

## Sport



fall on all fours after a tackle by South African Helman in Nations' Cup quarterfinal in Kumasi on February 2.

—AFP Photo

## Cup

# Cameroon in last four

er with four goals, had to get on the scoresheet. Ghana, who scraped into the eight despite losing their first group game 2-0 to Ivory Coast, gave another inept performance which could cost Italian coach Giuseppe Dossena his

They repeatedly lost possession in midfield, showed no sense of urgency and were beaten to a couple of long shots as they failed to trouble goalkeeper Andrei.

Their best effort came when Germany Munich, defender Marcel Kuffour headed against France in the 49th minute. South Africa earned a trip to the final on Thursday's semifinal against the co-hosts Nigeria or Ivory Coast, who meet on Monday.

**TEROON-ALGERIA** Cameroon played some exciting football, but woeful finishing and a few wild tackles

left question marks over their ability to win their first Nations' Cup since 1986.

They took advantage of slack Algerian marking as Eto'o and Foe scored in the eighth and 24th minutes.

Algeria came back strongly, reduced the arrears when Abdelfatah Tafsaout headed his second goal of the cup in the 79th minute and nearly equalised shortly afterwards, when the same player miscued his shot from close range.

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Salomon Olembe who missed an open goal at point blank range, kept the result in doubt.

The Indomitable Lions also displayed some of the reckless tackling which marred their last World Cup appearance with captain Rigobert Song, who has already earned the distinction of being sent off at two World Cups, lucky not to be dismissed for a sliding, two-footed challenge on Abdelaziz Benhamet.

Surprisingly, Song was not even booked.

"We created a lot of chances, that is the positive side," said Cameroon coach Pierre Lechante, whose team stay in Accra to play either Egypt or Tunisia on Thursday.

Algeria were less happy. "We didn't like the refereeing," said assistant coach Abdellah Djadaoui. "If he had shown some more yellow cards in the first half, things might have been different."

The remaining quarter-finals kick off with holders Egypt playing Tunisia in the northern Nigerian city of Kano followed by the Nigeria-Senegal clash in Lagos.

"Having the right mental attitude and team spirit is what will decide the game," said Senegal coach Peter Schmitt, whose side are rank outsiders.

"My players and I are here to create surprises. They are determined to give me memories of what I achieved 30 years ago," added the German, who led Ivory Coast to the semifinals in 1970.

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## Scottish Premiership

### Hibs, Rangers enjoy goalfest

GLASGOW, Feb 7: Glasgow Rangers were held 2-2 by Hibernian in a thrilling draw at Easter Road on Sunday with Neil McCann earning a point for the reigning champions with a goal nine minutes from time.

After a goalless first half, Hibernian took the lead through Kenny Miller before Rod Wallace equalised for the visitors, reports AFP.

Miller scored his fifth goal of the season to put the home side 2-1 up only for McCann to level the scores for the Scottish Premier leaders.

A point takes Dick Advocaat's side to 51 points in the table, 10 points clear of second-placed Celtic while Hibs jump above Hearts into fifth on 27.

Hibs took the lead four minutes after the break when Ian Murray played in a fine cross which was headed goalward by Mixu Paatelainen.

Rangers' defender Craig Moore cleared it but only as far as Miller, who rifled a 12-yard shot beyond keeper Stefan Klos.

But Hibs' lead lasted only seven minutes with Rod Wallace bringing Rangers back into the match.

Moore delivered a glorious crossfield pass to Neil McCann, who had replaced Dodds at half-time.

The Scotland winger's delivery deceived a static Hibs defence and Wallace stooped to head the ball home and make it 1-1.

Rangers were rocked again in the 68th minute when Miller scored his second goal of the game after a mistake by Dutchman Arthur Numan.

His pass back to Klos was short and Miller nipped in and flicked the ball wide of the German keeper as Numan tried unsuccessfully to make up ground.

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## WTA's top 20 money winners

ST PETERSBURG, Florida, Feb 7 (Reuters): Top 20 money winners this year in women's tennis, according to WTA Tour:

1. Lindsay Davenport	\$477,955
2. Martina Hingis	467,089
3. Rennae Stubbs	135,463
4. Conchita Martinez	127,164
5. Lisa Raymond	123,876
6. Sandrine Testud	122,386
7. Mary Pierce	120,217
8. Jennifer Capriati	116,417
9. Anna Kournikova	110,059
10. Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario	91,879
11. Amelie Mauresmo	90,108
12. Ai Sugiyama	89,043
13. Julie Halard-Decugis	84,343
14. Elena Likhovtseva	73,545
15. Chanda Rubin	64,933
16. Katarina Srebotnik	58,436
17. Barbara Schett	55,331
18. Amanda Coetzer	53,311
19. Corinna Morariu	47,322
20. Nathalie Tauziat	47,308



MADRID, Feb 7: Real Madrid refused to do title-chasing rivals Barcelona a favour by winning at Primera Liga leaders Deportivo La Coruna on Sunday -- so much so that they crashed to a 5-1 roasting, reports AFP.

Barcelona, targeting a third straight championship and second at the start of play, had no reason to crow at Real's misfortune as they earlier fell over their own feet, losing in abject fashion 1-0 at home to an unfashionable Alaves.

The start of the match was just disastrous. No wonder the fans whistled us off," admitted Barca coach Luis Van Gaal.

Barca's reverse, courtesy of a 16th minute goal for the visitors by Nan Riba, left the Catalan club third in the table, five points adrift of Deportivo, who after a run of poor form might have feared the visit of a recently resurgent Real.

However, Deportivo, blasted 4-1 at Real Valladolid last week, shot out of the blocks and took a seventh-minute lead through a flying header by Dutchman Roy Makaay before Brazilian Edmundo snatched a second from a freekick in the 20th minute to leave Real floundering virtually from the outset.

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But any hopes that Real had of getting back on terms evaporated three minutes after the restart when Victor Sanchez made it 3-1 to Deportivo, who have never won the title.

Argentine striker Turu Flores then rubbed in Deportivo's superiority with further goals in the 76th and 85th minutes before Hierro gave Real a crumb of comfort with the last goal of the night.

But the 'meringues' season is once again in some turmoil as they are just eighth in the table -- ten points adrift of Deportivo.

Real Zaragoza earlier took advantage of Barca's poor showing to go second, four points off the pace, with a 2-2 draw at Atletico Madrid, who slowly but surely are extricating themselves from the basement.

Dutch forward Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink scored both Atletico goals, one from the penalty spot to take his total to

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