Angelo Peruzzi stranded.

equally keen to stamp his

· Veron, whose aggressivity

And finally with 10 minutes

remaining Leeds grabbed the

goal they had been threatening

and Lazio never came close to

worth the vast fee outlayed in

Particularly disappointing

And then the opportunities Viduka continued to lead the

MU richest of 'em all

LONDON. Dec 6: Manchester United have retained their place at the top of the Deloitte Touche/4-4-2 football club rich list for the third year running,

reports AFP. Eight English Premiership clubs have made it into the top 20 and there are six representatives from Italy's Serie A.

France, home of the World Cup winners and European Cham-

Here are the top 20 in descending order with their turnover for the 1998-99 sea son in brackets. 1. Manchester United/Eng

(110.9million pounds, 166.35million dollars) Bayern Munich/Ge (83.5 million 125.25million dollars) Madrid/Spa 3. Real

176.1 million 114.15million dollars) 4. Chelsea/Eng (59.1million pounds. 88.65million dollars)

5. Juventus/Ita (58.5million pounds, 87.75 million dol-6. Barcelona Spa (55.7million

pounds. 83.55million dol- AC Milan/Ita (54.1 million) pounds, 81.15million dol-

(50million | he had no intention of stepping 8. Lazio/Ita pounds, 75 million dollars) 9. Înter Milan/Ita (49.1million pounds, 73.65million dol

10. Arsenal/Eng (48.6million pounds. 72.9million dol-

11. Liverpool/Eng (45.3million. 67.95million dollars)

12. Newcastle United/Eng (44.7 million pounds. 67.05million dollars) 13. Parma/Ita (44.4million pounds, 66.6million dol-

14. Borussia Dortmund/Ger (43.9million pounds. 65.85million dollars) 15. Tottenham Hotspur/Eng (42.6million 63.9million dollars)

16. AS Roma/Ita (39.4million pounds. 59.1 million dol-United/Eng 17. Leeds

(37million pounds, 55.5million dollars) 18. Rangers/Sco (36.5million pounds. 54.75 million dol-

lars) Villa/Eng 19. Aston pounds (34.9million 52.35million dollars)

20. Celtic/Seo (33.8million pounds. 50.7million dol-

Bertolotti wants to play again

LECCO, Italy, Dec 6: Modena player Francesco Bertolotti, still in hospital as he recovers from a dressing-room assault that left him in a coma. is hoping he will be able to continue his football career, doctors treating him revealed Tuesday, reports AFP.

The doctor Villiam Dallolio revealed the 33-year-old was keen to resume his football career when he leaves the hospital where he has been treated. "I told him to wait because

providence know no limits. said Dallolio. "Until the tests are completed it is impossible to answer him. Let's not forget that Bertolotti has been in bed for two and a half weeks (since the assault) and his muscles are not toned and let's also not forget his life was in danger."

Bertolotti is continuing to progress in his recovery from the incident about half an hour after his team lost 1-0 at Como in an Italian Third Division match.

Como skipper Massimiliano Ferrigno has since been charged with grievous bodily harm and failure to aid a per-SOR in distress.

Shearer injury not that bad

LONDON. Dec 6: Former England striker Alan Shearer revealed Tuesday that his knee injury is not as bad as first feared and will only rule him out for two weeks, reports AFP. The Newcastle captain will

undergo keyhole surgery in a bid to cure the tendonitis that has plagued him since the Euro 2000 championships this summer. Shearer missed Saturday's

1-1 draw at Aston Villa and coach Bobby Robson admitted then that the former Blackburn Rovers star could be ruled out of for up to a month. But a scan on Tuesday

showed that the injury will need 10 days rest and Shearer is hoping to be back in action on December 16th. "I am going to have to rest

for a week but I am still hopeful of being fit for our game with Bradford City a week on Saturday." said Shearer.

Saturday's game at Villa was the first game Shearer has missed since Robson took over at St James' Park.

Zico junior gets trial at Udinese

UDINE. Italy, Dec 6: Junior Combra Antunes, the 23-yearold son of former Brazilian football legend Zico, Tuesday started a two-week trial with Italian First Division side Udi-

nese, reports AFP. of succeeding at the club where his father played between 1983 and 1985 and said: "I have nice memories of Udine and the Friuli region of Italy where I lived for two years with my family.

