



Manchester City striker Nicolas Anelka (top) is prevented from scoring by Groclin goalkeeper Marius Liberda at Manchester Stadium on November 6. PHOTO: AFP

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Collated UEFA Cup second round first leg results on Thursday (home game for teams name first):

- Gaziantepspor (TUR) 3 (Devran 43, Bouazizi 60, Lazarov 65) Lens (FRA) 0 Spartak Moscow (RUS) 4 (Pjanovic 22, 62, Kalinichenko 58, Pavlenko 73) Dinamo Bucharest (ROM) 0
- Dynamo Zagreb (CRO) 0 Dnepropetrovsk (UKR) 2 (Venhinski 8, Maksymyuk 84)
- Schalke 04 (GER) 2 (Hanke 60, 73) Brondby (DEN) 1 (Jakobsson 35)
- Slavia Prague (CZE) 2 (Kuka 22, Kalivoda 90) Levski Sofia (BUL) 2 (Ivanov 77, Mueller 90-og)
- Valerengen (NOR) 0 Wisla Krakow (POL) 0
- Bordeaux (FRA) 0 Hearts (SCO) 1 (De Vries 79)
- Utrecht (NED) 0 Auxerre (FRA) 0 Panionios (GRE) 0 Barcelona (SPA) 3 (Garcia 44, Kluijvert 46, Overmars 90) Villarreal (SPA) 2 (Riquelme 50, 68) Torpedo Moscow (RUS) 0
- Genclerbirliigi (TUR) 1 (Veysel 55) Sporting Lisbon (POR) 1 (Liedson 50) Steaua Bucharest (ROM) 1 (Raducanu 69) Liverpool (ENG) 1 (Traore 22)
- PAOK Salonika (GRE) 1 (Karadimos 20) Debrecen (HUN) 1 (Bajzat 26)
- Borussia Dortmund (GER) 2 (Senesie 68, Ewerthon 76) Sochaux (FRA) 2 (Dos Santos 12, Frau 27)
- Austria Salzburg (AUT) 0 Parma (ITA) 4 (Filippini 60-pen, Gilardino 65, Nakata 83, Rosina 86)
- FC Basel (SWI) 2 (Cantaluppi 11, Chipperfield 16) Newcastle (ENG) 3 (Robert 14, Bramble 37, Ameobi 75)
- FC Copenhagen (DEN) 1 (Albrechtsen 31) Real Mallorca (SPA) 2 (Albrechtsen 28-og, Nagore 74)
- Feyenoord (NED) 0 Teplice (CZE) 2 (Dolezal 3, Rezek 57)
- AS Roma (ITA) 1 (Cassano 90) Hajduk Split (CRO) 0
- Perugia (ITA) 2 (Margiotta 46, 89) Aris Salonika (GRE) 0
- Manchester City (ENG) 1 (Anelka 5) Groclin (POL) 1 (Mila 65)
- Benfica (POR) 3 (Nuno Gomes 19, 53, Geovanni 50) Molde (NOR) 1 (Hestad 76)
- Valencia (SPA) 0 Maccabi Haifa (ISR) 0

**Played October 29**  
Rosenborg (NOR) 0 Red Star Belgrade (SEM) 0

\* Second leg matches to be played on November 27

Mixed bag for big guns



AFP, London

Newcastle rallied to a win, Borussia Dortmund to a draw, but 2002 champion Feyenoord fell to a 2-0 defeat in the second round, first leg of the UEFA Cup Thursday.

Shola Ameobi scored the winner for Newcastle in a 3-2 win over Basel in Switzerland. Borussia Dortmund, a 1993 UEFA Cup champion and 1997 European titlist, came back from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 at home to surprising French club Sochaux.

Feyenoord had Gill Swerts sent off in the second minute at home to Czech club Teplice and lost 2-0.

Twenty-three matches were played Thursday -- Rosenberg played to a scoreless draw with Red Star Belgrade on Oct. 29. The second round, second

leg is played on Nov. 27.

