

Kiwis stun Socceros

BRISBANE, Oct 4: New Zealand ended a run of poor results against Australia to beat the Socceros 1-0 in the Oceania Nations' Cup final today and qualify for next year's Confederations' Cup soccer tournament, reports Reuters.

The loss was another bitter disappointment for the Australians, who were bundled out of this year's World Cup by Iran.

Australia, beaten by Brazil in last year's Confederations' Cup final, had been heavily favoured to win today's decider.

But midfielder Mark Burton slotted the ball into the back of the net in the 24th minute to give New Zealand the lead and the visitors then held off the home side for their upset win at Suncorp stadium.

It was Australia's first defeat against New Zealand in nine clashes, while Burton's goal marked the first time Australia had conceded a goal to New Zealand in eight matches.

New Zealand coach Ken Dugdale admitted to being surprised by the victory.

"It was totally unexpected although we felt we were in with a chance," he said.

Socceros coach Raul Balboa said he was disappointed with the loss but believed Australia were still Oceania's leading soccer nation.

"We played hurriedly at the beginning and New Zealand benefitted by the way we played," he said.

In a sometimes spiteful match, referee Massimo Ravano of Tahiti made four first-half bookings — three in just three minutes.

Burton's goal came after poor defence by Australian's Alex Tobin allowed New Zealand striker Vaughan Convey to break clear. He then passed to Burton who did not waste his chance.

Australian sweeper Simon Colosimo could have levelled the scores midway through the second half but his attempt was brilliantly saved by New Zealand goalkeeper Jason Batty.

In the dying minutes the Socceros had an appeal for a penalty turned down after substitute Kris Trajanovski appeared to be tripped by Gavin Wilkinson in the box.

The New Zealand defence, spearheaded by Wilkinson and Sean Douglas, nullified the Socceros' attacking power of Damian Mori and Paul Trimboli.

Fiji beat Tahiti 4-2 in the playoff for their place, with Manoa Masi leading the way with two goals.

Schalke succumb to penalties

SCHALKE, Germany, Oct 4 (Reuters/Internet): Germany's Schalke 04, UEFA Cup winners two seasons ago, crashed out of this year's competition after a penalty shootout against Slavia Prague of the Czech Republic on Saturday.

Slavia, 1-0 down after the first leg, quickly made up the deficit when Richard Dostalek fired home a powerful half volley in the 17th minute. A Schalke defender failed to clear a shot from Vladimir Labant, allowing Dostalek to score from the edge of the box.

Both sides had chances and the German side had the best of the second half. At one point, a Slavia defender was forced to clear the ball with an overhead kick on the goal line.

With the aggregate score still at 1-1 after extra time, Slavia took the first of the penalties. Schalke's Marco van Hoogdale missed after each side had scored four.

Both Slavia — European Cup Winners' Cup quarterfinalists last season — and Schalke, who won the UEFA Cup in 1997 and were beaten by eventual winners Inter Milan in last season's quarterfinals, have struggled to find league form this season.



Benji McCarthy (C) of South Africa is sandwiched between two Angolan defenders during their African Nations' Cup qualifier at Soweto on October 3. South Africa prevailed 1-0. — AP/UNB photo

Taylor ensures Villa's streak

LONDON, Oct 4 (Reuters/Internet): Midfielder Ian Taylor scored twice as Aston Villa stormed six points clear at the top of the English premier league on Saturday after a 2-1 win at Coventry City.

Taylor's first-half brace gave unbeaten Villa 20 points from eight games, six more than Manchester United who went second after a 3-0 victory over bogey side Southampton at The Dell.

Tottenham manager George Graham was in the stands as his new club eked out a 1-0 victory at Derby County, while Middlesbrough went third on 12 points after a 4-0 thrashing of Sheffield Wednesday at the Riverside.

Villa manager John Gregory kept faith with Stan Collymore up front following his midweek hat-trick against Kosice in the UEFA Cup.

But it was the hard-working Taylor who made Villa's breakthrough against their Midlands rivals after 29 minutes. Gary Charles' cross caused confusion and Taylor fired the loose ball into the roof of the net from 10 metres.

Ten minutes later it was 2-0 although there was more than a

hint of controversy as an off-side-looking Paul Merson raced clear down the right.

Merson squared the ball for Taylor to sidefoot in his second with Coventry's defence nowhere.

Villa continued to create the better chances after the break but Coventry pulled one back through Norwegian substitute Trond Egil Solvold after 71 minutes. It was the first goal Villa have conceded away from home in the league this season.

Gregory refused to get carried away by his team's fine start.

"There are a few familiar faces in the chasing pack and (Manchester) United have a game in hand," he said.

