

ITF tennis results

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Nov 25: Eight players moved into the singles quarterfinals beating their respective rivals in the second leg of the ITF Alpha men's future tennis tournament played at the Rajshahi Tennis Complex today.



Chelsea's Italian star Gianfranco Zola (L) and Ulrich van Godel of Feyenoord fight for possession during their Champions' League clash at Stamford Bridge on November 24.

Flo stars in Chelsea's win

LONDON, Nov 25: Chelsea beat Feyenoord 3-1 in their opening game of their Group D Champions' League match at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday with goals from Nigerian international Celestine Babayaro and two from Norway's Tore Andre Flo.

Donaventure Kalou's shot was parried by Ed de Goey - a former Feyenoord goalkeeper - as the visitors showed their speed on the counter-attack. With 12 minutes gone and the home side enjoying a good spell of possession, French international Frank Leboeuf was unlucky not to get on the score-sheet with an overhead kick after his compatriot Marcel Desailly headed on Gianfranco Zola's right wing corner.

Four minutes from the break Flo failed to connect to Petrescu's cross and Zola had a blistering drive tipped over moments later with Vialli's team cursing their luck. However, with the interval looming Chelsea eventually made the breakthrough. Celestine Babayaro scored with a bullet header from Petrescu's pinpoint centre which was celebrated with a customary somersault by the Nigerian international.

Chappell will let Glamorgan know soon

ADELAIDE, Nov 25: Former Australian cricket captain Greg Chappell will make an announcement within days on whether he will accept an offer to coach Welsh county side Glamorgan, reports Reuters.

Lewis made Windies A skipper

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, Nov 25: Leg-spinner Rawl Lewis will replace Jimmy Adams as captain of the West Indies A team for the second and final unofficial cricket Test against India starting on November 30, reports AP.

India-Q'land 4-day game from today

BRISBANE, Nov 25: India dismissed talk of losing all their Tests against Australia and turned their minds today to preparing for the first Test next month, reports Reuters.

Real edge past Kyiv

KIEV, Nov 25: Real Madrid left their domestic woes behind them on Wednesday as they scored a 2-1 win at Dynamo Kyiv in Champions League Group C at the Olimpijskiy Stadium, reports AFP.

Real sacked John Toshack two weeks ago after several stumbles in the league left them just eighth in the table and replaced him with Vicente del Bosque and the change appeared to have a liberating effect as Fernando Morientes and Raul scored for the seven-times Spanish continental kings.

Shatskiikh, on duty at the weekend for Uzbekistan. Shatskiikh eventually made his entrance as a second half sub for Sergiy Konovalov.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Goals For, Goals Against, Points. Includes Real Madrid, Bayern Munich, Feyenoord, and Dynamo Kyiv.

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Bayern, Rosenborg split points

TRONDHEIM, Norway, Nov 25: Norwegian champions Rosenborg Trondheim and Germany's Bayern Munich played out an uneventful 1-1 draw Wednesday evening in their Champions League Group C opener, reports AFP.

Bayern largely dominated, although they couldn't convert that superiority into more than one goal. Carsten Jancker was their scorer in the 10th minute after being perfectly set up by Mehmet Scholl and Markus Babbel.

Rosenborg showed little of the offensive sparkle which is the hallmark of their game. Bent Skammelsrud did make good use of a half chance in the 47th minute when he smacked home a 17-metre shot from outside the area past a surprised Oliver Kahn for the equaliser.

Four minutes from the break Flo failed to connect to Petrescu's cross and Zola had a blistering drive tipped over moments later with Vialli's team cursing their luck.

Chelsea started the second half looking to add to their tally as Petrescu's header came back off the bar and the Romanian should have doubled their advantage but his shot was brilliantly blocked by Jerzy.

Feyenoord then brought on Cruz in a bid to put more pressure on Chelsea's defence and the decision began to pay dividends as the burly striker began to unsettle Leboeuf and Desailly.

