ited to Rivaldo although it was

But Milan hit back immedi-

Bierhoff's shot was well

The first incident of the sec-

ond half saw Milan skipper

match drifted into first-half

There seemed little danger Abbiati's touch that was deci-

Michael Reiziger and the French blocked by Dutruel but the ball

World Cup winner was later fell to Jose Mari who lashed

Petit meanwhile - clearly in injury time

Emerson Leao new Brazil coach

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct 19: Emerson Leao, coach of Brazilian First Division side Sport Recife, announced Thursday that he had accepted the position as Brazil's national team coach. reports AFP.

"Lam very happy that my candidature has been accepted." Leao told journalists before heading for Rio de Janeiro, where the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) will officially announce his appointment.

A spokesman for Recife confirmed the appointment and said Leao would continue to coach the team. currently third in the Brazilian League, until the end of this year.

Former Brazilian coach Wanderley Luxemburgo, at the centre of a series of scandals including allegations of tax evasion, was sacked earlier this month.

His assistant Candinho has held the position on an interim basis since the sacking on October 2.

admission

ROME. Oct 19: Lazio's Yugoslav defender Sinisa Mihajlovic Wednesday admitted he insulted Arsenal's French midfielder Patrick Vieira in Tuesday night's Champions League clash between the teams, re ports AFP

But Mihajlovic claimed Vieira had started the spat in a match that finished 1-1 by calling him a gypsy and insisted that if he is to be punished over the affair then others too should be carpeted.

"Yes, it is true I called him a black s...." said Mihajlovic. "But he started it by calling me a gypsv s..

"My (remark) was certainly not a racist insult. I have been playing for 15 years. I have been spat at and insulted a lot.

Luxemburgo vows to come clean

SAO PAULO. Oct 19: The former Brazil coach Wanderley Luxemburgo, sacked on October 2. said in his first interview since on Wednesday he would not return to work until he had cleared his name, reports AFP. Luxemburgo was dismissed after mediocre World Cup and Olympic results and his involvement in alleged tax evasion and claims he took transfer hungs did not help matters.

"I want to clear my name before returning to work. I aim to return (to football) at the beginning of next year." Luxemburgo told the Jornal da Tarde newspaper in Sao Paulo.

He confirmed he had already turned down offers from several major clubs.

Luxemburgo admitted he had evaded taxes.

"I am not the only one who owes a lot of money. A lot of people owe money to the state treasury," he said.

He rejected accusations from his former assistant Renata Alves, who claimed he used to take cocaine-filled soccer balls into lavatories and sniff the drug.

Luxemburgo said he was more concerned with the poor results including the 2-1 loss to Paraguay in July, and the result he considers the worst ever by Brazil in World Cup qualifiers, the 3-0 defeat at the hands of Chile in August.

"I did not fail the Brazilian team. We won the Copa America and did well in the pre-Olympic matches." he said. adding it was mainly his personal problems which made his position untenable.

Fergie blasts authorities

LONDON, Oct 19: Sir Alex Ferguson criticised the English Football Association (FA) and of finishing in the top two. the Premier League on Thursday for failing to help Manchester United's European am-

bitions, reports AFP. United. European champions in 1999, got this season's Turkish city just over six campaign back on track after they survived a late scare against PSV Eindhoven at Old Trafford to beat the Dutch

champions 3-1 However, the United boss is | ball should be the winner - and unhappy that, while group ri- for the most part that was the up to one another and an ar- fortable night on and off the vals PSV and Dynamo Kiev are | case. given time off from their do- Mercifully Leeds were play- stricken Bridges as the bitter- It was a satisfactory - and mestic campaigns to prepare for European games, his side are offered no reprieve by the Eng-

lish football authorities. "PSV don't have a game at of hostility. the weekend." he said. "We have Leeds United on Saturday morning and then travel on the Monday to Anderlecht. What

does that tell you? "European clubs laugh at the way we have this neverending cycle of fixtures in Eng-

Rome prosecutors want Veron, Cragnotti

ROME, Oct 19: Rome prosecutors have requested seven people including Lazio's Argentinian midfielder Juan Sebastian Veron and the club's president Sergio Cragnotti should be sent before the courts in connection with the allegedly false naturalisation papers of the player. ANSA news agency reported Wednesday, reports AFP. | Verona on November 5.

Rivaldo magic prevents Milan

Dutruel:

Rivaldo bagged a when Albertini let fly from 35 sive here metres but his shot dipped un-CHAMPIONS. Wednesday as his der Barca keeper Richard ately to take a 3-2 lead as the LEAGUE Spanish side Bar celona snatched a 3-3 Champions League Group H draw with distress - had to be replaced by Italy's AC Milan at the San Siro.