United had lost at The Dell on each of their last three visits in the league but quickly showed they had no intention of allowing another slip-up.

Manager Alex Ferguson recalled Andy Cole up front and it was from his cross after 11 minutes that Dwight Yorke poached his fifth goal of the season to put the visitors in front.

Swede Jesper Blomqvist broke clear 14 minutes into the second half to lay on the second for Cole and Dutch substitute Jordi Cruyff made it 3-0 in the 74th minute with a volley after Cole's shot was blocked.

Graham will have been impressed by Tottenham's defensive resolve in their 1-0 victory over Derby.

Graham, who completed his move from Leeds on Thursday but said he would only take charge of team affairs from Monday, watched from the stands as Sol Campbell headed in the winner at Pride Park.

Leeds lost 1-0 at home to Leicester City, Tony Cottee scoring the goal with 14 minutes left. Tottenham are now 11th, one place behind Leeds who also have 11 points.

Danish striker Mikkel Beck was on target twice as Middlesbrough chalked up their first win of the season at the Riverside against Sheffield Wednesday.

Beck scored after 27 and 45 minutes before Colombian strike partner Hamilton Ricard bagged his eighth of the season to make it 3-0.

Former England midfielder Paul Gascoigne curled in a free-kick in the last minute when Wednesday's Andy Hinchcliffe was sent off for hauling down Beck to complete the rout.

On Sunday champions Arsenal play host to Newcastle United and Liverpool play Chelsea.

1860 hot on Bayern's heels

BONN, Oct 4 (Reuters/Internet): TSV 1860 Munich demolished Nuremberg 5-1 away on Saturday to move to within two points of their city rivals Bayern Munich at the top of the German first division.

Second-placed 1860 got off to the perfect start in the sixth minute, Markus Schroth volleying home impressively after a cross from Harald Cerny.

Bernhard Winkler added a second just before the interval. Promoted Nuremberg struck back after the break but 1860 turned on the class with goals from Cerny, Michel Dinzey and Bulgarian Hristo Jovov.

"We wanted to win by playing good football and that's just what we did," said 1860 coach Werner Lorant, whose side finished 13th in the league last season.

"We were clearly better in all departments. I can only congratulate my team. They showed their potential today."

Lorant's team have 16 points from seven games while Bayern have 18 from six matches.

With Bayern not playing Borussia Dortmund until Sunday, several sides had the chance to put some pressure on the unbeaten leaders.

But neither Bayer Leverkusen nor champions Kaiserslautern could take full advantage.

They drew 2-2 at Leverkusen. Olaf Marschall and Marian Hristov put Kaiserslautern in the lead after an early goal from Brazilian Ze Roberto.

Paolo Rink equalised midway through the second half to give the home side a share of the points. The draw moved Leverkusen up to third place and Kaiserslautern to sixth.

The pair are six and seven points behind Bayern respectively but Leverkusen coach Christoph Daum said he wasn't worried.

"The season has such a long way to go that the championship is still completely open," he said.

But Kaiserslautern coach Otto Rehagel claimed it was clear Bayern would win the title even before the season started.

"Bayern will be champions because of their financial backing," said Rehagel, a master of putting the heat on other teams and taking the pressure off his own players.

Kaiserslautern have now gone five games without a win. But Werder Bremen, the club where Rehagel made his name as a coach, are in much worse shape.

Werder slumped to a 2-1 defeat at Hansa Rostock and have just four points from their first seven games. An 88th minute header from Matthias Breitzkreuz gave Hansa the three points.

"It's happened a bit too often that we've lost a goal in the last few minutes," lamented Bremen coach Wolfgang Sidka, who said his side's exhausting UEFA Cup extra time win over Brann Bergen of Norway in midweek may have been partly to blame this time.

SC Freiburg's game against Hamburg SV ended goalless but was not without drama. Freiburg's Richard Golz saved a last-minute penalty from his successor as Hamburg goalkeeper, Hans-Joerg Butt.

"It's annoying if you waste a penalty just before the final whistle but overall the draw flatters us," Hamburg coach Frank Pagelsdorf said.

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NOT TO DOUBLE A CONTRACT WITHOUT QUICK TRICKS

(Hand # 111)

North (D)	East
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♥ K X X X	♥ Q J 10 8 7
♦ A Q X	♦ 10 9 X X
♣ C 9 7	♣ C X

South	West
♠ A Q 9 7	♠ A 9
♥ A 9	♥ D X X
♦ C Q X X X	♦ C X

Bidding: North South were vulnerable

South	West	North	East
1 No Trump**	2 Clubs	1 Diamond*	Pass
4 Spades	Pass	2 Spades	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Double

* Artificial opening
** Artificial, 10-12 HCP.

