

Emerson now an Italian citizen

ROME, Oct 25: AS Roma's Brazilian midfielder Emerson, signed from Germany's Bayer Leverkusen in the summer, has become an Italian citizen, the Italian First Division club's president Franco Sensi said Tuesday, reports AFP.

Sensi made the announcement at the club's Trigoria training base to Roma's own TV channel.

Daum in Florida

BERLIN, Oct 25: Germany and Bayer Leverkusen's sacked coach Christopher Daum is holed up in a luxury Florida villa, German daily Bild reported on Tuesday, reports AFP.

Bild claimed that Daum is staying in a 2.5 million dollar refuge, belonging to Gerrit Niehaus, situated in the western seaboard city of Naples.

Daum's abrupt fall from grace came about Saturday when he was axed by his Bundesliga club and the national team which he was due to take charge of in June after failing a drugs test.

A task force set up by German football federation (DFB) meanwhile has given its backing to existing German coach Rudi Voller doubling up as coach of Bayer Leverkusen.

A firm decision on Voller's future role is to be taken after a three-sided meeting between the 40-year-old former international, the DFB, and Leverkusen.

Bayer Munich president Franz Beckenbauer told Bild that he thought Voller was the ideal man to continue overseeing Germany's 2002 World Cup campaign.

Seedorf rejects Lazio rumours

APPIANO GENTILE, Italy, Oct 25: Inter Milan's Dutch international midfielder Clarence Seedorf Tuesday denied he had been offered a move to Italian champions Lazio, reports AFP.

Asked about the potential switch Seedorf denied any contact had been made and said: "I am an Inter player and I am staying here."

The Dutchman of Surinamese origin did not say whether his decision was due to the racist behaviour of some of the Rome club's fans - presently Lazio do not have any black players in their senior squad.

Asked about his relationship with Lazio's Yugoslav defender Sinisa Mihajlovic, who admitted insulting Arsenal's French midfielder Patrick Vieira last week although he denied Vieira's claim the abuse was racist, Seedorf said: "I have already played with Mihajlovic."

Mihajlovic and Seedorf were team-mates at Sampdoria and the Dutchman added he had experienced no intolerance from the Yugoslav.

Reports that Lazio's Chilean striker Marcelo Salas is poised to join Inter, meanwhile, look well founded with a deal expected to be reached in the next 48 hours.

PSG punish Rosenberg

PARIS, Oct 25: French league pacesetter Paris Saint Germain brushed aside Norwegian outfit Rosenberg 7-2 in their Group F clash here Tuesday to earn qualification into the next round of the European Champions League, reports AFP.



RADZINSKI MAKES MU RED: Anderlecht's Canadian international striker Tomasz Radzinski (R) scoring his team's winner against Manchester United on October 24. —AFP photo

MU suffer Belgian blues

BRUSSELS, Oct 25: Canadian striker Tomasz Radzinski scored twice for Belgian champions Anderlecht in a 2-1 victory over Manchester United here on Tuesday to leave European Champions League group G wide open, reports AFP.

Any two of PSV Eindhoven, who beat Dynamo Kiev 1-0, Manchester United and Anderlecht could make the second phase with just one round of matches to go.

The 1999 champions United, playing without Irish midfielder Roy Keane and Teddy Sheringham, were up against it right from the start.

In the very first minute, Radzinski beat Denis Irwin on the right flank before finding Alin Stoica whose effort sailed over the bar of United keeper Fabien Barthez.

Minutes later United's Mikael Sylvestre just kept out Anderlecht's giant striker Jan Koller who had an effort from six metres.

Anderlecht showed more enterprise than their opponents with Czech Koller and Yves Vanderhaeghe having further chances.

The domination was transformed into a goal in the 15th minute. From a good pass by Walter Baseggio, Radzinski managed to beat Barthez and they nearly went two goals ahead a minute later when Koller missed a chance.

United did their best to get back into the game but it was Radzinski again who twice put Barthez under pressure before the half hour was up.

It came as no surprise when the little striker added a second when he was found at the penalty spot by Koller before finding the net in the 34th minute.

Manchester hit back to score two minutes later when a Bertrand Crasson foul on Andy Cole earned a penalty and Irwin stepped up to successfully find the net.