Leeds' dream run on

ROME. Dec 6: Crystal Palace, set up a good crossed to the far post where Fledgling striker chance for Chilean striker Bowyer just failed to direct his Alan Smith struck Marcelo Salas who completely shot on target with goalkeeper a priceless 80th- messed up his header. CHAMPIONS minute winner to

champions throughout.

schedule.

anything.

ing lesson.

rather than later.

a further dividend as it will

heighten pressure on the Ro-

man side's Swedish coach Sven

fans since it was revealed he

will become the new England

coach in the summer and this

result will do nothing to

dampen the feeling that he

should call it a day sooner

down, saving: "As far as I am

concerned the relationship be-

tween Lazio and myself will not

change in any way. And as far

as the club is concerned I do

not think they will change

side had been given a football-

last 20 minutes," he said.

defeat at Leicester.

on Saturday.

one of them.

nice to bounce back.'

derlecht of Belgium.

But Eriksson conceded his

"Leeds were superior in the

Leeds boss David O'Leary

He said: "I'm delighted for

them. They are the ones who've

done it. We deserve it and I

thought we may have scored

some more. It was a great vic-

tory after we let ourselves down

Olympic Stadium and play the

Italian champions, who are

favourites for this competition.

they are going to get chances.

"When you come to the

"We rode our luck a little bit

- but I thought overall we had

the best chances and we took

They are young people - they

are going to have the good times

and the bad times. I'm trying to

get more consistency but it was

would be near-fatal after losing

their opening second phase

games, Leeds to Spanish giants

Real Madrid and Lazio to An-

the more nervous in the open-

ing stage and while it was

Smith who would eventually

deliver the killer goal it was

Viduka who proved the biggest

and with Lee Bowyer in close

support were causing problems

and the Australian had a

header kicked off the line by

veteran midfielder Attilio Lom-

minutes Lazio finally began to

string together some moves and

then Lombardo, who had a brief

stint in English football with

After a poor opening 20

Viduka, partnering Smith.

handful for the Italian defence.

But it was Lazio who looked

Both sides knew defeat

"The team have got to learn.

was pleased his players had

bounced back in style after

Saturday's disappointing 3-1

But the Scandinavian said

England's started to come for the Romans. Leeds line in the second period Their Argentinian midfielder while Veron, who passed him-Leeds United to a 1-0 victory over Italy's Lazio in a European Juan Sebastian Veron curled a self fit for this game; was at the Champions League second freekick just over after Bowyer hub of the Lazio midfield, frehad fouled Pavel Nedved off the quently clashing with Frenchphase Group D match at the There are no clubs from Olympic Stadium Tuesday ball, the Englishman earning a man Olivier Dacourt, who was night, reports AFP. booking for his troubles. But then Lazio came closer authority on the match. Smith struck after being set up by a delightful backheel

still when Veron's corner found Giuseppe Pancaro whose earned him a booking, eventufrom his Australian strike partner Mark Viduka, who was a header struck a post from ally had to leave after 71 minthorn in the side of the Italian point-blank range while Salas utes and that further tilted the had a header kicked off the line balance of the match towards The result leaves Lazio in by Jonathan Woodgate after the English Premiership side. dire straits with no points after Giuseppe Favalli had escaped their first two matches of the down the left flank and whipped second phase of their campaign in a cross. and could bring English football

Woodgate had earlier come finding an equaliser. to the rescue of Leeds by getting his head to a ball that was for the home side was the form Goran Eriksson to quit ahead of Salas-bound although French of their Argentinian striker referee Claude Colombo inexpli- Hernan Crespo who is yet to Eriksson has had to endure cably awarded a goalkick rather convince the Lazio faithful he is constant criticism from Lazio than a corner.



Lazio's Veron (L) and Eirik Bakke of Leeds United are locked in an aerial tussle during their UEFA Champions' League clash in Rome on December 5. -AFP photo

terval it was Leeds who nearly Parma. went in front.

sion Viduka found the ball on matter and Eriksson said ruethe left hand side of Lazio's 'fully 'If Crespo fiad scored we penalty area and swivelled and would have won 1-0.

Crespo missed a good After a fine spell of posses- . chance before Smith settled the

STANDINGS

PARIS. Dec 6(AFP): European Champions League tables after

points):	s (pia	yea, wo	on, dra	W11, 10	st, goa	us lor,	agains
GROUP C							
Bayern Munich	2	1	1	0	3	2	
Lvon	2	1	0	1	3	1	
Spartak Moscow	2	1	0	1	4	4	
Arsenal	2	0	1	1	3	6	
GROUP D							
Real Madrid	2	2	0	0	6	1	
Leeds	2	1	0	1	1	2	
Anderlecht	2	1	0	1	2	4	
Lario	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Anderlecht's lesson in Real



derlecht in a one-sided flesta of firmly in the Group D driving track back and cover. seat with the maximum six points from two matches.

