

## Queensland tail wags in time

BRISBANE, Mar 20: Queensland tailenders Andy Bichel and Adam Dale denied Victoria a crack at chasing an outright victory in a snail-paced last session to the fourth day of the Sheffield Shield cricket final here Monday, reports AFP.

Any hope the Victorians had of beginning their run chase late Monday was thwarted by Dale (9) and Bichel (8), who scored just 17 runs off the last 100 balls.

At the close with a day to play, Queensland were 274 for seven, their overall lead ballooning to 377 runs on a ground with a slow outfield.

Queensland batsman Martin Love completed his 14th first-class century before being caught behind off David Saker, who faced a post-match hearing for dissent after being reported by umpire Darrel Hair.

Hair called over Victorian captain Paul Reiffel and told him Saker, who has a suspended sentence pending, was being put on report for dissent after Hair rejected an lbw decision against Queensland skipper Stuart Law, who made 84.

Victoria will be out to clean up Queensland's tail quickly on Tuesday and have no option but to turn on the batting fireworks in an effort to win the match outright.

**BRIEF SCORES**  
**Queensland:** First innings 285 (S. Law 129, W. Secombe 29; P. Reiffel 5-65)  
**Victoria:** First innings 182 (I. Harvey 50; A. Bichel 6-47)

**Queensland:** Second innings 274 for seven (M. Love 100, S. Law 84; P. Reiffel 3-50)

## Scottish League Cup Celtic's

LONDON, March 20: Celtic lifted the Scottish League Cup on Sunday after beating Aberdeen 2-0 at Hampden Park with Vidar Riseth and Tommy Johnson scoring the goals, reports AFP.

Neither scorer was expected to start at the game but coach Kenny Dalglish relegated both Alan Stubbs and Mark Burchill to the sidelines and the move paid dividends.

Riseth's half-time 16th-minute shot gave Celtic a narrow half-time lead but the balance of the contest shifted Dalglish team's way early in the second half.

Aberdeen's first blow was to lose influential forward Hicham Zerrouli to injury, and then the Dons fell 2-0 behind courtesy of a sharp finish from the rejuvenated Johnson.

Aberdeen's hopes of clawing their way back effectively ended after 61 minutes when Thomas Solberg was sent off for a second bookable offence and from that point Celtic were able to coast to victory.

Riseth's goal was his first of the season. Morten Wieghorst began the move, breaking down the left-wing, before crossing into the middle for the Norwegian to sweep home on 16 minutes.

Johnson's fifth goal of the season, after 61 minutes, made the game safe for Dalglish's men as he drove a low shot past Jim Leighton after good work from Viduka.

## FINA honours Samaranch

ATHENS, Mar 20: International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch said here Sunday that swimming will probably be the most important sport at the Sydney Olympic Games in September, mainly due to the great tradition that Australia has in the sport, reports AFP.

Samaranch was speaking at a special function held in his honour by the sport's world governing body, FINA, where he was given swimming's highest award, the FINA Order.

Samaranch praised the 25m short-course championships concept, saying it allowed all nations to compete on an equal basis.

Samaranch said that the level of swimming at the current world short-course championships - which he attended Saturday - was of a high quality with so many world records.



Torino custodian Luca Bucci (L) saving from the feet of Juventus' Alessandro Del Piero during their Serie A encounter at Turin on March 19.

## Serie A

# It's all in Juve's hands

MILAN, March 20: Juventus looked ready to celebrate the club's 26th Italian league title after beating rivals Torino 3-2 to open up an awesome nine-point lead at the top, reports AFP.

All three other title rivals - Lazio, AC Milan and AS Roma - helped the Juventus cause by unexpectedly losing on Sunday to teams they should have beaten handsomely.

With eight matches left in the season, Juventus coach Carlo Ancelotti said that no one else can win the Serie A title - only Juventus can lose it.

And since they have been beaten only once all season and have by far the tightest defence with only 13 goals conceded, the chances of that happening would appear slim.

The derby victory in Turin - secured with two own goals and a penalty - was marred though by clashes before the match between Juventus supporters and police.

Two fans were treated in hospital, one with a broken foot and the other with a bruise to the head, while four policemen and another fan needed first aid.

