#### Seedorf, Vampeta doesn't please Tardelli

MILAN, Nov 21: Dutchman Clarence Seedorf and Brazilian Vampeta appear to be on collision course with their Italian first division club Inter Milan, the Italian media reported Tuesday, reports AFP.

Both players are currently Europe bid for places in the out of favour with Inter coach Marco Tardelli and neither were in the party that flew out to Berlin on Monday for Tuesday's UEFA Cup match with German outfit Hertha Berlin.

Surinam-born turned up at Milan's Malpensa airport but was sent home with a fever.

But Vampeta, who has already complained of homesickness, has asked and sought for permission to stav in Brazil for a while longer after being on national team duty.

Tardelli, quoted in Gazzetto dello Sport, said of thge Brazilian: "Of his behaviour, like that of Seedorf, I have nothing to say: they are two professionals who are always trying to prove themselves. And I don't forget

"At this moment I have made | history choices and therefore these players - but not only them are out in the cold. But there is nothing definitive."

was finding it hard to settle in | club, Ali Durust, said. Milan, saving: "The lad has never shown the desire to leave Inter. If you are out in the cold you are never happy but it has to be said that not all of his performances have been at his real level."

Earlier in the month Vanipeta, who only joined Inter in August, said he would return to his former club Corinthians FIFA's reigning World Club Champions - if he did not win a place in the starting line-up at his new club.

# Rangers' fingers crossed for

GLASGOW, Nov 21: Scottish champions Rangers said on Monday they hoped to know in the next 24 hours whether a record bid to sign Tore Andre Flo from Chelsea has been successful, reports Reuters.

The club's website quoted a 12 million pounds (17.1 million dollars) fee - which would shatter the Scottish transfer record - for the Norwegian striker.

Negotiations were said to be continuing with the English Premier League side.

Chelsea rejected an 11 million pounds (15.7 million dollars) bid by Rangers last week for Flo, who has scored 20 goals in 39 appearances for Norway but struggled to be a regular first choice at Chelsea.

Rangers chairman David Murray was quoted as saving on the website: "We will find out in the next 24 hours if he is coming to the club or not.

He added: "We have been in negotiations with Chelsea since last Friday. I spoke to Colin Hutchison, their chief executive, today and I am satisfied with the way things are going."

If Flo signed he would double the record amount paid by a Scottish club for a player -Celtic handed over to Chelsea 6 million pounds (8.5 million dollars) in July for Chris Sut-

Rangers' transfer record is 5.5 million pounds (7.8 million dollars) for Andrei Kanchelskis from Fiorentina in 1998.

Murray said: "Of course the deal has to be financially right for Rangers and we will not put the club at risk."

The move is seen as an attempt by Rangers, who are currently fourth in the Scottish Premier League. 15 points behind Celtic, to close the gap on their rivals.

Flo could not play for them in the UEFA Cup against Kaiserslautern because he ineligible having turned out for Chelsea in the same competi-

### Saviola not coming to Barca yet

MADRID, Nov 21: Barcelona president Joan Gaspart on Monday denied reports from Argentina that River Plate's young striker Javier Saviola would be arriving at the Catalan club in December, reports

"He's an interesting young player for the future but I can assure you he won't be here in December," Gaspart said.

The 18-year-old Saviola, like | had elevating moments -- I saw his River Plate team-mate Pablo | these fantastic footballers play Aimar had been widely touted by local press to be moving | Bern," he said. from the Argentine outfit to struggling Spanish side Barce-

Bringing in players in December would send out the wrong signal, it would say we do not have confidence in the current squad, we're happy with who we have." explained Gaspart.

## New name for Bordeaux stadium

BORDEAUX, France, Nov 21: The Lescure stadium, home of French first division side Bordeaux, is to renamed after Jacques Chaban Delmas, the Gaullist politician who died on November 10, reports AFP.

The name change was decided at a meeting of the city

council on Monday.

