win away in Europe this season. They drew 2-2 at Rennes, with Nuno making eight changes to his team. Then they lost 1-0 at Vitesse, with Nuno making 11 changes.

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PRE-MATCH ODDS

Fancy a flutter?!

Mura vs Tottenham

Mura to win 22/1

Tottenham to win 1/9

Draw 8/1

Uefa Conference League winner

Tottenham 6/1

Roma 7/1

Rennes 9/1

Feyenoord 16/1

Az Alkmaar 18/1

Gent 20/1

Basel 20/1

Partizan Belgrade 25/1

Slavia Prague

Lask Linz 33/1

PAOK 33/1

Odds via betting analysts BeMyBet

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The scene in Murska Sobota for tonight's clash!





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The Tottenham players have arrived at the stadium in Slovenia!

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— Tottenham Hotspur (@SpursOfficial) November 25, 2021

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TEAM NEWS - MURA

Starting XI: Obradovic, Gorenc, Karamarko, Karnicnik, Sturm, Kozar, Lorbek, Kous, Pucko, Mulahusejnovic, Horvat.

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TEAM NEWS - TOTTENHAM

Harry Kane starts and is captain tonight!

Your starting XI to face NŠ Mura! 🦵 pic.twitter.com/CDetGPUCRd

— Tottenham Hotspur (@SpursOfficial) November 25, 2021

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16:48

Good evening!

Welcome to Sportmail's live coverage of Tottenham's trip to Mura in Slovenia in the Europa Conference League!

Team news coming shortly!

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