

Sport

Anderlecht's good comeback

BRUSSELS, Sept. 20: Belgium's Anderlecht beat Holland's PSV Eindhoven 1-0 in a Lowlands derby in the European Champions League here on Tuesday to prove a week's a long time in football, reports AFP.

Anderlecht were thrashed 5-1 by Manchester United in their opening group G game but Didier Dheude's 80th minute goal means now they can hold their heads up high.

Dheude scored from a freekick past PSV keeper Ronald Waterreus via a touch off the defensive wall and then held off the Dutchman with PSV midfielder Mark van Bommel having the best chance in the closing minutes.

Canada

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three matches, Germany and Pakistan, who have played one game less, follow with six and four points respectively.

Canada, the Pan-American champions who last played in the Olympics in 1988, have a solitary point from three outings.

Keenan Raj, meanwhile, scored the equaliser for Malaysia five minutes before the end to deny Britain their first win in the competition.

Britain, who suffered their worst Olympic defeat on Monday when Pakistan thrashed them 8-1, finally appeared to get their act together when they ran up a 2-0 lead at half-time.

The Malaysians, however, fought back in the last quarter to take their tally to two points from three games.

Britain, who have just one point, need to beat both Germany and Canada in their last two games to stay in contention.

Sino shock

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break, the Dutch girls added to the lead in the 45th minute through Susan van der Wielen, but the Kiwis were not over yet.

Moira Senior made 3-2 in the 58th minute and Lawrence drew level with her second goal five minutes later.

Britain's first point in three matches after the exciting draw against the Koreans may however, not be enough to carry them to the medal pool round.

They must not only defeat Spain in their last match on Friday, but hope the other results go their way to advance to the next round.

South Korea, silver-medallists at Atlanta four years ago, paid dearly for going on the defensive in the last quarter after goals on either side of the interval had left them comfortably placed.

With two points from three matches, the Koreans face a tough, do-or-die battle against the hosts in their last match on Friday.

Australia showed their undisputed skills against Argentina by running up a 2-0 lead in the first session and then adding one more after the break.

All-around

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Nemov scored only 9.687 in the fourth rotation on his weakest event, the rings, and stumbled on the landing of his vault. Yang had hope entering the final rotation.

But Nemov performed brilliantly on the parallel bars for a 9.775 that forced Yang to score a 9.865 on the pommel horse to win when judges award him 9.750. Nemov had his title.

From my perspective, although the team medal is important, it's important to demonstrate my ability through this individual medal," Yang said. "In qualifying I made mistakes. This time I paid more attention to picking up my score. I performed very well, showed my skill."

Ivankov, who tore his right Achilles tendon two weeks before the 1996 Olympics, was not heartbroken at his medal near miss.

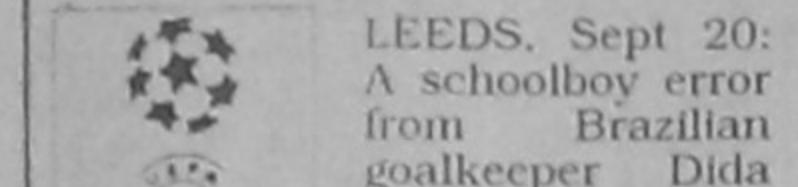
"That was great. That's all my best. What I can do I did," Ivankov said. "I don't feel like I lost too much. I did all my best. It's sport. A little bit and you're out of medal. But it's important to compete. I haven't given up."

The 25-year-old was pictured in gold paint on the Olympic preview issue of Sports Illustrated, but he qualified a disappointing 11th and his medal dreams now depend on apparatus finals in rings and parallel bars.



AC Milan striker Andriy Shevchenko (top) and Michael Duberry of Leeds United find themselves in an awkward position while in pursuit of the ball during their European Champions' League fixture at Leeds on September 19. — AFP photo

Leeds owe Dida one



LEEDS, Sept. 20: A schoolboy error from Brazilian goalkeeper Dida gifted Leeds a goal in the last minute of normal time as they beat AC Milan 1-0 in their Group H Champions League match on Tuesday, reports AFP.

Persistent heavy rain made

handing difficult but Dida

seemed to be right behind Lee

Bowyer's speculative 20-yard

shot. However, the ball

squirmed from the keeper's

grasp and slowly trickled over

the line.

The stand-in for Christian

Abbiati - on duty with the

Italian Olympic team - collided

into a post and revived memories

of awful Brazilian keepers past

stretching back to 1970 World

Cup winner Felix.

It was just reward for Leeds

a young injury-hit side, who

showed tremendous collective

spirit and recovered superbly

from their 4-0 opening match

thrashing by Barcelona.

Their injury crisis forced

boss David O'Leary into arguably

taking one of the biggest

gambles of his two years in

charge. Eirik Bakke and

Dominic Matteo remarkably

both started.

Only on Monday, O'Leary re-

vealed both players had only

just returned to first-team

training and because of their

lack of fitness would not be

considered for this vital game.

Their inclusion, though,

came as no great surprise de-

spite Bakke having missed the

last four games with an ankle

injury, while Matteo was mak-

ing his debut having been on the

sidelines since his 4.25-

million-pound (6.4-million-

dollar) arrival from Liverpool in

late summer.

O'Leary's hand had essen-

tially been forced because al-

though the midfield was

strengthened, the 42-year-old

Irishman was still without

skipper Lucas Radebe, Harry

Kewell, Jason Wilcox, David

Batty, Jonathan Woodgate and

Stephen McPhail.

The Leeds side still had a

distinctly fragile look about it

in contrast to Milan, who fielded a

formidable defensive line of

Danish international Thomas

Helveg, Italian stars Paolo

Maldini and Alberto

Costacurta, as well as Argentinian

stalwart Jose Chamot.

Up front were Andriy

Shevchenko and Olivier

Bierhoff, which led to a trio of

Brazilian internationals - Leonardo,

Serginho and Junior Roque

on the bench, in contrast to the

untried and inexperienced

Leeds subs.

Leeds' error was the next

major piece of action in this

game to delight the Leeds fans

but dent Milan's impressive

reputation.

Ian Harte almost set up Milan for the opener.

It allowed Helveg to charge towards Nigel Martyn's goal before unleashing a 15-yard right-foot drive which beat the England international, but rippled the side-netting.

In the 18th minute the Milan defence was on the back foot as Matteo whipped in a cross from the left which Costacurta only half cleared.

The ball fell to the livewire Bakke on the edge of the area for a shot which forced Dida into a low save on the greasy surface formed by the torrential rain falling on West Yorkshire.

Just two minutes later short free kick from Michael Duberry picked out the overlapping Bowyer down the right wing, with the midfielder delivering a precise cross to the heart of the area with Bakke heading narrowly over the bar.

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