# All set for round two

kicks off on Tues-CHAMPIONS day as the top 16 form sides in

quarter-finals of the soccer world's premier club competition, reports AFP.

gether European giants Bayern Munich. Real Madrid and AC Milan with lesser lights such as Leeds, Sturm Graz and Lyon who will hope to emulate the performance of last year's high flying outsiders Valencia.

Four groups of four play six matches each, the second in two weeks time with the remaining four ties to be played in February and March. The top two in each league will then go through to the knock-out last

In Group B injury-hit UEFA Cup holders Galatasaray face a tough trip to in form AC Milan on Tuesday as the Turkish team make Champions League

"This is the first time that a Turkish team has played in the second stage. We're aiming for a positive result that will moti-Vampeta's agent Giovanni vate us for the next matches, Branchini admitted his client | the deputy chairman of the

Brazilian goalkeeper Claudio Taffarel, midfielder Bulent Akin and defender Hakan Unsal are all ruled out through injury. Midfielder Emre Belozoglu, red carded against Austria's Strum Graz on November 7, is banned while Suat Kaya and Ahmet Yidirim are both racing for fit-

"We have had really bad luck with these injuries. But 11 Galatasaray players will be there on the pitch to get the best result." Durust said.

Though Milan's star striker Andriy Shevchenko is on fire, with seven goals from seven matches, the Italians have also been hit by injury as Alessan dro Costacurta, Demetrio Albertini and Francesco Coco all miss the tie.

"I would have preferred to lose the match than the players." Milan coach Alberto Zaccheroni moaned. Milan are unlikely to lose this match though.

Paris Saint-Germain will hope to recover their early sea-Group B tie where Spanish sliga. Champions Deportivo la Coruna aim to be the first side in the competition to steal a point at the Parc des Princes.

But the Parisians may have them a point, to defend their European home record without Nicholas Anelka who picked up a muscle strain away at Helsingbrgs in phase one. His side have also lost three of their last four league

Phase one Group E winners "Super Depor", as the Spanish champions are called by their

Monday with an

which lifted his side into the top

before the final whistle when he

headed home a centre from

substitute Martijn Renser to

tain their record of being the

only side to score in every Pre-

but in contrast Coventry have

won only one of their last 11

It was rough justice on the

FIFA chief

visits ailing

legends

chief Sepp Blatter visited Hun-

garian football legends Ferenc

Puskas and Nandor Hidegkuti

in hospital Monday, and said

he was sure the country could

revive its former footballing

the MTI news agency. "I have

at the 1954 World Cup finals in

I could now also meet Gyula

Grosics and Jenoe Buzanszky

Puskas, Hidegkuti, Buzan-

szky and Grosics were all play-

ers in Hungary's legendary

"golden team" in the 1950s.

which shot Hungarian football

Inside forward Puskas, 73.

who played for years for Spain's

Real Madrid, has been hopital-

ised since mid-October. His

family has refused to release

information about his condi-

Hidegkuti, 80, the "golden

team's" centre forward, has

been in hospital since October

During talks with Prime

Minister Viktor Orban and

football leaders, Blatter said

Hungarian football, "now in a

pitfall," could regain its former

shine with "endurance and a lot

of patience".

for cardiovascular problems.

of that team, who both are in

excellent health," he said.

to fame for decades.

"It made me very happy that

"Both are well." Blatter told

glory, reports AFP.

BUDAPEST, Nov 21: FIFA

miership match this season

fifth successive defeat.

five of the Premiership, reports

inpury-time winner for Ipswich this season.

Wilnis struck only seconds with the club.

It enabled lpswich to main- stop energy.

condemn the Sky Blues to a was a threat with his runs at

Premiership

The Champions tic defence well and are level League phase two top with Valencia. They are also the only unbeaten side in the competition.

