#### Galatsaray's injury woes

AFP, Ankara

UEFA Cup holders Galatasaray appeared set to have hard time against Deportivo La Coruna in a Champions League match on Tuesday with five of its main players out due to injuries and penal ties.

The latest shock for Galatasaray, the leaders in Group B, came on Sunday as their doctor said that defender Bulent Korkmaz, the team captain, would be out for at least two weeks due to a leg muscle rupture he sustained in a league match on Saturday.

"Bulent will be out for two weeks at the best possibility. Further check-ups are needed to determine when exactly he will return," Serhan Kurtulus said, according to Anatolia news agency.

Another injuree, midfielder Umit Davala, would not be fit for the match as well, he added.

Last week, Galatasaray said that their star midfielder Hakan Unsal would not play for up to three months due to a serious ligament rupture in his knee.

The condition of midfielder Suat Kaya, who scored Galatasaray's winning goal against Deportivo last week, was improving, but it was up for Galatasaray's Romanian coach Mircea Lucescu to decide whether he will be in or not, Kurtulus said.

#### Lazio's back against the wall

AFP, Rome

Lazio coach Dino Zoff has a host of selection problems ahead of his side's win-at-all-costs Group D Champions League clash with defending European champions Real Madrid at the Olympic Stadium on Wednesday.

Key Argentinian midfielder Juan Sebastian Veron and captain and defender Alessandro Nesta are ruled out of the match with the eight-times continental champions because of suspension.

Zoff will also have to do without Czech winger Karel Poborsky and midfielder Dino Baggio, both ineligible.

He is also awaiting news on the condition of Argentinian striker Hernan Crespo whose stomach pains - probably due to food poisoning - prevented him from facing Perugia at the weekend.

Another Czech player, Pavel Nedved, is on the mend but still a doubt for Wednesday's match where even victory will leave the Roman side with an uphill climb to qualify after three defeats in their three second-phase games so

Paolo Negro, Giuseppe Pancaro, Sinisa Mihajlovic and Fernando Couto are a possible back four in front of goalkeeper Angelo Peruzzi.

Argentinians Diego Simeone and Lucas Martin Castroman are set to line up alongside Roberto Baronio and - if fit - Nedved in midfield.

Chilean Marcelo Salas will or Simone Inzaghi up front. "There is little chance of us

progressing in the competition and Wednesday is a very difficult game. We are not running up the white flag but this is the reality." was Zoff's candid opinion.

"Real Madrid are a very good team but we must go out and play about that."

### FA Cup Wiltord makes Chelsea cry

Football

AFP, London

Substitute Sylvain Wiltord scored twice in the last 16 minutes as Arsenal beat FA Cup holders Chelsea 3-1 to book their place in the FA Cup quarter-finals here on Sunday.

At Anfield Liverpool, who take on First Division Birmingham in next Sunday's League Cup final in Cardiff, proved too strong for Premiership strugglers Manchester City, beating Joe Ryle's men 4-

will play at home to either Blackburn or Bolton while Liverpool will travel to either Tranmere or Southampton.

tional striker who scored the last minute equaliser for France in the Euro 2000 final against Italy which they went on to win with a golden goal, turned in Lauren's right wing cross five minutes from time to put the icing on the cake after putting Arsenal 2-1 in front 11

The former Bordeaux striker lofted the ball over Chelsea's Italian goalkeeper Carlo Cudicini after his French international teammate Marcel Desailly made a hash

After a goalless first half littered gave Arsenal the lead from the half time.

utes until Chelsea's Gustavo Poyet picked out Jimmy Hasselbaink with a low ball and the Dutch striker turned superbly to avoid the challenges of Igor Stepanovs and Oleg Luzhny before rifling an unstoppable shot past David Sea-

front five minutes later when a Dennis Wise corner was flicked on to Eidur Gudjohnsen who volleyed against the post from five yards

Chelsea as Wiltord had the final say in knocking out the cup hold-

Man-of-the-match Arsenal midfielder Patrick Vieira said the introduction of Wiltord was the turning point.

"It was a different game when Sylvain came on," said Vieira. "It lifted the spirit of the team."

he added. Arsenal coach Arsene Wenger was delighted to knock out last

season's winners. "It was a very tight game but we showed a great desire to win after Chelsea had drawn level," he

"We were sharp mentally and even though Chelsea played well I thought we deserved to win the match.

