

Brazil

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shock victory over pre-tournament favorites Brazil.

Substitute Siyabonga Nomvethe rose to power the 'Baia' ahead in the 74th minute from fellow replacement Steve Lekela's cross.

And Lekela sealed victory two minutes from time, rolling the ball into an empty net after Brazilian goalkeeper Helton could only parry a shot from Daniel Matsau - another substitute.

The result means both sides have three points from two games but South Africa have an easier-looking final fixture against Slovakia, who have lost both of their matches so far.

The game exploded into life when Manchester United midfielder Quinton Fortune curled a free-kick into the top corner in the ninth minute to put the South Africans ahead.

From the resultant kick-off Brazil surged down the left and Edu's downward header from a pin-point Fabio Aurelio cross levelled the score up.

Brazil dominated the game either side of half-time but could not find the net and were punished in the end.

CHILE - 3; SPAIN - 1

Chile moved to the top of group B with a polished performance in Melbourne.

Goals from Rafael Olarra and Reinaldo Navia put them two up against Spain before Lucruz halved the deficit.

But Navia's second in the last minute made the game safe.

S KOREA - 1; MOROCCO - 0

In the other game Chun-Soo Lee's second-half goal was enough to give South Korea victory over Morocco.

The South Koreans are level with Spain on three points but have to face the impressive Chileans in their final group match.

Ban-inflicting

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countries to work with weightlifting in the fight to eradicate drugs. We need to educate the modern athlete to the dangers of using drugs.

Ajan revealed that Romanian weightlifters Traian Chihanean and Adrian Mateas were unmasked as drug takers by a mass doping exercise carried out by the IWF in the lead up to the Sydney Olympics.

All 257 competitors at the Sydney Olympics were tested by us before the competition, mostly during training in Sydney. We are the only federation to test all our Olympic participants, said Ajan, who has led weightlifting's fight against drug which darkened the sport's image in the 1970s and 1980s.

We also did this before Barcelona (in 1992) and Atlanta (in 1996). We have a very strict anti-doping policy.

Ajan said that Chihanean and Mateas had tested positive for the anabolic steroid Nandrolone while training in Sydney. The samples were tested at the IOC-approved laboratory in Sydney.

Under an IWF rule the whole Romanian team, consisting of another three male lifters and one female, were kicked out of the Olympics as a third lifter Marian Popita had tested positive earlier in the year.

If there are three positive cases from one country within a year, the National Federation is suspended from international participation for the period of one year," he said.

The Romanian Olympic Committee had the option to pay a 50,000 dollar fine to free its weightlifters, who passed the drug tests, to compete in the Olympics, he revealed.

"It is a huge sum and if paid would go towards our anti-doping costs which run to 500,000 dollars a year," he said. "As far as I know the Romanians will not be paying. We will be happy if they do not - we will be happy if the Romanian (weightlifters) go home."

Anecdotes

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to try and carry on as if he's still here." — IOC Vice-President Dick Pound after IOC Chief Juan Antonio Samaranch had left Australia following his wife's death.

Leeds United have been selfish and shown us no respect, so why should I show them any now? — Australian coach Raul Blanco on Leeds request for the players' release after Australia were eliminated from the tournament.

Athletes have been my life since I was 14. After the world championships in Edmonton next year I want to rest and have a baby. If it's a girl she will probably be extroverted like Gianni. If it's a boy I imagine she will be quiet like me. — Italian long-jump gold medal hope Fiona May.



IF LOOKS COULD KILL! Referee Nicole Petigan (R) looks menacingly at Chinese goalkeeper Gao Hong (L) who is arguing after a penalty was awarded to the USA during their Olympic Preliminary women's soccer match in Melbourne yesterday. The game finished 1-1 draw.

Sun, Gao to China's rescue



SYDNEY, Sept 17: Skipper Sun Wen scored a spectacular freekick and goalkeeper Gao Hong saved a late penalty here on Sunday as China came from behind to claim a 1-1 draw with the United States in the Olympic women's football tournament reports AFP.

The draw leaves both sides, who are favourites to meet again in the final, needing only a point from their final group F matches to go through to the semi-finals.

The United States have the easier task against Nigeria while China must take on Norway.

In Sunday's other match, Norway ran out comfortable 3-1 winners over Nigeria to keep their chances of a semi-final place alive. Nigeria however are

now destined for an early flight home.

CHINA - 1, USA - 1

The US-China clash - a re-run of last year's World Cup final, which the Americans won in a penalty shootout - turned on a dramatic ten minute period in the middle of the second half.

First Sun struck a superb David Beckham-style freekick from more than 30 yards curling round the American wall and into the top corner of the net to put the Chinese back on level terms.

The Americans hit back hard and they should have restored their lead ten minutes later when Swiss referee Nicole Petigan awarded a controversial penalty for handball by Chinese defender Fan Yunjie. The Chinese players surrounded the official, protesting in vain that the foul had been unintentional.