Though Deportivo's Brazilian playmaker Djalmina will be absent at Paris through injury. his Brazil team-mate Cesar Sampaio who picked up a light The second phase throws to- injury in the World Cup quali-

> to action in Paris. United host Panathinaikos, both of whom scraped through phase one with important victories on the final day

The Greeks rested Giorgos Karagounis. Paolo Sousa and Karlheinz Pflipsen at the weekend and showed the same kind in the last round when they get a draw at PAOK.

The English champions celona. should be too much for Panatinaikos. United have won nine of their last 10 league matches the Premiership.

season and has seven in the jured league, four from free kicks.

Also in Group A last year's beaten finalists Valencia host the competition's surprise

defeats at Rangers and Monaco to finally eliminate both of them. Sturm's opposition seriously in phase two.

Valencia, top of the Spanish league see the return to action Kily Gonzalez while The Austrian's lost Russian striker Sergei Yuran for six weeks during their weekend victory. Sturm lie a miserable sev-

enth in a league of ten but Valencia coach Hector Cuper will be aware that they won all three home ties in the first phase On Wednesday in Group C Bayern Munich go in to their tie

with French side Lyon after two consecutive league defeats. The beaten 1999 finalists have now son home form for the other lost five from 13 in the Bunder-Lyon also lost this weekend after their Brazilian striker

> alty that should have earned His Lyon strike partner Steve Marlet's three Champions League goals in phase one earned him a call-up to the French national squad where he won his first cap in the 4-0 drubbing of Turkey last week.

Sonny Anderson missed a pen-

In Group C's other tie French flavoured Arsenal, who also lost at the weekend, travel a trip to Elland Road.

Coventry sink further

Sky Blues, who certainly

showed more endeavour and

purpose than in recent matches

as manager Gordon Strachan

was able to field a virtual full

strength side for the first time

star performer after an injury-

fielder has started to justify his

3 million pound price tag and

the Ipswich defence and non-

Coventry some much needed

his return from injury before

unsurprisingly tiring in the

But they were unable to find

their way through a lpswich

defence held together by sea-

second half.

November 20.

Cedric Roussel also gave

physical presence up front on in.

hit start to his first campaign

The former Liverpool mid-

David Thompson was their

PARIS. Nov 21: fans, have started their domes- north to perennial Russian champions Spartak Moscow who clinched their eighth domestic title in nine years earlier this month.

Spartak also won 4-1 this weekend to book a quarter-final should field a full strength side against the Londoners.

fler win over Colombia returns strength away in Europe, once again leave playmaker Dennis | December 18. In Group A Manchester Bergkamp at home due to his costly fear of flying Though Arsenal lost 0-2 at

Everton at the weekend they have shown great strength in the Champions League so far and pipped Lazio to top spot of Group B in phase one

Lazio face an interesting trip of character that beat Juventus to Anderlecht in Group D while the group's other big guns Real fought back from 2-0 down to Madrid travel to Leeds who qualified at the expense of Bar-

Lazio go into the tie off the back of two domestic draws and sit five points clear atop against AC Milan and Juventus so are not wanting in terms of Star player and new England match practice. However, their captain David Beckham has two Argentine stars Juan Veron added goals to his game this and Claudio Lopez are out in-

Anderlecht won their Group Veteran striker Teddy Shering- in the last round defeating all ham, 34, is also in the goals, comers at home, including Top premiership scorer with 10 Manchester United, so will be strikes, he also has three goals confident to take at least a from four Champions League point from the Roman favour

Current champions Real Madrid should give another run out to English midfielder Steve package Austrian champions McManamen for the unpredict Sturm Graz, winners of phase able clash at Leeds. Though told in the summer that he was Having come back from 5-0 surplus to requirement after the arrival of Louis Figo McManaman is edging his way back into the reckoning and his should take them a little more English experience could prove invaluable.

> The former Liverpool man has called for the "spirit of Manchester when we travel to He was referring to Real's

quarter-final second leg tussle with United last season when. having drawn at the Bernaben. the Spaniards won 3-2 at Old Trafford to knock out the then holders. The way Leeds play at home

is similar to Manchester. McManaman said "We will have to put them

under as much pressure as possible from the start and watch them on the counter attack," he added.

