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Vieira out of **Moscow trip**

REUTERS, Rome

Inter Milan midfielder Patrick Vieira will miss the away match against Champions League rivals Spartak Moscow on Tuesday after failing to recover from a sprained ankle.

The 30-year-old French international suffered the injury during Inter's 4-3 win over city rivals AC Milan on Saturday and was left out of Inter squad for the trip to Russia, which was announced on Sunday.

His place in the starting line-up is likely to be taken by Javier Zanetti, who also played in midfield during the win over Milan

Inter have three points from their first three matches in Champions League Group B and need a win over Spartak to stay on course to qualify for the knockout stage of the competition

Steaua invoke past heroics

REUTERS, Bucharest

Steaua Bucharest are hoping to be inspired by the memory of past goalkeeping heroics when they face Real Madrid in the Bernabeu in Wednesday's Champions League Group E tie

Former Steaua goalkeeper Helmuth Duckadam helped secure the Romanian side's greatest triumph when his penalty saves in a shootout against Real's arch-rivals Barcelona sealed a European Cup triumph in 1986.

"The show Duckadam made 20 years ago was a miracle and that is exactly what Steaua needs now at the Bernabeu -- a new miracle," Steaua Bucharest coach Cosmin Olaroiu told Reuters.

"I would be happy to have such a goalkeeper now.

Steaua are third in Group E standings, their three points coming from an opening win over Dynamo Kiev. They have conceded seven goals in defeats by Olympique Lyon and Real Madrid leaving Olaroiu fearing the worst.

"I need Duckadam's advice, his presence might fortify the morale of my players against Real," he said.

Steaua are set to start with Cornel Cernea in goal after first choice Carlos Fernandez was dropped for a succession of errors.

The Romanians have also been hit by injury to key players but winger Banel Nicolita is optimistic of

producing a solid performance. "We are going to Spain to play our own game." Nicolita said. "We want to show that we are a good team, we hope not to concede a goal in the Bernabeu."



Lyon's Norwegian forward John Carew (C) skips past Nancy's Brazilian defender Andre Luiz during their Ligue 1 match at the Gerland Stadium in Lyon on Sunday.

Imperious Lyon march on

AFP, Paris

crowd troubles A fireman lost two fingers after picking up an agricultural bomb thrown from the away end that exploded in his hand.

. The game was held up for minutes as policemen several searched the field for the missing pieces of his fingers.

Anthony Roko, 20, was taken away on a stretcher and transferred to a specialist hand clinic.

Brazilian midfielder Ederson tucked away the winning penalty in stoppage time at the end of the game after Marseille captain Habib Beye's unecessary late foul in the box

"I'm responsible for the defeat," he admitted afterwards. "In conceeding a penalty I wrecked all the good work put in by the team.

Cyril Rool opened the scoring for Nice on 25 minutes but Mikael Pagis levelled matters just past the hour mark.

Marseille ahead two minutes from time but scooped his close range effort over the bar. "We're not having one of those times where lady luck is smiling down on us," said Marseille coach Albert Emon "We were going well for a time but that is no longer the case." Marseille have picked up only four points in their last five games having been neck and neck with Lvon during the first six matches. On Saturday, Nantes finally lifted themselves off the bottom of the table with a narrow 1-0 victory in the basement battle against

Nice in a match that was marred Monaco

Striker Julio Rossi scored the winner in the 27th minute as the 2001 champions overcame the team they succeeded as kings of France, and also consigned the principality club to the foot of the

Monaco now sit bottom of the eague, having fired manager Laszlo Boloni at the beginning of the week and seen new boss Laurent Banide preside over their exit from the League Cup in midweek, at the hands of lower eague opposition.

place to rediscover our balance. "We need time to think about

our problems. This run of bad results has hugely affected us."

Once they went behind, Monaco lost any hope of scratching their way back into the contest

> midfielder Jaroslav Plasil was sent off. While Monaco might be struggling, there was better news for

Zola linked to A-League AFP, Sydney

Former Italian international Gianfranco Zola has been linked with a guest stint at several clubs in Australia's A-League, reports said Monday.

Zola, 40, who retired in June last year after two seasons with Cagliari, has been linked with Sydney FC, Melbourne Victory and Perth Glory, the reports said. Interest in the 35-times capped

Zola follows a brief guest appearance by compatriot Benito Carbone at Sydney FC, which was ended by a hamstring injury and disagreement over financial terms for a longer contract.

