

## CFB adamant about Ronaldo

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov 5: The Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) has informed Italian Serie A outfit Inter Milan on Thursday that they will insist star striker Ronaldo plays for the Brazil national team for the two friendly matches with Australia on November 14 and 17, reports AFP.

Brazil coach Wanderlei Luxemburgo has frequently clashed with the Italian club over who has priority for the prolific forward.

Brazil say that as Ronaldo has only played four friendlies this year (against Barcelona, twice against Argentina and once against Holland) that they have the right to include him.

The rules say a player must be released by his club for a maximum of six friendly matches.

The CBF also point out that Inter are not participating in any European competitions and so Ronaldo should be available for national service.

## Johansson on the attack

STOCKHOLM, Nov 5: UEFA's Swedish president Lennart Johansson Thursday reiterated his opposition to the plan to stage the World Cup every two years - and also had a swipe at Europe's biggest clubs, reigning world champions Real Madrid in particular, reports AFP.

Johansson tried to play down talk of a personal feud with world governing body FIFA's Swiss president Sepp Blatter, who has invested a lot of his personal prestige in the proposed twice-yearly World Cup.

Johansson told Swedish agency TT: "I share numerous opinions with Mr Blatter and we get on as well as possible. But a biannual World Cup would be like celebrating Easter and Christmas together in December."

"But nevertheless if he (Blatter) persists in his project to stage the World Cup every two years, he must expect a counter-attack."

"I have told him I will make no comment on his work as long as he respects the FIFA statutes."

Johansson also slammed the big European clubs for trying to tailor the European Champions League in their favour rather than letting it be run purely on sporting criteria.

He said: "We must try and put brakes on a development that has gone too fast and too far. A club like Real Madrid with debts of millions must find the money. (Real president Lorenzo) Sanz wants a European League where the big clubs could not be eliminated while collecting the maximum amount of money. For us that is a crime against solidarity."

"The Champions League is a mix of sporting and financial interests, it would be useless to deny. The countries (England, Germany, Italy, Spain and France) which have generated the most financial outgoings want to have the guarantees on financial incomes. The ideal would be for sporting criteria to be decisive but we have to be realistic."

Johansson confirmed he would step down from his post in 2002 and would not seek a new mandate.

He confided: "I have a good idea on the name of my successor. It must be someone old enough to know how to manoeuvre and young enough to innovate and look to the future."

## Saudi support for Morocco

RIYADH, Nov 5: Saudi Arabia has bid to host the 2006 World Cup, although the football chief refused to be drawn on preferences, the official SPA news agency said Friday, reports AFP.

"Saudi Arabia supports the candidacy of Morocco," said Prince Sultan bin Fahd bin Abdul Aziz, the kingdom's equivalent of a sports minister, during a joint press conference with Blatter, who is visiting Saudi Arabia.

There are two African states who asked to host the final phase of the 2006 World Cup (Morocco and South Africa). As president of FIFA I cannot support the candidacy of any one candidate," Blatter said.

Blatter was originally scheduled to go to Israel during his current regional tour, but his visit has been postponed for a week to enable him to attend a Euro 2000 play-off between Israel and Denmark in Tel Aviv.

A Saudi delegate due to accompany Blatter on his tour decided to withdraw from the trip because it included a stop in Israel, an Emirati newspaper said Wednesday.



Kaiserslautern players celebrate their victory over Tottenham Hotspurs in the UEFA Cup in Kaiserslautern on November 4. — AFP photo

## UEFA Cup second round second leg

# Spurs doomed by Djorkaeff

PARIS, Nov 5: French World Cup winner Yvon Djorkaeff produced an astonishing injury time turnaround as he inspired Kaiserslautern to two late goals to win 2-0, 2-1 on aggregate, against England's Tottenham in the UEFA Cup second round second leg Thursday, reports AFP.

However, Spurs manager George Graham remained consistent in not being the best loser in the world by saying he would lodge an official complaint after Kaiserslautern changed their team before kick-off on learning that Spurs French winger David Ginola had been dropped to the bench.

