**Brescia booter** 

The Italian Cup semi-final first leq

match between Parma and Brescia

was postponed as the players pre-

pared to kick off Wednesday when it

emerged a Brescia player had been

As the teams came onto the pitch

at the Stadio Ennio Tardini, the

Italian media reported Brescia

defender Vittorio Mero had been

killed in car

crash

AFP, Parma

killed in a car crash.

# 'Goodbye Liberia' says Weah



AFP, Bamako

Liberian legend George Weah said Thursday he would quit international football after the African Nations Cup, saying he feared for his life if he continued to represent

his country. Former world footballer of the year Weah, who is also his team's technical director and coach, told AFP he would sever all links with the Liberian team after the tournament.

But Weah, famous worldwide for his playing exploits and work as a UNICEF ambassador, said his biggest fear was his unpopularity with the Liberian government of president Charles Taylor. Weah accused Taylor of feeling

threatened by his international profile, and said he suspected the Liberian leader feared he would one day challenge him as a political

"Football has gone into politics and I don't want to be part of the politics. It has gone political in every sense - jealousy, accusation, from

Spanish Cup

Athletic Bilbao came from behind to

beat Spanish champions Real

Madrid 2-1 in their Spanish Cup

semi-final first leg match on

Etxeberria and Ismael Urzaiz, who

netted just six minutes from time,

Second-half goals from Joseba

Football

AFP, Madrid

government, from players," the 35year-old former AC Milan star said. "The president of Liberia is

against us," he said. "The government is against us. They are jealous of us. I don't deserve that. "I have children who have still to

grow up and go to school," said Weah, a father of four. "I don't want somebody to come and kill me because of my popularity," he said. Weah said his home in Liberia

had been burnt down and shops he owned had been taken over.

"They have already burnt my house down," Weah said. "They've



repossessed my shops. It's not safe, I don't want something to happen to me before my children grow up. I'm afraid ... I don't feel

"The message of the president is that I am a target," he said.

Weah said he had enjoyed good relations with Liberia's previous president Samuel Doe, and believed that had possibly counted

cancelled out Zinedine Zidane's

spectacular fourth-minute goal for

the eight times European Cup

the Bilbao defence to rifle the ball

home from 25 yards out and Real

could well have been 4-0 up by the

hour mark but Fernando Morientes,

twice, and Roberto Carlos were

denied by tremendous saves by

His final piece of heroism off

Zidane capitalised on an error in

"I knew Doe well. I was close to him because I was captain of Liberia and that's normal," Weah

"Doe was comfortable with my popularity. So he helped me a lot to build up a team - but Taylor doesn't want to accept the fact that I am popular.

"He thinks that I want to be president "Doe never thought that. He

thought I gave the country a good image, so he helped me. I'm not a Announcing that he will retire

after the tournament, Weah said: "I resign ... I resign as a player because I can't travel because of family problems.

"And as a technical director, I'm out. I'll play for the moment but after the tournament I'm finished," he

Liberia's Nations Cup campaign has been marred by a row between players and the national association

Weah was furious that the efforts of his team-mates - when they came within a whisker of qualifying for the World Cup and reached the Nations Cup for only the second time - went unrewarded.

"Everything I do, I do for free, I do it from the heart," said Weah, who has helped with the team's "I was not happy with the team's

treatment. We qualified for the Nations Cup, but we didn't see any money. We almost qualified for the

didn't see anything. It's not normal."

Morientes sparked his attackers into

action as Etxeberria fired home a

well worked goal created by 'Tiko' in

the 63rd minute and Urzaiz had

better luck after hitting the post in

the 65th minute by grabbing the

winner late on to give them a narrow

advantage to take to Madrid on

have ousted Barcelona already this

campaign, host Deportivo La

Coruna on Thursday in the other

Third Division Figueras, who

## World Cup and we didn't see any-"We played the first match and

agreement to reschedule the match for January 30. The teams were already in position and set to kick off when an

VITTORIO MERO

The 27-year-old died after an

accident near toll booths on

Ospitaletto and Rovato. Early

reports said the driver of another

vehicle involved in the incident had

Later Wednesday a lorry driver

The clubs quickly reached an

was arrested near Verona for failing

to help a person in distress.

killed in a car crash.

fled the scene.

official ran onto the pitch and whispered in the ear of referee Graziano Cesari just as he was preparing to signal the kick-off. Seconds later Brescia players were in tears as the news spread and both teams left the pitch while a

Roberto Baggio flung his captain's armband away. News also filtered through to supporters who started chanting the dead player's name, accompanied by the applause in Italy that is tradi-

tional in moments of grief.

clearly upset Brescia captain

Media reports said that the player's father Salvatore had to be taken to hospital for treatment for shock after he heard of his son's Premiership

# **Gunners hot on MU's heels**

Football

AFP, London

Title hopefuls Arsenal moved up to second in the English Premiership on Wednesday with a 3-1 win against bottom club Leicester at Filbert Street.