On the pitch, Juventus took a 23rd minute lead when Torino midfielder Massimo Brambilla scored an own goal as he tried to block Juventus' Alessio Tacchinardi.

Juventus, who hadn't faced a single penalty all season, conceded two in one match on Sunday.

Torino's Marco Ferrante scored both, the first to equalise and the second for 3-2 after teammate Gigi Lentini - once the world's most expensive

footballer - had scored another own goal in the 67th and Alessandro Del Piero converted a spot-kick for Juventus.

Ancelotti studied his team's lead over Lazio and said: "Looking at the league table, we can only lose it ourselves. But that said, all the matches we have left now are difficult ones."

But looking at his rivals' defeats, he admitted: "The day couldn't have gone any better than this."

And Juventus were also nine points in front with eight games left when Gianluca Vialli and his teammates won the league in 1995, ahead of Lazio and Parma.

And it's Vialli that Lazio will once more have in their sights next week, after their shock 1-0 defeat to relegation candidates Verona left them with only the European Champions League as a major title. An Italian Cup final with Inter Milan comes a long way down the pecking order here.

Lazio coach Sven Goran Eriksson, whose men face Vialli's Chelsea at Stamford Bridge, said: "This match was fundamental for the league title race and now it's all become a lot more difficult."

The important thing now is to lift our team morale for the match in London."

Asked about a comparison with last season, when Lazio failed in the final weeks of the championships, he said: "They mustn't let things slip like they did then. The match in London should be the match of their lives."

There were little to celebrate either at AC Milan, who missed a penalty before relinquishing their league title in a 1-0 defeat at Venezia.

To rub salt in the wound, Venezia's winner was set up by one ex-Milan striker, Maurizio

Ganz, and scored by another, Filippo Maniero. Venezia goalkeeper Fabrizio Casazza later saved a spot-kick from Lazio forward Leonardo.

Milan vice-president Adriano Galliani said: "No one came out unscathed - it went wrong in every department - the metamorphosis was just inexplicable."

Coach Alberto Zaccheroni, whose future looks increasingly in doubt, said: "We are still aiming for one of the places in the Champions League. But if we don't wake up soon, we're going to miss out on those too."

With Juventus set to take the title, five teams are competing for the three remaining places in the Champions League and its qualifying rounds - Lazio (50pts), Inter (48), AC Milan (46), AS Roma (45) and Parma (43).

AS Roma joined the top clubs on the day's scrap heap, losing 2-0 to Reggina in front of the home fans at the Olympic stadium.

Roma's devastated president Franco Sensi, whose team also lost their previous match 1-0 to lowly Cagliari, said: "Two on the trot, it's shameful... it's just inadmissible for Roma to play like this."

"I can't find any justification for a defeat like this one. I am anxious, traumatised and humiliated."

Argentina's Hernan Crespo converted a 63rd minute penalty for Parma and Arturo Di Napoli missed one for Piacenza as their match finished 1-0.

Elsewhere, striker Nicola Amoroso scored twice in the first-half and then got himself sent off for retaliation at the start of the second as Perugia beat Bari 2-0 and Udinese defeated Lecce 2-1.

## Foulplay?

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 20: Brazilian footballers Ailton Oliveira and Jose Clayton, who played for Belgium and Tunisia in the 1998 World Cup, used falsified documents to gain citizenship of both countries, the Brazilian newspaper Folha de Sao Paulo claimed Sunday, reports AFP.

The newspaper claimed that both players, who were born and began to play soccer in the city of Sao Luis, capital of the northern state of Maranhao, lied about their ages to play for their respective countries.

It said that investigations carried out by them based on school records found that Oliveira was in fact 34 years old and not 30 and Clayton was 28 and not 25.

Oliveira, at the moment playing in the Italian Serie A side Cagliari, has denied lying about his age and falsifying documents and blamed the error on school authorities.

"There is no problem with my age. We are going to speak of soccer, that is what is of interest. They are inventing that story to harm me," Oliveira told Folha de Sao Paulo.

Clayton, however, admitted taking three years off his age, but said that it was without the knowledge of the Tunisian Football Federation.

"If they knew they would not have selected me for the World Cup," he said. "I didn't kill anyone, I only did it to earn a living."

