

# Sport

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# Primera Liga **Real take derby honours**

#### **Football**

#### AFP, Madrid

Goals from Fernando Morientes and Luis Figo helped Real Madrid to a 2-0 victory over their bitter rivals Barcelona, but Deportivo La Coruna stay on top in Spain after an emphatic 5-1 victory over Osasuna on Sunday.

Real Madrid raised their game after their disappointing start to the season and were well-deserved winners of a match which lived up to all the pre-match hype that accompanies of one of the world's most famous derbies.

Morientes got his first goal of the season when he headed home a Steve McManaman cross after 23 minutes and Figo put the verdict beyond doubt three minutes into injury time, after a well-worked move between the French pair Zinedine Zidane and Claude Makelele

Zidane though will be kicking himself for missing an open goal just after the hour, after going around Barcelona defender Carles Puyol.

The Catalan visitors best chance came halfway through the second period, when Real goalkeeper Iker Casillas had to produce an outstanding save to prevent Gabri Garcia heading home from point-blank range.

"They had the luck, otherwise it was a fairly even game," said Barcelonastriker Patrick Kluivert.

Real Madrid coach Vicente Del Bosque certainly did not agree with the Dutch international.

"The players played with heart and a love for this team. Overall, we were the better side and I am proud of the team," commented Del Bosque.

The result means that Barcelona drop to third, with 19 points from 11 games, while the defending championsmove up to seventh.

Deportivo remain the league leaders after four first half goals helped them on their way to an easy 5-1 victory over Osasuna.

The 1999/2000 Spanish championshave23 points from 11 games.

Osasuna's Australian international striker John Aloisi got the visitors off to a good start with a goal after eight minutes but Spanish international striker Diego Tristan got his sixth and seventh goals of the season, after 18 and 26 minutes, to get the lead backfor

Deportivo and move into pole position among the Spanish First Divison scorers.

On both occasions the Osasuna defenders left Diego Tristan unmarked on the right side of the box and he found the space to slot the ball

## Match of Shevchenko's life

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An unidentified Barcelona player lies on the ground in despair while the ecstatic Real Madrid team celebrate Luis Figo's strike at Madrid November 4.

penultimate position after losing 2-0

The Balearic islanders beat their

Former Spanish international

defender Miquel Soler got Mallorca's

his side's shock 4-2 home defeat by

London rivals Charlton at

position four points behind table

toppers Leeds but a win would

have taken them up to second

Leeds held on to pole position

with a 2-1 win at home to Tottenham while Chelsea move up

Anfield in the early match.

The Gunners remain in fifth

Highbury on Sunday.

ast Osasuna goalkeeper Juan Carlos after22 minutes

The hosts secured three points Deportivo added further goals three minutes from time when Juan from veteran defender Donato - at 38 Sanchezblasted home a Salva cross. e oldest player in the Rayo still have only seven points

Spanish First Divison - Jose Emilio and are in danger of becoming adrift Amavisca and Roy Makaay. at the bottom. Valencia are still the only club with They are three points behind Tenerife, who slipped back to the

an unbeaten record after their 2-1 victory over bottom club Rayo Vallecano.

Goals from Spanish internationals Salva Ballesta and Juan Sanchez Canary counterparts with a controversial penalty from Cameroon international Samuel Eto'o on 33 moved Valencia into second place, two points adrift of Deportivo. However, Valencia conceded their minutes.

first goal at home this season when Valencia goalkeeper Andres Palop was harshly adjudged to have brought down Rayo's Michel Sanchez and Roberto Peragon equalised from the sport six minutes before the break, after Salva had opened the scoring

second goal in injury time. Real Sociedad also leap-frogged above Tenerife after they won 2-1 awayatEspanyol.

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#### *Primera Liga*'s top six

Spanish league table after Sunday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):

			Premiership					
Real Betis	11	5	2	4	13	12	17	
Alaves	11	5	3	3	12	7	18	
Celta Vigo	11	4	6	1	20	12	18	
Barcelona	11	5	4	2	17	9	19	
Valencia	11	5	6	0	14	8	21	
Deportivo	11	7	2	2	23	12	23	

Goals from Edgaras Jankauskas and Javier De Pedro got the points for Real Sociedad after Ivan Diaz had given the Barcelona-based side the lead after 28 minutes

Real Betis seemed to be suffering a hangover from the now-notorious Halloween party that some of the squad enjoyed at the house of midfielder Benjamin Zarandona.

The fiesta hit the headlines when news leaked out of it having been broken up at 2am on Thursday morning by a furious club president Manuel Ruiz de Lopera and coach

PHOTO: INTERNET

sion from Betis fans at the percieved unprofessional conduct of their team.