Showing no signs of jet-lag after last week's World Club Championship jaunt to Tokyo where they lost to Argentina's Boca Juniors -- the Spaniards were always in control at a packed Bernabeu Stadium.

The Meringues weathered a perky opening from their unfancied visitors. Czech international Jan Koller going closest to opening the scoring with an angled chip which grazed the Real crossbar.

But from that moment on it was all one-way traffic.

Morientes was the first to get on the scoresheet, trapping a clipped pass from team-mate Ivan Helguera before magically wrongfooting his marker with some lovely control and rifling home on 12 minutes. Madrid doubled their tally

with a Luis Figo penalty 11 minutes later, Glen De Boeck's clumsy lunge on Raul leaving Scottish referee Hugh Dallas no option but to point to the spot. Figo gave Filip De Wilde no chance, ripping his penalty high and wide of the Anderlecht

keeper to make it 2-0. The Portuguese maestro and world's most expensive player turned creator for the next goal. floating a teasing outswinging corner to Helguera who hammered an unstoppable firsttime volley into the Anderlecht net right on half-time.

With Madrid's three-man Junior Coimbra is confident defence of Fernando Hierro, Helguera and Altor Karanaka easily mopping up anything the Belgians threw at them. the second half became little more than shooting practice for the home team.

Figo and English interna-Spanish giants tional Steve McManaman --Madrid back in favour at Madrid after nous warning to requirements in the pre-season. Wilde could only parry over. their Champions -- were particularly menacing. League rivals here Wednesday, swapping flanks and torment-

blitzing Belgian rivals 4-1 An- ing the Anderlecht defence. attacking football, reports AFP. it 4-0 on 57 minutes, racing First half goals from clean through with only De Fernando Morientes, Luis Figo Wilde to beat but hashing his and Ivan Helguera set up the chance and allowing Anderlecht

win, which leaves Real Madrid defender Olivier Doll time to consolation for Madrid with a

Savio and McManaman both went close to scoring while Helguera nearly doubled his tally sounded an omi- being told he was surplus to with a crisp 20-yarder which De

The final goal came on 73 minutes. Brazilian wingback Roberto Carlos making it 4-0 Morientes should have made with a low free-kick from the edge of the area, his shot flying through a massive hole in the defensive wall.

Alin Storea scored a late 25-yard effort to make it 4-1.



Real Madrid's Luis Figo (L) and Didier Dheedene of Anderlecht jump to head the ball during their UEFA Champions' League match at Madrid on December 5. ---AFP photo

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

PARIS, Dec 6(AFP): Collated European Champions League second phase results on Tues-

Group C London

Arsenal (Eng) 2 (Henry 4, Kanu 55) Bayern Munich (Ger) 2 (Tarnat 56, Scholl 65) Lyon, France

Lyon (Fra) 3 (Marlet 2. Anderson 31, 42) Spartak Moscow (Rus) O

Group D

Lazio (Ita) O Leeds United (Eng)

1 (Smith 80) Madrid

Real Madrid (Spa) 4 (Morientes 12. Figo 23-pen. Helguera 44. Roberto Carlos 73) Anderlecht (Bel) 1 (Stoica 89)

Pele couldn't care less

RIO DE JANEIRO. Dec 6 Legend Pele is unconcerned Diego Maradona may be voted Footballer of the century by magazine FIFA news, according to Tuesday's newspaper Jornal do Brasil, reports AFP.

Pele, widely regarded as the greatest player of all time, said the most important thing for an athlete was victories and performances on the pitch -- and not awards.

"The victories you have as a player, no one can take that away. Awards do not change that and I continue being Pele.' he said.

Pele, who has been named "Athlete of the Century" by influential French newspaper L'Equipe, added: "I scored my thousandth goal in the Maracana not because somebody decided it. I also won three World Cups and two Brazilian championships with Santos.

Argentinian Maradona's possible upstaging of Pele has created a great deal of interest in the Brazilian media.

Jornal do Brasil said it would not be surprised if Maradona was chosen.