United, with their backs to the wall, played better after the break and the pace of Dwight Yorke and Andy Cole posed problems for Anderlecht's sluggish central defence.

Keeper Filip De Wilde was not particularly troubled however apart from when he had to come off his goaline to keep Cole at bay.

Anderlecht continued to look dangerous from counter attacks thanks to Radzinski and Baseggio, with United's David Beckham and Ryan Giggs making little impact.

Ferguson brought on Norway's Ole Gunnar Solskjaer for Irwin with less than a quarter-hour to go but nothing became of it with the Anderlecht defence solid against United who lacked imagination and did not create a really great chance.

United coach Alex Ferguson said afterwards: "You have to congratulate Anderlecht who put us under real pressure which has been rare this season. The 2-1 scoreline at the break was flattering to us and we had defended very badly."

In the second half we showed more fighting spirit but against such an in-form opponent we were powerless."

Aime Anthelins, the Anderlecht coach, said: "We scored two goals in the first half and it was really the minimum amount for our efforts. Three or four goals would have been fair. I was also worried when Manchester came back for 2-1 but our organization was faultless tonight."

Kiev sent packing

KIEV, Oct 25: Ukraine champions Dynamo Kiev lost 1-0 at home to PSV Eindhoven here on Tuesday and were eliminated from the European Champions League, reports AFP.

Eindhoven defender Andre Ooijer scored the only goal of the match at Kiev's Olympic stadium to douse the hopes of Dynamo who were desperately in need of a victory.

In the 11th minute Dynamo forward Maxim Shatskiy, who rejoined Kiev after playing for Uzbekistan at the Asian Cup in Lebanon, found the net but his goal was ruled out by the Austrian referee Konrad Plautz because of an arguable offside.

Ooijer scored the goal with a header in the 45th minute after Yugoslavian international midfielder Mateja Kezman had crossed from the right from a free kick.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

PARIS, Oct 25(AFP): Collated European Champions League first phase results on Tuesday.

Group E
La Coruna, Spain
Deportivo La Coruna (Spa) 1 (Pandiani 82) Panathinaikos (Gre) 0

Turin, Italy
Juventus (Ita) 1 (Kovacevic 56) Hamburg SV (Ger) 3 (Prager 24, Yeboah 48, Panadic 62)

Group F
Munich, Germany
Bayern Munich (Ger) 0 Helsingborgs (Swe) 0

Paris
Paris Saint Germain (Fra) 7 (Dehu 16, Christian 25, Anelka 35, 90, Luccin 45, Leroy 76, Robert 82-pen) Rosenborg (Nor) 2 (George 36, 38)

Group G
Kiev
Dynamo Kiev (Ukr) 0 PSV Eindhoven (Ned) 1 (Ooijer 45)

Brussels
Anderlecht (Bel) 2 (Radzinski 15, 34) Manchester United (Eng) 1 (Irwin 36-pen)

Group H
Leeds, England
Leeds (Eng) 1 (Bowler 5) Barcelona (Spa) 1 (Rivaldo 90)

Istanbul
Besiktas (Tur) 0 AC Milan (Ita) 2 (Shevchenko 38, Jose Mari 43)

Milan breeze into second phase

ISTANBUL, Oct 25: Andrei Shevchenko and Jose Mari scored for AC Milan in a 2-0 victory over Turks Besiktas here on Tuesday to earn their place in the European Champions League second phase, reports AFP.

It was a workmanlike performance for the Italians without a great deal of spectacle or flair.

For the first half hour, Milan midfielder Gennaro Gattuso was the most high-profile player who was either committing or suffering a foul on numerous occasions.

Besiktas had an opportunity in the 27th minute when Russian midfielder Dmitri Khlestov found the side netting.

It was on a contested freekick decision, just outside the area, that the Italians opened the scoring from a Shevchenko header in the 38th minute.

The goal killed off the Turks who were great going forward but a bit lax with their marking.

Two minutes before half-time Jose Mari headed home a Demetrio Albertini corner to virtually seal the win.

After the break, Besiktas tried to get back in the game but just could not get a grip. The Turks had a number of corners, two freekicks and the ball went frequently in the Milan area but it just would not go into the net.

