

Anelka targets Euro 2000

PARIS, March 3: Real Madrid's French international striker Nicolas Anelka has not yet given up on a place in France's Euro 2000 squad, he told Friday's edition of France Football magazine, reports AFP.

Anelka has had a first season with the Spanish giants blighted by injury and bad form, although since January he has shown signs of rediscovering his goalscoring touch.

But the former Paris St Germain and Arsenal man believes he could still be a force in the summer football fest in Holland and Belgium.

"I missed the World Cup and I could miss Euro 2000 but it would be brilliant to play in Holland and Belgium and emulate what Zinedine Zidane did at the World Cup," Anelka told France Football.

"I have been in touch with Roger Lemerre (France's national coach) and he said he is counting on me which is reassuring and good for my confidence."

His injury problems and poor recent international form have left him out of favour with Lemerre and the 22 million pound (37 million dollar) signing is fearful of suffering a similar fate to 1998.

He was one of six players excluded by then coach Aimé Jacquet from the final 22-man squad for the successful World Cup campaign.

Anelka has since admitted that he could not bring himself to watch France's 3-0 World Cup Final win over Brazil on television.

Anelka could benefit from the fact that the striking position remains the Achilles heel of the French team, who won the World Cup thanks to a miserly defence and brilliant midfield, but have not produced a world class striker since the days of Eric Cantona and Jean-Pierre Papin.

Asked who he would like to partner him up front should Lemerre call on his services, Anelka pointed out he has played for club and country as a single striker but also added: "Two strikers would be great and to get back together with Thierry Henry would be lovely."

Ironically it was Henry who Arsenal turned to after Anelka moved to Spain.

Hasibul

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Garry c Mizan b Hasibul 3
Shafiqul lbw b Hasibul 0
Rezwan c Mizan b M Hossain 9

Tashriq lbw b Hasibul 17
Ahsan not out 6
Mahbub b Hasibul 0

Extras: (b-4, lb-3, nb-2, w-8) 17
Total: (All out in 41.2 overs) 131
Fall of wickets: 1-2: 2-32; 3-65; 4-66; 5-75; 6-75; 7-100; 8-117; 9-131

Bowler
Hasibul 8.2 0 35 5
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Naimur 9 1 21 2
M Hossain 6 0 18 2

Result: Abahani KC won by 91 runs.

UEFA Cup fourth round first leg

Arsenal, Mallorca run riot



PARIS, March 3: English Premier League giants Arsenal produced one of the greatest performances in their history to trounce 10-man Spanish league leaders Deportivo La Coruna 5-1 in their UEFA Cup fourth round first leg match on Thursday, reports AFP.

Runaway French league leaders Monaco also found being reduced to 10-men, Mexican defender Rafael Marquez being sent-off for a second bookable offence, too much to cope with as they went down 4-1 away at 1999 Cup Winners Cup finalists Real Mallorca.

Jovan Stankovic grabbing a hat-trick. Italian league leaders Juventus will also have their work cut out in the second leg next week having squeezed a 1-0 win at home over another Spanish side Celta Vigo.

Galatasaray, Lens and Leeds United can all look forward to their UEFA Cup fourth round second leg matches with a certain amount of confidence after getting good results away from home.

Galatasaray, a club used to grabbing upset wins in European competition, beat the once mighty German outfit Borussia Dortmund 2-0 capped by a fine effort from venerable Romanian playmaker George Hagi on the stroke of half-time.

Both Lens and Leeds came away with draws, the French side twice going ahead against Atletico Madrid through inspirational midfielder Olivier Dacourt only for Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink to hit back twice.

Leeds got a scoreless draw against Italian giants AS Roma. First-half strikes from Lee Dixon and Thierry Henry put the Gunners in control against a Deportivo side who have shown a clean pair of heels to Real Madrid and Barcelona on the domestic front.

The visitors were thrown a lifeline after 55 minutes when Flavio was felled in the box by Swedish international Fredrik Ljungberg and Djalmirha stepped up to beat Seaman from the spot with an audacious chip.