"It's incredible that a team can change their line-up just minutes before the kick-off... we'll be lodging an official complaint," the dour Scot said.

While England, who like to boast that the Premiership is the best in Europe, lost two of their representatives, West Ham being the other side to lose out, Italy tasted nothing but success as Juventus, Udinese, Roma and holders Parma all went through to join Bologna, who qualified on Tuesday.

The manner of the win for Kaiserslautern, nicknamed the "Red Devils", was astonishing in a game that had uncanny parallels with Manchester United's 2-1 victory over Bayern Munich in the European Cup Final in May - the English side trailed 1-0 before scoring twice in injury time.

"When you win in injury-time it's great when you lose in extra-time it's cruel," a dejected Graham said.

Tottenham's despair will be exacerbated by the knowledge that bitter North London rivals Arsenal will enter the competition in the next round by virtue of finishing third in their Champions League group.

Tottenham's 1-0 victory in the home on the home leg looked set to be enough with the scoreline after 90 minutes 0-0 on the night. But this time it was the German side who produced the injury-time heroics and the English side that was left down and out.

Djorkaeff conjured up an equaliser for Andreas Buck before instigating the move that saw Stephen Carr turn the ball into his own net just a minute later.

Tottenham boss George Graham had dropped French star David Ginola in favour of Norway's Steffen Iversen and played Chris Armstrong as a lone striker.

Ginola had admitted before the match that he was worried about what reception he would receive after accusations of "play-acting" in the first leg which culminated with the Germans accusing the Frenchman of diving to win a penalty.

Ginola finally made his appearance as a substitute late in the second-half but the boos were muted.

And then Djorkaeff turned the match upside down in the space of a minute when normal time was already up.

First he made a brilliant run before threatening the ball through to Buck who was just outside and sidefooted home.

And then the Frenchman made another surging run, feeding Buck on the right-hand flank.

The cross was turned into his net by Tottenham's Carr. A bitter night for Graham was not made any sweeter as the team he ditched for Spurs, Leeds United, eased through 7-1 on aggregate against Russian outfit Lokomotiv Moscow.

A double strike by Michael Bridges handed the English Premiership leaders a 3-0 win, extending their unbeaten run in all competitions to 12, including 11 wins.

Bridges finished off any vague hopes Lokomotiv had of making a comeback when he struck home his second on the verge of halftime outnerving the Russian defence to lash a shot after Norwegian midfielder Erik Bakke had delivered a superb long pass from halfway.

The former Sunderland striker had scored his first goal of the European campaign in the 27th minute tapping in from two yards out past keeper Russian Nigmatullin after Lee Bowyer nodded down to him to

make it 2-0. Republic of Ireland international fullback Ian Harte, who was returning after injury, had opened the scoring from the penalty spot when Australian Harry Kewell was pushed in the area.

"It was a fantastic performance from the lads," Leeds coach David O'Leary gushed. "We got the early goal to settle us down and then we finished it off early enough so I could rest some of them in the second-half," the 41-year-old added.

Parma's resurgence after a poor start to the season when they were knocked out of the Champions League by Rangers continued as they eased through 3-1 winners over Helsingborg in Sweden - 4-1 on aggregate.

The holders were indebted to a hat-trick by striker Marco Di Vaio, who amply repaid the faith shown in him after he was signed from Salernitana in the close season.

AS Roma cruised to an easy 1-0 home victory over Gothenburg, rounding off a 3-0 win on aggregate for Fabio Capello's men.

Brazilian striker Fabio Junior scored the matchwinner before a crowd of less than 10,000 at the Olympic stadium, heading home a cross from the right by midfielder Damiano Tommasi.

Juventus eased into the third round after a lacklustre 1-1 draw with Levski Sofia in an empty Delle Alpi stadium - only 2600 fans bothering to turn up. Juventus had done all the hard work in Bulgaria, winning 3-1 and were trailing for more than an hour here after Teohard Petrov's 14th minute strike for Levski.

But Juventus striker Yugoslav Darko Kovacevic made the scoreline respectable by slotting home a 79th minute equaliser, continuing his fine run of form on European duty for the Turin club.