Carlos Alberto Ferreira president of Maranhao Football Federation where both began their soccer career refused to produce any papers relating to both players and said he was not responsible for documents produced by Oliveira and Clayton to gain naturalization.

Last year's Brazilian championship was rocked by a similar scandal of fielding overage players, when it was found that Sao Paulo striker Sandro Hiroshi had two birth dates.

## 'Beware of con artists'

ADELAIDE, Mar 20: The Sydney Olympics could be a boom time for con artists, an FBI fraud prevention adviser said Monday, reports AFP.

Reformed con artist Frank Abagnale said the large crowds and many foreign currency exchanges going on during the Olympics would provide the perfect setting for counterfeiting.

And he said the Olympics would come soon after changes to the appearance of US money, which would add to the difficulty of preventing such frauds.

"You're going to see a tremendous amount of counterfeit travellers' cheques and US money," Abagnale said.

"These are the big things, whenever you have a huge gathering of people, it's a great environment to pass bills."

"The American bill has just been completely changed. Most Americans don't even know what to be looking for on the new bill."

"Right before the Olympics the US five and 10 dollar bills are going to be changed, 60 days before the Olympics. Even the currency exchangers aren't going to be familiar so what are they going to know in a store or a shop?"

Abagnale, in Australia as part of a tour organised by the Australian Post Office to give advice on preventing fraud, said counterfeiting of cash and travellers' cheques was constantly becoming easier because of computer technology.

"People need to be taught how you instantly determine whether it's real or it's counterfeit," Abagnale said.

"People are basically very naive because basically people are honest, they don't sit there wondering how somebody is going to rip them off."

Abagnale said more than three million US dollars worth of forged travellers' cheques had been passed at the Atlanta Olympics, most of them simple photocopies.

## Mourhit, Dulecha win in Vilamoura

VILAMOURA, Portugal, Mar 20: Mohammed Mourhit of Belgium and Kutre Dulecha of Ethiopia took the honours Sunday in the world cross-country championships here, reports AFP.

Mourhit came home in the men's 12.3km long race in 35min 00sec, one second ahead of Ethiopia's Assefa Mezgebu as Kenya's world champion Paul Tergat for once took a back seat, placing third in 35:02.

"I am delighted. I gave it everything I'd got. I dedicate my win to my country and to all those who love me," said Mourhit.

"It's my first title. I came in as the top-placed European in the past three world championships."

Dulecha of Ethiopia earlier won the 4.180km women's short race.

The 21-year-old Dulecha just edged a sprint to the line, a late burst taking her past Moroccan Zahra Ouaziz, who appeared set to land the title until the final 300 metres.

Dulecha's spurt over the final stretch took her from fourth to oust Ouaziz. Kenya's third-placed Mary Keitany and Britain's Paula Radcliffe, who placed fourth, a big disappointment following on from her fifth in Saturday's long course race.

The top three finishers all timed 13min 00sec.

Portugal claimed first place in the team standings ahead of Ethiopia and France.

Dulecha's triumph made her the first junior title winner to take an individual title at senior level.

# Onus on Valencia, Porto

PARIS, March 20: Valencia of Spain and Portugal's FC Porto must keep their nerve a place in the last eight of the European Champions League should be theirs by Tuesday night, reports AFP.

Going into the last round of second phase matches Valencia are looking a better bet than Italy's Fiorentina to make it through to the last eight from pool B alongside defending champions Manchester United, who qualified last week.

In pool A Porto are sitting pretty to go through alongside group winners Barcelona although Sparta Prague of the Czech Republic could yet deny the Portuguese side.

Valencia's last match would ordinarily be a tough assignment. They entertain United but know their visitors, having already qualified are likely to rest several players and will definitely be without England midfielder David Beckham, who is suspended.

But Valencia themselves, who have surprised everyone with their performances in this year's competition, must do without their own injured midfielder Gaizka Mendiete whose form in the competition this season has been outstanding.

A draw could well be enough for Valencia as they have a superior record to Fiorentina in their head-to-head meetings. It would guarantee a second Spanish club into the quarter-finals with the possibility of Real Madrid joining them 24 hours later.

But Valencia's Argentinian coach Hector Cuper said: "We are playing to win against United."