Tempers flared as Deportivo sprang back to life and it was no surprise when Djalmirha, who had tested the referee's patience several times during the game, received his marching orders for head-butting Gilles Grimandi.

Arsenal raised their game against the ten men and brought on Nigerian Nwankwo Kanu for Mare Overmars to vary their attacking options.

And after 67 minutes the Gunners made it 3-1 when Emmanuel Petit's free-kick was met by Henry whose thumping header flashed past Jacques Song'o into the top right-hand corner.

Kanu scored the goal of the game with a wonderful solo effort 11 minutes later while Dutchman Dennis Bergkamp rounded off a vintage Arsenal

performance by scoring a fifth. At Palma Stankovic scored all his goals from dead ball situations for Mallorca. Three times he outfoxed Monaco's French World Cup winning goalkeeper Fabien Barthez, first from a freekick and then twice from the penalty spot.

For Galatasaray it was the combination of the Bull of the Bosphorus and the Maradona of the Carpathians - Hakan Sukur and Hagi - that accounted for the Germans who also had to battle against a 25,000 strong Turkish contingent in the crowd - there is a thriving Turkish community in Germany.

It was Sukur, a legendary figure in Istanbul, who put the Turks ahead after 33 minutes

minute sighting Molina off his line he lobbed the ball over him from outside the area.

"I decided to go for the more subtle approach the third time as the other two were more powerful but easy prey for the goalkeeper," Dacourt said.

"It's going to be some Cup tie next week that's for sure!" he added.

Atletico's Italian coach Claudio Ranieri said he wasn't afraid of next week's return.

"The fact we came back twice tells me that this is a side of extraordinary fighting qualities," he said.

Leeds courageous effort was spearheaded by England number two goalkeeper Nigel Martyn, who showed that he was



Arsenal's Freddie Ljungberg (C) and Deportivo's Brazilian international Favio Conceicao (R) collide while in pursuit of the ball during their UEFA Cup fixture in London on March 2.

—AFP photo

with a goal set up by his fellow Turkish international Erdem Arif.

On the stroke of half-time 35-year-old veteran Hagi, who earned his nickname because of his similarity as a player to Argentinian legend Diego Maradona, made it two.

The Romanian let fly from distance with his favoured left foot and his shot beat Dortmund keeper Jens Lehmann with the help of a slight deflection.

Dortmund, European and World Champions in 1997, had only one real chance with Fredi Bobic spurning an opportunity after 84 minutes and the ailing Bundesliga side are still without a win under new coach Bernd Krauss.

Hasselbaink, who single-handedly has kept Atletico's season alive scoring 21 goals in the championship, kept the fallen Spanish giants UEFA Cup hopes alive with a fine double, although the second, his sixth in the campaign, a low stooping header owed a lot to the Lens defence losing concentration just two minutes after they had retaken the lead in a pulsating match.

Hasselbaink's double was matched by Dacourt, a big money summer signing from English Premiership side Everton, who ensured that the 1998 French champions retained their unbeaten away record in the competition this season.

Dacourt, who had two excellent earlier second-half efforts beaten away by Atletico keeper Jose Molina, had just scored with a beauty in the 79th

minute.

However, Leeds coach David O'Leary was full of praise for his young side afterwards.

We showed that we have improved a lot from last year when we lost 1-0 here to them so that was satisfying," the former Republic of Ireland defender said.

Roma coach Fabio Capello was disappointed with the draw but could only pay tribute to the Leeds keeper.

"I think it's very tough to play a match like this one, to have lots of scoring chances and to find yourself at the end with a 0-0 draw," he said.

"Sometimes we were unlucky because a shot went only just wide but when we did get one on target their goalkeeper was just superb. He made at least three saves that were truly sensational."



Monaco striker Marco Simone (R) celebrates with Marcelo Gallardo after the former has scored his team's first goal against Mallorca during their UEFA Cup fixture on March 2.