Coach Carlo Ancelotti, who rested Alessandro Del Piero and Filippo Inzaghi for Sunday's derby with Torino, said: "We could have done better. Especially after we won the away leg 3-1 with only 10 men."

# Bayern simply relieved

BERLIN, Nov 5: Bayern Munich president Franz Beckenbauer encapsulated the relief that followed his club's Champions League survival when he said: "Let's just be happy that we made it," reports Reuters.

Last season's finalists knew they had been close to disaster after scraping through the opening group stage in second place with a 1-0 home win over Rangers on Wednesday.

Coach Ottmar Hitzfeld was at a loss to explain why key players failed to perform under pressure.

Maybe a few of them were afraid of not qualifying for the next round. That would have been a huge embarrassment for us," he said.

Captain Steffen Effenberg came under fire from German media after he made little impact on the match and declined to take the penalty converted by Thomas Strunz in the 33rd minute.

Goalkeeper Oliver Kahn, who saved Bayern with a number of spectacular saves, reckoned his team were still devastated by the dramatic 2-1 defeat by Manchester United in the last final. United sank them with their two late goals.

"The trauma is still in our heads, it made our legs heavy," Kahn said.

Bayern manager Uli Hoenes warned his team would be in for a rougher ride in the next phase. "We have to vastly improve our game if we want to keep up with the big teams," he said.

Hertha Berlin lost 2-0 at Chelsea on Wednesday and also finished second in their group to reach the last 16, but Bayer Leverkusen and 1997 European champions Borussia Dortmund went out.

Blasting Dortmund as a failure, the daily Bild reported that

the team has a 52-million mark (\$28 million) payroll - but zero success.

"It's a disgrace to German soccer what Dortmund put together in its 1-0 loss to Boavista Porto," Bild said of Tuesday's match. "It was a disaster. The greatest calamity of the decade for the team."

Leverkusen were also hammered after failing to score against lightweights Maribor Teatonic.

"A team that fails to win any games at home against Lazio.

Rome, Dynamo Kiev or Maribor doesn't deserve to make it to the next round of the Champions League," admitted Bayer Leverkusen striker Ulf Kirsten.

The only German side who seemed to spark any optimism were Hertha Berlin, despite defeat in their last two games.

"We accomplished something that no one expected us to do," said Hertha president Dieter Hoenes. "We deserved to go through. It wasn't just luck. It was hard work."



Leeds United's Jonathan Woodgate (R) is being tackled by Alexei Arifullin of Lokomotiv Moscow during their UEFA Cup second round second leg match in Moscow on November 4. — AFP photo

## COLLATED UEFA CUP RESULTS

Collated results of UEFA Cup second round second leg matches played on Thursday:

At Montpellier, France  
Montpellier (Fra) 0  
Deportivo La Coruna (Spa) 2 (Makay 45, Pauleta 83)  
Deportivo win 5-1 on aggregate

At Warsaw  
Legia Warsaw (Pol) 1  
Czereszewski 11 Udinese (Ita) 1 (Sosa 41)  
Udinese win 2-1 on aggregate

At Rome  
AS Roma (Ita) 1 (Fabio Junior 88) Gothenburg (Swe) 0  
Roma win 3-0 on aggregate

At Moscow  
Lokomotiv Moscow (Rus) 0 Leeds United (Eng) 3 (Harte 16-pen, Bridges 28, 45)  
Leeds win 7-1 on aggregate

At Zurich, Switzerland  
Grasshopper Zurich (Swi) 1 (Yakin 76) Slavia Prague (Cze) 0  
Prague win 3-2 on aggregate

At Stavanger, Norway  
Stavanger Viking (Nor) 2 (Berland 3, Dadason 84) Werder Bremen (Ger) 2 (Wiedener 43, Herzog 63)  
Match finished 2-2 on aggregate - Werder Bremen win on away goals

At Helsingborg, Sweden  
Helsingborg (Swe) 1 (Stavrum 86) Parma (Ita) 3 (Di Vaio 11, 42, 43)  
Parma win 4-1 on aggregate