Other winners were Spanish clubs Barcelona, Mallorca and Villarreal, Spartak Moscow, Portugal's Benfica, Germany's Schalke and Italian clubs Roma, Perugia and Parma.

Several big names clubs struggled. Roma needed an injury time strike from Antonio Cassano to beat Hajduk Split 1-0, while Spanish league leader Valencia, one of the favorites to win the competition, played a dull 0-0 draw at home by Israeli club Maccabi Haifa.

Liverpool was held to a 1-1 draw at Steaua Bucharest in a match played in heavy rain on a waterlogged pitch. Manchester City was also kept to 1-1 by Polish club Groclin in England.

Two French clubs suffered unexpected defeats -- Bordeaux was beaten 1-0 by Scottish club Hearts in France and Lens fell 3-0 to Gaziantepspor in Turkey.

In Basel, Ameobi scored in the 75th minute, taking a pass from Nolberto



Barcelona's Brazilian superstar Ronaldinho (top) is sent flying by Panionios' Mico Smiljanic at Athens on November 6. PHOTO: AFP

Primera Liga preview

Real plan sans Carlos



AFP, Madrid

Real Madrid have been hit by an injury to Brazil defender Roberto Carlos as they resume Spanish League action at Sevilla on Sunday.

Madrid, who lie second to Valencia who have the same number of points, must do without their attack-minded defender and goalkick specialist after he tore a left thigh muscle in their 0-0 Champions League draw at Partizan Belgrade on Tuesday.

Club doctors said the left back would be out for up to three weeks, meaning he must also sit out Brazil's World Cup qualifiers against Peru in Lima on November 16 and at home to Uruguay in Curitiba three days later.

Complicating matters for Real coach Carlos Queiroz is that right back Michel Salgado is suspended for the Sevilla match having earned his fifth yellow card in the 3-0 victory over Athletic Bilbao last Saturday.

Queiroz will probably bring in Francisco Pavon for Salgado and Raul Bravo for Roberto Carlos though he could also take the option of calling up 21-year-old Ruben Gonzalez.

On a brighter note for Real, veteran defensive midfielder Ivan Helguera has recovered well after getting a blow on the head in a clash with Partizan striker Andrija Delibasic.

Helguera was taken to hospital but is expected to be available against Sevilla.

Officials at leaders Valencia, who host Racing Santander on Saturday, meanwhile have not overlooked the quality play of 38-year-old Italian

defender Amedeo Carboni.

The player has impressed sporting director Jesus Garcia Pitarch as well as coach Rafa Benitez and, despite his age, the signs are he will get an extension to his contract.

Carboni is the only left-sided defender at the club and Benitez is expected to try and find precautionary cover when the winter transfer window opens.

Third-placed Deportivo La Coruna, who host Real Sociedad on Saturday, are reeling from what Marca sports newspaper described as the biggest disaster in the history of the club.

Deportivo scored twice through Diego Tristan and Lionel Scaloni also found the net in Wednesday's Champions League action against Monaco.

The only problem was that Monaco

scored eight times, the most ever by any club since the Champions League was born in the early 90s and the most goals ever scored against a Spanish club in European competition.

The previous most goals scored against a representative of the Spanish league was when German club Karlsruhe thrashed Valencia 7-0 in the second round, second leg of the 1993/94 UEFA Cup.

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**Saturday:** Real Zaragoza v Celta Vigo, Athletic Bilbao v Espanyol, Deportivo La Coruna v Real Sociedad, Valencia v Racing Santander  
**Sunday:** Albacete v Malaga, Osasuna v Valladolid, Atletico Madrid v Villarreal, Real Mallorca v Murcia, Barcelona v Real Betis, Sevilla v Real Madrid

Dope test more Important than fasting?

AFP, London

UK Sport's anti-doping officials have been accused of putting pressure on a Muslim footballer to break his Ramadan daytime fast by drinking water to ensure he could provide a urine sample for a routine test.

Manchester City's French midfielder Christian Negouai was required to provide a sample for a test at his club's training ground on Tuesday.