In a hectic first half Rivaldo, taken to hospital where he was home the rebound. put his side ahead with an in- due to spend the night under genious freekick before watch- observation. ing Milan midfielder Demetrio Albertini put the Italians 2-1 up with two long-range strikes. Two minutes before the

reports AFP.

break Rivaldo squared the game again from a freekick albeit with a deflection off Milan goalkeeper Christian Abbiati only for Jose Mari - ironically a Spaniard - to almost immediately put the Italians back in front. But halfway through the

second period the Brazilian World Player of the Year came up with another goal to leave the final score 3-3.

Milan's coach Alberto Zaccheroni and club president Sivio Berlusconi united in tribute to the Latin American who had dashed their hopes of winning the game.

"He gave us awful problems," admitted a rueful Zaccheroni. "They are a very good team."

Berlusconi said: "Rivaldo is an exceptional player. He was exceptional. he was wonderful and even if he had a bit of fortune ... compliments anyway."

The one-time Italian Prime Minister went on to reveal he had previously tried and failed to lure the Brazilian to the San Siro, saving: "We really tried everything to get him. At one point we were that close but you can't do impossible things."

Barcelona boss Lorenzo Serra Ferrer said: "The result is good. To score three goals in such an awesome arena as AC Milan's will give more confidence to any team. We were competitive in every depart-

Zaccheroni lamented: "I regret the score. I expected to

After a tepid start the match finally started to take shape after 15 minutes. Four minutes later the

Spanish giants took the lead when they won a freekick. Rivaldo shaped up to take the kick and as the Brazilian let

fly with his left foot the wall

collectively jumped in anticipa-But the wall was fooled by val Albertini did even better to Rivaldo who instead hit a daisy put the Italians 2-1 ahead. cutter which went under Massimo Ambrosini as he leaped in a freekick on the edge of the D anticipation of a flighted deliv- and Albertini shaped up to take dissent.

But then fate conspired right-hand post. against the Catalans when their French international Emmanuel 2-2 and again Rivaldo was the Cocu clashed heads when they goods from a freekick

went for the same ball. were down to nine men.

his head swathed in bandages net. the Italians equalised after 26

CHAMPIONS

second phase.

League destiny

remains in their

own hands after

exorcising the demons of their

haunted Istanbul past with a 0-

guarantee Leeds a place in the

stages of Europe's most pres-

tigious tournament would be "a

miracle", but after the 3-3 draw

between Milan and Barcelona.

Leeds still head Group H and

At least Wednesday's match

helped repair some of the dam-

age caused by the horrific mur-

ders of Leeds fans Christopher

Loftus and Kevin Speight in the

months ago on the eve of the

UEFA Cup semi-final first leg

Ridsdale was determined foot-

tas on this occasion, rather

than Galatasaray, but there

was still a strong undercurrent

a police escort, taking the me-

dia from their hotel to the

Sukur out for

a week

Turkish international striker

Hakan Sukur must rest from

training for seven days after a

magnetic resonance scan

Wednesday revealed contusions

Sukur, signed from Istanbul

outfit Galatasaray during the

summer, will miss his club's

matches with Udinese, a UEFA

Cup tie with Vitesse Arnhem of

Holland and a game with AS

The "Bull of the Bosphorus"

should be back in first-team

contention for Inter's match at

in his left knee, reports AFP.

MILAN, Oct 19: Inter Milan's

The coach, accompanied by

with Galatasaray.

Six minutes before the inter-

This time the Brazilian tried head in the goal that made it 3-Both had to leave the pitch the aerial route and his freekick for treatment to cuts and Barca was tipped onto the bar by Abbiati but rebounded off the

against AC Milan.

Officially the goal was cred- sult.

Paolo Maldini catch Rivaldo with his elbow. But it was the Brazilian who

- AFP photo

German Oliver Bierhoff won ended up in the notebook of Scottish referee Hugh Dallas for After 68 minutes it was Riery and beat the stranded Ab- it. driving a powerful shot just

UNSTOPABLE: Superstar Rivaldo (R) being congratulated

by euphoric teammates after scoring one of his three goals

inside Frenchman Dutruel's valdo again who came up with the equaliser for the Spaniards. Sergi launched a run down But after 43 minutes it was the left flank and curved in an Petit and Dutchman Philip man who came up with the inviting cross and Rivaldo stole in at the far post, stooping to

Rivaldo with a header and Dani with a shot both had Just as Cocu returned with back of the goalkeeper into the chances to win it for Barca but a draw was probably a fair re-

Leeds survive Istanbul trip

19: Leeds' Euro- was sadly stoned by a small pean Champions number of idiots. and the odd few with sense and for treatment. reasoning - the v-symbol for peace and warm waves.

