

Tevez suffers knee injury

AP, Sao Paulo

Corinthians said Saturday that Argentina international Carlos Tevez will be sidelined for at least 15 days because of a knee injury suffered in the Copa Libertadores.

Tevez had to be substituted in Thursday's 2-0 loss to Mexico's Tigres after injuring his right knee in a challenge with a defender.

Initial examinations conducted after the team arrived in Brazil on Friday showed the striker will likely be out for at least two weeks.

Tevez, a regular on the Argentina national team, will miss Sunday's match against rival Sao Paulo and at least one other match in the Sao Paulo state championship. He is not likely to play in the team's next Copa Libertadores match, against Tigres again, on March 22.

The Argentine, who scored six goals in nine matches this season, was Corinthians' top acquisition last year. He led the club to its fourth Brazilian league title and was named the competition's best player.

Corinthians is fourth in the 20-team Sao Paulo state championship with 25 points from 13 matches. Santos leads the tournament with 31 points, five more than Sao Paulo and Palmeiras.

Chittagong stay

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Masum 23, Salahuddin 75, Nazimuddin 33, Ehsanul 84, Faisal 20, Wasel 44, Ilias 41 n.o., Uttam 3-54, Mehrab Jr 4-148, Opee 2-64).
DHAKA: First innings 169-6 in 72 overs (Uttam 35, Anwar 34, Mehrab Jr 22, Riyad 45 batting, Shahriar 15, extras 12, Ilias 3-21, Sabir 3-34).
RAJSHAH: First innings 306 all out in 88.2 overs.
KHULNA: 265 and 49-1 in 13 overs (Sadat 24, Aslam 21, Sadik 3 batting, Salahuddin 1-5).
BARISAL: First innings 265 all out in 81.1 overs (Imran 12, Hannan 26, Nadif 37, Shahin 59, Sonnet 66, Salahuddin 38, Shibli 4-85, Faizul 2-84, Sadik 2-33, Tushar 1-17, Sadat 1-17).

Mahela happy

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A lot of characters in the series which will help Sri Lanka cricket in the future," said Jayawardene.
"It is also great for me as I captained the team in a full series for the first time. We had a lot of positives in the series. Mahorod showed his mettle with the bat in the first Test while Tharanga showed his determination and concentration as an opener and Vandort also came back after a frustrating start. So, I think young guys got great exposure from the series," he explained.
"The special moment in the series was to see Muralidaran getting his 600th Test wicket. I am lucky that I was also there when he took 500 wickets in Zimbabwe. I hope the great bowler breaks more records," he added.
Sri Lanka will get little time for rest at home as they are scheduled to play their first one-day match against Pakistan on March 17.
"I think the players are fit enough to take the challenge. There is no scope to feel tired at this level. Yes, we have had a very hectic schedule recently but I think it would not be a big issue during our home series against Pakistan," he said.

Bangladesh team

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The swimming teams comprises with Rubel Rana (50 and 100m backstroke), Jewel Ahmed (50m butterfly and freestyle), Sabura Khatun (50m breaststroke, 100m butterfly) and Kazi Monirul Islam (50 and 100m freestyle).
Long-jumper Fouzia Huda Jui and 400m runner Towhidul Islam complete the athletics team while Hamidul Islam, Akramul Haque and Molla Sabira are the part of the weightlifting team.
Apart from these four disciplines, Shahidul Islam and Farida Akhter Asma will take part in the EAD (competition for handicaps) events.
After four athletes had fled the camp (one came back) in Manchester, the BOA has taken strict measures to avoid further fleeing this time.



Paul Collingwood (England batsman)
"He is a world-class bowler. He is tough to play on any pitch and to come up against him in his own backyard is really tough."
On Indian ace leg-spinner Anil Kumble.



PHOTO: AFP

Chelsea midfielder Michael Essien (2R) rejoices after scoring against Tottenham Hotspur during their Premiership clash at Stamford Bridge on Saturday.

PREMIERSHIP

Chelsea march on

Football

AFP, London

William Gallas scored a spectacular injury-time winner as Chelsea marched another step closer to retaining their Premiership title with a 2-1 win over Tottenham Hotspur at Stamford Bridge on Saturday.

The lunchtime encounter had appeared destined for a draw when French defender Gallas cut in from close to the left touchline, evaded two challenges and hammered an unstoppable 25-yard drive past England goalkeeper Paul Robinson.

The champions had deservedly taken the lead when Michael Essien finished off Shaun Wright-Phillips's

cutback cross with just under quarter of an hour gone.