But midfielder Kristine Lilly's spotkick was hit too close to Gao, who followed up by throwing herself at Cindy Paltrow's feet to block the rebound.

It was a complete turnaround for the Chinese keeper, who had been badly at fault on the American's first goal, coming off her line for a corner only to allow the ball to sail over her.

American skipper Julie Foudy was left with a free header at the back post and made no mistake to put the Americans ahead eight minutes from the break.

Foudy almost made it two

three minutes later. After cutting inside her marker on the left of the box she fired a low shot to the near post that Gao did well to get down to.

China had had their own claim for a penalty turned down in the 13th minute after Pu Wei's neat reverse pass sent Liu Ying in behind the American defence.

The midfielder appeared to be pulled down by US goalkeeper Siri Mullinix but the Swiss referee waved away the Chinese appeals.

NORWAY - 3, NIGERIA - 1

Norway quickly took control against Nigeria in Canberra, opening the scoring after 22 minutes following by strike duo Ragnhild Gulbrandsen and Dagmar Melgren.

Gulbrandsen flicked on a long punt forward for her partner to poke the ball past Judith Chime in the Nigerian goal and Hege Rise added the second from the penalty spot in the 62nd minute.

Substitute Mercy Akide pulled one back ten minutes from time but Marianne Petersen made the game safe with a glancing header in the final seconds.

Norway, winners of the bronze medal in Atlanta four years ago, have three points from two games - a point behind both the United States and China, who they meet in their final group match on Wednesday.

Primera Liga

Bilbao stun Barca

MADRID, Sept 17: Spanish giants Barcelona, who walloped Leeds 4-0 in the Champions League in midweek, came back to Earth with a bump Saturday as they crashed to a 3-1 defeat at Athletic Bilbao in the second match of the Primera Liga season, reports AFP.

Reigning champions Deportivo La Coruna are this season's early pace-setters as they caused their second straight victory at Racing Santander, running out 3-0 winners.

European champions Real Madrid had to scrap for a 3-3 draw at modest Malaga as Guti hit a late equaliser while Valencia, Real's victims on the opening day last week as well as in the European Cup final, bounced back by thrashing Mallorca 4-0 with Galzka Mendietta twice on target.

In Bilbao, Barcelona got off to the perfect start when Dutchman Patrick Kluitert opened the scoring after 25 minutes with his third goal in two matches.

However, two penalties conceded either side of half-time clinically converted by Spanish international Aitor Larrazabal turned the tables before Francisco Javier Yeste put the result beyond doubt with an injury time insurance marker.

To add to Barca's misery, they had goalkeeper Richard Dutruel sent off in the 64th minute.

At Santander, Deportivo opened the scoring after 34 minutes through newcomer Valeron, before Manuel Pablo added a second with just over half an hour to go.

Veteran midfielder Fran made sure Deportivo went top of the table, wrapping up all three points with seven minutes to go.

Tempers

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cied to repeat their gold medal success at Los Angeles in 1984 after winning the Champions Trophy at home in Amstelveen in June.

The Chinese, novices by comparison, finished 11th out of 12 at the last World Cup two years ago and took fifth place in the Olympic qualifiers at Milton Keynes, England in April.

Atlanta silver-medallists South Korea, who lost to Argentina on Saturday, suffered another setback when they were held to a goalless draw by Spain.

With just a solitary point from two matches in group A, the Koreans must defeat Australia and Britain to stay in contention for the medal pool round.

Germany, held to a 1-1 draw by New Zealand in their first group B match, came from behind to defeat newcomers South Africa 2-1 in the last game of the day.

Both teams were locked 1-1 at half-time as Germany's Fanny Rinne equalised Marilyn Aguirre's goal. Britta Becker scooped the match-winner soon after the break following a penalty corner.

Australia, backed by a full house of 15,000 at the State Hockey Centre which included Prime Minister John Howard, needed all the guile that has made them the world's best hockey team to overcome their plucky British rivals.

Australia went ahead in the 18th minute through Nikki Hudson, but were then denied another goal till the breather.

The British girls raised their game in the second half and were rewarded with a penalty corner goal by Denise Marston-Smith.

The Aussies, however, took the lead again four minutes later when Katrina Powell swooped on a loose ball and pushed home.

So far so

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Olympic torch made its triumphant entrance into the city.