—AFP photo

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

PARIS, March 3 (AFP): Results on Thursday in UEFA Cup fourth round first leg matches:

In Rome
AS Roma (Ita) 0 Leeds United (Eng) 0

In Dortmund
Borussia Dortmund (Ger) 0 Galatasaray (Tur) 2 (Sukur 33, Hagi 45)

In Madrid
Atletico Madrid (Spa) 2 (Hasselbaink 24, 80) Lens (Fra) 2 (Dacourt 16, 78)

In Turin
Juventus (Ita) 1 (Kovacevic 49) Celta Vigo (Spa) 0

In London
Arsenal (Eng) 5 (Dixon 5, Henry 29, 67, Kanu 78, Bergkamp 83) Deportivo La Coruna (Spa) 1 (Djalminha 54-pen)

In Palma
Real Mallorca (Spa) 4 (Stankovic 42, 52-pen, 62-pen, Tristan 90) Monaco (Fra) 1 (Simone 2)

2002 WC qualifier

Colombian squad for Brazil game

BOGOTA, March 3 (AFP): Colombian squad selected on Thursday for 2002 World Cup qualifier with Brazil to be played here on March 28:

SQUAD

Goalkeepers: Miguel Calero (Atletico Nacional), Oscar Cordoba (Boca Juniors), Diego Gomez (America Cali).

Defenders: Gonzalo Martinez (Tolima), Ivan Ramiro Cordoba (Inter Milan), Jorge Bermudez (Boca Juniors), Mario Alberto Yepes (River Plate), Gerardo Bedoya (Deportivo Cali).

Midfielders: Harold Lozano (Valladolid), Freddy Rincon (Santos), Alexander Viveros (Cruzeiro), Orlando Maturana (America Cali), Frankie Oviedo (America Cali), Hector Hurtado (Porto Alegre), Jorge Bolano (Palma).

Forwards: Juan Pablo Angel (River Plate), Ivan Rene Valencia (Independiente Medellin), Hamilton Ricard (Middlesbrough).

Grandpa Pele!

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, March 3: The king of football, Pele became a grandfather for the first time Thursday when his daughter-in-law gave birth to a 4.4 kg baby girl in Sao Paulo, reports AFP.

The already famous child was named Stephany and a barrage of reporters were on hand to welcome her into the world as the proud parents showed off their new addition.

Pele's second son Edinho who was a former keeper with Brazilian side Santos fathered the child. He is the second of three children from the soccer legend's first marriage - he also has twins from his second wife.

Edinho was condemned to six years in open prison in October 1999 which allows him to work during the night providing he spends the night in prison.

The sentence was handed down for his part in a car accident that resulted in the death of a spectator during an illegal car race in 1992.

Lobanovsky new Ukraine coach

KIEV, March 3: Dynamo Kiev chief coach Valery Lobanovsky accepted the job as head of the Ukrainian national squad after Thursday's meeting with country's football federation president Valery Pustovoitenko, reports AFP.

Pustovoitenko said that a two-year contract with Lobanovsky was signed after the two reached agreement upon a programme for the country's football development.

The Ukrainian Football Federation offered Lobanovsky the post in January, which was left vacant following last year's resignation of Josef Szabo who failed to take Ukraine through to the Euro 2000 finals.

However, Lobanovsky replied that he would not give a final decision until his programme had been discussed and accepted by the Ukraine's football ruling body.

The 60-year old coach has fashioned a string of championship-winning sides stretching over three decades, handing Kiev eight domestic Soviet titles and the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1975 and 1986.

He also masterminded some of the best Soviet national squads, taking his players to the European championship final in 1988 where they lost to the Netherlands.

Ukraine's national team is due to face Bulgaria in their first friendly match under Lobanovsky later this month.

Previous coach Szabo had come under increasing criticism following his side's unexpected failure to qualify for Euro 2000.

