



Francesco Totti of AS Roma captain executing an overhead kick during the Italian Cup quarter final against Vicenza at the Olympic stadium in Rome on January 22.

Italian Cup Roma on fire

Football

AFP, Rome

AS Roma will play city rivals Lazio in a mouth-watering last four derby clash against Juventus...

following last week's 2-1 win in Veneto. There were plenty of goals too in the day's other match in Verona...

League." Capello put Roma's disastrous season down to lapses in concentration towards the end of games.

League One Lyon turn it on

Football

AFP, Paris

French champions Lyon at last roused their fans with a 4-1 demolition of Sochaux on Wednesday...



Lyon's Brazilian playmaker Juninho Pernambucano (C) trying to outfox Sochaux Nisa Saveljic (R) and Sylvain Monsoreau on January 22.

However the hosts extended their unbeaten run at home to 10 when Sebastien Squillaci equalised in the 54th minute.

Bastia. Ajaccio grabbed three points in their relegation sixpointer with Troyes as former French international Bernard Diomede celebrated his debut after ending a nightmare two-year stay at Liverpool...

Table with 2 columns: Team, Goals for, Goals against, Points. Includes Lyon, Nice, Marseille, Auxerre, Monaco, Sochaux.

Cafu coming to J-League

Football

AFP, Yokohama

Brazil's World Cup winning skipper Cafu has reached an agreement to play for J-League club Yokohama Marinos from July 1, club officials said Thursday.

Cafu, whose real name is Maraes Evangelista de Marcos, became the first man to play in three World Cup finals when Brazil defeated Germany 2-0 in June last year at the Yokohama stadium...

Full Brazil for Gulf show

Football

AFP, Doha

Brazil, including Ronaldo, Ronaldinho, Rivaldo and Roberto Carlos will play the stars of the Arab Gulf monarchies in a testimonial in Bahrain on April 1, an official said Wednesday.

Sheikh Fawwaz bin Mohamed al-Khalifa, head of Bahrain's equivalent of a sports ministry. Foreign referees will be used for the testimonial to mark the retirement of Bahraini striker Khamis Aid...

Marcos in talks

Football

AFP, London

Brazilian World Cup goalkeeper Marcos was reported to be finalising personal terms with Arsenal Thursday over a reported 2.5 million pounds (3.8 million dollars) move.

in England until the summer because of family commitments but it now looks as if he will be at Highbury this season. "It is possible I will be here by the end of the month. There are many formalities to be sorted out first but, yes, I could be an Arsenal player this season," he said.

FIFA to hear out S America

Football

REUTERS, Montevideo

FIFA have agreed to listen to South American protests over the reduction in the continent's places at the 2006 World Cup finals and may consider the decision, a soccer official said on Wednesday.

Peru and Ecuador, have suggested that the fifth-placed team in the continent's qualifying competition goes into a four-way playoff with teams from Asia, CONCACAF and Europe.

English League Cup Scholes buries Blackburn

Football

AFP, Blackburn

Paul Scholes struck twice to extend his scoring run to seven in six games as Manchester United sunk Blackburn 3-1 - 4-2 on aggregate - to move into a dream League Cup

too much to the advice of others but this season he has really focussed and the results are there to be seen. Ferguson admitted that at 2-1 he was still nervous but could not hide his excitement at meeting Liverpool in the final.



Ruud Van Nistelrooy (R) of Manchester United tackling Blackburn Rovers' Martin Taylor during their Worthington Cup (English League Cup) semi-final second leg match at Ewood Park in Blackburn on January 22.

final showdown with arch-rivals Liverpool. Scholes' first half double and a second-half penalty won and converted by Ruud van Nistelrooy sent Alex Ferguson's men into their first League Cup final in nine years at the expense of the defending champions.

After coming away from Old Trafford with a 1-1 draw, Blackburn's hopes of retaining their crown were lifted when Cole scored against his former club after just 12 minutes. But Scholes grabbed two in the space of 12 minutes to put United in command and van Nistelrooy ensured there would be no suspense at the end by rounding Brad Friedel 13 minutes from time.

Premiership Jenas delivers

Football

AFP, London

Jermaine Jenas lived up to the star billing given him by Newcastle Wednesday as he scored the only goal to see off relegation-threatened Bolton 1-0 and register their 11th consecutive home victory.

Manchester United and seven of leaders Arsenal. Jenas, who was hailed as the best teenage prospect in British football when Bobby Robson signed him from Nottingham Forest last season, struck in the 18th minute after being set up by Welsh international Craig Bellamy...



Jermaine Jenas starts celebrating after scoring for Newcastle against Bolton on January 22.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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