At Arnhem, Netherlands  
Vitesse Arnhem (Ned) 1 (Kreek 64) Lens (Fra) 1 (Blanchard 9C)  
Lens win 5-2 on aggregate

At Nantes, France  
Nantes (Fra) 4 (Sibierski 49, Montebello 60, Devineau 74, Da Rocha 82) Inter Bratislava (Svk) 0  
Nantes win 7-0 on aggregate

At Athens  
Panathinaikos (Gre) 1 (Pflipsen 90) Graz AK (Aut) 0  
Aggregate score 2-2. Panathinaikos win on away goals rule

At Kaiserslautern, Germany  
Kaiserslautern (Ger) 2 (Buck 90, Carr 90-og) Spurs (Eng) 0  
Kaiserslautern win 2-1 on aggregate

At Amsterdam  
Ajax (Ned) 0 Hapoel Haifa (Isr) 1 (Rosso 60-pen)  
Ajax win 3-1 on aggregate

At Wronki, Poland  
Amica Wronki (Pol) 1 (Jackiewicz 34) Atletico Madrid (Spa) 4 (Hasselbaink 30, Capdevila 44, Baraja 52, Corra 84)  
Atletico Madrid win 5-1 on aggregate

At Glasgow  
Celtic (Sco) 0 Lyon (Fra) 1 (Vairalles 17)  
Lyon win 2-0 on aggregate

At Turin, Italy  
Juventus (Ita) 1 (Kovacevic 79) Levski Sofia (Bul) 1 (Petrov 14)  
Juventus win 4-2 on aggregate

At Newcastle, England  
Newcastle United (Eng) 3 (Maric 33, Ferguson 58, Speed 61) FC Zurich (Swi) 1 (Jamarault 17)  
Newcastle win 5-2 on aggregate

At Lisbon  
Benfica (Por) 1 (Kandaurav 25) PAOK Salonika (Gre) 2 (Marangos 28, Sabry 44)  
Aggregate score 3-3. Benfica win penalty shoot-out 4-1

At Vigo, Spain  
Celta Vigo (Spa) 2 (Djorovic 66, Tudor 90) Aris Salonika (Gre) 0  
Vigo win 4-2 on aggregate

At Palma, Spain  
Real Mallorca (Spa) 3 (Nadal 41, Stankovic 58, Nino 68) Teplice (Cze) 0  
Mallorca win 5-1 on aggregate

Romanian coach gets the sack

BUCHAREST, Nov 5: Romanian coach Victor Piturca has been sacked following clashes with his top players, the Romanian Football Federation (FRF) announced Thursday, reports AFP.

Twelve of the sixteen-member FRF executive committee voted in favour of his departure following calls for his resignation by top players including captain George Hagi.

"I can no longer work with him," said Hagi, who received the backing of teammates George Popescu, of Turkish First Division side Galatasaray and Chelsea midfielder Dan Petrescu.

Among the contenders for the job of Romanian coach are Piturca's predecessor Anghel Iordanescu, former Inter Milan coach Mircea Lucescu and Ladislav Boloni, coach of French first division side Nancy.

## Second round draw made

# MU in unfamiliar territory

GENEVA, Nov 5: Manchester United go into the unknown when they begin the Champions League second round following Friday's draw, reports AFP.

The defending champions have been drawn with Bordeaux, Fiorentina and Valencia in Group B.

United secretary Ken Merrett said: "I think it's a very attractive draw. We don't have a long history with any of the clubs but we're certainly looking forward to going to Bordeaux, Valencia and Florence."

"They're great places to go to and those of us who like the wine will be delighted to be going to Bordeaux."

Valencia beat Rangers twice in the first round, while Fiorentina knocked Arsenal out when they won at Wembley earlier this month.

Chelsea's Italian coach

Gianluca Vialli won himself a free trip home when the Premiership side were drawn with Lazio, Feyenoord and Marseille in Group D.

Marseille captain Robert Pires said his French side had ended up in the toughest of the four groups.