Chelsea hooligan gets two month prison sentence

MARSEILLE, France, March 3: A Chelsea supporter was sentenced to two months in prison late on Thursday for his part in scuffles that broke out during the English side's Champions League match with Marseille on Tuesday, reports AFP.

Clifford Clem, 38, has also been barred from travelling to France for the next three years after he was found guilty of being involved with other Chelsea fans when they assaulted police and ground stewards during the first-half of the match - Chelsea lost 1-0.

Serie A preview

Match of the week in Milan



ROME, March 3: Juventus and Lazio will continue their dogfight at the top of the table, but the spotlight for

Italian football this weekend will be trained on Milan as AC face Inter in the derby, reports AFP.

Juventus start their home match against Bari with 50 points and a four-point lead at the top after needing only 10 men to beat AS Roma last Sunday.

Coach Carlo Ancelotti said: "It was a big achievement, there's no denying it. Putting three points between ourselves and a major rival who was on form was good for morale and good for our place in the table."

But his team, who beat Celta Vigo 1-0 in the UEFA Cup fourth round on Thursday night, will still have another 10 Serie A games to go after this weekend and Ancelotti, who was a tough tackling midfielder for Italy in the 1990 World Cup, is taking nothing for granted.

"We're heading into a period which will give us no respite until the end of the season," he said.

"We are going to have to suffer right through to the very end. But we are ready," he added. Bari's coach Eugenio Fascetti will meanwhile be hoping to avoid further publicity after alleged racist remarks he made last weekend about Torino's Senegalese defender Djibril Diawara.

Lazio will have to try and bounce back after a humbling 2-1 home defeat to Feyenoord in

the European Champions League when they travel to Lecce.

Lazio took things too easy in the last quarter of an hour against the Dutch side and two late goals have made things in Group D much more complicated and bruised team morale.

Coach Sven Goran Eriksson controversially left Chilean striker Marcelo Salas out of the side, saying afterwards: "I needed him for the match at Lecce."

What counts now is a reaction by the players - one that's professional, precise and immediate. There's no need for a revolution. The strategy is clear. We have to achieve our objectives.

"We have to keep our position in the Serie A, starting at

Lecce, and we have to start moving up the group table in the Champions League."

Up north, the Milan derby couldn't come at a more testing time for the two Lombardy clubs, with AC third on 45pts and Inter fourth on 43pts.

Given the likelihood of a Juventus victory, defeat for Inter would probably cost them last chance of winning the title.

Even in a volatile championship like Italy's, 10 points are a lot to make up with more than two thirds of the season already over.

However, Inter's form has improved markedly since Christmas - particularly with the arrival of Dutch playmaker Clarence Seedorf and Colombian defender Ivan Cordoba - and they recently knocked their neighbours out of the Italian Cup.

With Ronaldo and Christian Vieri out through injury, Chilean Ivan Zamorano needs to recover from injury if Inter are to beat the reigning champions.

AS Roma, currently fifth, are at home to Torino after their goalless draw with Leeds United here on Thursday night and will hope to put away the chances more effectively than they did against the English side.

FIXTURES (1400 GMT unless stated):

Saturday: Fiorentina v Lazio, Udinese v Cagliari (1930 GMT)

Sunday: Juventus v Bari, Lecce v Lazio, Parma v Reggina, AS Roma v Torino, Venezia v Perugia, Verona v Bologna, AC Milan v Inter Milan (1930 GMT)



CLARENCE SEEDORF

Primera Liga preview

No time for slip ups



MADRID, March 3: With Deportivo La Coruna six points clear of the chasing pack the top five teams in Spain's Primera

Liga all face what should be simple fixtures this weekend - but all will be aware failure to take maximum points could prove costly at the end of the season, reports AFP.

Realistically there are only five teams still in the title race - Deportivo, Real Zaragoza, Real Madrid, surprise packages Alaves and defending champions Barcelona.

With 12 rounds of games remaining and with a six point lead, Deportivo, who visit Malaga on Sunday would ordinarily be hot favourites were it not for their reputations as eternal chokers.