Noting that Barcelona whom Leeds beat to a place in the second phase, had already drawn with David O'Leary's English Premiership side, McManaman insisted: "If we play like Barca did at Elland Road then I'm sure we'll win.

But Leeds slaughtered Beksitas 6-0, drew 1-1 with Barcelona and edged past AC Milan 1.0 in their three phase one home ties. No-one should relish

soned campaigner Mark Venus

before Wilnis delivered the killer

performance, pleased lpswich

manager George Burley. "I'm

very pleased with the three

points. But it was our worst

performance as far as passing it

without us playing particularly

well - but it proved we can dig a

result out as well as playing

thought 'it's the last minute' so

I just went forward, It was a

Goalscorer Wilnis said: "I

"Overall it was a good win

The result, rather than the

#### Italians divided on new football chief

ROME. Nov 21: The Italian Football Federation (FIGC) Monday failed to reach agreement on who should be their new president, reports AFP.

The incumbent candidate Luciano Nizzola and his chalspot in the Russian Cup and lenger Giancarlo Abete both failed to garner the required number of supporters in four Arsenal, never at full separate votes on Thursday. A new vote will be held on

### Zaragoza eying Esnaider

ZARAGOZA. Spain. Nov 21: Spanish Primera Liga outfit Real Zaragoza are negotiating with Italian Serie A side Juventus for the transfer of Argentine striker Juan Eduardo Esnaider, the press reported here Monday, reports AFP.

"We're now going to negotiate with Juventus with more energy and hope. But things are more difficult than toreseen," said Zaragoza president Alfonso Solans after the club. placed a lowly 13th in the Spanish league, defeated Barcelona 3-1 Sunday.

Solans said that he was confident of reaching a rapid solution particularly as Esnaider was keen to return to Zaragoza where he played between 1993 and 1995.

"Juventus have been slow reaching agreement for reasons we don't understand," added Solans.

Esnaider has failed to fea ture regularly since moving to Juventus from the Spanish league in January 1999.

As well as playing at Zaragoza he had stints with Spanish clubs Real Madrid (1992-93 and 1995-96). Atletico Madrid (1996-97) and Espanyol (1997-99)

#### Court orders Tenerife to pay off Makaay TENERIFE, Spain, Nov 21

Spanish Second Division side Tenerife were ordered to pay their former Dutch international striker Roy Makaay 1.4 million dollars here Monday after a row over a buy-out clause, reports AFP. The 25-year-old Makaay

moved from Tenerife after they were relegated, joining Spanish champions Deportivo La Coruna in a 6.6-million-dollar deal instead of the 19 million dollars stipulated in the get-out clause in his contract. The 1.4 million dollars rep-

pushed the player into conceding to get out of his con-Makaay lost the first trial into the case but on Monday a court in the Canary Islands accepted his argument that he

resent the figure Tenerife

had accepted the deal under pressure and ordered the club to pay him the amount he had Makaay was top scorer in

Spain last season with 22 goals, a feat which earned him a place in the Dutch Euro 2000

## Campbell to leave Spurs for free

LONDON, Nov 21: Tottenham Hotspur manager George Graham admitted Monday that they cannot sell Sol Campbell and the club have resigned themselves to losing him for nothing at the end of the season, reports AFP.

The England defender's contract runs out in the summer, and Manchester United are favourites to sign him on a Bosman Ruling free transfer. Graham told the Evening

Standard: "We know that even if we accepted a transfer fee. Sol wouldn't go. It's important that the fans know that.

"It is time people realised that you cannot sell a player without that player's permission. Sol's stand is that he is not going anywhere until he sees his contract out.

"I can understand that but what I can't understand is why he is not sitting down and listening to our financial offer even if he turns it down.