According to City manager Kevin Keegan, Negouai had been left distraught after coming under pressure to comply with the test.

"Christian is very upset about this," Keegan told journalists ahead of City's UEFA Cup tie with Poland's Groclin.

"On the one hand I am saying to him, 'if you don't take the test it will look very suspicious.' But from the other end it is his belief, his religion. He was forced to drink water so he could get a urine sample and he didn't want to do it."

UK Sport, the body which oversees anti-doping controls in Britain, denied that any player would be forced to drink to ensure they could give a sample and said the officers carrying out the controls would have been prepared to wait until nightfall, when Muslims can break their fast during the holy month of Ramadan.

"We respect the beliefs of all religious groups and are sympathetic to their needs when it comes to testing," UK Sport's Chief Executive Richard Callicott said.

"In no circumstances would a sportsman or woman be forced to drink water. They are always provided with sealed, non-alcoholic, caffeine-free drinks to aid them in producing a sample, but the use of these is no more than a recommendation."

Negouai and his club may have felt under increased pressure to provide a sample promptly for the anti-doping officials because the player failed to take a test last season.

The Football Association accepted Negouai's explanation that his failure was due to a misunderstanding resulting from his poor English and the player escaped with a 2,000 pounds fine.

The issue of drugs testing in football is also highly sensitive at the moment with England centre-half Rio Ferdinand facing a possible ban for missing a test at Manchester United's training ground on September 23.

United are understood to be contemplating legal action based on the precedent set by the Negouai case if Ferdinand receives a lengthy ban.

Serie A preview All roads lead to Rome

AFP, Rome

The fireworks should be flying on and off the pitch in Sunday's Rome derby, a fixture that rarely passes without controversy and has a history of crowd trouble.

Fears over security are high, prompting the presidents, coaches and captains of both Roma and Lazio to appeal to their fans for calm in an attempt to defuse the tension.

In addition, 5,000 police officers will be on duty as Lazio try to end Roma's unbeaten run which has propelled them into third place in Serie A, two points behind joint leaders AC Milan and Juventus.

On the pitch, Lazio coach Roberto Mancini will be looking for a positive reaction from his team who were humiliated 4-0 at home to Chelsea in the Champions League on Tuesday.

Mancini is desperate to come out on top at the Olympic stadium where a win will take Lazio above their arch rivals.

"If you win you are in paradise, if you lose you have to dig deep to find the energy to bounce back," said Mancini, who spent three years at Lazio as a player.

"The Rome derby is special for the

FIXTURES

**Saturday:** Brescia v Bologna (1930 GMT), Sampdoria v Empoli (1700 GMT)  
**Sunday (all 1400 GMT kick-off unless stated):** Inter Milan v Ancona, Juventus v Udinese, Parma v AC Milan, Perugia v Lecce, Reggina v Modena, Roma v Lazio (1930 GMT), Siena v Chievo

warmth of the people and the excitement leading up to the match. It's the most nerve-wracking match for a coach. When you play in a derby you can't help getting carried away with the tension."

Roma coach Fabio Capello agreed with his opposite number that there's nothing quite like a derby to get the blood pumping.

"It's not true that the derby is like any other game," he said. "I know only too well having been involved in four different city derbies, as a player and as a coach."

"It's an extraordinary match that feels different in every way, from the



GrameenPhone's Additional General Manager of Marketing Intekhab Mahmud (L) hands over the man-of-the-match's check to Andrew Flintoff at the end of the first one-day international match between Bangladesh and England at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday. PHOTO: COURTESY

Premiership preview Spurs at tired Gunners



AFP, London

For their third game in eight days, the last thing Arsenal needed was a full-blooded derby clash with Tottenham.

But that is exactly what Arsene Wenger's men face at Highbury on Saturday and the Arsenal manager admits fatigue could pose as much of a threat as the much-improved form of their north London rivals.

"It is our third game in a week so there is a slight concern about tiredness and it is always a tough game against Tottenham," Wenger admitted.

"We will have to be at the top of our gameto beat them."

Arsenal will however go into the match in buoyant mood.