Vladimir Smicer won two penalties off Manchester City goalkeeper Nicky Weaver as Liverpool

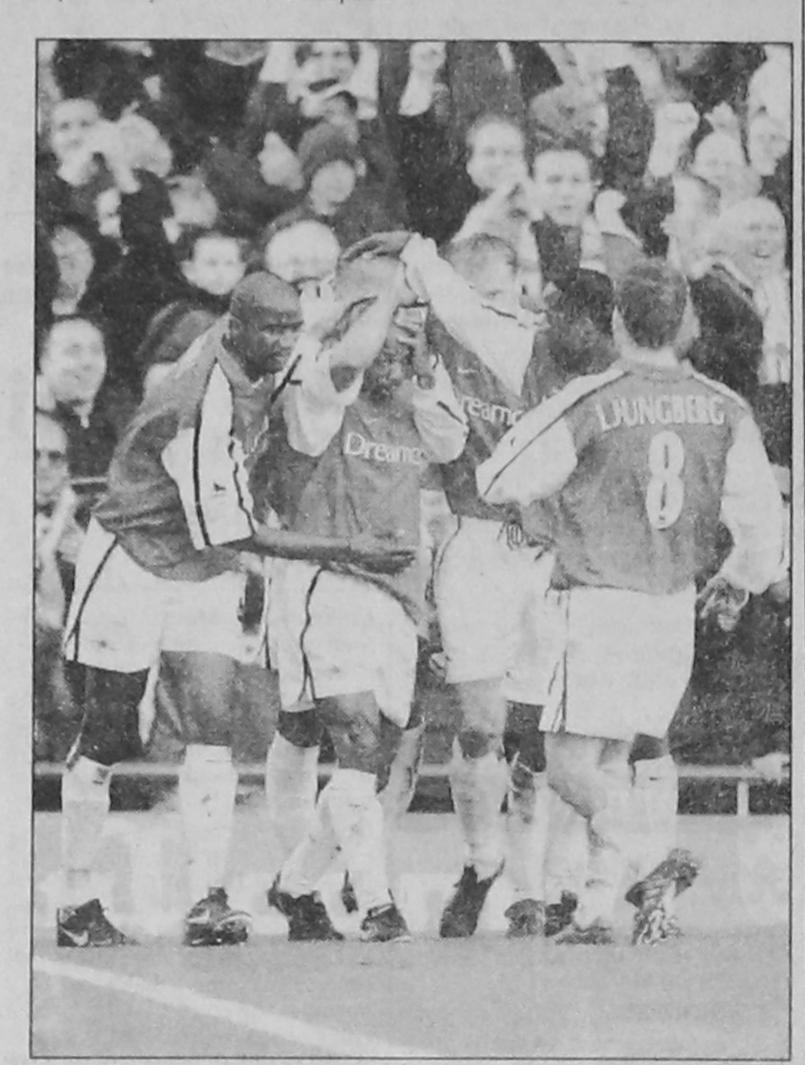
continued their quest for glory in three cups.

The first spot-kick, which was converted by Jari Litmanen, was dubious, but there was no argument about the second which Smicer stroked home,

Emile Heskey and Markus Babbel scored Liverpool's other | beat Lecce 1-0 to stay six points two goals to rubber-stamp their | ahead of closest challengers Juplace in the quarter-finals while City's efforts came from Andrei | it being a great day because it was Kanchelskis and Shaun Goater.

Liverpool manager Gerard Houllier was delighted with the win which comes three days after Italian First Division leaders Roma in the UEFA Cup at the Stadio | fering from influenza.

"It was a very good performance especially coming so soon after our win in Rome," he said.



Arsenal's French International striker Silvain Wiltord (2nd from L) is the toast of his teammates after scoring against Chelsea at Highbury on February 18.

# FA Cup quarter-final draw

# West Ham's mixed fortune

Football

West Ham were finally granted a home tie in the FA Cup but once again they must beat Premiership opposition to progress after being paired with London rivals Tottenham in Sunday's quarter-final replay.

partner either Fabrizio Ravanelli | up the prospect of another Transide neighbours Liverpool and nothing for granted. provided Arsenal with a home tie,

to do battle on their home pitch. have battled to 1-0 wins against or 18 months," he said. Premiership champions Manchester United at Old Trafford and. Tranmere or Southampton it is as we usually do and not worry high-flying Sunderland at the Sta-going to be a tough game."

many that Redknapp's men have The most intriguing tie might

Division One strugglers Rovers

In a draw that has also thrown have already beaten Everton in the

the number of Premiership teams Harry Redknapp's Hammers they have beaten over the last 12 combe-

Cup favourites Arsenal and Peter Taylor's Leicester will also find themselves up against lower league opposition - but neither yet know who it will be.