"He says he is Tottenham through and through but think he should show a bit of courtesy by at least sitting down and talking about a new contract.

#### Miami to host WC 2002 qualifier MIAMI, Nov 21: Guatemala

and Costa Rica will meet here in a one-game playoff to determine which nation advances to the North American finals for the 2002 World Cup football tournament, reports AFP. The nations finished level in

round-robin semi-final group play for the last berth in the six-team continental finals. The teams will meet here at the Orange Bowl stadium between December 16 and January 6. The winner will join Mexico.

Jamaica, the United States. Trinidad and Tobago and Honduras in 2001's six-team round-robin tournament to decide three berths in the 2002 World Cup Finals to be cohosted by Japan and South Korea.



Italian Serie C'side Modena's Francesco Bertolotti being taken to hospital on stretcher after he was severely injured by Como captain Massimiliano Ferrigno during their match on November 19. Bertolotti slipped into coma after he was punched by Ferrigno. -Internet photo

# It's getting out of hand



MILAN. Nov 21 Italian football was in a contrite mood Monday following the inci-

dent on Sunday that left Modena player Francesco Bertolotti in a coma following an alleged assault by his Como opponent Massimiliano Ferrigno, who has been charged in connection with the incident. reports AFP.

Ferrigno was charged with grievous bodily harm and failing to assist someone in distress following the incident which occurred in the dressing room area about half an hour after the Third Division match won 1-0 by Como.

And pictures of an unconscious Bertolotti being stretchered out of the stadium have fuelled a debate over a series of incidents involving players this

The president of the Italian players' union (AIC) Sergio Campana led the debate about the state of Italy's favourite Describing the events at

Como as "absolutely criminal Campana then went on to question the whole sporting ethos of the game. "Events of this nature are

is sick where not only sportsmanship but civility is lacking," he said. Campana called for television cameras to more closely monitor the behaviour of play-

becoming part of a football that

dressing room area. "We want heavy punishments but for some time there has been an impression of impunity," he continued.

ers - on the field and in the

president Franco Carraro, a very serious incident but we whose organisation governs must not generalise," said Nizfirst and Second Division matches, agreed there was a general problem, saving: "It is not just the Como incident, violence is generalised."

But Carraro said he was against suspending the Championship as happened in 1996 when a Genova fan was murdered.

Italian Football Federation

## Bertolotti coma still

LECCO. Italy, Nov 21: Th footballer with Italian third division side Modena badly injured by an opponent in a dressing-room assault Sunday is still in a coma, the hospital treating him announced Tuesday, reports AFP.

The Lecco Hospital, that has a special brain injury unit, gave a medical update on the condition of Francesco Bertolotti, who sustained severe injuries after being punched by Massimiliano Ferrigno, captain of opposing team Como after a match won 1-0 by Como on Sunday.

The statement, signed by Doctor Laura Chiappa, said The patient passed the night in a stable condition. ... The clincial conditions

remain serious. He is still in a coma, the prognosis is still re-Earlier Como chairman En-

rico Prezioso confirmed that Ferrigno would never play for porters, especially after a bad the club again, saving steps were being taken to dissolve the player's contract that runs until

(FIGC) president Luciano Niz- own club. zola, standing for reelection Monday, in contrast said that it tans, said he was worried for was an isolated incident, in- the safety of his children after sisting: "The aggression suf- the car he was transporting fered by Francesco Bertolotti is them in was stoned. zola. "This is not a warning light of a football heading to- teams won 4-1 by Roma Sunwards despair."

most serious turn of events this season but it is by no means an isolated occurence.

In a Second Division match on Sunday Crotone's French defender Jean-Pierre Cyprien was struck by Torino's Stefan Schwoch as the two men left the pitch at the final whistle of a game won 1-0 by Torino.