But it had looked as if they would be forced to settle for a point when Jermaine Jenas ran on to Michael Dawson's header and clipped the ball past Peter Cech on the stroke of half-time.

The win edged Chelsea's lead at the top of the table to 18 points although nearest challengers Manchester United, who play Newcastle on Sunday, have two games in hand.

Spurs remain in fourth place in the table but the last-ditch defeat was a blow to their chances of holding off Arsenal in the battle for the final Champions League qualifying spot.

Arsenal, five points adrift of their north London neighbours, are at

home to Liverpool on Sunday.

At the other end of the table, Birmingham's hopes of escaping the relegation zone were dashed when Nathan Ellington came off the bench to earn West Brom a 1-1 draw, cancelling out Mikael Forssell's 49th-minute penalty.

Birmingham had edged the contest in territorial terms but West Brom, for whom Ellington struck the bar in stoppage time, enjoyed the better chances.

The draw leaves Birmingham three points adrift of their local rivals, who currently occupy the last survival spot in the table, but with the advantage of a game in hand.

'Highbury return my destiny'

UEFA CHAMPS LEAGUE

REUTERS, Rome

Former Arsenal captain Patrick Vieira says he will be thinking only about winning when he returns to his old club with Juventus in the Champions League.

Friday's quarterfinal draw paired the Serie A leaders with Arsenal, taking the 29-year-old Frenchman back to Highbury for the first time since he left for Turin last year.

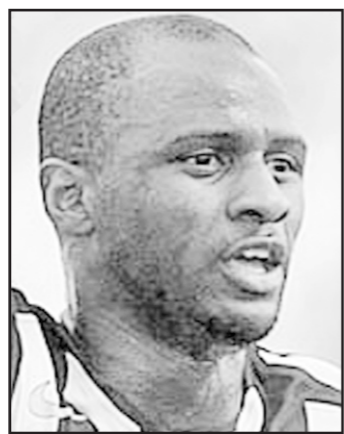
"At times destiny serves up some surprises," Vieira told Juve's website. "Obviously for me it will be a special match, seeing that I'll be returning to Highbury as part of the opposing team."

"But beyond that I'll be thinking only of winning," said Vieira, who joined Arsenal from AC Milan in 1996.

The World Cup winner picked up three Premier League titles and four FA Cups while at Arsenal. The

Highbury first leg takes place on March 28 with the return game on April 5.

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger said he was looking forward



PATRICK VIEIRA

to welcoming back his former skipper.

"We will have another opportunity like we had against Real Madrid (in the previous round) to show our quality and I'm sure our team will be 100 per cent up for it," Wenger told Sky Sports News.

"On the other hand we welcome Patrick back, he plays on his favourite ground. Certainly we always welcome players back when they have done as well for us as Patrick but we'll make sure we do not make it easy for him.

"I think he will be happy to come back to Highbury."

Wenger rates Juventus the second favourites to win the competition.

"You don't play against one player, you play against a team, so Juventus are maybe the hottest favourites after Barcelona," he said.

"We will certainly not be favourites (for this game)."

Australia win a thriller

Cricket

AFP, Durban

Australia levelled their series against South Africa when they scrambled a one-wicket win with five balls to spare in the fourth one-day international at Kingsmead Friday, setting up a series decider in the final match in Johannesburg Sunday.

Last batsman Mick Lewis hit a full toss from Andrew Hall through midwicket for two off the first ball of the final over to secure Australia's win.

Boeta Dippenaar hit 101 as South Africa made 246 for nine after winning the toss, with Shaun Pollock giving the innings a late burst with an unbeaten 53 off 33 balls.

It didn't look nearly enough when Adam Gilchrist and Simon Katich raced to 87 in a first wicket partnership for Australia, especially when leading bowler Pollock left the field with a back injury after bowling only five overs.

But four wickets fell quickly, including a spell of three wickets for two runs in ten balls.

Then Andrew Symonds, playing in his first match of the series after recovering from a hip flexor muscle injury, powered 76 off 71 balls as Australia seemed to take control again.

There was another twist, with Symonds and Brett Lee falling off successive deliveries as Australia slipped to 218 for eight. Nathan Bracken was bowled with six still needed but Stuart Clark and Lewis saw Australia through.

Fast-medium bowler Roger Telemachus kept South Africa in the game, taking three for 34. He dismissed Damien Martyn and captain Ricky Ponting in the space of three balls and bowled Symonds when he came back to bowl at the end of the innings.

Ponting said he was disappointed with some of the shots played by his batsmen.