The contract was normal, but East's double was ambitious. He vaguely hoped to score several tricks by ruffing as he was short in partner's suit.

THE PLAY

East opened his singleton Club and when dummy played low, West won the trick with 10. Next he played the King of Clubs, partner slapped a small Diamond. West played 8 of Clubs which was ruffed by the declarer with J in the closed hand. A small Heart was led from the closed hand, East played 10 and the dummy's Ace won the trick. Next the successful Diamond finesse was taken. The Ace was played from the closed hand, and the third Diamond was ruffed in the dummy. The 9 of Hearts was played back and when West followed, the King won the trick in the closed hand. A Heart was ruffed with the 9 in the dummy and then a Club was ruffed with the King in the closed hand. The next two tricks were won by the Ace and Queen of trumps. The defence scored the last trick. Thus, 4 Spades doubled were made.

Crew defeat MetroStars

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, Oct 4: Stern John Scored in regulation and added the winning shootout goal Saturday night as the Columbus Crew beat New York-New Jersey 2-1 to take the best-of-3 MLS first-round series 2-0, reports AP.

John, the MLS scoring leader, tied it at 1 in the 22nd minute.

In the shootout, he drilled a shot just inside the right post to give the Crew a 3-1 advantage in the fourth round. Bill Thompson and Thomas Dooley also scored for the Crew in the shootout.

Mike Sorber scored in the fourth round for the MetroStars, and the Crew's Andy Williams and the MetroStars' Mike Petke missed in the fifth round.



Duncan Ferguson (R) the Everton skipper and Wimbledon's Ben Thatcher locked in an aerial tussle during their English Premiership clash at London on October 3. Everton won 2-1. — AP/UNB photo

Denmark squad for qualifiers

COPENHAGEN, Oct 4 (Reuters/Internet): Denmark on Friday named the following 19-man squad for their European championship group one qualifiers against Wales in Copenhagen on October 10 and Switzerland in Zurich on October 14:

Goalkeepers: Peter Kjaer (Silkeborg), Mogens Krogh (Brondby), Peter Schmeichel (Manchester United)

Defenders: Soeren Colting (Brondby), Jan Heintze (Bayer Leverkusen), Rene Henriksen (AB Copenhagen), Jes Hoegh (Fenerbahce), Marc Rieper (Celtic), Ole Tobiasen (Ajax Amsterdam)

Midfielders: Per Frandsen (Bolton), Thomas Gravesen (Hamburg), Thomas Helveg (AC Milan), Martin Joergensen (Udinese), Allan Nielsen (Tottenham), Claus Thomsen (Wolfsburg)

Forwards: Soeren Frederiksen (AaB Aalborg), Ebbe Sand (Brondby), Jon Dahl Tomasson (Feyenoord), Mikkel Beck (Middlesbrough)

Portugal call up rookie Costa

LISBON, Oct 4 (Reuters/Internet): Uncapped Monaco midfielder Francisco Costa has been included in Portugal's squad for this month's European championship group seven qualifiers against Romania and Slovakia.

Portugal meet Romania in Oporto on October 10 and Slovakia in Vaduz four days later.

TEAM

Goalkeepers: Vitor Bala (Barcelona, Spain), Pedro Espinha (Vitoria Guimaraes)

Defenders: Carlos Secretario (Porto), Jorge Costa (Porto), Paulinho Santos (Porto), Fernando Couto (Lazio, Italy), Sergio Conceicao (Lazio, Italy), Abel Xavier (PSV Eindhoven, Netherlands), Beto Severo (Sporting Lisbon), Dimas Teixeira (Fenerbahce, Turkey)

Midfielders: Nuno Capucho (Porto), Luis Carlos (Benfica), Luis Figo (Barcelona), Paulo Bento (Oviedo, Spain), Francisco Costa (As Monaco, France)

Strikers: Joao Pinto, Nuno Gomes (Benfica), Ricardo Sa Pinto (Real Sociedad, Spain), Rui Costa (Fiorentina), Daniel Carvalho (Ajax, Netherlands)

An unforgettable Brazilian derby

SAO PAULO, Oct 4: Palmeiras sank archrivals Corinthians 3-1 on Saturday in a dramatic game featuring excellent football, diabolical weather and a wobbly Morumbi Stadium, reports Reuters.

Palmeiras' win lifted them above Corinthians on goal difference in the Brazilian championship and gave coach Luiz Felipe Scolari, nicknamed 'Big Phil', another personal victory over Corinthians coach Vanderley Luxemburgo.

