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Inter Milan's Dutch international Dennis Bergkamp skips a sliding tackle by Austria's Casino Salzburg's Peter Artner during the first leg of the UEFA Cup final in Vienna on Tuesday.

UEFA Cup almost Inter's

VIENNA, Apr 27: Internazionale Milan, reduced to 10 men for almost the whole of the second half, moved close to winning the UEFA Cup on Tuesday when they beat Casino Salzburg 1-0 away in the first leg of the final, reports Reuter.

Midfielder Alessandro Bianchi got his marching orders in the 48th minute after receiving a second yellow card but by then the Italians were already in the lead.

Nicola Berti, just back from a long injury lay-off, had netted in the 35th minute with an opportunist goal which burst the bubble sustaining Salzburg throughout this season's competition.

The Austrians, surprise finalists, had not conceded a single goal in their five previous UEFA Cup home games.

But until Berti struck, Salzburg, the poor relations of the final, had looked far from the underdogs, a joint one of Europe's richest clubs, making most of the running and being unlucky not to have opened the scoring themselves.

Inter, salvaging a disappointing league season, should take the trophy for the second time in four years after the second leg in Milan on May 11.

An Inter triumph would take the UEFA Cup to Italy for the fifth time in the last six years and keep open Italian chances of a clean sweep in this season's club competitions.

Parma are in the Cup Winners' Cup final and AC Milan remain favourites in the European Cup.

Salzburg, who missed three suspended players, including league's leading scorer Nikola Jurcic, will be without striker Hermann Stadler and midfielder Heimo Pfeifenberger in the second leg after both received their second yellow card of the tournament.

Inter will miss Bianchi, who got booked in the 10th minute and then pulled down Fraz Aigner just after the interval to earn a second yellow card, and a red from Danish referee Kim Milton-Nielsen.

Berti's goal came against the run of play, the midfielder slipping the ball past Austrian keeper Otto Konrad from a tight position inside the penalty area where he was surrounded by defenders.

From then on it was Inter who looked more dangerous on the break and Uruguayan striker Ruben Sosa rattled a fierce shot from outside the box against the crossbar in the 45th minute.

Despite the vociferous support of some 45,000 Austrians in the Prater Stadium, Salzburg were unable to trouble a resolute 10-man Inter side in the second half.

The team from Mozart's birthplace might have wished for some help from the old master as they tried unsuccessfully to raise the tempo but, in the end, had to settle for no score.

Inter trainer Giampiero Martini said: "I'm very happy with the result. The players did what they had to do but we have to remember Salzburg are strong, even away from home."

"After losing Bianchi, we had to concentrate on defence."

Slavko Kovacic, assistant Salzburg trainer, said: "We still have a very small chance in Milan but what the Italians showed with only 10 players was a fantastic performance and they will be very tough to beat in Italy."

Crisis hits Germany's prep

FRANKFURT, Apr 27: A dispute between former German coach Franz Beckenbauer and his successor Berti Vogts shook the ranks of the World Cup champions before Wednesday's game against the United Arab Emirates in Abu Dhabi, reports AP.

The feud, which comes less than two months before Germany start defending their World Cup title in the United States and could poison the atmosphere in the team.

Beckenbauer, now coach of league leader Bayern Munich, wanted his players to skip the exhibition game against the United Arab Emirates team after the German Soccer Federation (DFB) Tuesday ordered Bayern Munich to replay their league game against Nuremberg.

The replay was ordered after the DFB nullified Bayern's 2-1 victory on Saturday because of a disputed Bayern goal. The nullification dropped Bayern into a virtual first-place tie with Kaiserslautern with 39 points. Bayern, who still lead on goal differential, have three games, remaining this season, including the replay, while Kaiserslautern have two.

Karlsruhe and Dortmund have 37 each with two games remaining. Bayern's game against Nuremberg is expected to be replayed next Tuesday.

Vogts said he needed the Bayern players and declined to release them, despite a call of late-night telephone calls between Munich and Abu Dhabi.