But Chelsea soaked up the pressure looking to catch the visitors on the break and on 66 minutes Flo did just that, following up after Babayaro's header hit the bar, putting the home side further ahead and firmly in the driving seat.

Flo scored his second and Chelsea's third after 85 minutes tucking a low shot past Jerzy before Cruz, who perhaps should have been in Feyenoord's starting line-up, reduced the deficit a minute from time but it came too late for Leo Beenhakker's men.

Quickest red card

LONDON, Nov 25: Jamaican World Cup striker Walter Boyd earned an unwanted world record when he was sent off "zero" seconds after going on as a substitute for Swansea against Darlington in the English Third Division on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

Lazio boost morale

MARSEILLE, France, Nov 25: Lazio put their Rome derby disaster firmly behind them Wednesday to score an ultimately emphatic 2-0 win at Marseille for a winning start to their Champions League Group D campaign, reports AFP.

The French, European champions in 1993, were looking to recapture the form which saw off Manchester United here in the opening group phase but they have been in poor domestic form and were desperate for a confidence boost in Europe.

In the 77th minute the Italians effectively killed the game with a second on the counter attack. Salas escaping down the left after beating the offside trap and centering for Conceicao, who slammed the ball past Porato from six metres.



Olympique Marseille striker Christophe Dugarry is off balance while in pursuit of the ball along with former Argentine international Nestor Sensini of Lazio during their Champions' League encounter at Marseille on November 24.

Hughes' job now full-time

LONDON, Nov 25: Southampton coach Mark Hughes is off to Wales as Wales' new manager on Wednesday, agreement coming after lengthy negotiations, reports AFP.

Hughes, with agent Dennis Roach, met key Football Association of Wales (FAW) officials in Shrewsbury on the Wales-England border to thrash out the terms of a four-and-a-half year contract.

til next summer and then take up the job on a full-time basis. But Hughes is keen to play on in the top flight as long as possible, so he was not going to turn down an extra year's contract when offered.

One of a gang of three men has told police they had the home of Matthias Sammer, the 1996 European footballer of the year, under surveillance for six months.

Eric Harrison looks set to be his assistant manager while Jimmy Shouler and Mark Bowen will run the under-21s.

But he handled three Euro 2000 qualifiers on a part-time basis and both club and country have confirmed that they will make life as easy as possible for him to continue on that basis until he finally retires as a player in June 2001.

They were intending to demand 9.5 million dollars ransom for Karin, Sammer's 26-year-old wife, and his eight-year-old daughter Sarah, and were prepared to use armed force if necessary.

Earlier negotiations had become complicated by the Saints' offer of a new one-year contract to Hughes when his current deal runs out in June.

That draw takes place in Japan on December 8, where Wales can expect to be given a tough group following their drop in the rankings after failing to qualify for Euro 2000.

Two of the trio were arrested on November 11 and 12 and placed in temporary custody. The third, the informer, was released.

It was the third such meeting and, after just one hour of bargaining Hughes shook hands on a deal, the Press Association reported.

Hughes' first job will be to take charge of three friendlies in the new year as the build-up to next autumn's World Cup qualifying campaign.

Fowler won't require surgery

LIVERPOOL, England, Nov 25: England striker Robbie Fowler was told on Wednesday that he will not need further surgery on his troublesome ankle, reports Reuters.

Spartak-Leeds tie held off

MOSCOW, Nov 25: UEFA officials called off Thursday's UEFA Cup third-round first-leg clash between Spartak Moscow and Leeds United because of extremely cold weather and dangerous playing conditions at Dynamo Stadium, reports Reuters.

Georgian booter banished

TBILISI, Nov 25: Former Georgia international Giorgi Balashvili was banned for the rest of the season on Wednesday for assaulting a referee in a league match, reports Reuters.



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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer. Includes a grid with numbers 1-30 and a list of clues for both across and down. Also includes a cryptogram puzzle and its solution.