

UEFA CUP RESULTS AT A GLANCE

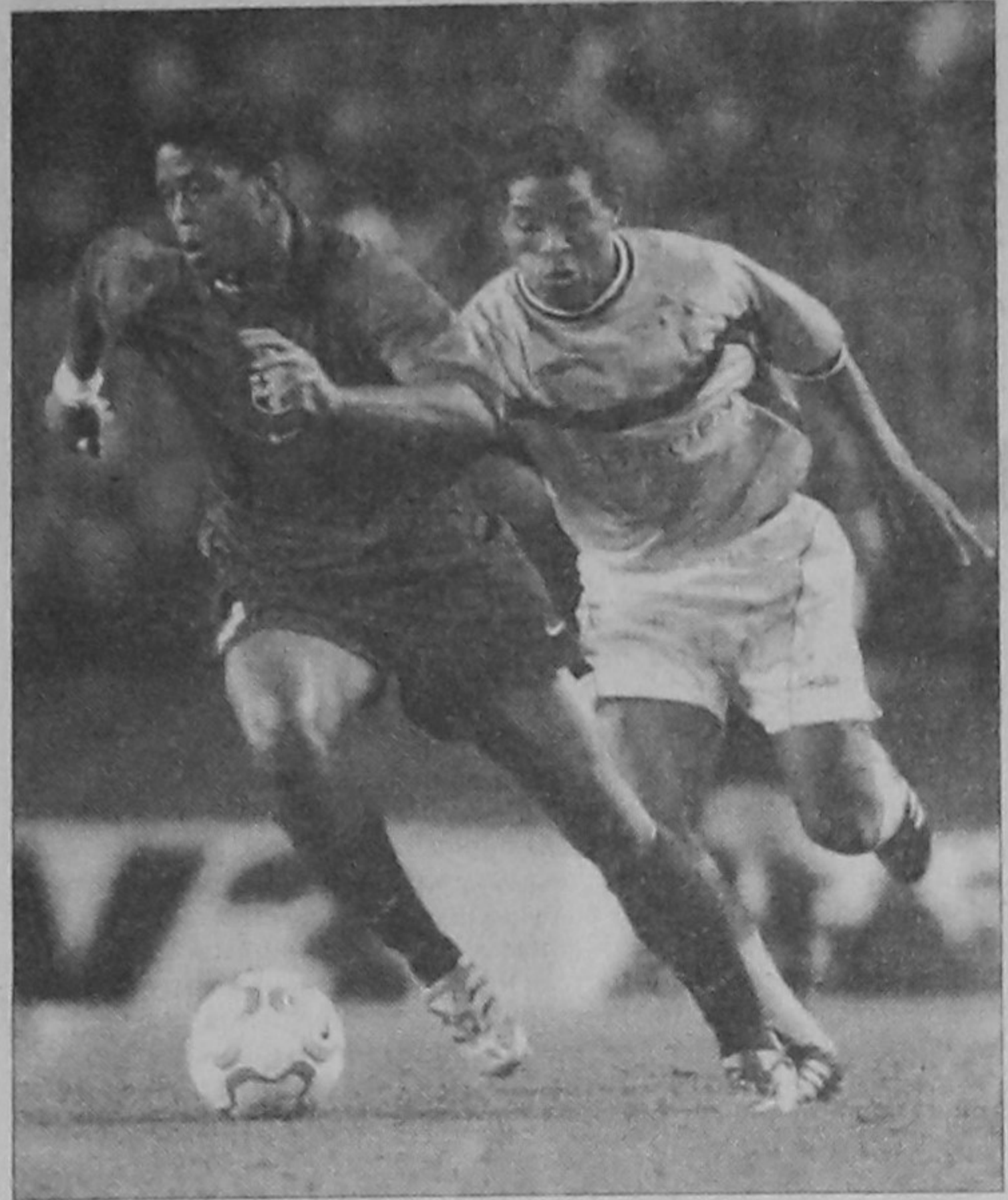
AFP, Paris. Collated UEFA Cup quarter-final first leg results on Thursday: At Kaiserslautern Kaiserslautern (Ger) 1 (Koch 31-)

UEFA Cup Barca, Liverpool labour



Barcelona beat fellow Spaniards Celta Vigo 2-1 and Liverpool battled to a 0-0 draw at FC Porto in the first leg of the UEFA Cup quarter-finals on Thursday...

port. In the rainy conditions, Fowler blasted wide in the 20th minute while after the ball fell to him from a corner.



