# Late flurry sees Senegal thru' | Inter show Lazio | PREMIERSHIP Cup exit | Cup exit | Familia

AFP, Alexandria



A storming secondhalf show gave Senegal a 3-2 victory over Guinea on Friday in the first African Nations Cup quarterfinal.

The Teranga Lions, lucky to reach the last eight after losing two of three group games, will tackle hosts Egypt or the Democratic Republic of Congo in Cairo Tuesday for a place in the final of the biennial championship.

Kaba Diawara gave surprise Group C table toppers Guinea a first-halflead only for goals by Pape Bouba Diop, Mamadou Niang and Henri Camara to put Senegal on top before Pascal Feindouno reduced arrears deep in stoppage

Guinea were first to make an impression in the north-east Mediterranean city and Senegal goalkeeper Tony Sylva made an unconvincing clearance after a mix-up with a teammate.

Diawara cursed his poor finishing as he headed wide a deep cross that eluded several Senegalese defenders, and when the tall Guinean did get the ball in the net he was correctly ruled offside. Surprise package Guinea, who

went into the first match of the knockout phase with a 100 percent record after victories over South Africa, Zambia and defending champions Tunisia, broke the deadlock with 24 minutes gone.

The goal came gift wrapped by Sylva, a survivor of the 2002 World Cup team, who dwelt too long on a back pass from Lamine Diatta and his clearance was blocked by Diawara, who ran in from an acute angle and tapped the ball home.

Although his team were ahead and winning the territorial battle, Guinea looked vulnerable under pressure with goalkepeer Naby

A solid 94 by Sonny helped Dhaka

Wanderers Club score a 69-run

victory against Kathalbagan in the

First Division Cricket League at the

Dhaka University ground yesterday.

knock and Anuruddha's umbeaten

52 to pile up 274-9 in 50 overs.

Wanderers rode on Sonny's

In reply, Kathalbagan were

bundled out for 205 in 40 overs with

NCL restarts Feb 8

The Ispahani Mirzapore Tea Seventh National Cricket League

(NCL) will resume on February 8

the restart by two days as the ongo-

ing Premier Cricket League was

The country's lone first-class

competition was stopped after the

Janakantha and Sangbad set up a

final clash in the seven-a-side Meril

Cup media football tournament after

winning their respective semifinals

at the Bangabandhu National

Janakantha managed a solitary

goal victory against Ajker Kagoj in the

first semi with Asif scoring the all-

important goal while Sangbad elimi-

nated Samakal 3-1 in tiebreaker after

the regulation time produced no

on the day of the match will carry

the day," said Younis, who led

Pakistan in the absence of injured

Inzamamul Haq in the third Test.

Inzamam, who missed the

launch ceremony due to his

father's illness, has recovered from

a back problem and was included

in the 16-man Pakistan one-day

day series are scheduled at Rawalpindi (Feb 11), Lahore (Feb

13), Multan (Feb 16) and Karachi

The other matches in the one-

Indians ready

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squad.

The date of the final was yet to be

Media soccer

The league committee deferred

Sohag making team highest 53.

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across the country.

rescheduled twice.

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Div I cricket

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Bobo Balde (R) of Guinea is under pressure from Senegalese Henri Camara during their quarterfinal match of the African Nations Cup in Alexandria on Friday.

Diarso regularly raising the blood pressure level of teammates.

Diarso, the only Guinea-based player in the starting lineup, was grateful for a generous free kick from Benin referee Coffi Codja after he dropped the ball during a

As if being a goal behind was not sufficient trouble, Senegal lost veteran defender and captain Ferdinand Coly with a hamstring strain as half-time approached and Pape Diakhate took his place. Sensing Guinea were suspect in