The defeat of Besiktas also meant they were eliminated from the competition and now they can only hope of making the UEFA Cup as the third-placed team from group H.

Draw good enough for Bayern

MUNICH, Germany, Oct 25: German champions Bayern Munich drew 0-0 with Swedish side Helsingborgs to earn their ticket for the second phase of the European Champions League here on Tuesday night, reports AFP.

Bayern, on 10 points, are assured of one of the two top spots from group F with one fixture remaining at Rosenborg Trondheim on November 8.

Bayern showed little offensive inspiration in the match and hardly seemed capable of breaching Helsingborgs defence. The Swedes continually tried to hit on the counter attack which created problems for the German side's rearguard.

Bayern had their best opportunity in the 13th minute when a Mehmet Scholl corner was volleyed by Jens Jeremies from 15 metres but a Christoffer Andersson header cleared the ball off the line.

Barca back from the dead

LEEDS, October 24: Brazilian star Rivaldo threw Barcelona a European Champions League life line here Tuesday, his extra-time strike giving the Spanish giants a 1-1 draw against Leeds United of the English Premiership, reports AFP.

It was cruel luck for Leeds and especially their outstanding goalkeeper Paul Robinson, deputising for the injured Nigel Martyn.

In his programme notes Leeds manager David O'Leary had praised Robinson for his fine performance at Old Trafford on Saturday, despite the 3-0 defeat to Manchester United.

Robinson, who only turned 21 just over a week ago,

showed just why he will be a tremendous "keeper" in O'Leary's words with a world class save from World Player of the Year Rivaldo.

Xavi curled in a 23rd-minute free-kick to the near post which was met by a thunderous header from Brazilian superstar Rivaldo which had goal written all over it.

But Robinson brilliantly threw himself to his left, tipping the ball away to leave Rivaldo with his head in his hands and wondering how he had not pulled his side level.

It sparked Barcelona's revival as they soon took control of the game, forcing Leeds onto the backfoot and having to rely on the counter-attack.

Leeds had taken the lead with an extraordinary goal in

the fifth minute. Fernandez Abelardo's foul on Mark Viduka wide on the right-hand edge of the penalty area seemed to pose few problems for the Spanish giants.

But midfielder Bowyer drilled in a fierce right-foot shot, catching goalkeeper Richard Druet off his line for his seventh goal of the season and his fourth in Europe.

Later Gary Kelly brought down Alfonso on the right-hand edge of the penalty area, leading to Luis Enrique pulling the ball back for a wide-open Sergi and a shot drilled in with venom, but there was Bowyer flinging himself full length to block.

When Leeds did break out Bowyer and Mark Viduka combined with effect down the right in the 38th minute, with the Australian teeing up his teammate for an angled drive blocked by Puyol.

From Kelly's inswinging corner, Viduka rose high to power in a header which flashed over the angle of bar and post.

A Bowyer corner followed four minutes later, this time to the far post where Viduka again arrived to meet the delivery, only to send the ball back across the face of Druet's goal.

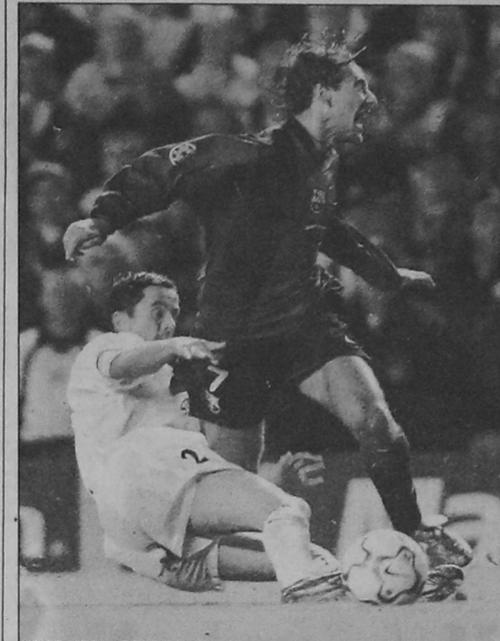
Then in first-half injury-time Robinson produced a save equal in agility and dexterity to his earlier outstanding effort to again deny Rivaldo.