The Sydney Morning Herald said Zola, a fan favourite in 229 games for Chelsea in England's Premier League from 1996 to 2003, was contemplating a pre-Christmas guest stint in Australia Sydney FC chief executive

George Perry said later Monday no immediate contact had been made with Zola, but said the club would be keen to sign the Italian.

had a chance to talk to (Zola), and he was fit and the price was right, we'd certainly want to talk to him,' Perry said.

guest player on our books, that's for sure.

The newspaper said one of Zola's major sponsors is keen to have him play in Australia's largest city and is hoping to finalise a deal in time for Sydney's three successive home games next month. Perry also refused to rule out a

return for Carbone to Sydney FC. "We'd love to have Beni back. know he'd like to come back, it's just

a matter of whether he's fit and

Violence worries DFB chief

willing to play," he said.

REUTERS, Berlin

German Football Association (DFB) president Theo Zwanziger will meet Bundesliga chief Werner Hackmann on Tuesdav to discuss a worrying rise in fan violence in the country's lower leagues.

"We have noted the recent incidents with dismay," Zwanziger said in a statement on Sunday. "We

take this very seriously." A riot at the regional third division match between Hertha Berlin's second team and Dynamo Dresden on Friday led to 23 injuries to police and brought 22 arrests, the DFB said on Sunday.

"I'm especially concerned at the njuries to the police," Zwanziger said. "I would like to apologise and to wish them a good recovery."

There was also crowd trouble and a number of arrests at the second division match between Augsburg and TSV 1860 Munich the

AFP, Manchester

manager

giants



he quits as Manchester United

Ferguson has won eight Premier

League titles, five FA Cups, two

League Cups and a European Cup

Winners' Cup and one European

Cup in his time with the English

anniversary at the club is on

November 6, is keen to pocket the

Now the Scotsman, whose 20th

win the Cham-

have thrown it away and in others brates 20 years in we were not good enough. charge at Old Trafford in Nove-

last triumph

Fergie wants one

"But the bottom line is we should have had at least one more European Cup in my time at the club and hopefully we can do that before pions League one more time before I ride off into the sunset.'

"In my time at United, we should

have done better. In some years we

have been unlucky, in others we

After last season's humiliating "I am sure Wayne will eventually group stage exit, few were talking of go on to get us 15 and Cristiano United as potential winners this Ronaldo is quite capable of reachseason ng that figure too. But the real

Yet, the Red Devils have emerged as genuine contenders once more thanks to three successive wins that mean just a point from Wednesday's trip to FC Copenhagen will be enough to secure a place in the knockout stage with two matches to spare.

The reason for such a spectacular transformation is fairly obvious. In six games last season, United

managed just three goals. Already they have seven this term, courtesy of five different

was cut down by injury. "Hopefully, Ryan and Michael Carrick will make a contribution, as will the defenders, so we could have a healthy situation this year."

New York Red Bulls in April, 2005.

dreams of doing that one day. The

European title in 2000 was the

icing on the cake. There was

something magical about the French team in those days."

hard on the heels of that of goal-

keeper Fabien Barthez and

leaves just four of France's World

Cup winning squad - Patrick Vieira, Thierry Henry, David

Trezeguet and Liliam Thuram -

still being considered by coach

Diorkaeff's retirement comes

He played 82 times for France

scorers with, remarkably, Wayne

wide spread of goalscorers can be a

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being Louis Saha." said the man-

impact comes from the spread of

to the team is a bonus in that respect

because historically, he has always

given us an average of 10 a year.

That was one of the things we

missed last year when his season

"Obviously Paul Scholes' return

goals in other areas

"We have players we rely on in

And Ferguson believes United's

Rooney not among them.

Djorkaeff calls it a day

achieved all I wanted to achieve in

my career playing in all the top

Football

Midfielder Youri Djorkaeff has retired from football after a glittering career that saw him play in the French international teams that won the 1998 World Cup and Euro 2000

The 38-year-old Djorkaeff had been due to play for the New York Red Bulls against Washington in the Major League Soccer Eastern Conference semi-finals on Sunday but was unable to do so due to an ankle injury.