Xavier Aguado headed home the only goal from a corner just before the hour, with Betis' misery deepened in injury time with the dismissal of midfielder Fernando Varela, followinghis second yellow card.

Celta's unbeaten record went south when they lost 4-2 at Las Palmas, and the Galician club ended the match with nine men.

### Serie A **Inter close in on Chievo**

AFP. Milan

## Fergie cries over blunders AFP, London

Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson blamed "inexplica ble" mistakes for his side's crush ing 3-1 defeat at Liverpool on Sunday.

Victory for Liverpool took them up to second in the Premiership on 22 points, one less than leaders Leeds who won 2-1 at home to Tottenham.

Ferguson's team were out-played at Anfield but defensive mistakes from Wes Brown and goalkeeper Fabien Barthez made Liverpool's job easier.

Michael Owen curled in a 32ndminute opener before John Arne Riise made it 2-0 before half-time with a blistering free-kick. David Beckham pulled a goal

back just after the interval but Owen was on hand to head in his second just 60 seconds later as United slipped to their third league defeat of the season.

"We lost two terrible goals and that has been endemic this season and Liverpool just worked harder," Ferguson said.

"We conceded too many goals. If we don't eradicate silly mistake we will suffer. They worked very hard and credit to them.

"I think when we got back to 2-1 there was a feeling we could do something from there but we lost it within a minute. Making mistakes is not an enjoyable part of the game.

The Scotsman warned his team that Liverpool are showing the same ominous qualities synonymous with United at their peak.

"Liverpool have shown today now we were four years ago and until we get back to that it will be very difficult for us," Ferguson said. Liverpool assistant boss Phil Thompson revealed Gerard Houllier - recovering at home after

undergoing open heart surgery - had already passed on his congratulations to the team. Thompson said: "I've spoken to

him already after the game and he is absolutely thrilled. He sends his wishes and how proud he is to the players and says just keep it going.

"We are working well together as the days go by the more input will come in from him and I welcome it. He's quite sharp in the brain and tactically he's superb.

"I'm never the boss - I'm just taking care of the place for Gerrard. Thompson was full of praise for

his hard-working side who have now beaten United in four consecutive mathces

"I'm very, very satisfied. The boys were absolutely outstanding they worked extremely hard."

# Ronaldo halted again

Football

Another cruel injury to Ronaldo took the gloss off a 2-0 Inter Milan win against Lecce which lifted Hector Cuper's side to within two points of surprise Italian First Divison leaders Chievo here Sunday

Inter deserved their win and took full advantage of Chievo's 0-0 draw with Venezia on Saturday night, goals from Mohamed Kallon and Luigi Di Biagio secur ing the points at the San Siro.

Inter are now in sole possession of second spot because of the failings of AS Roma and AC Milan who had shared that position at the start of the weekend.

Champions AS Roma had to settle for a 1-1 draw at Bergamo with Atalanta while AC Milan were defeated 1-0 at Torino thanks to a goal from striker Cristiano Lucarelli.

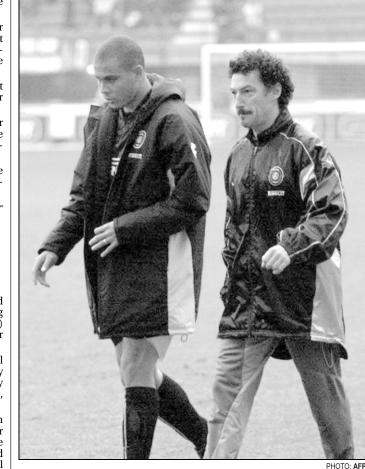
"There is no important prob-lem, no injury," said Ronaldo. "A little contraction has been confirmed but no more than that. Tomorrow I will be at the Pinetina Those results allowed Bologna to move third, a point behind Inter (training ground) to start treating it and will be working again. and also within striking distance "...We will see eachother again soon." of Chievo thanks to a 3-2 victory over Fiorentina.

Another team to miss out was Juventus who needed an injury-time goal from David Trezeguet to salvage a 2-2 draw against Chievo's city neighbours Verona.

Inter's win was bitter sweet.

are still there. The San Siro was silenced as the Atalanta provided sterner opposition for Roma. A free-kick Brazilian striker hobbled off after 13 minutes with an injured left thigh but found their voice when Assuncao gave the Italian champi-Sierra Leonian forward Kallon ons the advantage but Cristiano powered home a header from a Doni, called up by Italy coach cross by Slovak defender Vratislav Giovanni Trapattoni in midweek, Gresko, netting his sixth goal of the equalised from the penalty spot for Serie A campaign. a 1-1 draw.