SERIE A

Football

AC Milan striker Andriy Shevchenko

has insisted they can resurrect their

challenge for the Serie A title by beat-

Milan travel to Rome's Olympic

Stadium on the back of two poor

results and continuing speculation

about the future of coach Carlo

Last Saturday's 1-1 draw with

Sampdoria at San Siro left them a

distant third in the standings with 47

points, a massive 12 points behind

That was followed by a 3-0 Italian

Cup quarterfinal, second leg defeat

at Palermo on Tuesday that knocked

them out of the competition 3-1 on

aggregate prompting critics to sug-

gest the Champions League is their

That suggestion is refuted by

"We're going through a bad patch

but there are still plenty of matches to

play - and I'm not just referring to

the Champions League," the former

European Footballer of the Year was

quoted as saying in La Gazzetta dello

points more (in Serie A) than it did at

FROM PAGE 16 rushed back into the side after

veteran Glenn McGrath was forced

to withdraw when it was revealed

his wife was suffering a recurrence

Final scoreboard in the triangular

series limited overs one-day inter-

national between Australia and

South Africa at Melbourne's Telstra

Katich c Pollock b van der Wath 25

Ponting c van der Wath b Botha 53

Martyn c Botha b Smith

Hussey b van der Wath

ymonds run out

Clarkerunout

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'So far Milan has earned two

only hope of silverware this season.

Shevchenko, however.

Sport this week.

of cancer.

SCOREBOARD

Dome on Friday:

AUSTRALIA

REUTERS, Rome

ing Lazio on Sunday

leaders Juventus.

the air, Senegal opted for an aerial route to goal and came close twice as Diarso continued to look out of his depth at this level.

Diarso had another lucky escape when he flapped in the goalmouth and a shot rebounded to him off the leg of a defender, but Senegal finally levelled with 61 minutes gone.

Substitute Mamadou Niang lost possession but the ball broke to another Teranga Lion and the cross was headed into the net by Diop, the Fulham midfielder known as

ble performances by Juventus have

made us look weaker by compari-

focus had already shifted to this

month's Champions League tie with

Bayern Munich as Milan prepare for

Bayern. There are still three weeks

before we play them. Today my first

priority is Lazio," said the Ukraine

halves. When I play in Serie A, that's

what I concentrate on. I don't look

ahead. I just take one match at a

domestic challenge is over, they

could do with a repeat of the confi-

dence-boosting 2-0 win against

Lazio earlier this season that trig-

gered a run of eight straight Serie A

This time, however, they won't

Milan's anxieties will be com-

pounded by some erratic recent

performances by goalkeeper Dida,

who was oddly immobile when

Andrea Gasbarroni fired home

Lazio, meanwhile, welcome back

Sampdoria's equaliser on Saturday.

Total: (For 7 wkts in 50 overs)

Did not bat: Dorey, Clark, Hogg

Super-sub: Hopes for Martyn

Dippensar c Gilchrist b Clark

163, 5-167, 6-276, 7-281

Fall of wickets: 1-45, 2-71, 3-145, 4-

No Lee respite for SA

Bowler

Langeveldt 6

Van der Wath 10

SOUTHAFRICA

Smith lbw b Lee

Rudolph run out

Bothac Gilchrist b Lee

Kemp c Hopes b Lee Boucher c Ponting b Lee

Gibbs b Hopes

Prince run out

have home advantage and Lazio are

unbeaten at the Olympic Stadium

Regardless of whether Milan's

"I don't like doing things by

"It's too soon to think about

The 29-year-old denied that his

Milan eying turnaro

son, "he added.

theirlast 16 showdown.

the 'Wardrobe' because of his massive physique.

And seven minutes from fulltime, Senegal edged ahead through a powerful close-range shot from Niang after a Balde blunder set Henri Camara free and his cross rolled invitingly across the

Camara added a third two minutes into stoppage time before former captain Feindouno, one of the stars of the Nations Cup, converted a free kick just before the

last week, while Juve will aim to

maintain their 100 percent home

record in Serie A against mid-table

Zlatan Ibrahimovic's goal

drought, which has lasted since

November, means the Swede is again

expected to start on the bench for the

leaders, with Alessandro Del Piero

taking his place up front alongside

Fourth-placed Fiorentina (44

points) have a relatively easy game

against bottom club Lecce while

seventh consecutive Serie A win as

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Siena v Ascoli, Parma v Roma (1930

Cagliari v Empoli, Florentina v Lecce,

nter Milan v Chievo, Juventus v Udinese,

Lazio v AC Milan (1930 GMT), Livorno v

Messina, Reggina v Palermo, Sampdoria

Pollock c Martyn b Symonds 16

Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs) 201

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-13, 3-48, 4-69,

30

34

48

5-117, 6-155, 7-156, 8-156, 9-183

Super-sub: Botha for Langeveldt

Result: Australia won by 80 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Michael

Umpires: Peter Parker and Aleem

Hall not out

Dorey

Hopes

Hogg

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Toss: Australia.