Barcelona striker Patrick Kluyvert (L), has Celta Vigo's Benny McCarthy in pursuit during their UEFA Cup quarterfinal first leg encounter at the Nou Camp on March 8.

FA Cup Double-chasers face giant-killers test

AFP, London. Liverpool's chances of emulating Arsenal's domestic League Cup and FA Cup double of 1993 can edge closer to reality Sunday when they make the short journey to bottom of the First Division Tranmere Rovers for their FA Cup quarter-final clash.

In the other of the two all-Spanish ties - which will guarantee Spain two clubs in the semi-final draw - minnows Alaves thrashed Rayo Vallecano 3-0.

The English side created their first real opportunity four minutes later after Fowler's instant lay-off sent Michael Owen scurrying in on goal. But Porto goalkeeper Sergei Ovchinnikov easily saved his shot on the run.

But despite their lowly position Tranmere are no pushovers, having been the scourge of Premiership sides in the FA Cup and League Cup in recent seasons.

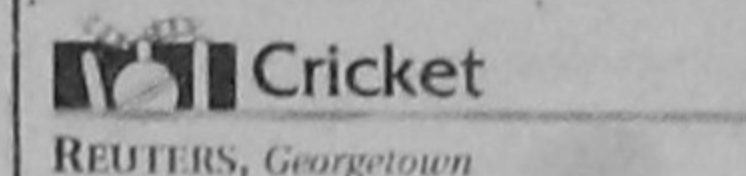
Former Everton marksman Paul Rideout inspired the giant-killers to claim their most amazing scalp yet as they came back from the dead to beat Premiership outfit Southampton 4-3 at Prenton Park in the fifth round.

Zenden was twice the provider for Kluyvert, who skillfully met his right-hand crosses, first with a powerful shot and then with a header for a 2-0 lead.

Celta Vigo had Brazilian Vagner sent off in the first half after earning two yellow cards in a minute for fouls on Mark Overmars and Guardiola.

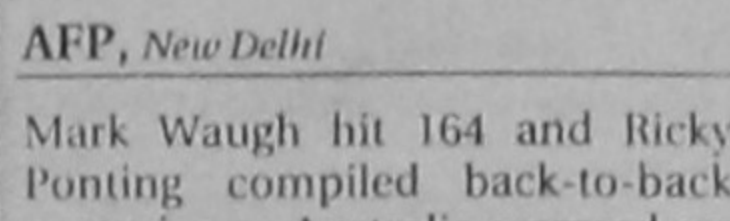
Porto started the second period more aggressively and created an opening within minutes. Capucho sent in a dangerous low ball from the left and a combination of Stephane Henchoz's excellent saving tackle and Westerveld's block kept Pena out.

Causing a commotion



For him to be brought back and made captain is a slap in the face for Caribbean cricket lovers. Sir Garfield Sobers, the most respected figure in West Indies cricket history, was less scathing but still sceptical.

Waugh, Ponting hit hundreds

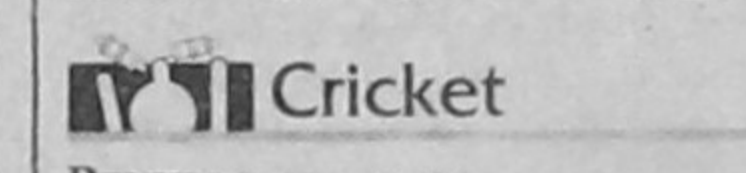


AFP, New Delhi. Mark Waugh hit 164 and Ricky Ponting compiled back-to-back centuries as Australia warmed up for the second Test against India with an awesome batting display here on Thursday.

The tourists opted for batting practice ahead of the Calcutta Test from Sunday to pile up 461-7 in their second knock before the three-day match against the Board President's team ended in a draw.

Waugh, dismissed first ball in the first Test at Bombay last week, hit 17 boundaries and seven sixes to follow his 62 in the first innings.

Bedi bashes Indians



Bedi attacked the Indian selectors for replacing four bowlers for the second Test. "When the batting has failed they change four bowlers. Where is the cricketing IQ?"

Scoreboard table showing matches between Australia and India across various innings.

Richards Trophy

AP, Georgetown. The five upcoming Test cricket matches between the West Indies and South Africa will be played for the Sir Vivian Richards Trophy to honour the former West Indies captain and batting legend.