Scorari has not been on the losing side in his last eight games against teams coached by Luxemburgo, who is also the Brazilian national team coach.

The pair are Brazil's most successful coaches but are bitter rivals. Scolari is an adept of the physical approach while Luxemburgo prefers a more sophisticated game.

Palmeiras striker Oseas made amends for the bizarre own goal he scored in the last meeting by grabbing two goals after Paul Nunes opened the scoring. Mirandinha scored the Corinthians goal, the best of the game.

Corinthians, who began the day second but slumped to their third straight defeat, dominated the early exchanges, played in a torrential downpour which made conditions difficult and provided a stiff test for Palmeiras goalkeeper Veloso's hair implant.

But Palmeiras took the lead with their first real attack in the 19th minute. Paulo Nunes scoring after a superb run by left-back Junior.

Corinthians fell further behind ten minutes later when Oseas converted a chance created by Junior and Paulo Nunes.

The Palmeiras players celebrated by forming a ring and performing a dance from the north east of Brazil in a move that had clearly been rehearsed beforehand.

Their fans jumped up and down in unison, causing the upper tier of the stadium, which had undergone structural repairs recently, to wobble alarmingly. Stadium officials claimed the wobbling was normal.

Barca overcome Valencia

MADRID, Oct 4: Patrick Kluivert's fourth goal in four games helped put Barcelona's title challenge back on track on Saturday in a hard-fought 3-1 victory over Valencia, reports Reuters.

Louis van Gaal's star-packed side looked sluggish in the first half as Valencia took a deserved lead. Argentine striker Claudio Lopez marking his return to league action with a stunning headed goal.

But the Spanish champions came back strongly in the second half, goals from Kluivert and Brazilian pair Rivaldo and Sonny Anderson securing a victory that takes them to within a point of leaders Real Madrid, who face Real Betis today.

Barcelona, like Madrid still unbeaten, have nine points from five games are lie behind Real Zaragoza on goal difference.

Valencia were well worth their half-time advantage as they harried the visitors at every turn, denying space to the dangerous Barcelona forward line.

Their goal came courtesy of a sloppy piece of defending from

Double blow for Hoddle

LONDON, Oct 4: Forward Paul Scholes and central defender Rio Ferdinand are doubtful for England's European Championship qualifier against Bulgaria at Wembley on October 10, reports Reuters.

Manchester United's Scholes missed the 3-0 victory at Southampton on Saturday with a foot injury picked up in last Wednesday's Champions' League draw against Bayern Munich in Germany.

Ferdinand was substituted after injuring his ankle during West Ham's 3-0 at Blackburn Rovers.

England coach Glenn Hoddle is already without suspended midfielders David Beckham and Paul Ince for the game. England play a second group Five qualifier in Luxembourg the following Wednesday.

Lopez, who was making his first league appearance of the season after being suspended for five games at the end of last term following an attack on a Sporting Gijon player.

Lopez might have had a hat-trick but for some goalkeeping heroics from Hesp, who twice denied the Argentine when he was through on goal.

Barcelona took full advantage of Hesp's fine display as they turned on the style in the second half.

Kluivert got them back into the game after 55 minutes, blasting home from close range after Abelardo Fernandez had headed against the bar.

That made it four goals in as many games for the Dutch international who capped a fine display by setting up Rivaldo for Barcelona's second.

Rivaldo latched on to Kluivert's measured pass through the middle and rounded keeper Santiago Canzres to notch his first goal of the season.

Barcelona wrapped up the points thanks to an injury-time strike from substitute Anderson, who turned the ball home after Boudevijnd Zenden's cross from the left had eluded the Valencia keeper.



IT'S THAT MAN YORKE AGAIN: Dwight Yorke (L), Manchester United's Trinidadian striker, stretches to score the opening goal against Southampton in the English Premiership fixture at The Dell on October 3. United won 3-0. — AP/UNB photo

Bastia baffle Bordeaux

PARIS, Oct 4: French championship favourites Olympique Marseille beat Toulouse 2-0 at home on Saturday to edge to within a point of leaders Girondins Bordeaux who lost their unbeaten record with a 2-0 defeat at Bastia, reports Reuters.

Strikers Florian Maurice and Fabrizio Ravanelli scored for Marseille, the only remaining unbeaten team. They have taken 18 points from their eight games, one fewer than Bordeaux.

Paulo Alves and Pierre-veves Andre, with a thunderous shot from a short free kick, scored for the Corsicans as Bordeaux failed to find the net for the first time this season.

Olympique Lyon were toppled from second place when they lost for the first time, 2-0 away to a gifted young Nantes side. Speedy winger Olivier Monterrubio scored the second goal, his fourth of the season.