The Italian rifled in a 30-yard free-kick which flashed past the wall, with Robinson clearly unsighted forcing him down late, but again a full stretch save was perfectly executed as Leeds headed into the interval moments later with a vital one-goal lead.

In the second half Barcelona surged forward but Leeds' last line of defence refused to yield.

With Serra Ferrer introducing substitutes Dani and Gerard in the 66th minute, Rivaldo was soon denied for a fourth time as another curling left-foot free-kick was superbly beaten away by Robinson.

But then in the fourth minute of injury time Barcelona at last broke through. Rivaldo was first to react as the ball bounced off the post before striking a powerful left foot shot. Even then Robinson almost saved it.



Barcelona's Alfonso (R) is being tackled from behind by Leeds United's Gary Kelly during their Champions League encounter on October 24. —AFP photo

Sometimes the maestro gets mad

TURIN, Italy, Oct 25: Juventus midfielder Zinedine Zidane is facing the likelihood of a lengthy Champions League ban after his sending-off during his side's 3-1 defeat by Germany's Hamburg SV here Tuesday, reports AFP.

Zidane was red carded by Scottish referee Stuart Dougal for a headbutt on Jochen Kientz, thereby picking up his second red card of the campaign.

Given the fact that Zidane's act is likely to be interpreted by disciplinary chiefs as violent conduct a three-match ban is the least he can realistically expect.

The dismissal comes at a time - even by his own magnificent standards - has been receiving glowing references from his peers and coaches in Serie A.

Zidane, the key player in France's World Cup and Euro 2000 winning sides, has been in inspired form in Serie A.

His performance on a quagmire of a pitch in the home 2-0 victory over Bari was a case in point.

He set up a goal for Darko Kovacevic and converted a late penalty and Juventus coach Carlo Ancelotti bubbled: "Zizou was great in the first half. Who

knows what he would have done on a normal pitch?"

The Marseille-born playmaker of Algerian parents did even better during Saturday's 2-2 draw with AC Milan at the San Siro.

Even AC Milan fans were moved to applaud Zidane who was the conduit through which all the attacking ideas of the visitors flowed.

Zidane was feted throughout the Italian media for that match with Gazzetta dello Sport saying, begrudgingly: "He may be French but he is ours."

But the Champions League campaign has not been plain sailing for the former Cannes and Bordeaux player and he was dismissed against Deportivo La Coruna, also at the Stadio delle Alpi earlier in the tournament.

UEFA reduced his ban from two games to one - ironically that allowed him to make his unfortunate date with destiny on Tuesday - but it is unlikely they will err on the side of leniency this time.

Given the Frenchman's importance the ban is likely to compromise his club's qualification bid.

Ancelotti was candid after Zidane's moment of folly - shortly followed by the sending off another key player Edgar Davids, saying: "The behaviour

of Zidane and Davids is difficult to explain. I did not ask for his explanation, they did not offer it."

But if Juventus boss Ancelotti is feeling blue he should remember that Zidane has a habit of turning his moments of madness into gold.

During the 1998 World Cup he was suspended for two matches after being dismissed for stamping on a Saudi Arabian player in a group match.

But he returned to become a national hero, heading the first two goals in his country's shock 3-0 victory over Brazil in the World Cup Final in Paris.

That catapulted the balding maestro into superstar status - he is said to be the world's most famous Frenchman.

He was a natural choice for the Golden Ball award to Europe's top player and FIFA's World Player of the Year after those World Cup heroics while Zidane, with his France 98 teammates, was presented with the Legion d'Honneur by French president Jacques Chirac.

1999 was a more low key year but he was back at his peak in Euro 2000. Zidane led France to the continental title, scoring a vital goal against Spain in the quarter-final and a golden goal penalty to see off Portugal in the semi.

Juve's night to forget

TURIN, Italy, Oct 25: Nine-man Juventus had a disastrous night here Tuesday as they crashed 3-1 to Hamburg SV in a Group E European Champions League clash, reports AFP.

Goals from Roy Prager, Tony Yeboah and Andrej Panadic ensured the visitors prevailed against a solitary Juventus strike from Yugoslav substitute Darko Kovacevic but it is the sendings-off of Zinedine Zidane and Edgar Davids that could yet prove fatal to the Turin outfit.