The Gunners are now just a point behind leaders Manchester United, who have played a game more, while Leicester remain rooted to the foot of the table on 17 points, two less than second bottom Derby.

Dutch international midfielder Giovanni van Bronckhorst put Arsenal ahead with his first goal for the club and Frenchman Thierry Henry doubled the visitors' lead before half-time.

Turkish international Muzzy

Izzet replied for Leicester just after the break but Arsenal substitute Sylvain Wiltord rounded off a vital away win for Arsene Wenger's men seconds before the final whistle.

Arsenal made the breakthrough after 33 minutes following a sweeping move. Henry fed Ukranian Oleg Luzhny on the left wing and he delivered a quick cross into the

goals for, goals against, points):

23

Leicester penalty area.

Man United

Newcastle

Liverpool

Arsenal

marker and planted a firm header past home 'keeper Tim Flowers

Leicester went further behind two minutes before the interval when Henry grabbed his 24th goal of the season in somewhat fortuitous fashion.

Dutchman Dennis Bergkamp tried to release Patrick Vieira but the ball hit the back of the Frenchman's

Premiership's top six

English Premiership table after Tuesday's match (played, won, drawn, lost,

Fortunately for Arsenal the ball spun away from Callum Davidson and Jacob Laursen leaving Henry a clear path to goal and the Gunners'

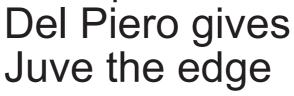
leading goalscorer made no mis-Leicester hit back in a rare attacking moment after 68 minutes.

Izzet rose above a crowd of defenders to meet Andy Impey's corner and headed beyond Arsenal 'keeper Richard Wright. The hosts came close to level-

ling the scores 10 minutes from time when Matt Elliott nodded towards goal but Wright reacted guickly to palm away the danger.

Despite a couple of late scares, Arsenal ended the contest in stoppage time when Wiltord rifled home an unstoppable 25-yarder.

# **Italian Cup**





A late goal from substitute Alessandro Del Piero helped Juventus defeat arch-rivals AC Milan 2-1 Wednesday in an Italian Cup semi-final first leg match at the

Del Piero's strike ensured his side completed a fine comeback after Alessandro Birindelli had equalised Javi Moreno's opener for Milan and must now be considered favourites to progress to the final after the second leg in Turin in a fortnight.

On 38 minutes their veteran defender Ciro Ferrara struck the bar with a header from a Davids corner but within a minute Milan had taken

Their Spanish striker Moreno, who has had limited first-team opportunities in Serie A but has proved a potent weapon in the Cup. collected a pass from compatriot Jose Mari and fired a low shot past Juve's Uruguayan goalkeeper Fabian Carini It did not take long after the

interval for Juve to hit back. The opportunity came when a freekick

PICK OF THE DAY

was awarded for a foul by Milan's Brazilian defender Roque Junior on Amoruso

Alessio Tacchinardi tapped the ball to Birindelli and the full-back's shot found the net with a big deflection off Milan midfielder Gennaro Gattuso helping to outfox goalkeeper Sebastiano Rossi. Lippi then pulled off his master

stroke when he introduced Del Piero for Amoruso 15 minutes later.

The move paid dividends just four minutes from time when Christian Zenoni escaped down the right side, beating Milan's defender Thomas Helveg and crossing to the far post where Del Piero rammed the ball into the roof of the net. The earlier scheduled semi-final

first leg match between Brescia and Parma was postponed in dramatic circumstances until January 30. Match referee Graziano Cesari

was just about to start the match when an official ran onto the pitch to inform him that a Brescia player Vittorio Mero had been killed in a car Many Brescia players, including

captain Roberto Baggio, burst into tears when they heard the news and the game was quickly rescheduled.