Valencia, Galatasaray get the pass

Valencia topped the group with nine points, the same number as Alex Ferguson's side, but the Spaniards are top as they have the better head-to-head record against United.

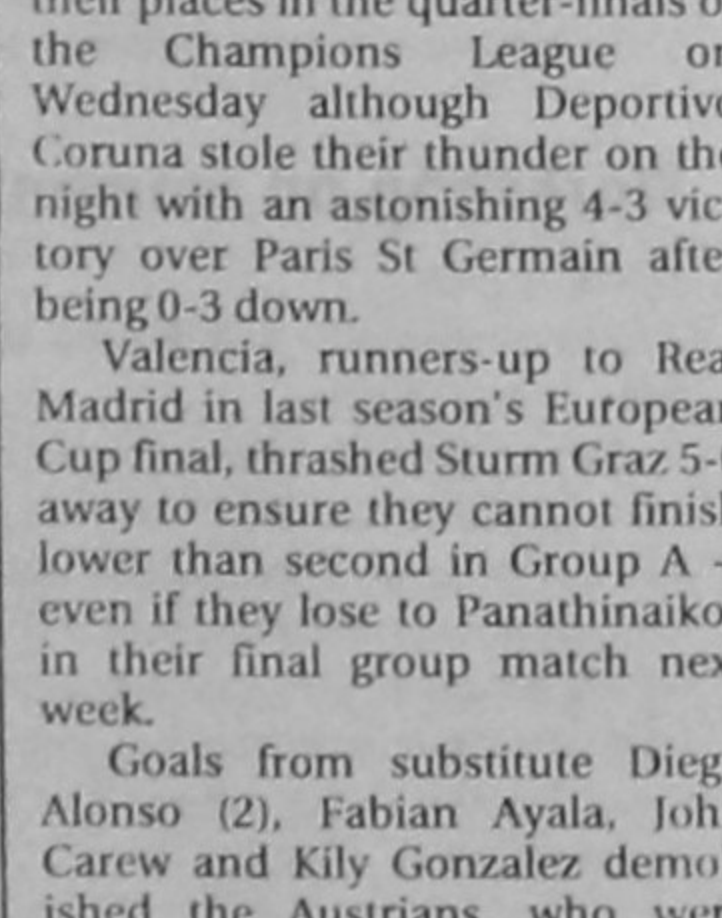
remarkable match of the night when they were beaten 4-3 by Deportivo Coruna in Spain after building a 3-0 lead inside 55 minutes.

Valencia and Galatasaray secured their places in the quarter-finals of the Champions League on Wednesday although Deportivo Coruna stole their thunder on the night with an astonishing 4-3 victory over Paris St Germain after being 0-3 down.

Goals from Augustine Okocha (29) and Laurent Leroy (43 and 55) appeared to have given PSG the opportunity to rise from the dead in the group -- but it proved to be just an illusion.

EUROPEAN WEEKEND SCHEDULES

- AFP. SERIE A (1400 GMT) unless stated. Saturday: Vicenza v Napoli, Atalanta v AC Milan (1930 GMT). Sunday: Bologna v Lazio, Inter Milan v Verona, Juventus v Reggina, Lecce v Udinese, Perugia v Fiorentina, AS Roma v Brescia, Parma v Bari (1930 GMT).



Goals from substitute Diego Alonso (2), Fabian Ayala, John Carew and Kily Gonzalez demolished the Austrians, who were reduced to 10 men when Gilbert Prilasnig was sent off after 35 minutes for a professional foul on Carew.



Galatasaray's Romanian maestro Gheorghe Hagi (C) evading the tackle of AC Milan's Federico Giunti during their European Champions' League game at Istanbul on March 7.

Ronaldo "clinically cured"

Inter Milan striker Ronaldo has fully recovered from ligament surgery and is ready to start the long road back to match fitness, the club says.

SL stare

Table with 5 columns: Bowler, O, M, R, W. Lists bowlers like Tufley, Martin, Franklin, Wiseman, McMillan, Astle, etc.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: ACROSS 37 Menu, 40 Mother of, 1 Stylish, etc.

Romario saves Brazil

A last-second strike by Brazil's veteran goalkeeper Romario on Wednesday sealed a 3-3 draw with an inspired Mexico determined to bury its recent lackluster showings.

CRYPTOQUIP

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