Van der Wath not out

Extras: (w-6, nb-1)

(1400 GMT kick-off unless stated):

Roma, in fifth (39), aim to notch up a

DavidTrezeguet.

they visit Parma.

Udinese at the Stadio delle Alpi.

SPORT

Inter Milan's Dejan Stankovic scored the only goal to send his former club Lazio crashing out of the Italian Cup in the quarterfinals on Thursday.

The tie was level at 1-1 after the first leg last week and Inter had early chances to finish the tie with Marco Materazzi and Adriano going close.

Stankovic broke through in the 36th minute with a fierce drive into the top corner of the net.

successive draws after managing a Santiago Solari wasted a good single goal in each of those late chance to equalise when his matches, and manager Jose weak lob went straight to the goal-Mourinho is lamenting the keeper and Igli Tare could have absence of Ivory Coast striker taken it to extra time with a soft Didier Drogba at the African Nations Cup.
"We miss Didier Drogba," he told

Inter will face Udinese in the semifinals while Palermo will take on Roma.

Serie A leaders Iuventus were knocked out on Wednesday despite beating Roma 1-0 in a badtempered quarterfinal, second leg.

Adrian Mutu's penalty shortly after half-time gave Juve victory on the night, but the tie finished 3-3 on aggregate and Roma went through on the away goals rule.

In Wednesday's early tie, Udinese clinched a semi-final place after drawing 2-2 at Sampdoria for a 3-3 aggregate

Udinese, who squandered a two-goal lead in Genoa, went through to the last four on away

### Archbishop slams Ronaldinho's red

REUTERS, Madrid

The Archbishop of Barcelona has intervened in the controversy surrounding Ronaldinho's red card against Real Zaragoza in the King's Cup, saying the Brazilian was unjustly punished.

"The sending off of Ronaldinho was far too rigorous and it was one of the things that influenced Barca's elimination from the Cup, Archbishop Lluis Martinez-Sistach toldTV3 on Thursday.

"The game lasts 90 minutes and the team had to play with a man down. That is possible sometimes they continue their push for a UEFA but you have to remember that Ronaldinho is a very influential Second-placed Inter (51 points) face a tricky game against in-form Chievo, who thrashed Reggina 4-0

player. Ronaldinho was dismissed late in the first half of Wednesday's quarterfinal when he collided with Zaragoza midfielder Cani, although the challenge did not appear worthy of a straight red card.

Barcelona, who lost last week's first leg 4-2, went on to win the game 2-1 but it was not enough to earn them a place in the semifinals and they waved goodbye to their first chance of a trophy this season.

## Inter-college hanadball

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Dhaka College registered a 9-4 vic tory over Dhaka State College in the EXIM Bank inter-college (men's) handball tournament at handball court adjacent to the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 2-0. Selim scored seven goals for the winners while Rana netted two for

In the day's other match, Titumir Government College recorded a 11-1 victory over Metropolis College dominating the first half 7-0.

Limon and Shamim scored four and three goals respectively for the victors while Mahmudul netted the consolation goal for the losers.

## Lancer Cup golf held

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Nafees Alam clinched the men's title while Shin Woo Kee won the women's crown in the Lancer Cup Golf Tournament at the Kurmitola Golf Club course on Friday.

A total of 381 golfers including 27 ladies took part in the two-day meet which was sponsored by Rangs Group.

Chief of Army Staff and president of Kurmitola Golf Club Lieutenant General Moeen U Ahmed inaugurated the tournament and later he distributed prizes among the winners.