The Galician club has never won the title and twice snatched defeat from the jaws of victory, most famously in 1993-4 when their Brazilian World Cup winner Bebeto missed a penalty that would have taken the crown to the north west for the first time.

Failure to take all three points in Malaga would set alarm bells ringing. Their 5-1 spanking by Arsenal in the UEFA Cup will not have helped morale although as far as most Deportivo fans are concerned they are very focused on what would be a milestone Primera Liga crown.

But the remaining leading quartet also know that they can not afford to concede any more ground and none more so than Barca, whose hopes of a third consecutive title were further hit by a 3-0 drubbing at the hands of arch-rivals Real Madrid last weekend.

They are eight points behind Deportivo in fifth and only victory will do against 11th-placed Numancia on Saturday at the Nou Camp.

Barca's setback at the hands of their most hated rivals was soothed in midweek by a 4-2 Champions League win over Porto in which their Brazilian talisman Rivaldo - FIFA's World Player of the Year - again proved he was worth his weight in goal with two marvellous strikes - a 30-yard freekick and a solo dribble.

The burden of expectation is also a fact of life for third-placed Real Madrid who had the opposite experience to the Catalans.

Their joy at eclipsing Barca quickly evaporated after a 4-2 defeat in the Champions League by Bayern Munich.

They should put things right at the weekend with a trip to second-from-bottom Oviedo on Saturday although their French World Cup winning utility man Christian Karembeu is injured for 10 days with a strained left thigh.

With both Barca and Real still with ground to make up on "Superdepo" and Atletico Madrid in the relegation dogfight, hopes remain high that the title could leave Madrid and Barcelona for the first time since 1981-4 when Basque clubs Real Sociedad and Athletic Bilbao established a short-lived dominance of the Spanish game, winning two titles apiece.

Ahead of the Merengues on goal difference in second are Real Zaragoza, who have the toughest assignment of the weekend on Sunday at ninth-placed Real Mallorca, impressive 4-1 victors over French First Division leaders in the UEFA Cup on Thursday.

Perhaps the team with the least pressure in the leading quartet are Alaves, who have astonished everyone by reaching fourth spot, seven points behind Deportivo.

They visit 10th-placed Madrid-based Rayo Vallecano,

FIXTURES:
Saturday: Oviedo v Real Madrid, Valencia v Athletic Bilbao, Barcelona v Numancia
Sunday: Rayo Vallecano v Alaves, Real Mallorca v Real Betis

Zaragoza, Celta Vigo v Racing Santander, Seville v Valladolid, Real Sociedad v Espanyol, Malaga v Deportivo La Coruna, Atletico Madrid v Real Betis

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Tender Document No: PD 2312/09/16
Date of Invitation of Tender: 15-02-2000

1. Tenders are invited for appointing carrying contractors as per following groups for carrying MS pipelines of different diameter and other pipelines accessories goods from Chittagong Sea Port to the ware house of the company situated at Demra by trucks and trailers:

Group 'Ka': Carrying by trucks.
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2. Cost of tender : Tk 1,000.00 (non-refundable), document

3. Earnest money : Separate Pay Order/Bank Draft for an amount of Taka 25,000.00 (twenty-five thousand) from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh Bank in favour of Titas Gas T&D Co Ltd will have to be deposited alongwith the tender.

4. Time of submitting : a) Submission: Till 28/03/2000 11:00 AM from the date of publishing tender notice.
and opening tender b) Opening: 28/03/2000 at 11:30 AM.

5. Place of availability : Tender documents containing detailed description can be purchased from the following places on specific cost from 09-03-2000 and tenders will be received at the place of purchase as per date and time stated.

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2) Receiving : Sale Division, 4th floor, TGTDCL, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Karwan Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215.

b) Accounts Division : 3, Karwan Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215. (Petrobangla)

c) Accounts Division : Head Office, Chanpur, Comilla. BGSL

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