# Spurs bury

English League Cup

## Chelsea Sheringham in the face when the

27 29

Tottenham ended a 12-year jinx

Steffen Iversen, Tim Sherwood, Teddy Sheringham, Simon Davies and substitute Sergei Rebrov were on target for Spurs who have previously had little luck against the Blues

The last time Tottenham was back in 1990.

Chelsea substitute Mikael Forssell netted a late consolation goal for the visitors but Tottenham cruised to a comfortable 6-3 aggregate success. On a miserable night for

had seen Hasselbaink slap

Football

AFP, London

totalling 26 matches to reach the League Cup final Wednesday after trouncing London rivals Chelsea 5-1 at White Hart Lane in a thrilling semi-final, second leg encounter.

recorded a victory against Chelsea

Chelsea, leading goalscorer Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink was sent off with the score at 3-0 in a case of mistaken identity. Referee Mark Halsey thought he

offender was actually his Dutch compatriot Mario Melchiot Hasselbaink protested his innocence but Halsey refused to budge and produced the red card.

Sheringham hailed "a professional performance" after Glenn Hoddle's side booked a place in the Cardiff final on February 24 against Premiership rivals Blackburn. "It was a tough game but we set

about it in the right way, Sheringham said. "It was a professional performance from everyone and I think

the result is well deserved."

Sheringham explained that he did not want to see anyone dismissed for the second half dust-up which resulted in Hasselbaink

being dismissed. The Tottenham striker revealed he did not see who committed the offence - although he told Halsey he did not want to see anyone sent off.

"I didn't see what happened - all I know was someone pushed my face." Sheringham added.

"All I said to the ref was 'I don't know who it is but he doesn't deserve to be sent off'.

## TV GUIDE

## BTV

- 9:10 am Khahar Aalor Pathay
- Cartoon film Totally Tuned
- 10:05 Krira Jagat
- 11:00 News headlines
- 11:30 Manar Katha 11:55 Pratidin
- 2:30 pm 3rd and final ODI

- Khahar
- 5:00 6:00 Khabar
- 7:00 News headlines 8:00 News in Bangla

#### 9:30

#### 11:30 Khabar/The News

12:30 Coca-Cola Series -- 2002

3:00 **Ekushey Headlines** Coca-Cola Series -- 2002 Bangladesh-Pakistan Third

Ekushey Headlines

**Ekushey News** 7:58 Fk Minute Coca-Cola Series2002 8:00

Live Telecast from Dhaka Ekushey News (English) Coca-Cola Series -- 2002 Bangladesh-Pakistan Third International Cricket Match Live Telecast from Dhaka

10:30 Sanai of Bismillaha Khan 11:00 Ekushey Late Night News

10:00 News : Simulcast from

#### 12:00 Ekushey Headlines **CHANNEL-i** 6:10 pm Music Plus

- Kathay Kathay Ispahani I Tele Quiz Channel I News
- 9:30 Meril Location Thekey Channel I News
- Bengali feature film Chandi Das Raiakini. Starring Subrata, Babita

by Arkan Ullah Haruni

between Bangladesh and Pakistan live from Dhaka Stadium

News headlines News headlines

Magazine

#### 10:00 News in Ehglish **EKUSHEY TV**

Bangladesh-Pakistan Third International Cricket Match Live Telecast from Dhaka

International Cricket Match Live Telecast from Dhaka Coca-Cola Series -- 2002 Bangladesh-Pakistan Third International Cricket Match

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Bangladesh-Pakistan Third International Cricket Match

11:30 Ei Shoptaho

Channel I News Magazine Flop Show

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05:30 Islamic Prog" Directed

Daniel Aranzubia.

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08:00 ATN Bangla News 08:25 "Gan Sudu Gan" 09:00 Bondon

9:35 "Samokalin Prosongo 10:10 Prekkha Pot 10:50 "Islamic Proq"

12:00 ATN Bangla News 03:30 Kalo Gulap Time Evining Programme 06:07 Cholo Gan Gai

06:45 Motamot 07:00 ATN Bangla Evening News 07:35 Musical Prog

08:10 "Meril Tumar Janne Gan" 08:45 "Tasmery Kechokhon"

10:00 ATN Bangla News 10:35 "Sundorer Kache Chole Asha"

09:20 Goenda Kaheni

#### 11:15 Srete Tuku Thak 11:30 ATN Bangla News

**BBC WORLD** 6:00 BBC News 6:30 World Business Report 7:00 BBC News Asia Today/Asia

8:00 BBC News Asia Today/World **Business Report** BBC News

**Business Report** 

Asia Today/Asia **Business Report** 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Hardtalk

1:30 World Business

2:00 BBC News

2:30

3:00

3:30

4:00

Report/Sport Today

Talking Movies

**BBC News** 

Money Prog.