Cuper also said he had no intention of keeping an ear on the radio to hear what was happening in Florence between the Italians and Bordeaux.

Steve McClaren, the right hand man of United boss Sir Alex Ferguson, played down

any suggestion that United would not be competitive, saying: "This match is absolutely crucial. We are not going to play safety first, I don't think I have ever seen this team do that."

In reality only an improbable scoreline in Valencia would deny United winning the group which is the only real formality that remains to be completed for the team that won the competition in such dramatic circumstances last season.

That would ensure that United would go into the last eight draw as one of the pool winners, therefore being certain to avoid Barcelona - at least for now.

Beckham's suspension denies the Valencia fans the chance of seeing not only one of the hottest properties in world football but also possibly the world's most expensive haircut.

If newspaper reports in England have any truth in them Beckham's decision to trade in his flowing blonde locks for a crewcut could have repercussions on a reported 6 million dollar deal with Brylcreem.

On the face of it the match between Fiorentina and the French champions should be a formality given that Bordeaux are already out.

The Girondins are also depleted with defenders Kodjo Ananou and Francois Grenet joining suspended Nisa Savellj and long term casualty David Jemmal on the sidelines.

Youngster Mathieu Beda and Laurent Batilles may be pressed into action although neither are fully fit.

Up front Lilian Laslandes is back from suspension but French World Cup winner Christophe Dugarry is cup tied.

Fiorentina coach Giovanni Trapattoni has won this competition before with Juventus in 1985 although that triumph will forever be overshadowed by the death of 39 mainly Italian fans because of rioting by Liverpool supporters.

Trapattoni has been boosted by a return to form of the club's talismanic Argentinian striker Gabriel Batistuta, who scored a brilliant goal against United last week and followed suit against Cagliari on Saturday.

The other scorer against the Sardinians was Predrag Mijatovic whose single goal won the 1998 final for Real Madrid against Juventus. Trapattoni will hope that is an omen.

Some slack defending last

week by FC Porto allowed Sparta Prague to stay in contention by coming from 2-0 down to grab a 2-2 draw in injury time at Porto last week.

Porto coach Fernando Santos will be hoping his players have got that out of their system as he keeps faith with the players who were Saturday knocked off the top of Portuguese First Division by Sporting Lisbon, leaving their quest for a sixth consecutive title looking compromised.

Their opponents Hertha Berlin are already eliminated but Santos will not be counting his chickens ahead of the trip to Berlin as his side has shown an alarming capacity to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.

Berlin coach Jurgen Rober admitted his side saw this match more as a preparatory exercise for their next Bundesliga outing and said: "Against Porto we will be doing some homework."

Rober's men produced one of the better performances of an underachieving season against Bundesliga leaders Bayern Munich at the weekend with a 1-1 draw in front of 75,000 at the Olympic Stadium.

Porto will be comforted by the news their rivals for the second group A slot Sparta Prague will be entertaining Barcelona, the most impressive team in this year's competition so far.

While coach Luis Van Gaal is likely to rest some of his key players Barca have a huge squad and have been in scintillating form recently and are now just two points adrift of Primera Liga leaders Deportivo La Coruna in the domestic competition.

The Dutch coach has his hands slightly tied by the suspension of Portuguese winger Luis Figo and veteran defender Fernandez Abela while Finnish striker Jari Litmanen, who once scored in a Champions League Final for Ajax Amsterdam, is ruled out because of injury.

Van Gaal's Prague counterpart Ivan Hasek will not have it all his own way, however, and must do without their services of midfielder Miroslav Baranek who is suspended.

The Czechs know that only victory will do - and that will suffice only if Berlin do them a giant favour. But after their last-gasp heroics in Porto last week they will be guaranteed to pull out all the stops.

## Govt of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Local Govt Engineering Department Hospital Road, Majdee Court Noakhali

Memo No: LGED/XEN/Noa/RDP-22/(Tender)/2000/653 Dated: 5/3/2000

## Corrigendum Notice

This is to inform of all concern that in the tender invited vide Tender Notice No-23/99/2000 (NRIDMP-11) bearing Memo No-LGED/XEN/Noa/RDP-22/Tender/2000/538 Dated: 22-02-2000, the following corrigendum has been made for unavoidable circumstances.