A Rouf Chowdhury, Chairman of Rangs Group along with other high officials of the company attended the function

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Senior winner: Saydur Rahman (Minto), Junior winner: Master Ozden; Best Gross; Farruque Ahmed; Ladies Best Gross: J H Lee; 2nd Best Gross: Sadiq Quddus; Runner-up: Maj Gen Abdul Wadud; 2nd Runner-up: W Y Sung; Front Nine winner: Redwan Bin Rokon; Back Nine winner: Brig Gen Rafiqul Islam; Nearest to pin: Shahrin Islam; Longest Drive; Saad Rahim Chowdhury, Winner Nine Hole: Brig Gen M S Sadeque (retd); Runner-up Nine Hole: Brig Gen Fakhruddin Haider; Senior winner

Nine Hole: Syed Moazzem Hossain.

Football

Liverpool face Chelsea for the

fourth time this season when they travel to Stamford Bridge on

Sunday, hoping to take advantage

of the Premier League leaders' dip

Chelsea are coming off three

the club's website after a 1-1 draw at Villa Park widened their lead over

Manchester United to 15 points. "(Hernan) Crespo and (Carlton)

Cole are doing very well... But

Drogba has a presence in the box, is

strong, tall, a fighter. Crespo and

Drogba can give us something

Anfield in October and the teams

also played out two goalless draws

in the Champions League, helping

both to qualify for this month's

will aim to make up for that embar-

rassing home defeat, especially

after Xabi Alonso's own goal gifted

Birmingham City a point at Anfield

European champions Liverpool

Chelsea beat Liverpool 4-1 at

different.'

round of 16.

REUTERS, London

Familiar foes renew rivalry onWednesday.
Liverpool are third with 45 points, 18 less than champions Chelsea although they have two

games in hand Manchester United are licking their wounds after Blackburn Rovers completed a league double with a 4-3 victory at Ewood Park on Wednesday, although United should have little trouble against

Fulham at Old Trafford. United will be without England defender Rio Ferdinand, who was sent off at Rovers for a second booking having filled an unfamiliar midfield role for the second game

Sixth-placed Arsenal travel to Birmingham shell-shocked after being dumped out of the League and FA Cups inside a week and suffering their second home league defeat of the season.

Arsene Wenger's injury-hit defence are likely to be without right back Kerrea Gilbert (bad back) who went off before halftime in Wednesday's 3-2 home defeat by West Ham United.

Long-term injury victims Lauren, who may miss the rest of the season, Ashley Cole and Gael Clichy are all sidelined and Sol Campbell is being rested after a crisis of confidence.

Arsenal's slump in form has allowed north London rivals Tottenham to hold on to the fourth Champions League qualifying

place despite their own run of poor

Spurs are still three points clear of surprise package Wigan Athletic, who visit seventh-placed Bolton Wanderers, and four ahead of Arsenal, although the Gunners

have a game in hand. Tottenham entertain Charlton on Sunday and are struggling to cope without striker Mido who is on Nations Cup duty with hosts

Spurs' new signing Danny Murphy will not play against his former team after a gentleman's agreement between the clubs. Ireland winger Andy Reid is also

sidelined through injury.

Newcastle United start life without sacked manager Graeme Souness at home to fellow strugglers Portsmouth, who are second from bottom and eight points behind their opponents.

#### FIXTURES

(1500 GMT unless stated) Saturday

Birmingham v Arsenal, Bolton v Wigan Athletic, Everton v Manchester City Manchester Utd v Fulham (1715 GMT) Middlesbrough v Aston Villa, Newcastle v Portsmouth, West Brom v Blackburn West Ham v Sunderland (1500 GMT) Sunday

Tottenham v Charlton (1330 GMT), Chelsea v Liverpool (1600 GMT)



Real Madrid stars (L-R) David Beckham, Michel Salgado, Jonathan Woodgate and Ronaldo stretch during a training session in Madrid on Thursday.

PRIMERA LIGA

# Tricky test for Barcelona

Football

REUTERS, Madrid

Atletico Madrid striker Fernando Torres has a happy knack of scoring against Barcelona and poses the biggest threat to the leaders' 14match winning streak in the Primera Liga on Sunday.

Atletico are the only team to have beaten Barca in the league this season, winning 2-1 in the Calderon in September with goals from Mateja Kezman and Torres.