The Gunners must wait to see who comes out on top in the all-Lancashire Division One replay between last year's semi-finalists Bolton and fellow promotion chasers Blackburn at Ewood Park, while Leicester will also be at home to either Wimbledon or Division Two hopefuls Wycombe. QUARTER-FINAL DRAW:

Tranmere or Southampton v Liv-

Leicester v Wimbledon or Wy-

West Ham v Tottenham Arsenal v Blackburn or Bolton Matches to be played March 10

#### Sensi close to new deal for Totti

AFP, Rome

Club captain Francesco Totti is on the verge of signing a new contract with Italian First Division leader's AS Roma, club president Franco Sensi said Sunday.

Sensi, speaking after his side ventus, said: "Let's not talk about already all done."

Asked to explain that remark he said that Totti, might sign on Monday and the only reason he their outstanding 2-0 win over has not yet put pen to paper is because the player has been suf-

Contract talks appeared to stall this week when Sensi accused Totti's agent Francesco Zavaglia of making unreasonable demands. including a pay rise for the player's personal fitness coaches.

Totti, 24, whose current deal expires on June 30, 2003, replied that he would leave the club if Sensi continued mocking him.

The player made it clear earlier this season that he thought his loyalty to the club that he joined as a schoolboy should be rewarded by a deal putting him on the same pay structure as Argentinian forward Gabriel Batistuta signed from Fiorentina last sum-

### Del Piero delighted

AFP, Bari

Alessandro Del Piero scored the only goal of the game for Italian First Division title challengers Juventus in a 1-0 victory against struggling Bari on Sunday and promptly burst into tears.

Del Piero's solo effort - following a goal against Napoli last week groove after a long injury-prone spell but it also comes in the week that the Juventus idol buried his

"I am very happy with the goal," said Del Piero. "It confirms I am in good form after the performance against Napoli and also it has come at a rather tricky time

#### EUROPEAN **FOOTBALL** SCENE

Review of some of the European leagues after weekend's action: PRIMERA LIGA

Villarreal and Real Mallorca closed in on the Champions

Villarreal survived a late fightback from Valladolid to run out 2 1 winners and make it four successive league victories.

Saturday.

Real Madrid lead on 51 points also on Saturday.

them the lead against Valladolid.

range 10 minutes from time and back for Valladolid on 88 minutes, the unfashionable side from Castellon held on to complete a victory that was a reward for their more committed approach in

BUNDESLIGA

In Germany, the top three all lost, but Bayern Munich are still on course for another championship success as they lead Schalke and First Division leaders Lille on Sun-Leverkusen by two points despite day with 1-0 wins over Strasbourg stumbling 1-0 at little neighbours and Auxerre respectively to stay Unterhaching.

Leverkusen, eastern German side meanwhile, was the man on target champions SV Hamburg, who



Inter Milan's Javier Zanetti (R) and Claudio Bellucci of Napoli tussle in their Serie A tie at Naples on February 18.

# Serie A Roma keep six-point gap

Football .

Italian First Division leaders AS

Roma defeated bogey team Lecce

headed home a freekick but Ju-

ventus left it even later at Bari with

minutes from time for another 1-0

AFP, Milan

1-0 Sunday to stay six points clear of second-placed Juventus, who until the 69th minute when Ar-

confirmed he was back in the

Mallorca overcame Athletic Bilbao by a single goal on the break, expertly taken by Carlos Dominguez.

The two wins kept them fifth and sixth respectively, 13 points behind leaders Real Madrid but now only two behind fourthplaced Barcelona, whose problems continued as they were beaten 3-2 at home by Deportivo Coruna on

after 23 games following their 1-0 win at home to Racing Santander,

Villarreal, in only their second season in the top flight, were again inspired by Argentine striker Martin Palermo.

He won the penalty that Victor smashed in on 37 minutes to give Jaime Ramos struck from close

although Alberto Lopez pulled one Paris names down near the bottom as Paris Saint Germain lost again - 1-0 at fellow strugglers Marseille,

Second-placed Schalke 04 went down 2-1 at Werder Bremen and minutes from time to keep the third-placed Bayer Leverkusen lost Canaries flying - and push Strasclubs a physical confrontation was by the same margin at Hansa bourg a little nearer to division Rostock. In completing the double over

> Rostock moved out of the bottom for Bordeaux on 14 minutes with five ahead of former European his 14th goal of the season. Lille, who won 1-0 at Guwere defeated 4-2 by fourth- ingamp on Saturday with a goal from Dagui Bakari, lead Nantes on

the time-honoured response: "1 am not in a position to comment as I have not seen the TV replay.