Minutes later Gresko was again the provider with midfielder Di



Biagio heading the second. "It was a tough match and Atalanta Argentinian Cuper, who said Ronaldo's injury was not a serious

**Ronaldo not** 

year-old pronounced himself fit.

Roma coach Fabio Capello said:

injured

AFP, Milan

reported.

played very well but this was not the result we were looking for. AC Milan went down to Torino at the Stadio Delle Alpi, a match

settled when Lucarelli put the hosts ahead after 27 minutes with a smart finish.

Filippo Inzaghi, who had already spurned one sitter, missed a golden chance to equalise when he failed to hit the target with a late penalty.

AC Milan's Turkish coach Fatih Terim said: "The first half was poor, Inter Milan's Brazilian forward Ronaldo said Monday he only had in the second we were better but it a slight muscle contraction and was not enough. I am not worried that he would return to training on about the penalty more the general Tuesday, his club's website performance of the team.

On Sunday Ronaldo had limped off after only 13 minutes of his first competitive start in nearly two years during the 2-0 victory over Lecce but after undergoing a mag-netic resonance exam and further scans on his left leg Monday the 25-war of durange up of himself fit Juventus needed all their resources to salvage a 2-2 comeback draw at Verona.

Goals from Leonardo Colucci and Argentinian Mauro Camoranesi helped Verona to a 2-0 lead but Croatian Igor Tudor started the comeback before Frenchman Trezeguet saved the Turin giants, winless in six Serie A matches and six points off the pace.

"It is important we learn to start games well as well as finish them well," said Juve coach Marcello Lippi.

Verona coach Alberto Malesani, eyeing the forthcoming city derby with Chievo, said: "I am angry because we deserved better but we one, said: "We are back where we have an opportunity to get some need to be but we have to watch consolation soon.'

Roma, Milan and of course Chievo Beleaguered Lazio banished memories of their exit from the Champions League with a convincing 5-0 home victory over Brescia rom Brazilian midfielder with Argentinian forward Hernan Crespo bagging a hat-trick.

Crespo gave them an early lead, the first of the season for the Argentinian who was Serie A's top scorer with 26 goals last season.

Crespo quickly added a second and then Simone Inzaghi also got off the mark for the season. Yugoslav Dejan Stankovic made it four before Crespo completed his treble. Brescia defender Daniele Bonera was then sent off.

"The players are finally playing to the level they are paid to perform at," said Lazio coach Alberto Zaccheroni.

Bologna's match with Fiorentina was a thriller. Twice Salvatore Fresi put them ahead only for Maurizio Ganz and then Paolo Vanoli to equalise for the Florentines

When Lamberto Zauli put Bologna 3-2 ahead still only 32 minutes had elapsed.

Early in the second-half Fiorentina midfielder Mirko Benin was sent off and although their Argentinian striker Julio Cruz missed a penalty Bologna triumphed.

Udinese's beleaguered English coach Roy Hodgson with a 2-1 win

lunade Ramos. The Seville side, minus a dropped Benjamin, lost their first match at home this season when they went down1-0toRealZaragoza. "It was a hostile atmosphere in which to play football," commented Ramos, in response to howls of deri-



AFP, Kiev

AC Milan's Ukrainian star Andrei Shevchenko is determined to sparkle when his country attempt to wreck Germany's 2002 World Cup qualification campaign this weekend.

Shevchenko, who is likely to spearhead the Ukraine attack in the first game of a two-leg play-off against the Germans here Saturday, told AFP the matches were the most important of his career.

"It will be the most important matches of my career and I'm pointing myself to play at my best against



World Cup winners, have never

failed to qualify for a World Cup

now and I'm set to reach my top

physical form for the match,

"I'm in perfect mental condition

Shevchenko, who expressed

"I know the pressure will be tough

worries about possible "manipula-tions" from officials in the playoff,

said he and his team-mates wanted

as too much is at stake. Everything is

possible in such a situation,"

to be masters of their own fate.

to eighth after edging Ipswich 2-1 at Stamford Bridge.

Charlton's win was their first at Highbury since 1955 and was the first time Arsenal had conceded four goals in a Premiership match Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger under Wenger. said complacency was to blame for

"I feel that we started well and created a huge number of chances and the only thing I can say is when we were leading 1-0 it looked too easy for us," he said.

**Charlton choke Gunners** 

Asked how his players took the defeat Wenger replied: "There is not a lot to say because everybody

above Liverpool who beat fierce is down. rivals Manchester United 3-1 at "It is very disappointing because we should have scored a

"But we are professionals and we must pick ourselves up starting with the (League Cup third round) match against Manchester United.

Thierry Henry seemed to signal the start of a rout with an early strike but, despite repeatedly cutting open the Charlton defence, the Gunners kept firing blanks.

