

## Serie A Juve climb, Inter crash

### Football

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Juventus pulled off a 3-1 win against Fiorentina in Florence Friday evening, moving second in the Italian First Division ahead of Lazio and cutting AS Roma's lead to a provisional three points.

Meanwhile, AC Milan spanked city rivals Inter 6-0 in the Milan derby at the San Siro in the other match played in Serie A - an astonishing result in a normally fiercely-

Florence outfit before the interval. But a header from French striker David Trezeguet a minute from time settled the match for the 25-times champions from Turin.

"We deserved to win last week's game with Roma too," Zidane said after the match, in reference to the game in Turin where Juve led 2-0 but conceded two late goals to Roma, a result that prompted wild street celebrations in Rome.

Asked if Juve could still win the title the Frenchman said: "Of course and we will give the maximum to succeed in that task."

However, on Saturday Roma could restore the lead to six points by beating Atalanta at the Olympic Stadium, while defending champions Lazio could retake second spot by beating Napoli in Naples. After Saturday's matches are complete there will be four games left for all three teams still in the title race.

Zidane scored from close range after being set up by a cushioned Trezeguet header while Tudor doubled the margin four minutes later by heading home a Zidane corner.

Then Rossi headed Fiorentina's goal with Juve's Dutch goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar partially to blame.

Trezeguet's clincher came when he headed home a freekick from Uruguayan Fabian O'Neill.

At the San Siro two goals each from strikers Gianni Comandini and Andriy Shevchenko and one each from Federico Giunti and Serginho

destroyed Inter, rekindling AC's slender hopes of a Champions League spot while Inter's are now virtually ended.

Two early goals from Comandini had Inter reeling and then Giunti killed the match after 54 minutes. A brace from Shevchenko and one from Brazilian winger Serginho - the outstanding player on the night - completed the memorable night for AC Milan.

Ukrainian Shevchenko, meanwhile, takes his goal tally to 23 for the season in Serie A, three clear of closest challenger in the Serie A encounter.

Inter fans reacted angrily to the performance. One fan tried to confront AC Milan defender Alessandro Costacurta but was halted by the defender and referee Pierluigi Collina.

Bottles were also hurled at the players as they left the field although fortunately - unlike during last week's game with Atalanta - no scooters were hurled.

The remaining matches will be played Saturday with no games on Sunday, which is Election Day in Italy.

### Serie A's top six

Italian First Division table after Friday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):

|             | AS Roma | 29 | 19 | 7  | 3  | 57 | 28 | 64 |
|-------------|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Juventus    | 30      | 17 | 10 | 3  | 51 | 25 | 61 |    |
| Lazio       | 29      | 18 | 5  | 6  | 53 | 30 | 59 |    |
| Parma       | 29      | 14 | 8  | 7  | 44 | 22 | 50 |    |
| AC Milan    | 30      | 12 | 11 | 7  | 52 | 40 | 47 |    |
| Inter Milan | 30      | 12 | 8  | 10 | 41 | 41 | 44 |    |

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