strike and had their hearts in their prevailed by a similar scoreline at half goal disallowed. Juve coach Carlo Ancelotti, a coach Marco Tardelli. Roma did not break through key player in Roma's 1982-3 Championship side, did not lose gentinian defender Walter Samuel sight of the fact that Juve are still

substitute Alessandro Del Piero just not giving us a chance - they off of Fiorentina's Czech defender are making no mistakes - if they scoring after 81 minutes. It was also a late, late, show win the Scudetto we will celebrate from third-placed Lazio, the dewith them." fending champions, whose Argentinian midfielder Diego Simeone through Simeone and coach Dino Conceicao and Brazilian defender scored against the run of play two

first half but in football you know That combination of results you are always in with a chance." ensured the positions in what is in effect a three-horse race for the Scudetto remain unchanged.

Roma have not won the title since 1982-3 and the closest they thinking about our next match." have come since was in 1985-6 when a shock 3-2 home defeat by lead in their home match to but then two goals from Giacomo Lecce on the last day of the season Vicenza through Nicola Ventola Cipriani and one from Giuseppe handed the Scudetto to Juventus when a draw would have enough

This time the luck was on the match finished 1-1. side of Roma when Brazilian de-In Sunday evening's match fender Antonio Zago escaped punishment for a handball in his Napoli a 1-0 win against Inter Milan with a rasping shot and was

coach Fabio Capello trotted out travagant celebrations earning him a second vellow card. Napoli coach Emiliano Mon-

donico responded by bringing on Juventus too were coming up midfielder Oscar Magoni for Braagainst a brick wall in bottom club zilian striker Edmundo, who made Bari until Del Piero's precious his displeasure clear.

"Napoli outclassed us and did mouths when the hosts had a first- what they wanted to do in midfield," was the terse verdict of Inter

Fiorentina took an early lead at Reggio Calabria through Enrico Chiesa but Andrea Zanchetta depending on slip-ups from his equalised for Reggina. The score former side, saying: "Roma are finished 1-1 despite the sending Tomas Repka. Three-second-half goals from

Cameroonian forward Patrick Lazio scored their late clincher Mboma, Portuguese winger Sergio Zoff admitted: "Perugia put us in Junior gave Parma a somewhat great difficulty especially in the flattering 3-0 win over Brescia. AC Milan were lucky to get a 3-3 draw with Bologna at the San

His Perugia counterpart Serse , Siro Saturday night even though Cosmi said: "I just do not know two goals from Ukrainian goal what to say - we will just have to machine Andriy Shevchenko gave start again tomorrow and start them a 2-0 first-half lead. Bologna's Enzo Maresca had a Atalanta took a 40th-minute penalty saved by Christian Abbiati

but Vincenzo Sommese notched a Signori had the visitors 3-2 ahead second-half equaliser and the before defender Luigi Sala equalised in injury time. Earlier Saturday. Udinese beat Brazilian Da Silva Matuzalem gave Verona 2-1. Stefano Fiore and Christian Diaz gave them a two-

goal lead before a Massimo Oddo

penalty salvaged pride but little then promptly sent off, his exelse for Verona.

# League places in Spain, and piled the pressure on struggling Barcelona, as they clinched hard-fought Tardelli losing patience

Football

AFP, Milan

own penalty area.

Inter Milan coach Marco Tardelli vented his anger on his players Sunday night after a 1-0 defeat by 10-man Napoli in an Italian First Division match in Naples plunged the San Siro giants back into crisis, the club website reported Mon-

Asked about the incident Roma

Matuzalem who was promptly sent off for overcelebrating but Inter could still not break down

half goal from Brazilian Da Silva

Inter went down to a second

points off the last relegation place teenth time we must be angry. and Tardelli must be praying that football disciplinary chiefs do not (where Tardelli admitted Inter who is suspended.

FRENCH FIRST

DIVISION

"Les Verts."

just one point off the top.

in the false passport affair. a genial man, who often has journalists chuckling with his humor-

ous asides at press conferences,

but mirth was off the agenda Sunof jam we fail to take any," said the year rein. man whose exhuberant celebration of his goal in Italy's 1982

played on Italian television. "It is the umpteenth lost op-

follow the example of their French were lucky to draw 1-1 after wincounterparts and deduct points ning a dubious equalising penfrom clubs - like Inter - enmeshed alty). And this time too we waited until we were punished before The 1982 World Cup winner is finding the right reaction and that is what disappoints me."