0 drawn in Istanbul on the game started and as the Wednesday night, reports AFP. Leeds players took to the pitch After holding Besiktas to a tame goalless draw at the Inonu for their customary inspection. there was a disgraceful reaction unpleasant scenes which could Stadium, one win from their as an already two-thirds full remaining two games - against ground launched into an in-Barcelona at Elland Road next sulting and inflammatory week and AC Milan at the San Siro in early November - would

Boss David O'Leary has long centre circle with arms folded as poor as they had done claimed that reaching the latter so-called supporters who Yorkshire. hurled the abuse.

later, while the chants also took healed for the remaining threemust now fancy their chances place at sporadic intervals quarters of the game as they during the game. None more so than when Mi- after being taken apart.

chael Bridges was stretchered falling awkwardly.

the ground in agony - and it , groin injury to Nigel Martyn. was not until Danny Mills Leeds chairman Peter tackled Ahmet Dursun that he blazed over every chance Bewas able to receive treatment.

gument raged around the pitch. spilled over onto the pitch.

lost, goals for, against, points):

GROUP E

Juventus

Hamburg

GROUP F

Rosenborg

GROUP G

Anderlecht

GROUP H

AC Milan

Barcelona

Besiktas

Dynamo Kiev

Leeds United

Helsingborgs

Deportivo La Coruna

Paris Saint Germain

Manchester United

PSV Eindhoven

Panathinaikos

Bayern Munich

ISTANBUL. Oct ground just five minutes away appeared as if a bottle was thrown from the crowd and aimed at the 21-year-old as he Others offered gesticulating was carried round the touchline hand signs, some derogatory and away to the dressing room

Given the hand of friendship which had been permanently But then 75 minutes before extended between Ridsdale and Besiktas president Serdar Bilgili since the draw was made at the end of August, they were totally not have made either man

Local opinion had claimed the Besiktas players now lacked As the crescendo grew, heart and soul and certainly for O'Leary stood to one side of the the first 20 minutes they looked and staring defiantly at those throughout the entire 90 in

But any divisions in the It was the same when Leeds camp, which had also been warmed-up just 30 minutes suggested, were seemingly looked for a semblance of pride

However, they lacked any off in the 25th minute with an cutting edge and finishing injury to his right ankle after quality as Paul Robinson was never truly tested on his Euro-Besiktas had chosen to play pean debut and on his first on - despite Bridges writhing on start for 16 months due to a

Kahveci Ursun aside, who siktas had in the second half, Dursun and Mills squared Leeds enjoyed a relatively com-

ing Istanbul-neighbours Besik- ness among the Besiktas fans quiet - end to a match which had been shrouded in obvious Worse was to follow when it sensitivity during the build up.

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STANDINGS

standings after Wednesday's matches (played, won, drawn,

PARIS. Oct 19(AFP): European Champions League

PARIS, Oct 19(AFP): Collated European Champions League first phase results on Wednesday:

Group E La Coruna, Spain Deportivo La Coruna (Spa) 1 (Victor 11) Juventus (Ita) 1 (Inzaghi 9)

Athens Panathinaikos (Gre) 0 SV Hamburg (Ger) 0 Group F

Munich, Germany Bayern Munich (Ger) 2 (Salihamidzie 3. Sergio 88) Paris Saint Germain (Fra) 0 Helsingborg, Sweden Helsingborgs (Swe) 2 (Jansson 32. Santos 77) Rosen-

borg (Nor) 0

Group G

Brussels Anderlecht (Bel) 4 (Vaschuk 10-og, Radzinski 38, 41, Stoica 45) Dynamo Kiev (Ukr) 2 (Kaladze 1. Bialkevich 87) Manchester, England Manchester United (Eng) 3 (Sheringham 9. Scholes 82. Yorke 87) PSV Eindhoven (Ned) 1 (van Bommel 76)

Group H Istanbul Besiktas (Tur) O Leeds (Eng) 0

Milan AC Milan (Ita) 3 (Albertini 26. 39. Jose Mari 451 Barcelona (Spa) 3 (Rivaldo

19, 43, 68)

Deportivo, Juve share honours

LA CORUNA. Spain, Oct 19: Spanish champions Deportivo La Coruna and Italian runnersup Juventus exchanged early goals here Wednesday before settling for a 1-1 draw in a Champions League Group E clash, reports AFP.

The two teams, who drew 0-0 first time round, remain top of the group as their closest rivals Panathinaikos were held to a 0-0 draw by German outfit SV Hamburg in Athens and now look the two favourites to qualify for the second phase.