"South Africa had us on the ropes at times. We played well below our best and there is some work to do before Sunday."
South African captain Graeme

Smith said the loss of Pollock was a major blow. "But the other guys stood up well, although it was disappointing in the end."

South Africa started the match badly after Smith won the toss and batted, with Nathan Bracken dismissing Smith and Herschelle Gibbs for a single apiece to remove two of the host country's most dangerous batsmen.

Dippenaar played virtually a lone hand until he was joined by Pollock, who reached his fifty off 28 balls. The pair put on 72 for the seventh wicket off 55 balls before Dippenaar was the first of three dismissals off the last four balls of the innings.

Dippenaar was clearly struggling towards the end of his innings and was put on a drip. He did not field and was not well enough to receive his man of the match award.

Australia bowled with great discipline to keep the home side under pressure for most of the innings.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the fourth one-day international between South Africa and Australia at Kingsmead on Friday:

SOUTH AFRICA
Smith c Gilchrist b Bracken 1
Dippenaar c Clarke b Lee 101
Gibbs c Gilchrist b Bracken 1
De Villiers lbw b Lewis 38
Kallis c Hussey b Symonds 21
Boucher c Gilchrist b Lewis 19
Kemp lbw b Clark 1
Pollock not out 53
Telemachus run out (Lee) 0
Hall run out (Gilchrist) 0
Extras: (b-1, lb-3, w-2, pen 5) 11
Total: (For 9 wickets in 50 overs) 246
Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-9, 3-81, 4-118, 5-170, 6-173, 7-245, 8-246, 9-246.
Did not bat: M Ntini.
Super-sub (not used): R Peterson.

Bowler O M R W
Lee 10 0 55 1
Bracken 10 2 36 2
Clark 10 1 49 1
Lewis 10 0 38 2
Symonds 6 0 31 1
Hussey 2 0 15 0
Clarke 2 0 13 0

AUSTRALIA
Gilchrist c De Villiers b Kallis 45
Katich c Kallis b Hall 46
Ponting c Boucher b Telemachus 7
Martyn c Boucher b Telemachus 1
Symonds b Telemachus 76
Clarke c Boucher b Kallis 7
Hussey run out (Hall) 19
Lee c Boucher b Ntini 6
Bracken b Hall 7
Clark not out 16
Lewis not out 4
Extras: (b-1, lb-2, nb-3, w-7) 13
Total: (For 9 wickets in 49.1 overs) 247
Super-sub (not used): B Hogg.

Fall of wickets: 1-87, 2-99, 3-100, 4-101, 5-140, 6-192, 7-218, 8-218, 9-241.
Bowler O M R W
Pollock 5 1 22 0
Ntini 10 1 50 1
Hall 9.1 1 52 2
Telemachus 10 1 34 3
Kallis 9 0 46 2
Kemp 4 0 17 0
Smith 2 0 23 0

Result: Australia won by 1 wicket and level series 2-2.
Man-of-the-match: Boeta Dippenaar.
Umpires: K Hurter (RSA), J Lloyds (ENG).

Lost but not

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Extras: (lb-5, w-3, nb-1) 9
Total: (For no loss in 28 overs) 120
Bowler O M R W
Rasel 5 0 21 0
Shahadat 8 2 43 0
Rafique 9 2 32 0
Enamul 6 0 19 0

Result: Sri Lanka won by 10 wickets and series clinched 2-0.
Man-of-the-match: U p u l Tharanga.
Toss: Bangladesh
Umpires: Asad Rauf (PAK) and Krishna Hariharan (IND)

Laporta pleased to avoid Milan

INTERNET, undated

Barcelona president Joan Laporta was pleased to have avoided Milan in the quarterfinal draw for the UEFA Champions League after seeing his side paired against Ronald Koeman's Benfica.

The Catalan giants could well face Carlo Ancelotti's team in the semifinals, but Laporta admitted that he did not want to go to Italy only days before their general election.

"One team I especially did not want to play in the quarterfinals was Milan," said Laporta. "In the semifinals, if we play them, I will not mind so much."

"There are elections in Italy on April 9 and if we had to play them there in the second leg of the quarters then the pressure would be enormous because Silvio Berlusconi, the president of Milan, is running in the elections."

One key factor for Barca was the prospect of playing the quarterfinal second leg at Nou Camp, as well as the second game if they should reach the semifinal stage.

"It is important that the second game is at home, as it is if we reach the semifinals," said goalkeeper Victor Valdes. "We already saw the importance of that against Chelsea. When playing a knockout it is always important."

Brazilian midfielder Edmilson agreed with his teammate, adding: "We are pleased to have made it past the first knockout round and that we will be playing the second matches at home now."