Last weekend's 4-1 romp against Leeds left them top of the league and still unbeaten on the domestic front while

further out instead of trying to be too intricate around the last man and create freespace," Pleat said.

Tottenham's prospects of ending Arsenal's unbeaten start to the season have not been helped by injuries which will mean they are without Davies and striker Fredi Kanoute on Saturday.

Arsenal skipper Patrick Vieira remains sidelined but Wenger should have all the players who played in Wednesday's dramatic win available for selection.

Victory on Saturday would send Arsenal four points clear of Chelsea at the top, at least until Sunday, when the Blues entertain Newcastle at Stamford Bridge. Manchester United are also not in action until Sunday's clash with Liverpool at Anfield.

Leeds manager Peter Reid looks set to restore unsettled Australian striker Mark Viduka to his side when his side travel to Portsmouth aiming to drag themselves off the bottom of the table.

Viduka was dropped for last week's defeat by Arsenal and subsequently fined by the club for turning up late for training and the match itself.

The episode was widely seen as a prologue to Viduka leaving Leeds in the January transfer window but Reid insists the row is now in the past.

"I got fined a few times as a player and things like this happen," Reid said. "It has been dealt with and I am quite happy with the situation now."

"What went on was not particularly helpful to anyone concerned but we just have to get on with it."

Jody Morris is also back in the Leeds squad for the first time since he was questioned by police in connection with an investigation into a serious sexual assault.

FIXTURES

(1500 GMT unless stated)  
**Saturday:** Arsenal v Tottenham, Aston Villa v Middlesbrough, Bolton v Southampton, Charlton v Fulham, Portsmouth v Leeds, Wolves v Birmingham (1230)  
**Sunday:** Chelsea v Newcastle (1605), Liverpool v Man Utd (1345), Man City v Leicester (1500)  
**Monday:** Blackburn v Everton (2000)



SAADI KADHAFI

Kadhafi in ignominy

AFP, Rome

Perugia midfielder Saadi Kadhafi, son of the Libyan leader Moamer, has been suspended from Italy's Serie A following his positive dope test, the Italian Football Federation (FIGC) said on Thursday.

Saadi Kadhafi, 30, could face a permanent suspension of up to two years if his B test also shows traces of the anabolic steroid nandrolone.

The 30-year-old Libyan international, who signed a one-year contract with Perugia in the summer, was tested after the club's match at home to Reggina on October 5.

Saadi Kadhafi, vice-president of Libya's sports federation, is yet to make his debut in Italy's top flight and was a non-playing substitute in the match.

He is the third Serie A footballer to fail a random drugs test this year.

Perugia's flamboyant president Luciano Gaucci, who has been accused of bringing Kadhafi to the club purely as a publicity stunt, insisted there was a political motive behind Kadhafi's failed drugs test.

"Libya want to host the 2010 World Cup and not everyone is okay with that," he said. "Saadi takes medicine for back pain and that's why his results were positive."

Saadi Kadhafi is refusing to talk to the media and is currently staying with his wife in a Perugia hotel protected by his personal bodyguards.

Three years ago he caused a stir by hiring disgraced Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson as his personal trainer.

Johnson was stripped of his 100 metres gold medal for testing positive for the steroid stanolozol at the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

Haemorrhage claims Swiss goalie



AFP, Zurich

A Swiss goalkeeper has died after suffering a brain haemorrhage following a collision with another player during a Swiss second division game between his team FC Greifensee and Wiedikon.

Reto Gafner, 32, was struck in the head by a player's knee as he dived to block a ball from entering his goal.

He suffered a brain haemorrhage and died two days after falling into a coma, his club said Thursday, adding that all Swiss second division games have been cancelled this week as a mark of respect.



STILL A MARKED MAN: Former Argentinian superstar Gabriel Batistuta (L), who plays for Al-Arabi Sports Club, is having his shirt pulled by Al-Wakra's Hassan Labrabi during their Qatari league match at Al-Hithad stadium in Doha on November 6. PHOTO: AFP