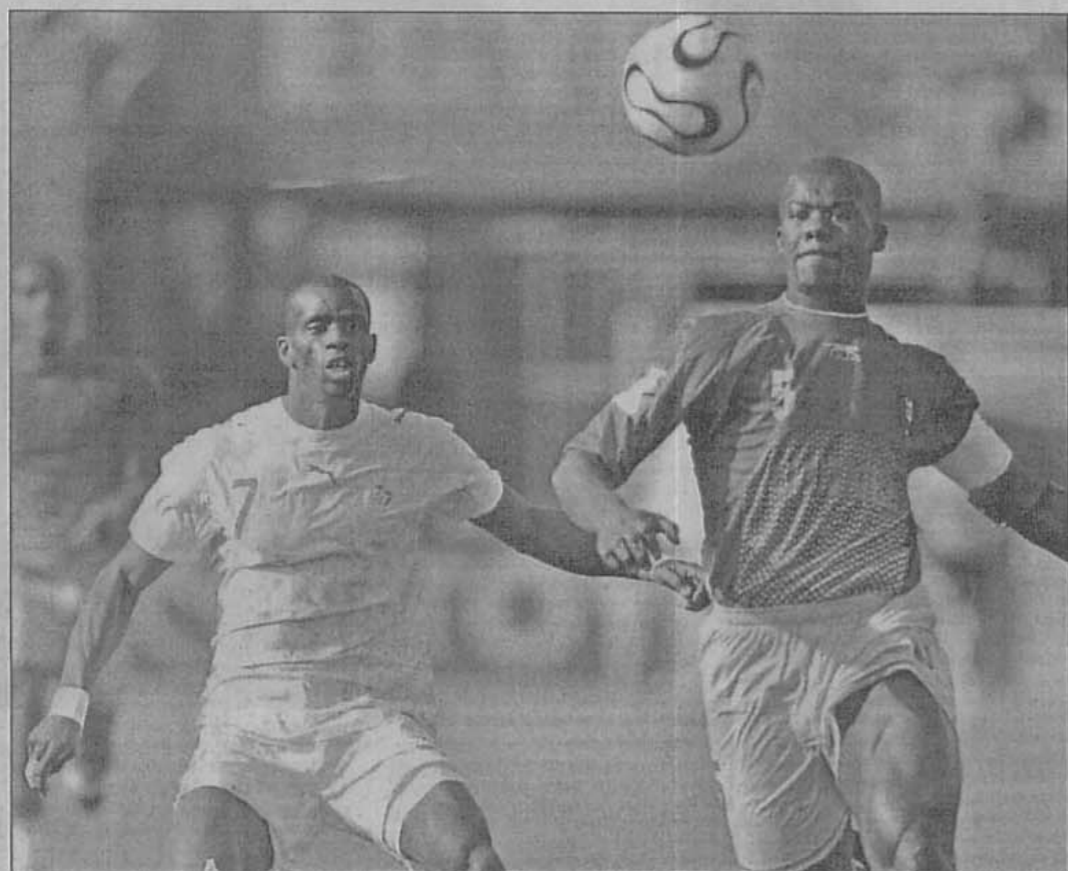


Late flurry sees Senegal thru'

AFP, Alexandria

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



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 Codjia after he dropped the ball during a scramble.

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.

the 'Wardrobe' because of his massive physique. And seven minutes from full-time, 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 goalmouth.

Div I cricket

A solid 94 by Sonny helped Dhaka Wanderers Club score a 69-run victory against Kathabagan in the First Division Cricket League at the Dhaka University ground yesterday.

NCL restarts Feb 8

The Ispahani Mirzapore Tea Seventh National Cricket League (NCL) will resume on February 8 across the country.

Media soccer

Janakantha and Sangbad set up a final clash in the seven-a-side Merit Cup media football tournament after winning their respective semifinals at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Indians ready

FROM PAGE 16 on the day of the match will carry the day," said Younis, who led Pakistan in the absence of injured Inzamam-ul-Haq in the third Test.

SERIE A Milan eyeing turnaround

AC Milan striker Andriy Shevchenko has insisted they can resurrect their challenge for the Serie A title by beating Lazio on Sunday.

Paolo Di Canio from suspension as they continue their push for a UEFA Cup place. Second-placed Inter (51 points) face a tricky game against in-form Chievo, who thrashed Reggina 4-0 last week, while Juve will aim to maintain their 100 percent home record in Serie A against mid-table Udinese at the Stadio delle Alpi.

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 David Trezeguet.

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 suggest the Champions League is their only hope of silverware this season.

Regardless of whether Milan's domestic challenge is over, they could do with a repeat of the confidence-boosting 2-0 win against Lazio earlier this season that triggered a run of eight straight Serie A victories.

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

No Lee respite for SA

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 of cancer.

Extras: (b-1, lb-1, w-4, nb-2) 8 Total: (For 7 wickets in 50 overs) 281 Fall of wickets: 1-45, 2-71, 3-145, 4-163, 5-167, 6-276, 7-281 Did not bat: Dorey, Clark, Hogg Super-sub: Hopes for Martyn

Table with columns: Player, O, M, R, W. Rows include Pollock, Langeveldt, Hall, Van der Wath, Smith, Botha, and others.

Inter show Lazio Cup exit

AFP, Rome

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.

PREMIERSHIP Familiar foes renew rivalry

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 in form.

on Wednesday. Liverpool are third with 45 points, 18 less than champions Chelsea although they have two games in hand.

place despite their own run of poor results. 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.

FIXTURES (1500 GMT unless stated) Saturday Birmingham v Arsenal, Bolton v Wigan Athletic, Everton v Manchester City, etc.

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.



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

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

freer without the same amount of pressure. Atletico have enjoyed a return to form under new coach Pepe Murcia, winning their last two league games.

Sanchez Flores's side lost 2-1 on aggregate with both goals for Depor coming from controversial penalty decisions.

Lancer Cup golf held

SPORTS REPORTER

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.

Barca is also by 12 points from second-placed Valencia but suffered their first major setback of the season when they were knocked out of the King's Cup by Real Zaragoza on Wednesday.

FIXTURES (1600 GMT kick-off unless stated) Saturday Malaga v Athletic Bilbao (1700 GMT), Real Madrid v Espanyol (1900 GMT), Deportivo La Coruna v Valencia (2100 GMT)

Kaiser backs Brazil, England

Football

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

and they had only one loss in qualification. "It would be great for them to win it 40 years after their last one."

sion, in November 1989, that he would leave after the World Cup in Italy the following summer.



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 Rangas Group ARouf Chowdhury (arrow No-3) were also present.