1. The tender documents will be sold during office hours up to 29-03-2000.
2. Tender will be received in the tender boxes on or before 2.00 pm on 30-03-2000 & tender will be opened on the same day at 2.30 pm.

All other terms & conditions of this tender will remain be unchanged.

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Memo No-S-N/1768

Dated: 07-03-2000/24-11-1406 Bang

## Tender Invitation Notice

No-122 (99-2000)

Tenders in sealed envelopes in Bangladesh Form No-2911 are invited from special class/special 1st class/combined 1st class/1st class (E/M) contractors' firms of the Public Works Department/power generator equipment manufacturing establishment or local agent of the manufacturing establishment who have the valid ABC electrical licence issued by Government Electrical Licensing Board, Value Added Tax Registration Certificate and TIN Certificate for the undermentioned work.

Last date of selling tender: 28-03-2000 (during office hours)  
Date of depositing tender: 29-03-2000 till 12:00 Noon.  
Date and time of opening tender: 29-03-2000 at 12:30 PM.

Serial No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time limit for completion of work
1.	Supply, installation and operating of 2 emergency power generators of BG Press and Government Printing Press situated at Tejgaon Industrial Area in Dhaka under a project of modernisation of government presses and accommodation.	Item rate based	2% of the quoted cost	180 (one hundred & eighty) days

Establishments willing to participate in the tender should have previous experience of successfully operating, installation and supply of an emergency power generation of 200 KV capacity in a single work order to a government/semi government/autonomous organisations.

The prescribed form for certificate regarding previous experience (obtainable free of cost from this office) will have to be given by the official of the concerned organisation (not below the work of an executive engineer).

Application for purchasing tender will have to be made at least 7 (seven) days ahead of the last date of selling of tender along with attested copies of stated valid ABC electrical licence, Value Added Tax registration certificate, TIN certificate and enlistment register/certificate as manufacturer/local agent certificate etc. to the Additional Chief Engineer (E/M), Public Works Department, Puro Bhaban, Segunbagicha, through the undersigned.

Only the establishments which have the permission can purchase tender schedule and other documents on payment of 775/- (seven hundred seventy-five) in cash (non-refundable) from the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka, 1st 12-storied Government Office Building (1st floor), Segunbagicha, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, Public Works Eden Building Division/Mechanical Workshop Division/Public Works Timber Workshop Division/Public Works Sub-Division-5 under Dhaka Public Works Division-4, Puro Bhaban, Segunbagicha, Dhaka/Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/6/7/8 including this division. Apart from it tender can be purchased from and deposited in the specific divisions under Public Works Zone, Dhaka/Rajshahi/Chittagong/Khulna.

Earnest money at the rate of 2% (two per cent) of total quoted cost in the form of BD/CJ/PO/ SDR from any scheduled bank approved by Bangladesh Bank in favour of the Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-5, Dhaka will have to be deposited along with the tender. Mentionable, if there is a permanent security money kept at the Public Works Department, then it may be mentioned as the earnest money.

The undersigned reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all the tenders without assigning any reason.

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## BPDB's International Tender Notice

International sealed tenders are hereby invited by the Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) from the renowned manufacturers/suppliers against the following tender enquiry for supply of different type of stores.

Sl. No.	Tender enquiry No. & date	Name of spares with stores	Value of T. docts	Submission of T. docts	Opening of T. docts
1	Pur-402/2000 Dated: 08/3/2000	Supply of spare parts (Radiators & Torque Converter) for Bheramara Power Station (Unit-1 & 2), PDB, Bheramara, Kushtia.	Taka 1,500/=	Dt. & Time 24/4/2000 11.00 AM	Dt. & Time 24/4/2000 11-30 AM

A complete set of tender documents including detailed specification, terms & conditions may be sold to the interested eligible bidders against a written application to the undersigned on payment of taka (non-refundable) mentioned above against each tender in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh favouring Director of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka. The bidding documents will be available from 15/3/2000.

All bids must be accompanied with a bid bond in the prescribed bid format @ 2% of the total bid price from a scheduled bank of Bangladesh in accordance with instructions to the bidders.

No tender documents shall be sent by post nor sold on the opening date and no Telex/Fax Offer will be acceptable.

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