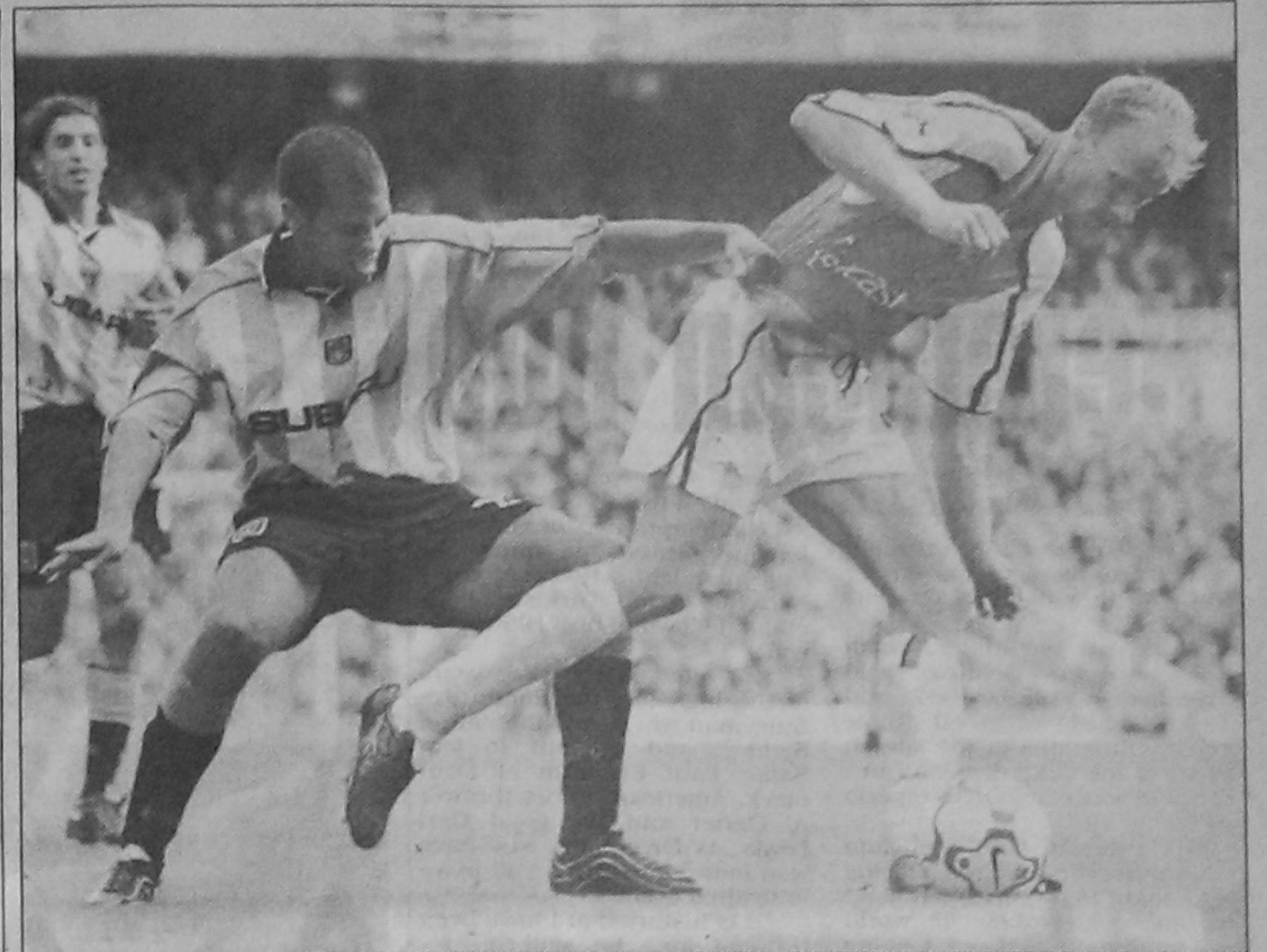
An overwhelming turnout at the CBD's Martin Place, where partygoers ignored the "no glass" policy and left smashed bottles in the square, forced the venue to be closed at night over the weekend.

More sedate programs of symphony orchestra and country and western bands in the Domain parklands had also been hugely popular, Bland said.

"Everything's going well, we're getting substantial crowds at the Live sites, and the weather is gorgeous, just perfect," he said.

But while huge numbers of athletes and sports fans have poured into Sydney for the Games, even larger numbers of locals fearing traffic snarls and massive disruption have left the city.

The Sun-Herald newspaper said airport traffic figures showed more people have left Sydney than have arrived since the beginning of September.



Arsenal's Dutch great Dennis Bergkamp (R) under pressure from Coventry City's Marc Edworthy (L) during their English Premiership match at Highbury on September 16.

-Internet photo

Premiership

Man - United roll on



LONDON, Sept 17: Manchester United boss Sir Alex Ferguson was beaming after another impressive display by the Premiership leaders Saturday - despite the loss of his talismanic goalkeeper Fabien Barthez, reports AFP.

United beat Everton 3-1 at Goodison Park with first-half goals from Nicky Butt, Ryan Giggs and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer before Dane Thomas Gravesen pulled one back for the home side.