Filippo Inzaghi got the Italians off to a dream start after seven minutes when he swept home a rebound after Deportivo 'keeper Jose Francisco Molina brilliantly parried Mark luliano's blast onto the bar from a

The 30,000 crowd were stunned into silence but Deportivo quickly revived them with an equaliser two minutes

Juventus goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar failed to claim a cross from Argentine Turu Flores and the ball fell kindly for 24-year-old Victor who had the easiest of tasks tapping the ball into an empty goal.

On the whole both sides were happy with a draw and with just two games remaining in the first group stage, will likely qualify for the second

Panathinaikos stay in contention

ATHENS, Oct 19: Panathinaikos kept their European Champions League hopes alive with a 0-0 draw against Hamburg SV in a Group E clash here on Wednesday, reports

While the home side are still in the hunt Hamburg had to win to have any chance of advancing to the next phase. This result at the Olympic stadium left them bottom on two points.

Five minutes into the second half Panathinaikos had a chance to break the deadlock when forward Nikos Liberopoulos' close-range shot just edged the wrong side of the left

In the 85th minute substitute forward Marcel Ketelaer nearly put Hamburg on top with a header after a cross by Stig Tofting but Panathinaikos keeper Costas Chalkias kept it out to cheers from the 45,000 home crowd.

Panathinaikos had the best opportunity in the first half when defender Ioannis Goumas sent through a pass which found Croatian forward Goran Vlaovic who beat Hamburg goalie Hans-Jorg Butt, but the left-footed shot went wide. Hamburg's only first half

threat was a weak shot by Czech Jorward Marek Heinz after a careless defensive error by the home team, but it too went wide.

Anderlecht thrash Kiev BRUSSELS, Oct 19: Ander-

lecht, beaten 4-0 by Dynamo Kiev in Ukraine, turned the tables on Wednesday night to score a 4-2 European Champions League group G victory in the return match in Belgium. reports AFP. The Ukrainians opened the

scoring in the first minute through Georgian Kakha Kaladze but from then on it went horribly wrong. An own goal by Dynamo's Vladislav Vaschuk in the 10th

minute, two goals from Tomasz Radzinski and another from Romanian Adrian meant Anderlecht ran out the winners. Belarus player Valiantsin Bialkevich hit a further late goal for Kiev.

Kiev's Andrii Husin had hit

the crossbar in the 14th minute in an earlier opportunity for the Ukrainians.

RESULTS AT MU even scores with PSV A GLANCE



Group G Champions League

United had been accused of minute 'arrogance" by the Dutch club's

the team which lost 3-1 three 82nd minute. Oct 19: Man- weeks ago and back came Fachester United of bien Barthez, Denis Irwin. England beat PSV Ronny Johnsen, David Beck-CHAMPIONS Eindhoven of Hol- ham. Andy Cole, Teddy Sheringham and Ryan Giggs.

Even so United's 'first eleven' match here at Old Trafford on were being held to a 1-1 draw Wednesday to reverse the shock after Mark van Bommel had scoreline of three weeks ago, equalised for PSV to silence the Old Trafford faithful in the 75th

But United, who won the



Manchester United's England international striker Teddy Sheringham (C) wins a header during the Champions League encounter against PSV Eindhoven at Old Trafford on October 18. - AFP photo

striker Arnold van Bruggink in Champions League in 1999. the build-up to this match after thanks to an extra time winner. going 1-0 up in this match.

But England midfielder Paul Scholes scored the decisive goal that put United 2-1 up in the 82nd minute. After controversially fielding

a weakened side in Holland. United manager Sir Alex Cole dummied the ball before Bommel and his sidefoot half-Ferguson wheeled out all his the onrushing Scholes struck volley flew into the top corner big guns for the return.

fielding a weakened team in have a a habit of scoring late Holland and almost paid for goals in Europe and went on to forov similar over-confidence after grab two in the final eight min-

lead to PSV's equaliser, hit a iser 15 minutes from time. collected the pass and crossed. into the path of PSV's Van the ball powerfully past goal- but United's late double cut He made seven changes from keeper Ronald Waterreus in the short Dutch joy.