With Spain's Deportivo La Coruna now qualified the defeat for the Italian giants means they face a tough fight to progress and they will have to do without arguably their two most influential players for the next game.

Juventus coach Carlo Ancelotti admitted that the double dismissal in effect sealed his team's fate.

"The game was over after the second sending off," said Ancelotti. "It was impossible to get a goal back with nine men against 11."

Ancelotti did not make any attempt to hide how he felt about the behaviour of Frenchman Zidane and Dutchman Davids.

"The behaviour of Zidane and Davids is difficult to explain," said the coach. "I did not ask for their explanation and they did not offer it."

"They must understand that facts like this penalise us too much. The nerves tonight were not team failings they were down to individuals."

Zidane was first to go after

petulantly punched the ball as he departed the scene and that previously UEFA showed leniency when they reduced his two-game ban to one for his sending-off against Deportivo La Coruna. That means he is unlikely to be received so sympathetically this time.

Dutchman Davids - the midfield powerhouse of the team - they followed suit for a second bookable offence.

The remaining Juventus contingent did their best to stem the tide with Ciro Ferrara manfully leading the rearguard.

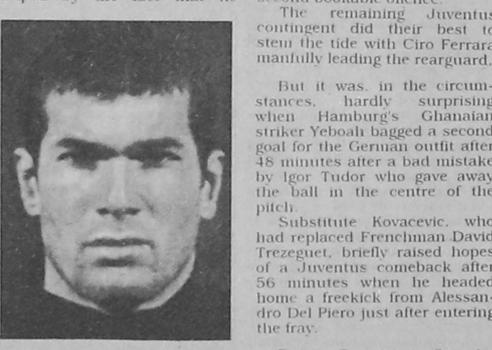
But it was, in the circumstances, hardly surprising when Hamburg's Ghanaian striker Yeboah bagged a second goal for the German outfit after 48 minutes after a bad mistake by Igor Tudor who gave away the ball in the centre of the pitch.

Substitute Kovacevic, who had replaced Frenchman David Trezeguet, briefly raised hopes of a Juventus comeback after 56 minutes when he headed home a freekick from Alessandro Del Piero just after entering the fray.

But Croatian Panadic snatched a third for Hamburg six minutes later, heading home from a corner.

The travelling Hamburg fans celebrated the momentous triumph and delighted in reminding the home supporters that they had defeated the Italians in the 1983 European Cup Final.

Juventus now know it will take a momentous effort to reach that stage this year.



ZIDANE

Pandiani wins it for Deportivo

LA CORUNA, Spain, Oct 25: Uruguayan Walter Pandiani helped Deportivo La Coruna qualify for the second phase of the European Champions League after his side's 1-0 win over Greek side Panathinaikos, reports AFP.

This group E clash was heading for a draw until pop popped Pandiani eight minutes from time to slot a header past substitute keeper Antonios Nikopolidis, brought on for Konstantinos Chalkias who had to be taken off in the second half carrying an injury to his left shoulder.

Deportivo had earlier chances, one in the 12th minute when Cesar Sarmiento's header was knocked out of play by an attentive Greek defence.

STANDINGS

PARIS, Oct 25(AFP): European Champions League standings after Tuesday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):

GROUP E	Depor La Coruna	5	2	3	0	5	3	9
	Juventus	5	1	3	1	8	9	6
	SV Hamburg	5	1	2	2	8	8	5
	Panathinaikos	5	1	2	2	3	4	5
GROUP F	Bayern Munich	5	3	1	1	8	3	10
	Paris Saint Germain	5	3	0	2	13	8	9
	Rosenborg	5	2	0	3	12	14	6
	Helsingborgs	5	1	1	3	5	13	4
GROUP G	PSV Eindhoven	5	3	0	2	7	6	9
	Anderlecht	5	3	0	2	8	12	9
	Manchester United	5	2	1	2	10	7	7
	Dynamo Kiev	5	1	1	3	7	7	4
GROUP H	AC Milan	5	3	1	1	11	5	10
	Leeds United	5	2	2	1	8	5	8
	Barcelona	5	1	2	2	8	9	5
	Besiktas	5	1	1	3	4	12	4

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