The 21-year-old Spain striker also scored both goals in a 2-0 win at the Nou Camp last February, Barca's only league defeat at home last season, and found the net in a I-1 draw in Madrid before that. "The Nou Camp is a place that

has a special significance for me because I made my Primera Liga debut there and their fans have always been very good to me," Torres told radio station Onda

"Last year they applauded me after I scored the two goals.

"You always go knowing that you are expected to lose but that just means that you play a little to be a heated affair after Quique

Atletico have enjoyed a return to form under new coach Pepe

Murcia, winning their last two league games. Barca are top by 12 points from second-placed Valencia but suf-

fered their first major setback of the season when they were knocked out of the King's Cup by Real Zaragoza on Wednesday. Although Frank Rijkaard's side

have scored at least twice in every ague game since the Atletico defeat, their recent Cup exit showed they were missing the goals of Samuel Eto'o, who is competing for Cameroon at the African Nations Cup in Egypt.

Barca will also be without suspended Brazilians Ronaldinho and Edmilson. Atletico have Kezman suspended.

If Barca win they will equal the record of 15 consecutive league victories set by Real Madrid in the 1960/61 season

early chance to exact revenge on Deportivo Coruna, who knocked

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and they had only one loss in qualifi-sion, in November 1989, that he

freer without the same amount of Sanchez Flores's side lost 2-1 on

Second-placed Valencia have an

them out of the Cup this week. The Saturday match promises

striker Ronaldo back in the side after injury. David Beckham is struggling with a slight ankle strain and is a doubt.

aggregate with both goals for

Depor coming from controversial

Valencia have not lost in the

Third-placed Real Madrid are a

Juan Roman Lopez Caro's side

league since falling 1-0 to Villarreal

point behind Valencia with home

advantage against an unpredict-

are unbeaten in eight league and

cup outings and could have Brazil

penalty decisions.

able Espanyol.

(1600 GMT kick-off unless stated)

Malaga v Athletic Bilbao (1700 GMT) Real Madrid v Espanyol (1900 GMT) Deportivo la Coruna v Valencia (2100

Sunday Getafe v Alaves, Racing Santander v Celta Vigo, Real Sociedad v Real

Mallorca, Villarreal v Cadiz, Real Zaragoza v Real Betis, Barcelona v Atletico Madrid (1800), Sevilla v Osasuna (2000)

## Kaiser backs Brazil, England

boss feels the current holders have

the strongest chance of defending

Brazil, they are full of world-class

players and also impressed in the

Confederations Cup," said

Beckenbauer, of England's potential

'My personal top favourite is

it 40 years after their last one.'

their crown.

Football

AFP, London

German legend Franz Beckenbauer believes Brazil will take some beating at the World Cup this summer but that England could give the world champions arun for their money. Beckenbauer, 60, won the World

Cup as both a player and coach, after being part of the side beaten by England in the 1966 final at Wembley. And he believes Sven-Goran

Eriksson's squad can have a major impact. "For me, England are still the best team in Europe," said the former

Beckenbauer feels the fact Bayern Munich defender, who first Eriksson is leaving will not harm lifted the World Cup in 1974. England's chances - a fact born out "England's defence is excellent, by the announcement of his deci-

semifinal opponents in Germany. "But in 2002, I said France and Argentina were my favourites and both went home after the group

would leave after the World Cup in "It would be great for them to win Italythe following summer. "It is not a usual situation to However, the former German

announce before the World Cup a coach is leaving after, but I do not see any problem," he said. The players are playing for themselves and the team, they are not

playing for the coach. They do not care who is manager. As to the chances of his own country, now under the guidance of

former Tottenham striker Jurgen Klinsmann, Beckenbauersaid: "It is a young team, and I am really curious now they are doing. "Two years of exhibition games

are easy, but to play a World Cup is tremendous pressure - and can the young players take this?".



Participants of the Lancer Cup Golf Tournament pose with Chief of Army Staff and president of Kurmitola Golf Club (KGC) Lieutenant General Moeen U Ahmed (arrow No-1) during the inaugural ceremony at the club on Thursday. Vice-president of KGC Major General Iqbal Karim Bhuiyan (arrow No-2) and chairman of Rangs Group A Rouf Chowdhury (arrow No-3) were also present.