But Sao Paulo daily Folha said the Argentinian's long running problems with drugs should rule him out because he had failed to promote a positive

Scottish Premiership

Saints' gritty display GLASGOW, Dec 6: Ten-man

St Mirren came from behind to grab a well deserved 1-1 draw with bottom club Dundee United in a Scottish Premier League basement battle at Love Street on Tuesday, reports AFP. United a 35th-minute lead after

Alan Combe had saved a Charlie Miller free-kick Two minutes later Saints were dealt a further blow when they were reduced to 10 men. Tom Brown given a straight red

card for a bad tackle on United defender Hasney Aljofree. But in a battling second-half performance Saints, who are one place above United in the table, equalised in the 71st minute through substitute Maikel Renfurm to earn a pre-

Lyon too good for Spartak

cious point.

LYON, France, Dec 6: Sonny Anderson fired in two goals for Lyon in a 3-0 European Champions League thrashing of Spartak Moscow on Tuesday night to rip up their domestic form book, reports AFP.

Steve Marlet opened the scoring on two minutes, then Anderson netted on 31 and 42 minutes to give them hope of qualifying for next year's quarter-finals. They might have lost two

weeks ago to Bayern Munich in their first second phase fixture but they have now proved they can win commandingly with the highest company.

Lyon have showed a much different face in the French championship. Languishing in ninth spot, they haven't won at their Gerland stadium since beating Lens 3-0 on September 9 and a morale-boosting win could not have come at a better

They raced into the lead on ust two minutes in a move started by Pierre Laigle. His accurate pass caught the Spartak defence off guard and, with the Russians screaming for offside. Marlet darted through to beat Alexander Filimonov confidently. Marlet was also involved in

the other goals. Jerry-Christian Tchuisse made a poor header, giving Marlet the chance to lob over the Spartak rearguard. Anderson raced clear and showed excellent skill to get past Filimov and Yury Kovtun before firing into an empty net. Lyon earned their third after Marlet shot into Spartak's area and found Anderson. The Brazilian fell but found the net with

Spartak. looking for the right formula, made changes after the break, bringing in Alexandre Chtchegolev for Yevgeny Bushmanov and Maxim Kalynychenko for Brazilian Luis Robson.

It wasn't to be a good night for the Russians however and they could not find the net in the second half to leave themselves empty handed.

Scholl upsets Gunners' party



two-goal lead at

home to German champions Bayern Munich on Tuesday to draw 2-2 in their Champions League second phase clash at Highbury, re-Arsenal looked to be in con-

trol of their Group C encounter but the 1999 finalists fought back superbly to boost their own chances of qualifying for the last eight whilst denting the Gunners' hopes.

The London club have just one point after two matches while Bayern have four. The first ever meeting be-

tween the two clubs started 25 minutes late due to a security alert but Arsenal were quickly off the mark.

French international Thierry Henry slotted home his 10th goal of the season after four Nigerian

Nwankwo Kann doubled Arse- who slotted the ball past Gernal's tally with a blistering low man Footballer of the Year drive early in the second half.

Bayern hauled themselves back into the game after 56 Henry and Kanu was working minutes through Michael Tar- well and both tested Kahn from nat's low shot.

And the visitors were on to double their advantage level terms after 65 minutes when Mehmet Scholl's fantastic early goal, offered little in recurling free-kick hit the back of sponse as Arsenal continued to the Arsenal net.

bidding to reach the quarter- minutes. finals of the competition for the fourth year running. Arsenal took no time in get- area. Kanu swung a foot at the ting started, taking an early ball which Swiss international

lead through top goalscorer Ciriaco Sforza appeared to French winger Robert Pires - Stefan Effenberg, Bayern's

partner Kann.

The mercurial Nigerian was tently set the ball up for Henry from the right.

played a diagonal ball into command the pace of the Henry who allowed the ball to match, especially with French run through his legs for strike international Patrick Vieira snapping at his heels. dispossessed by Tarnat but the val. Ukraman Oleg Luzhny won defender's challenge madver- a corner which Pires swung in Henry outjumped his marker to flick the ball on for Arsenal skipper Tony Adams but his firm header bounced back off an upright with Kahn stranded. Bayern's best chance of the first half came after 40 minutes

> the German international failed to hit the target. Five minutes into the second half Fredrik Ljungberg slipped past a couple of challenges on the edge of the Bayern box and with just Khan to beat the

Swedish international blazed over the crossbar. But Arsenal made amends five minutes later when the excellent Kann fired the Gun-

Scholl gave away a free-kick which Vieira took quickly, putting Henry away down the right

side and passed to Kanu who

came running into the area and he rifled the ball in off the post Kalın at full stretch. The home crowd were still on their feet a minute later when

past Alex Manninger to throw the Germans a lifeline The goal unsettled the home side and it was no surprise when the German title holders

drew level after 25 minutes

Swedish international Ljungberg needlessly slung Storza to the ground and Scholl curled the free-kick over a statuesque Manninger for a valuable point.