Then five minutes later Yorke sealed United's win when with PSV searching for a second goal he calmly sped through the minimal defence to score his

first of the season. Earlier England striker Teddy Sheringham continued his red-hot scoring form when

he gave United the lead. Sheringham, who scored twice at Leicester on Saturday in the Premiership, headed home Beckham's corner for his eighth goal of the season after

just eight minutes. Sheringham should have scored a second goal in firsthalf stoppage time. Ryan Giggs. opened up PSV down the left and goalkeeper Waterreus could only parry his dangerous centre

to the feet of Sheringham. But with the goal at his mercy the former Nottingham Forest and Tottenham Hotspur forward shot into the stands. The woodwork denied United

another goal just six minutes into the second half. Adil Ramzi fouled Irwin, who was making a club record 50th Champions League appearance. on the right and when Beckham swung over the free-kick Johnsen crashed a header against

the face of the crossbar-United refused to let PSV pause for breath and when the Premiership leaders did not have the ball there was always one of them snapping at the visitors' heels trying to win it

back. Roy Keane seemed to be everywhere, while Johnsen and Neville were sweeping up every ball which came their way.

PSV coach Eric Gerets realised he needed to switch to plan B if his side were going to have any chance of clawing their way back into the game and in the 64th minute he brought Finnish international Joonas Kolkka on for Ramzi.

Instead, though, it was United who came closest to · scoring as Sheringham missed another good opening when he headed tamely at Waterreus from Beckham's pinpoint cross. Cole followed Scholes into the referee's book when he cut down PSV defender Yuri Niki-

However, PSV were enjoying the greater share of possession Central defender Mickael in the second half and they Silvestre, whose poor header were rewarded with an equalprobing crossfield ball forward. A poor defensive header from Substitute Dwight Yorke French centre back Silvestre fell

Bayern overcome PSG



ny. Oct 19: Ger- the clock,

formance from goalkeeper ian marksman Christian. Oliver Kalın and an early goal from Hasan Salihamidzic to eke blocked by a Bayern defender Germain in a Champions prowling Laurent Robert. League Group F clash, reports From not more than ten equaliser but Letizi had to be

for most of the match and de- that 'keeper Oliver Kahn someserved a point but as the Eng- how deflected away with a brillish national side found out liant reflex save formidable barrier to overcome ble Kahn six minutes later bly on 57 minutes when he and must now be considered as when Anelka won a free-kick 25 dove smartly to his left to pluck one of the world's best 'keepers. metres from goal. The difference in the match

Bayern attack, and combined with an insurance goal by Paulo Sergio as the game entered injury time gave Bayern three valuable points and the group The fans had barely settled into their seats when a shot from just inside the left of the

box from Mehmet School was parried by the left hand of Paris St. Germain goalkeeper Lionel marketing rights for the next 11 patriot Paulo Sergio the easiest Letizi but right into the path of . years, reports AFP. Hasan Salihamidzic The Bosnian international entino Perez confirmed in a had the easiest of tasks with a press conference that Real Ma- open with the surprise victory

wide open goal, and duly drid would have an 80 percent of last-placed Swedish side Helsmashed the ball into the roof cut and Caja Madrid would singborg over Norwegian chamof the net for a 1-0 Bayern lead have 20 percent.

MUNICH. Germa- with just over 180 seconds on dle, letting the ball slip from his

CHAMPIONS rode their luck some fine build-up play by quickly dived on the loose ball His first-time shot was rebound.

The French side dominated tional blasted in a left-foot drive ous on the counter-attack.

His rasping long-range blast turf from Michael Tarnat.

came after just three minutes was right on target, and Kahn after an innocent looking found the shot too hot to han-

Real reach multi-million dollar deal

dollar agreement with Caja Ma- left and cut the ball back across drid for television, internet and the face off goal giving his com-Madrid club president Flor- range shot.

man champions PSG should have had an However the German num-Bayern Munich equaliser on 17 minutes when ber one acted like a cat and

here Wednesday. Nicolas Anelka who carved his with PSG captain Eric Rasupported by a sterling per- way into the box set up Brazil- besandratana right on the door step and ready to bang in the The second-half saw the Paout a 2-0 win over Paris Saint but the ball rolled kindly for the risians pour forward in attack searching for that elusive

metres, the French interna- sharp as Bayern looked danger-Showing why he was recently recalled to the French squad. Letizi showed his talent earlier this month. Kahn is a li was Robert again to trou- on numerous occassions nota-

> Anelka who had a warranted penalty clam turned down in the first-half, looked to be driving home the equaliser during sustained PSG pressure but once again Kahn was there. and barring that intervention

> a low fizzling free-kick off the

the linesmans flag was up. Bayern gave the scoreline a MADRID. Oct 19: Real Ma- flattering look when Brazilian drid reached a 66.3-million- Giovane Elber broke down the of tasks banging home a close

The group remains wide pions Rosenborg.



on October 18. - AFP photo

Paris Saint Germam's Nicolas Anelka (L) putting pressure on Bayern Munich's Thomas Linke