Steve Brown then snatched an equaliser with a glancing header from a free-kick in the 35th minute before Richard Wright punched another set-piece - again from Paul Konchesky - into his own net under Jason Euell's challenge.

Highbury expected a second-

Inter Milan superstar Ronaldo (L), leaving the ground following a slight muscle strain during the match against Lecce at Milan on November 4.

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at Piacenza. David Di Michele opened the

scoring for Udinese but Dario Hubner hit back from the penalty spot for Piacenza, his eighth of the season putting him level with Brescia's Roberto Baggio as top scorer in the division.

But Udinese's Roberto Muzzi restored the visitors' lead with a penalty, his seventh goal this term.

Parma's Italian international forward Marco Di Vaio gave his side a morale-boosting 2-1 win at home to Perugia. Di Vaio opened the scoring before Greek forward Zisis Vryzas replied.

But Di Vaio doubled up to give caretaker manager Pietro Carmignani the points

Chievo's 0-0 draw at bottom club Venezia was disappointing as the leaders failed to make much headway against their winless opponents from Venice.

Chievo coach Luigi del Neri said he hoped the result would be a lesson to his men, saying: "Chievo must only try to be Chievo. We are a district team who have done some incredible things but our objective is only to avoid relegation.

Serie A Stop Six									
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Bologna	9	5	2	2	7	5	17		
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ACMilan	9	4	3	2	17	12	15		
uventus	9	3	5	1	14	9	14		

**Scolari's frustrating day** 

"This can't be used as an excuse," said the man known as Big Phil.

to adapt. We will do some individual exercise, talk to the players and watch videos. In other words, we're going to make the most of what we've got."

Scolari had counted on having a full squad on Sunday thanks to FIFA regulations which force clubs to release their players for World Cup qualifiers five days in advance.

But FIFA changed their tune on Thursday when they ruled that European-based South American players could play for their clubs in this weekend's league matches.

FIFA said the new decision was because the dates of the last batch of South American World Cup qualifiers had only been confirmed a few days in advance, while European countries had organised

their games months ahead. The decision means that some of Brazil's players will have to fly from Europe after matches on Sunday night, join the squad in Brazil on Monday and travel again on Tuesday, this time to Bolivia.

The Brazilian Football



PHOTO: AF Thierry Henry (L), Arsenal's French ace, being brought down inside the penalty box by Charlton Athletics' South African defender Mark Fish at Highbury on November 4.

huge number of goals. We defended poorly and conceded two stupid goals in the first half." Wenger believes his team must

fix their leaky defence if they are to make a serious challenge for the title.

"I feel personally that we let in too many goals and we don't

defend well enough.

#### Premiership's top six

English Premiership table after Sunday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

Leeds	11	6	5	0	15	5	23
Liverpool	10	7	1	2	20	10	22
Aston Villa	11	6	3	2	17	11	21
Newcastle	11	6	2	3	21	14	20
Arsenal	11	5	4	2	24	13	19
Man Utd	11	5	3	3	28	20	18

half comeback but that prospect soon disappeared as Claus Jensen and Euell added further Charlton goals within eight minutes of the

And Arsenal continued to waste chance after chance before Henry who passed up half a dozen on his own, slotted a penalty on the hour.

Brazil's preparations for their last two World Cup qualifying games have got off to a wet and miserable start with only 10 players turning up and training then being called

The four times world champions have still to make sure of a place in Japan and South Korea after a jittery qualifying campaign. With Uruguay breathing down their necks, they may need to win their last two games to maintain their proud record of having played at every World Cup.

Brazil travel to La Paz, at 3,600 metres above sea level, to face Bolivia on Wednesday and are at home to Venezuela one week later

Despite a fruitless day at the team's training camp in the moun-

resort of Teresopolis, coach Luiz Felipe Scolari refused to be down-hearted.

Confederation (CBF) attempted to 2002 FIFA WORLD CUP have the match with Bolivia postponed until Thursday but other KOREA JAPAN South American federations would "It's today's reality and we have not agree.

Scolari is now expected to have only one full practice with his players before Wednesday's game, one of the most important in

Brazil's history The coach's problems increased on Sunday when veteran striker Romario, whom he contro-

versially left out of the squad, hit two goals for Vasco da Gama in a Brazilian championship match to become the tournament's top scorer with 15.

Brazil have had trouble before with the weather at the state-ofthe-art training camp, which lies in a region prone to rain, fog and mist.

Brazil are fourth in the South American group with 27 points, two more than fifth-placed Uruguay and six ahead of sixthplaced Colombia. All have two games to play.

The top four teams qualify directly for next year's World Cup finals and the fifth plays off against Oceania region winners Australia.

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break.

**REUTERS,** Rio de Janeiro

in the tropical city of Sao Luis.