But victory was tarnished by the loss of the enigmatic Barthez.

The 7.8 million pounds (11.7 million dollars) French international limped off in the second half with a back injury and is almost certainly out of his side's trip to Dynamo Kiev in the Champions League on Tuesday.

And despite other casualties after a bruising encounter on Merseyside, Ferguson was delighted with his team's five-star display.

"Our first half performance was our best of the season, enthused Ferguson, whose side are now unbeaten in 20 Premiership matches, dating back to February last season.

"We had so many star performers and never let them back into the game after dominating the way we did. For 15 minutes or so in the second half things got a bit hairy when they found their pride and started to get stuck in, which we expected them to do."

Barthez, who has already endeared himself to the Old Trafford supporters with his eccentric behaviour, will be a great loss to United in their quest for European glory.

He has a pulled muscle and

is very doubtful for Kiev," lamented Ferguson.

"There is not a long time for him to recover."

Other injury victims included Nicky Butt (back), Solskjaer (ankle), Ronny Johnsen (groin) and Gary Neville (ribs).

Everton boss Walter Smith found some consolation in his side's second half performance but was upset with their slow start.

"I'm very disappointed with the way we played before the break," said the former Glasgow Rangers boss.

"There was a better reaction from us after the break but there's not a great deal for us to be happy about in the end."

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger said his wasteful strikers are making him nervous after his side's narrow 2-1 home win against Coventry.

The Gunners clung to second in the Premiership after new signing Sylvain Wiltord and 20-year-old substitute Paolo Vernazza had given Arsenal a two-goal cushion.

But the hosts almost caved in during the last 10 minutes when Moroccan international Mustapha Hadji curled in a free-kick for Coventry.

And then deep into stoppage time, Marcus Hall's volley came back off the underside of the bar.

"When I saw the ball fly into the air and come down on the left foot of Hall, I thought that's it," said Wenger thankfully.

"The ball hit the bar but then I was even more scared because it bounced onto the back of David Seaman and I was sure it would go back into the net."

"It was a big relief when it didn't but by then we should have been three or four goals up at least."

French First Division

PSG's squeaky draw



PARIS, Sept 17: A 63rd-minute equaliser from Laurent Leroy salvaged Paris St Germain a valuable

away point as they came back to earn a 1-1 draw at Lens in the French league on Saturday, reports AFP.

The one point, which PSG coach Philippe Bergeroo deemed satisfying, left the Parisians third in the table a point adrift of both Lens and surprise packet Bastia.

Paris are top goal scorers in the league with 18 goals, but have not beaten home record to Rennes, who beat them 2-0 at the Stade Faurian on Corsica.

Goals from Senegalese Lamine Diatta and Argentine Mario Turdo in the second half did the damage as Rennes won only their second game of the new campaign.

Marseille fell back into the lower reaches of the table after Laurent Balthus hit a 65th-minute winner to give his strugglers a vital 1-0 away success.

Elsewhere, Strasbourg, whose coach Claude Le Roy has been living in daily fear of the sack after six defeats in the opening seven matches, scored

a 1-0 win at Troyes, who had been looking at a place in the top four.

A Teddy Bertin penalty shortly before the break made the difference.

Strasbourg remain joint bottom on six points with Toulouse, who having beaten Marseille last week, slumped 3-0 at champions Monaco.

Ludovic Giuly and Shabani Nonda scored in the opening eight minutes for Monaco and Nonda hit the target again after the break to move the champions into sixth spot four points behind Bastia.

PSG and Lens earlier turned in a lukewarm display as a poor first-half contained few scoring chances before the match suddenly burst into life after the break.

PSG keeper Lionel Letizi, who looks to have made the number one jersey his own after taking over from Dominique Casagrande, had to be sharp to keep out a number of early second-half chances, one of which was a spectacular tupper from a fierce drive from just outside the box.

However, the former Metz player was helpless in the 58th minute as Lens opened the scoring against a PSG outfit

missing star striker Nicolas Anelka, rested for an ankle injury.

Philippe Brumel danced past two PSG defenders before squaring a low cross from the left.

The ball went straight between captain Eric Rabesandratana's legs and Jimmy Almerino was too slow to get back to prevent Elhadji Diouf from turning the ball in from just seven yards out.

PSG responded and just seven minutes later Laurent Robert found room down the left and swept in a deep cross to the far post.

Brazilian striker Christian Cleverly headed the ball back across goal and Leroy had the easiest of tasks to tap in from close range sending the fanatical PSG fans behind the goal wild with delight.

Lens pushed hard for the winner but found Letizi in inspired form - though they still went joint top of the table ahead of matches later Saturday, including co-leaders Bastia hosting Rennes in Corsica.

PSG had young defender Bernard Mendy sent off with two minutes left picking up a second yellow card for a reckless challenge on Diouf.

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