Only prompt action by officials prevented a brawl breaking out. Crotone president Raffaele Vrenna subsequently said Cyprien had been taunted by Schwoch by racist remarks during the game - a claim the Torino player denies. That had echoes of the recent running battle between

Lazio's Sinisa Mihajlovic and Arsenal's Patrick Vieira in the Champions League match between the teams at Rome last month that finished 1-1. They had to be separated as they squared up to each other at the final whistle and Vieira

later said Yugoslav Miliajlovic

had subjected him to racist Mihajlovic, who received a two-match ban after the incident, admitted abusing Senegal-born Frenchman Vieira but denied racism although he confirmed he had made refer-

ence to his opponent's colour. As well as confrontations with opponents players also risk incurring the wrath of supperformance.

AS Roma's Brazilian delender Cafu last month said he wanted to leave the club after being targeted by fans of his Cafu, racially abused by the

The same player was racially

abused by Verona fans during the match between the two day. Racial abuse of players by Despite Nizzola's optimism supporters is a regular occurthe Bertolotti incident is the rence at Italian matches.

by dust and disorder in hotel

bedrooms and how he likes his

shirts to be lined up according

piece." Devner said. "He was

joking about how people would

think he was crazy to be like

"It was a light-hearted

to colour.

# Beckham the perfectionist!



(Reuters/Internet) David Beckha-

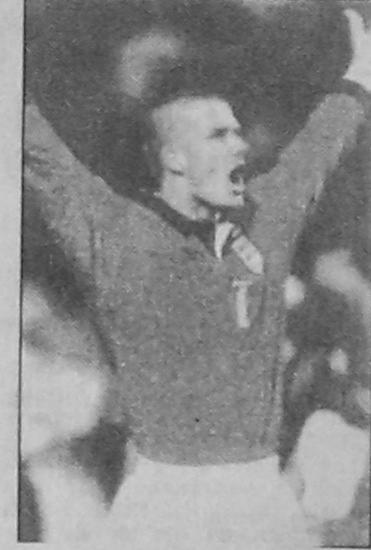
m's insistence on lining up his shirts according to their colour shows he is a very neat man with an artistic sense of harmony, according to the director of a forthcoming documentary.

A Sunday newspaper had suggested the soccer star was suffering from obsessive compulsive disorder, a condition characterised by an excessive preoccupation with details. rules and order and by perfectionism that interferes with normal life.

Documentary director lan Denyer said: "David is a very neat person but there is absolutely no suggestion that he suffers from obsessive compulsive disorder."

"He has an artist's eve," Denver said, adding that the footballer's main interest as a youngster was drawing.

"He is interested in perspective and angles and all the things that you'd imagine would lead him to a career that in-



DAVID BECKHAM

angles. I don't think it's sur- still wet, leaning on a brick wall that would be good at drawing sum of things known about him would also be good at football." Yet the documentary will show David talking about the

Victoria, his spice girl wife and millionaire pop star. is quoted as saying. "He's got that obsessive compulsive thing where everything has to match. He's got it, like, ridiculously." The Manchester United player whose goal on Saturday helped extend his team's lead at

league is hoping that the documentary will rid him of his image as a supremo on the football field but slightly lacking away from it. You really only ever see David Beckham with his hair prising that the kind of mind talking about the game. The

the top of the English premiere

ner said. "In fact he and Victoria are way he likes cans of fizzy drink absolutely the quintessential to be precisely lined up in his boy and girl next door, just with

come from impressions," Dev-



An AFP file photo of Olympique Marseille coach Abel Braga (L) and his deputy Christophe Galtier. Galtier has been named as the interim coach of Marseille after Braga quit the club - AFP photo three days ago.

# volves placing things at exact fridge, about how he is irritated a lot of money."

#### great ball - I just had to flick it "We weren't at our best here but getting three points was "We never gave up. The spirit in our team is tremen-

Coventry City's Mustapha Hadii (R) and Ipswich Town's

Jermaine Wright are airborne while in quest of the ball

during their Premiership clash at Highfield Road on

-AFP photo

is concerned."

well," said Burley.