Beckenbauer said Vogts had promised to release the players if the federation ordered the league game to be replayed.

"I am surprised when I think I was friends with the man and then he breaks his word," an angry Beckenbauer said in Munich. "His arguments don't interest me. He had promised to let the players go."

Beckenbauer and Vogts played together on Germany's team that won the 1974 World Cup and Vogts was Beckenbauer's assistant when Beckenbauer coached Germany to the 1990 World Cup title.

Vogts replaced Beckenbauer when the latter retired as the national team manager.

The two Bayern players on the national team are captain Lothar Matthaus, with record 106 caps, and defender Thomas Helmer.

Even before the latest dispute, Beckenbauer had criticised Vogts for picking Abu Dhabi for an exhibition game at a time when the league is in its crucial stage.

He said the players did not need a long trip into a different climate when they have to be fresh for league games. The next league round is scheduled for Saturday.

The Abu Dhabi game was hastily arranged after England pulled out of a planned match because it was scheduled for Adolf Hitler's birthday — April



FIFA takes pity on OM

VIENNA, Apr 27: FIFA, the International Football Federation, and UEFA European football's governing body, lifted their ban on Olympique Marseille on Wednesday, reports AFP.

The move follows the French Federation's decision last Friday to demote Marseille to the Second Division following last season's match fixing scandal which secured the club's fifth successive French league title.

Marseille, barred from defending their European title this season, will be able to play in either the UEFA Cup or Cup Winners Cup next season.

Jean-Jacques Eydelie, Christophe Robert and Jorge Burruchaga, the Valencian players found guilty of accepting bribes from Marseille, are banned from football until 1 July 1996.

Confirmation of that suspension means Burruchaga cannot play for Argentina in the World Cup in June.

Full-strength AC go to China

BEIJING, Apr 27: Italian football champions AC Milan are to bring their star-studded lineup to China, reports said Wednesday, reports AFP.

AC Milan will take on 10-time Chinese champions Liaoning on June 14 in the northeastern province's capital, Shenyang.

According to Chinese organisers of the match, the Italian club will send a "full-strength" 17-member squad. The Hong Kong Football Association turned down a chance to host Milan on the tour.

Football is the most popular spectator sport in China and the National Football Association is keen to bring over foreign teams to raise the domestic game.

Italian Cup holders Sampdoria are to play the Chinese national team in Beijing on April 15.

Liaoning made the headlines last month when they hired celebrated Chinese athletics coach Ma Junren to inject pace into their players.

Ma leaped to fame when his "army" of women distance runners took the athletics world by storm last year, shattering several world records.

Soccer for charity

PASADENA, California, Apr 27: World Cup finalists, the United States and Mexico will play a friendly at the Rose Bowl on June 4 with the proceeds going towards a worldwide children's immunisation programme, reports Reuter.

The match, pitting the World Cup hosts against their neighbours in one final match before the month-long tournament starts in Chicago on June 17, is a dream fixture in a city with a huge, soccer-mad Hispanic community.

World Cup executive vice-president Sunil Gulati told a news conference on Tuesday the match was expected to fill the 102,000-seat Rose Bowl, which hosts matches from the first round through to the showpiece final on July 17.

The two countries have met three times since the appointment of US coach Bora Milutinovic in 1991, each winning, losing and drawing once.

Milutinovic coached Mexico to sixth place in the 1986 World Cup in Mexico but his US team had poor results of late, losing 2-1 at home to Iceland on Sunday.

The upset merited scarcely a mention in the mainstream US media who still pay scant attention to soccer.

"The games are just preparatory ones and winning or losing isn't as important as how the players play," said US team spokesman Dean Linkse. "Bora was not outraged and nor was the press for that reason."

Milutinovic said the Mexico match would be very important to the US team, who play two of their three first round matches at the Rose Bowl and will be at full strength.

The world body FIFA has said the 24 competing nations must announce their final World Cup squads by June 3.

World Cup officials said proceeds from the match would help the US committee for UNICEF and the children's defence fund's Universal Child Immunisation Programme.