UEFA Cup 3rd round 2nd leg preview

-AFP photo

Veto Naveda had given Inited a 35th-minute lead after Inited a



PARIS. Dec 6: Barcelona's push consolation continues on Thurs-

day as they defend a 2-0 league against Belgium's FC Brugge in a third Hearts on Sunday, said: "We round second leg match at the Nou Camp stadium, reports like to go to ground to get a

Brazilian Rivaldo, who tried keep that in mind." in vain to save them from Champions League elimination. think they will do anything to got on the scoresheet with Holland's Patrick Kliuvert at the

northern port town. trophy Barcelona have never won. The Primera Liga is always their main target but success in this competition would go some way to satisfy their everdemanding fans.

Hamburg SV. Liverpool. who host Olympiakos of Greece and Parma, who ousted Munich 1860 in their Tuesday fixture. are arguably their major rivals along with Inter Milan who host first match. missing three Hertha Berlin.

against Kaiserslautern and both day and is in line to return. Michael Mols and Arthur Nuresort to gamesmanship to win lead from their Parc Lescure being offered, reports AFP

the tie.

Thierry Henry of Arsenal (in the foreground) shielding the

ball against Jens Jeremies of Bayern Munich during their

UEFA Champions' League encounter at Highbury on Decem-

Mols and Numan say Kaiserfor UEFA Cup slautern could use playacting and diving as a way to influence Danish referee Knud Erik Fisker. Defender Numan, given his marching orders against know the Germans sometimes vellow or red. We have got to

Mols, for his part, said: "I win the game."

The match will have an afternoon kick-off to fit in with This is the only European the demands of German television and it will be screened live in Britain.

England international Michael Owen looks set to make a comeback for Liverpool as they bid to rekindle their glory days AS Roma, who travel to of the late 70s and early 80s. Injury-prone Owen is set to play alongside Emile Heskey at

home to Greek side Olympiakos with the tie deadlocked at 2-2. Owen has been out since the

first leg match. However Bordeaux coach Elie Baup has several injury worries on the run-up to the fixture.

Portuguese striker Pauleta is almost certain to start but Lilian Laslandes, who did not play against Troves on Saturday, returns to the squad but remains a doubt with a knee

certain. In other matches. Portugal's Porto host Espanyol of Spain. Celta Vigo entertain Ukrainians Shakhtar Donetsk and PSV Eindhoven travel to PAOK Salo-

Ex-Southampton boss cleared of abuse charges

LONDON. Dec 6: Former games with the recurrence of Southampton manager David



Lyon captain Sonny Anderson (R) threatening the Spartak Moscow goal during their UEFA -AFP photo Champions League fixture at Lyon on December 5.

LONDON, *Dec 6: English Premiership outfit Arsenal surrendered a

Oliver Kalın. The partnership between

long range as the hosts looked The visitors, rattled by the dominate all over the pitch and Bayern. European champi- the Gunners should have been ons in 1974, 75 and 76, are awarded a penalty after 18

> After a corner had caused panic in the Bayern penalty block with his arm.

danced down the left wing and 32-year old captain, failed to

Nine minutes from the inter-

when Effenberg launched a long ball into the Arsenal box for Giovanni Elber. The Brazilian turned his marker smartly and layed the ball off for Scholl but

ners' second goal. The Frenchman turned in-

Tarnat's stinging low drive flew

from time.

injury. In midfield. Kodjo Afanou and Lassina Diabate, who has a right ankle knock, are also un- .

nika with a 3-0 lead.

Scotland's Rangers defend a his back problems, but he re- Jones was cleared of all child 1-0 lead from their Ibrox clash turned to full training on Tues- abuse allegations against him Tuesday after the prosecution Bordeaux travel to Werder at his trial at Liverpool Crown man believe the Germans may Bremen on Thursday with a 4-1 (our said no evidence was