Monaco crashed to their second successive away defeat, 2-1 at Rennes, despite a superb goal from their France winger Thierry Henry.

Montpellier may not have the most talented attack but they have the most effective with 20 goals in eight games after a 5-1 rout of First Division newcomers Lorient, striker Didier Timothee scoring twice.

Marseille struggled the break down a well organised Toulouse defence but finally made the breakthrough two minutes before the interval with a fine move started near the halfway line by Ravanelli.

The Italian, with his back to goal, flicked the ball into the path of midfielder Peter Luccin who fed Roberto Pires.

He found France teammate Christophe Dugarry on the right and the striker managed to hit a low cross before being tumbled to the ground by

Toulouse goalkeeper Teddy Richert.

Defender Jose Manuel Galdames failed to control the ball and the unmarked Maurice shot home.

Ravanelli turned well under pressure to score in the 86th minute and put the result beyond reasonable doubt after Maurice fed Eric Roy from the left and the midfielder found the Italian with a neat flick into the box.

Sweden pick side for Bulgaria

STOCKHOLM, Oct 4 (Reuters/Internet): Swedish international coach Tommy Soderberg named his squad on Friday for the Euro 2000 away qualifier against Bulgaria in Burgas on October 14. Two players will be added next week.

TEAM

Goalkeepers: Magnus Hedman (Coventry), Magnus Kihlstedt (Lillestrom)

Defenders: Patrik Andersson (Borussia Moenchengladbach), Joachim Bjorklund (Valencia), Pontus Karmark (Leicester), Teddy Lucic (Gothenburg), Johan Mjallby (AIK), Roland Nilsson (Coventry), Gary Sundgren (Real Zaragoza)

Midfielders/Strikers: Daniel Andersson (Bari), Jesper Blomqvist (Manchester United), Magnus Erlingmark (Gothenburg), Henrik Larsson (Celtic), Fredrik Ljungberg (Arsenal), Hakani Mild (Gothenburg), Jorgen Pettersson (Borussia Moenchengladbach), Stefan Schwarz (Valencia), Par Zetterberg (Anderlecht)

Marinos atop J-League

TOKYO, Oct 4: International striker Shoji Jo scored a goal and Norio Omura added another to lead Yokohama Marinos to a 2-0 victory over Sapporo Consadole on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Jo has scored in three straight games and helped propel Marinos to the top spot in the J-League in its second stage.

Close on the Marinos' heels are first-stage winners Jubilo Iwata, powered by a hat-trick from the league's top scorer Masashi Nakayama, Jublo destroyed Yokohama Flügels 4-0.

The hat-trick was the fifth of the season for the 31-year-old Nakayama.

Urawa Reds bounced back from two straight losses to beat Avispa Fukuoka 2-0. Shinji Ono and Giuseppe Zappella scored in the win.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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 - 13 Floral wreath
 - 14 Brazilian kidvid star
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 - 17 Spill the beans
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 - 19 Equine
 - 21 Clilium
 - 24 Hindenburg fill
 - 25 Tramp's love
 - 28 Implement
 - 30 Puck
 - 33 Melody
 - 34 What you do over a hot stove
 - 35 Born
 - 36 Lyric poem
 - 37 Hole in the head?
 - 38 Taj Mahal city
 - 39 Tackle mogs
 - 41 Haul
- DOWN
- 2 Calista's TV role
 - 3 Bump into
 - 4 With lux-supply
 - 5 Actress faced
 - 6 D.C. VIP film
 - 7 Overpriced
 - 8 Mob scene
 - 9 Keep 'em
 - 10 Wheel-base
 - 11 "Wings" star
 - 16 Pirate territory
 - 20 Lecherous look
 - 22 Town near Normandy
 - 23 Stashed supply
 - 25 Seven-faced doctor of film
 - 26 Succor
 - 27 Topper for member
 - 29 Finished
 - 31 Mal de —
 - 32 Shell-game need
 - 34 Skewer
 - 38 Andre of tennis
 - 40 Eccentric
 - 42 Tummy muscles, for short
 - 43 Florist's need
 - 44 — it my way
 - 45 Lady Macbeth's problem
 - 47 Force
 - 48 Summer pest
 - 49 Like quiche or mayo
 - 52 "Norma"
 - 53 Supplement

Solution time: 21 mins.

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CADET	STOA	
AMTB	HEADLOCK	
BLITZ	HEADHUN	
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LENGHTH	DEA	
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Yesterday's answer

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I EXPECT YOU COULD SIMPLY CALL A DE-SCENTED SKUNK AN EX-STINK ANIMAL.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Y equals M

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.