"It is important to play the return legs, of both the quarters and the semis, at home where we will have the support of our fans."

Eto'o loves Ronaldinho

INTERNET, undated

Barcelona star striker Samuel Eto'o has rubbished claims he doesn't get along with teammate Ronaldinho.

According to reports from Spain Cameron dazzler also says he'd welcome Arsenal captain Thierry Henry to the Nou Camp next season, despite claims he also doesn't get along with the Frenchman.

Eto'o told AS: "For me, Ronaldinho is like my brother. To talk is very easy and it is still easier. I have never had a problem with Ronnie because I admire him and I feel a co-contributor to his triumphs."

"I thank God he plays for Barcelona."

Asked if he would quit if Henry was signed by Barca, Eto'o added: "Who says that? I am very happy at Barcelona. Why do people insist on making me have arguments with others?"

"Henry is a great player and whoever we are, the most important thing is what is good for the club."

England come

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team's overnight total of 200-5, had been looking dangerous during his 19th Test century before offering a return catch to Patel who held the ball on second attempt.

The England captain smashed two sixes in one over from debutant leg-spinner Piyush Chawla and 14 fours in his 123-ball knock. He was involved in a 103-run stand for the sixth wicket with Jones.

Jones played a solid knock, hitting eight fours in his sixth Test half-century before playing a Kumble delivery on to his stumps. He also completed 1,000 Test runs during his 134-ball knock.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the second Test between India and England at the Punjab Cricket Association Stadium in Mohali on Saturday:
ENGLAND: First innings (overnight 200-5)
Strauss c Dhoni b Pathan 18
Cook lbw b Pathan 17
Bell b Kumble 38
Pietersen c and b Patel 64
Collingwood b Kumble 25
Flintoff c and b Patel 70
Jones b Kumble 52
Plunkett c Dhoni b Patel 0
Hoggard not out 4
Harrison lbw b Kumble 0
Panesar c Dravid b Kumble 0
Extras: (lb-5, nb-6, w-1) 12
Total: (All out in 103.4 overs) 300
Fall of wickets: 1-35, 2-36, 3-117, 4-157, 5-180, 6-283, 7-290, 8-300, 9-300.

Bowler O M R W
Pathan 28 8 71 2
Patel 25 6 72 3
Harbhajan 12 0 31 0
Chawla 9 1 45 0
Kumble 29.4 8 76 5

INDIA: First innings
Jaffer c Flintoff b Panesar 31
Sehwaag c Jones b Harrison 11
Dravid not out 60
Tendulkar c Strauss b Flintoff 4
Yuvraj c Bell b Hoggard 4
Dhoni not out 12
Extras: (lb-12, nb-3, w-1) 16
Total: (For four wickets in 54 overs) 149
Fall of wickets: 1-18, 2-96, 3-103, 4-134.

Bowler O M R W
Hoggard 8 3 19 1
Harrison 13 4 28 1
Flintoff 11 3 35 1
Plunkett 6 1 14 0
Panesar 16 3 41 1

Toss: England
Umpires: Darrell Hair (AUS) and Simon Taufel (AUS).

Great goalkeeping errors

Football

REUTERS, Milan

"That's the kind of mistake you make once in your life," Werder Bremen goalkeeper Tim Wiese said the day after his blunder in the defeat to Juventus cost his team a place in the Champions League quarterfinals.

He is probably right -- it is unlikely that he will make such a mess of a cross again in his career and if he does, it is highly improbable that it will be in the 88th minute of a vital game for his club and the ball will roll straight to an opponent to shoot into an empty net.

But, cruel as it may be, that one mistake in a lifetime, if it is bad or important enough, can stick with you for the rest of your life -- especially if you are a goalkeeper.

Mention the name of Blackburn Rovers' Finnish goalkeeper Peter Enckelman to an English football fan and you can be sure that one incident will spring immediately into their mind -- the time, when playing for Aston Villa, he comically allowed a throw-in to roll under his feet and into the net in a derby against Birmingham City.

Whatever else he has achieved in his career Moroccan goalkeeper Khalid Fohami will forever be remembered by his countrymen for the way he handed victory to Tunisia in the 2004 African Nations Cup final.

Every country, every team has had its 'head in hands' moment caused by a keeper.

What made Wiese's night at the Delle Alpi Stadium on Tuesday so cruel, as well as dramatic, was that his blunder came at the end of a game in which he had been absolutely outstanding -- producing a series of saves that kept his team's aggregate lead intact.