The Bulls lost and Djorkaeff confirmed his earlier decision to retire at the end of the US season. "I feel great even though I was unable to play in this last game.'

he said. "I have no regrets and

between October 1993 and June leagues of Europe 2003 and scored 28 goals. "But I felt that the time had AFP. Paris Asked what the highlight of his come to call it a day. Physically I career had been Diorkaeff replied: am still on top of my game but mentally it's more difficult." Winning the World Cup with Djorkaeff, whose father was France. "Each and every footballer

also a noted French international began his career at Grenoble in 1984 going on to play for Strasbourg, Monaco and Paris St Germain.

He moved to Inter Milan in 1996 for a successful three-year stint during which he played a key role in the France side that won the World Cup in Paris in 1998.

He moved to Kaiserslautern in Germany from 1999 until 2002 before joining Sam Allardyce at Bolton Wanderers in the English Premiership for two years.

After a brief spell with Blackburn, Djorkaeff joined the



Raymond Domenech.

REUTERS. Milan

The president of Serie A club Livorno says he hopes his team get knocked out of the UEFA Cup soon so they can focus on their domestic campaign

After Sunday's disappointing goalless draw with Empoli, Livorno owner Aldo Spinelli questioned coach Daniele Arrigoni's decision not to play a weakened side in the UEFA Cup this season. "I don't want to criticise Arrigoni but the fact is that we don't have the strength to play in both the UEFA Cup and Serie A.



run to 15 games in all competitions this season with a 1-0 win over Nancy at the Stade Gerland on Sunday

Lyon have only failed to win a single game this season, a 1-1 draw at home to Toulouse in their second league match when most of their World Cup stars were still searching for fitness, and few were even in the starting line-up.

Giant Norwegian striker John Carew was the hero on Sunday, arriving late into the box to side foot the ball home from 10 yards But it was Portugal midfielder

Samir Nasri should have put Tiago who was the main star, hitting the post with an exquisite chip in the first half before setting Florent Malouda clean through on goal with a delectable back-heel in the second period. That Nancy kept the deficit to a single goal was barely a reflection of Lyon's dominance. Eleven games into the league campaign they already have an 11-point lead, something that looks likely to grow rather than shrink in the coming weeks. Second-placed Marseille slipped further behind in the championship race after a 2-1 defeat at Mediterranean rivals



am a little disappointed," said Banide. "Like I said before, the rebuilding work is important and we have to put everything in

on the stroke of half-time as

same night.

PHOTO: AFP

greatest club prize again before he departs "It is a priority to do better in the European Cup and that will not change at this club because Europe is a motivation for us all the time," he

"We'd like to have a marquee or

"If the opportunity arose and we

Firefighter loses fingers

AFP, Nice

A fireman had two fingers blown off after bending down to pick up an agricultural bomb during the Nice-Marseille French league match on Sunday, according to Nice's chief of security Andre Bloch.

Anthony Roko, a 20-year-old volunteer firefighter, was taken from the field on a stretcher before being transfered to a clinic that specialises in hand injuries.

The match, which Nice won 2-1, was held up for several minutes as police officers picked up pieces of Roko's fingers from the field.

The bomb had been thrown from the area of the stand where the Marseille supporters were sitting, when the match was just five minutes old.

Agricultural bombs are usually used to make holes in the ground. Local leader Christian Estrosi condemned the throwing of the bomb as "a criminal and stupid act."

Porto minus Anderson

AFP, Lisbon

FC Porto's Brazilian midfielder Anderson will miss Wednesday's Champions League Group G match against Hamburg after he broke his right leg in a weekend Portuguese league match, the club said Sunday.

The 18-year-old playmaker was stretchered off the field in the 25th minute of Porto's 3-2 home win over Benfica on Saturday after a clash with the vistor's Greek midfielder Konstantinos Katsouranis.

Doctors on Sunday determined he fractured his right leg's peroneal bone, an injury which should keep him sidelined for a few months, FC Porto said in a statement posted on their Internet site

Porto's win on Saturday pushed the team to the top spot again in the 16-team Portuguese Premier league. The club has 19 points, two ahead of Sporting

capital giants Paris St Germain who held on grimly for a 1-0 home success over Rennes, Amara Diane scoring the game's only goal.

Last year's runners-up Bordeaux are gradually coming into form and three goals in eight minutes overturned a 1-0 home deficit against third-bottom Sedan into a 3-1 win.x

"It was a bad day for us," said

The win lifted West Ham from

Blackburn manager Mark Hughes,

"and Jason's injury is a serious one."