"Chelsea and Lazio have to be the two favourites but we are going to try and pull-off a surprise. We showed in the first round we can beat anyone - even Manchester United," said Pires.

Pires added that he was looking forward to playing against Chelsea's three French World Cup stars.

"It is going to be fun to play against Didier Deschamps, Marcel Desailly and Frank Leboeuf. It is always interesting to play against the world champions," He smiled.

Bayern Munich, who just manage to escape into the second round thanks to a 1-0 win over Rangers earlier in the week

have to face Spanish giants Real Madrid, Dynamo Kyiv and Rosenborg in Group C.

Group A sees Barcelona competing against Sparta Prague, FC Porto, and Hertha Berlin.

London bookmakers Ladbrokes lengthened United's odds to retain the Champions League to 5-1, making them the third favourites, after Friday's draw.

Barcelona are 5-2 favourites, with Lazio at 7-2. Chelsea are fourth in the list at 8-1.

Draw for the Champions League second round:

Group A: Barcelona, Sparta Prague, FC Porto, Hertha Berlin.

Group B: Manchester United, Valencia, Bordeaux, Fiorentina.

Group C: Real Madrid, Rosenborg, Bayern Munich, Dynamo Kyiv.

Group D: Chelsea, Lazio, Feyenoord, Marseille.



AS Roma forward Fabio Junior (L) is under pressure from Svensson of Gothenburg during their UEFA Cup second round second leg encounter in Rome on November 4. — AFP photo

## Primera Liga preview

# Toshack's moment of truth

PARIS, Nov 5: Real Madrid take the short trip to Rayo Vallecano on Saturday knowing that anything less than victory is likely to signal the end of the managerial reign of Welshman John Toshack, reports AFP.

Real go into their clash with the unfashionable Primera Liga leaders in an almost unheard of predicament.

They are 11th in the Spanish First Division - they have not won a domestic fixture since August 29 - and only the third ranked team in the Spanish capital behind Rayo and Atletico.

Last week they were well beaten by Atletico on home soil in the Madrid derby. And defeat at the hands of their other city neighbours, normally considered very poor relations, would force the hand of Real president Lorenzo Sanz.

On Thursday Toshack was given the vote of confidence by the Real board - but in the idiosyncratic world of football a vote of confidence is often the equivalent of a kiss of death.

And to rub it in further Real are also once more totally eclipsed by their eternal rivals Barcelona, the reigning Spanish champions.

The communiqué from the Real board to the world club champions' four senior players (or "captains") - Fernando Hierro, Manuel Sanchis, Fernando Redondo and Raul Gonzalez - reiterated that the board had confidence in Toshack.

Sanz's opposite number at Rayo, Maria Teresa Rivero, is the only woman to run a major football club.

Rivero, 64, is perhaps more ideally qualified to cope with the conflicting egos that make up a football team than any of her male counterparts as she is the mother of 13 children.

Toshack, meanwhile, is finding it less easy to discipline his more pampered charges and has already lost the support of the Spanish press.

Sports paper As was particularly forthright, saying he had the opposite of the Midas touch: "Toshack has proved he is nothing and that everything he touches he spoils."