Teammates and opponents were quick to remind the keeper of all the good work he had done throughout the night but in a few years time will anyone remember what Wiese produced in the preceding 87 minutes of that tie?

The place that goalkeeping errors

take in football's collective memory depends so much on context, something the player has little control over, and that point was made perfectly 24 hours later at the San Siro Stadium.

AC Milan goalkeeper Dida failed to hold on to a free-kick and allowed the ball to spill out to Bayern Munich's Valerien Ismael who put his side back into the game at 2-1.

It was poor goalkeeping and had Bayern managed to equalise -- and knock Milan out on away goals -- it is certain that the Italian press would have put a large share of the blame on Milan's Brazilian keeper.

Instead Milan won 4-1 and Filippo

goalkeeper's fate -- the almost impossible chance of amending a mistake.

However, a goalkeeper can escape after a serious error, but he needs a lot of luck to do so as Roy Carroll found while playing for Manchester United against Tottenham Hotspur at Old Trafford in January last year.

Carroll failed to hold a 50-metre shot from the halfway line from Spurs midfielder Pedro Mendes and looked back in horror as the ball bounced a metre over his goaline.

However, the officials -- both badly placed -- failed to notice the ball had crossed the line and Carroll scooped it out of the goal to safety to deny Spurs a last-minute goal and a 1-0 victory.

But a former Manchester United goalkeeper was not so fortunate.

Massimo Taibi, who joined United for 4.5 million pounds from Venezia in 1999 allowed a weak shot from Southampton's Matt Le Tissier to go through his legs at Old Trafford in only his third match for the club. He played only one more match for United before coach Alex Ferguson sent him back to Italy.

Probably the only act of an outfield player that carries the same weight and brings equal attention as a keeper's blunder is missing a penalty. As with goalkeeping mistakes these can remain long in the memory and haunt a player throughout his life.

Against Bayern, Milan's Ukrainian striker Andriy Shevchenko, drove his penalty wide but just a minute later he was celebrating after heading past Oliver Kahn and making up for his error from spot.

As Wiese will need no reminding, no matter how many good saves he may make -- a goalkeeper can never undo a goal conceded.

Trescothick misses ODIs

Cricket

AFP, London

England vice-captain Marcus Trescothick confirmed Saturday that he will not be taking part in the one-day series against India which follows the three Tests currently underway.

"I'm naturally disappointed to be missing the tour of India," he said.

"It is my intention to play cricket for Somerset this summer and also to make myself available for England selection for this summer's international programme," said Trescothick.

Owais Shah, who was called up when Trescothick went home for personal reasons, is joined by Gareth Batty, Sajid Mahmood and Vikram Solanki.

Captain Michael Vaughan (knee),

spinner Ashley Giles (hip) and pacer Simon Jones (knee) will not return from injury.

Andrew Flintoff will continue as captain through the seven-match series, which begins in Delhi on March 28.

SCUAD

Andrew Flintoff (Lancashire, capt), Kabir Ali (Worcestershire), James Anderson (Lancashire), Gareth Batty (Worcestershire), Ian Bell (Warwickshire), Ian Blackwell (Somerset), Paul Collingwood (Durham), Stephen Harmison (Durham), Geraint Jones (Kent, wkt), Sajid Mahmood (Lancashire), Kevin Pietersen (Hampshire), Liam Plunkett (Durham), Matthew Prior (Sussex, wkt), Owais Shah (Middlesex), Vikram Solanki (Worcestershire), Andrew Strauss (Middlesex)

Gayle swings it

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Fulton in the gully, they gave no chances.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the first Test between New Zealand and the West Indies at Eden Park on Saturday:
NEW ZEALAND: First innings 275 (Styris 103 n.o., Astle 51; Smith 3-71, Bradshaw 3-73)
WEST INDIES: First innings 257 (Sarwan 62, Bravo 59; Martin 3-80, Vettori 2-7)

NEW ZEALAND: Second innings
Marshall c Ganga b Bradshaw 1
How c Ramdin b Bradshaw 37
Fulton b Edwards 28
Fleming lbw Bradshaw 33
Styris c Bradshaw b Edwards 5
Franklin b Gayle 20
Astle run out (Ganga) 13
McCullum c Bravo b Gayle 74
Vettori c sub (D Smith) b Gayle 33

WEST INDIES: Second innings
Gayle not out 28
Ganga not out 20
Extras: 0
Total: (For no loss in 18 overs) 48
Bowler O M R W
Bond 4 0 20 0
Franklin 4 0 10 0
Martin 4 2 13 0
Vettori 5 4 5 0
Astle 1 1 0 0

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