October when Marcello Lippi be-

came the ninth coach to be shown the San Siro exit door in Inter "Every time we get near the pot president Massimo Moratti's five-Thursday's match at the San Siro with Spanish side Alaves (the

Tardelli took the job at Inter in

World Cup Final victory over West first leg score was 3-3) could see Germany is still constantly re- Tardelli's hopes of a trophy in his first season ended. Inter face Udinese on Sunday

The defeat leaves Inter five portunity for us so it is the ump- in their next Serie A match and Tardelli will be without the serv-"It happened against Reggina ices of star striker Christian Vieri,



Michael Preetz (L) of Hertha Berlin being congratulated by teammate Yosip Simunic on scoring against Stuttgart in their Bundesliga match at

Dortmund are now level on goal difference with both clubs on points with Schalke and Lever- 47 points from 27 games. Stuttgart on February 18.

Portuguese striker Pauleta.

## CHAMPIONS LEAGUE **FIXTURES**

AFP. Paris European Champion League fixtures and tables before this week's

matches:

Tuesday

GROUPA Manchester United (Eng) v Valencia (Spa) Panathinaikos (Gre) v Sturm Graz (Aut)

Manchester United 3 2 1 0 Valencia Sturm Graz Panathinaíkos GROUP B

Deportivo La Coruna (Spa) v Galatasaray (Tur) Paris Saint Germain (Fra) v AC Milan (Ita)

Galatasaray AC Milan Deportivo La Coruna Paris SG Wednesday

Arsenal (Eng) v Lyon (Fra) Spartak Moscow (Rus) v Bayern Munich (Ger) Bayern Munich Arsenal Lyon Spartak Moscou

GROUPC

GROUP D Anderlecht (Bel) v Leeds (Eng) Lazio (Ita) v Real Madrid (Spa) Real Madrid

Leeds Anderlecht Lazio

In the quarter-finals Arsenal

Wiltord, the French interna-

minutes earlier.

of a clearance. with fouls and bookings Wiltord's French compatriot Thierry Henry penalty spot seven minutes after

Chelsea substitute Jesper Gronkjaer pushed over Lauren as the Cameroon midfielder ran into the box in pursuit of Henry's long cross and the Frenchman drove in his 17th goal of the season. Arsenal's lead lasted 10 min-

Chelsea came close to going in

That miss proved costly for

dium of Light to reach the last Those victories have convinced

their names on the cup already. be at Prenton Park, though, if Tranmere can get the better of Southampton in their fifth round

cup this season and Liverpool mere giant-killing against Mersey- boss Gerard Houllier is taking "Tranmere have a reputation West Ham at last have the chance for taking some big scalps - look at

"Whatever team we play

Ranieri points at ref

Football AFP, London Ranieri on Monday claimed Arse- to one." nal's Patrick Vieira was given special treatment by referee Graham

Barber in Sunday's stormy FA Cup

international striker Sylvain Wil-

Arsenal won 3-1 with French

fifth round tie at Highbury.

contested first half.

tord coming off the substitutes bench to score twice in the final 16 minutes. The English Football Association (FA) is expected to launch an investigation after a mass brawl towards the end of a bitterly-

Barber booked six players, three of them after an incident, sparked by Chelsea captain Dennis Wise's foul on Vicira. Ranieri belives Vicira was let off lighty for the challenge on Wise

which triggered the incident.

"All I saw was what Vieira did," said Ranieri. "It seems that if you touch him it is like touching God. perhaps inevitable. He looks to be unpunishable." Ranieri, talking through his this sort of thing when Arsenal interpreter, added: "There were so many players involved that any of them could have been shown a

card. The only ones who wouldn't

were the two goalkeepers.

why, in that instance, he let us win Chelsea's Italian coach Claudio on points with the bookings - two Minutes before the brawl Chelsea's Celestine Babayaro kicked

cards, although I don't understand

stamped on the back of Freddi Ljungberg's leg - another incident caught by television cameras. Babayaro may now face trial by

kick at Olivier Dacourt in Arsenal's match at Leeds in November. Vieira played down Sunday's brawl, saying that given the intense rivalry between the two

know that it will be like that. If you don't win your battles you lose the | placed Borussia Dortmund. "All that some of the players game and you are out of a big needed were gloves and they competition.

play Chelsea - especially in an FA

would have been boxing. "But I thought the referee did well to avoid bringing out any red

Dennis Bergkamp across the shins after the Arsenal forward's petu lant kick at goalkeeper Carlo Cudi-

The Nigerian defender also

television which could lead to a

misconduct charge similar to the

one that recently brought Vieira a

one-match ban for an off-the-ball

Cup game," said Vieira. "It was very physical but you

"You have almost got to expect