Chinese eyes roll on

SENDAI, Japan, Apr 27: Barcelona Olympic silver medalists China scored a win apiece here Wednesday to remain unbeaten on the third day of the Asian women's basketball championship, reports AFP.

Taiwan challenged China bravely, notching up points through Chen Shu-Chung and Huang Ya-Chen to end the first half 30-38.

Romanians may rue raspy ride

BUCHAREST, Apr 27: Romania, who will field their strongest ever team for a World Cup finals in the United States, are nervously eyeing the tripwires that might threaten their huge potential, reports Reuter.

Romania's most ardent soccer fans, desperately aching for something to cheer their souls in their miserably impoverished country, are convinced their idols are about to rewrite the record books by at least reaching the semifinals.

But officials and coaches, painfully aware that East European teams full of promise have a record of failure at World Cup finals, worry that the conditions in America — rather than their opponents — pose a major threat to success.

Pessimistically, they point to having to switch between time zones for their opening group matches in Los Angeles and Detroit, and the unsettling nature of having to play one game indoors at the Pontiac Silverdome near Detroit.

Detroit is 3,200 km from Los Angeles, and three hours ahead of the west coast time.

"Romanian players will change time zones thrice before and during the group games and it will surely take a heavy physical toll on them," team doctor Pompiliu Popescu told Reuters.

He also had to turn down an offer to the players from captain Gheorghe Hagi's cousin,

owner of a Californian Pizza Chain, to eat as much free pizza as they liked during the finals.

"If we accept that, Romania can leave the US without playing their first game because Pizza is a top performer's biggest foe," said Popescu.

They open their campaign against Colombia in Los Angeles on June 18, move to Detroit to play Switzerland four days later, and have another three days rest before their final game against the US back in Los Angeles.

Iordanescu said: "A victory against Colombia is essential to get through. If we lose that, we'll be lost forever."

The silverdome, where Germany played England to inaugurate the natural grass pitch last June, is also causing some anxiety.

"The different indoor atmosphere might be physically and psychologically overwhelming for a European sportsman playing there for the first time," said Mircea Sandu, president of the Romanian Soccer Federation (RSF).

"And this will be the case when we confront the Swiss," Sandu said.

Romania's World Cup record is a dismal one, with only three wins in 12 final-round ties, and between 1938 and Italia 90 they played in only the 1970 Mexico finals.

The fans, though, believe Romania's second successive appearance in the finals, and the sixth overall, will see them surpass their record of reaching the second round in Italy four years ago — where they lost to Ireland on penalties.

The prospects look bright, with a combination of a wealth of talented players and the

strength of their first-round opponents seemingly in Romania's favour.

Nine of the squad are currently playing abroad with Italian, German, Dutch and Spanish clubs, and the four years extra experience in Europe's top leagues promises a more mature and robust team than at Italia '90.

Drawn in Group One against hosts the United States, Switzerland — who have qualified for the first time since 1966 — and Colombia, Romania should comfortably reach the second round.

And with their share of match-winners in talented midfielder Hagi and outstanding strikers Ilie Dumitrascu and AC Milan's Florin Raducioiu, they have the potential to go much further.

But the deep-seated pessimism that is quick to rise to the surface even runs to the strength of their attack, although Raducioiu and Dumitrascu shared 12 of Romania's 29 goals in qualifying.

Captain Hagi, an offensive midfielder for Italy's Brescia, also has 21 goals in 82 international matches.

Raducioiu was the top scorer in World Cup qualifiers with nine goals, but Iordanescu said: "One problem is that Milan striker Raducioiu doesn't play every Sunday. He hasn't found his place yet in the Milan team and that's bad for his World Cup preparation."





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3. Where will the '94 World Cup opening ceremony be held?
4. Which Argentine coach was nicknamed 'Big Nose'?
5. Which Asian country played in the 1978 World Cup?
6. Who was the West German manager in 1966?
7. Who was the referee in the 1974 World Cup Final?
8. When was the World Cup first televised?
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