About the only thing going

## Rookie gets England call

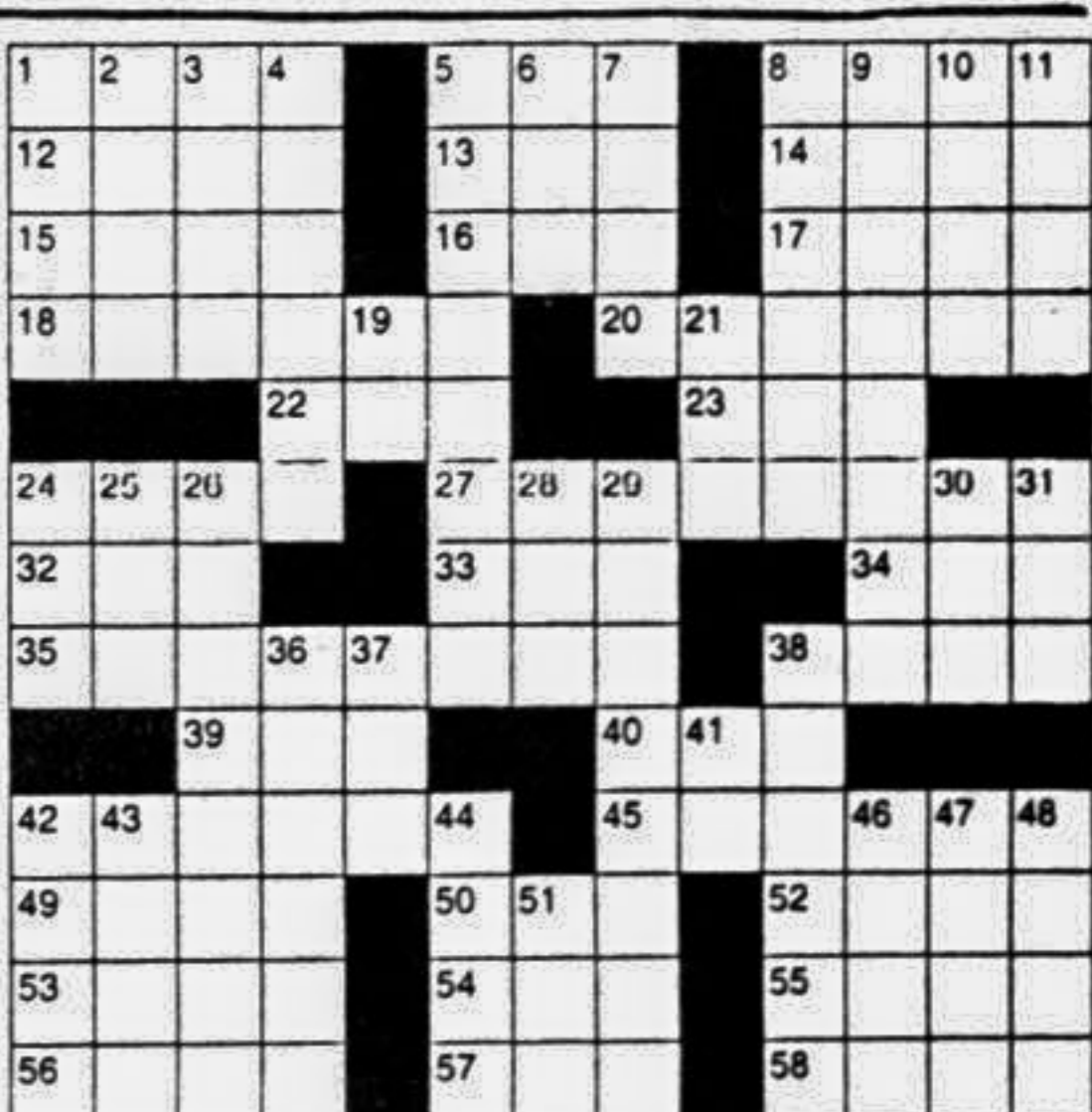
LONDON, Nov 5: England manager Kevin Keegan sprang a surprise on Thursday by naming uncapped winger Steve Froggatt in his squad for the European Championship play-off matches against Scotland, reports Reuters.

Froggatt could be the key to England's left-sided problem according to Keegan, who has already tried Sunderland's Michael Gray and Leicester City's Steve Guppy before turning to the Coventry player.

"He could be the answer to the left-side because he can play either wing-back or left-midfield," Keegan said. "He is playing as well as he ever has and I felt that he deserved to make the squad for these two games."

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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30 Tarzan's son  
31 Cyprioid fish  
36 Area of New York City  
37 Blinker?  
38 Comfort  
41 "Tiny Bubbles" singer  
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## CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptquip: SHE DECIDED TO CUT HER FINGERNAILS. AS THEY'D REALLY GOTTEN OUT OF HAND.  
Today's Cryptquip Clue: A equals C

The Cryptquip 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.