19th place to 16th with eight points

That followed the incident in the German Cup on Tuesday night, when the referee abandoned the match between Stuttgarter Kickers and Hertha Berlin after a linesman was hit in the head by a beer cup thrown from the crowd.

The DFB also reported on Sunday that around 30 fans stormed the pitch at a lower league match in Baden-Wuerttemberg, while all the weekend's matches in the Siegen-Wittgenstein area were called off because of growing violence on the pitch and off it.

Levski being Hammers end losing streak optimistic

REUTERS, Sofia

Veteran midfielder Daniel Borimirov believes Levski Sofia can revive their Champions League fortunes by beating Werder Bremen at home on Tuesday The 24-times Bulgarian champions are still pointless in Group A

after three defeats, but a win over the German outfit would at least keep them in touch for third place.

"(Bremen) make mistakes in defence and we have to exploit them," said 36-year-old Borimirov, who was part of the Bulgaria team that reached the 1994 World Cup semi-finals in the U.S. "We know that Werder will be

searching for a win from the first minute but we also know that they attack most of the times through the centre of the field.

"They don't have good wingers and they don't hit many crosses,' added Borimirov, who spent eight years in Germany playing for 1860 Munich between 1995 and 2003. Chelsea lead the group with nine

points, with European champions Chelsea and Werder on four. "Tuesday's match will be our

most important, maybe our match of the year," said Borimirov. "We'll keep our chances of playing in the UEFA Cup next spring if we beat Werder

The third-placed team in each group drops into the UEFA Cup.

"We need some more courage and I believe our loyal fans will help us. We know the price of every single point in the Champions League and I have no doubts that all of us will be exceptionally moti-

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"I hope will be out of Europe soon. We are having a mediocre season and Serie A is our priority,' Spinelli told Italy's Sky Sport television

Livorno are away to Serbia's Partizan Belgrade on Thursday in the UEFA Cup and Arrigoni said he, not Spinelli, would decide on the starting line-up.

"You can say that we are not at our peak at the moment but knocking ourselves out of the UEFA Cup seems ridiculous to me. I rotate the squad regularly and maybe some players will be rested but one thing is for sure -- I will decide the team line-up as I always do," the Livorno coach said.

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CRYPTOQUIP

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The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

PHOTO: AFP

vated.'

West Ham's Hayden Mullins (C) is congratulated after he scored the second goal against Blackburn in their Premiership encounter in London on Sunday.

goal in the Premier League for six games with a tense 2-1 win over Blackburn Rovers at Upton Park on Sunday. Man of the match Teddy Sheringham opened the scoring for the Hammers after 21 minutes with

West Ham

United ended

their eight-

match losing

streak and

scored their first

his first goal since turning 40 last April -- a well-placed header after a perfect cross from Yossi Benayoun. Hayden Mullins added their second from close range 10 minutes

REUTERS, London

BARCLAYS

from time after Blackburn poorly defended a West Ham corner.

David Bentley pulled a goal back for Blackburn in stoppage time to give the Hammers a nervous few inutes before the final whistle. Relieved West Ham manager

Alan Pardew told Sky Sports: "It's been a long wait ... but we deserved to win today.

"To come off the back of as many defeats as we have had, I don't even like talking about it, you don't usually get a win, maybe your first one is a draw, and we did get very, very nervous

"But it's a great win for this club and the fans and the players deserve it.'

Sheringham's goal was the first West Ham had scored in the league for 509 minutes, or 8-1/2 hours of playing time, and it set them on the way to their first win since their 3-1 opening day victory against Charlton Athletic. They had lost eight successive

games in all competitions which

included elimination from the UEFA

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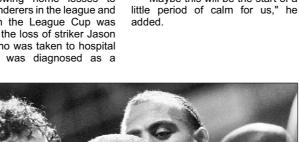
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They also won without either of

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their two Argentine signings with from their opening 10 matches and Carlos Tevez injured and Javier eased the pressure on Pardew Mascherano spending the match on whose immediate future had been the substitute's bench. the subject of intense media specu-Blackburn's third defeat in a lation for the last few weeks. week following home losses to "Maybe this will be the start of a Bolton Wanderers in the league and Chelsea in the League Cup was added marred by the loss of striker Jason Roberts who was taken to hospital with what was diagnosed as a





fractured foot