4:30 East Asia Today/Sport

BBC News

Today

STAR PLUS 11:00 BBC News Sanskruti 11:30 World Business Report 6:30 12:00 BBC News 7:30 12:30 World Business Report 8:00 1:00 BBC News

1:30

9:00 Fox Kids Daily 9:30 10:30 Small Wonder 11:00 Pal Chhin 11:30 Mari Saheli

Jannat

January 30.

5:00 BBC News 5:30 Hardtalk

HBO 6:30 The People Under the

Lee Story 11:00 Losing Isaiah

1:15 How to Make An American Quilt

Cape Fear Calendar Girl

7:45 X-Change Pet Sematary 12:00 Dudley Do-right

#### 1:30 Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story 4:00 Cape Fear

STAR GOLD Charas (Dharmendra,

Hema Malini)

10:30 Amul Bollywood News 11:00 Geet Bahar 11:30 Abhiman (Ameeta, Shekhar, Mahmood )

Amul Bollywood News

Jheel Ke Us Paar (Dharmendra, Mumtaz) Geet Bahar Shaandaar Shukrawar Mere Humsafar

(Jeetendra, Sharmila Tagore) 11:00 Amul Bollywood News 11:30 Super Action Filmein Amne Samne (Mithun Chakraborty, Binday

Goswami)

12:30 Amne Samne (cont)

#### 3:00 Geet Bahar Jeel Ke Us Paar (Dharmendra, Mumtaz)

Star Geetmala Hum Saath Aath Hain Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet

12:00 Shanti 12:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet 1:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS **EKUSHEY:** 12: 30 p.m. 3rd

Coca Cola Test ODI. Live telecast of 3rd One Day

International cricket test match of

Bangladesh vs Pakistan.



2:30 Star Bestseller- Zebra

Kashmakash

Saheli

5:30 Hit Filmein Hit

6:00 Small Wonder

6:30 Fox Kids

7:10 Aaj Ki Baat

Gharwali Uparwal

Kya Masti Kya

Khuum

9:30 Khullia Sim Sim

11:30 Kahani Jurm Ki

12:00 Aaj Ki Baat

10:30 Ssshhhh... Koi Hai

12:30 Gharwali Uparwali

1:00 Chalti Ka Naam

Antakshri

2:00 Chhupa Rustam

3:00 Family Fortunes

4:00 Tu Tu Main Main

5:30 Star Bestsellers

6:30 Angels Ashes

STAR MOVIES

5:00 Sonpari

3:30 Eena Meena Deeka

Kahani Jurm Ki

2:30 Amul Best of Surabhi

Hum Saath Aath Hain

Sangeet

Meri Saheli

4:30 Kalash

5:00

8:00

8:30

Kabhi Sauten Kabhi

**EKUSHAEY**: 11:30 p.m. *Ei* **Saptah.** To be presented by Samia Rahman, this news based programme features significant events throughout the week at

home and abroad.

10:45 White Sands

2:15 Pitch Black

**ESPN** 

6:00 Nba Action

9:00 Expn 2day

11:30 World Cup Mix

Football

12:30 Motorsport Asia

2:00 Cheerleading

Finals

Nba Action

7:00 Australia Cricket Vb

12:30 Just a Little Harmless

Ace Ventura When

Nature Calls

6:30 Nba Basketball Orlando

Orlando Magic

12:00 Western Union World

Game of the Week

FL USA Miami Heat @

Sportscenter Bristol, CT

2001Company Dance

National Championship

Orlando, FL US

3:00 Soccer the Match of the

**Grand Slam Final** 

Century: Di Stefano

Asian Bowling Tour Cgu

Singapore Semifinals &

Pet Sematry On HBO at 10:00 PM Can a sleepy New England town survive the terrible two's of a blood-sucking toddler? In this grisly adaptation of Stephen King's bestseller, a city family moves to a quiet town in Maine. After the family's pet cat is run down by a truck, tragedy soon strikes again as the same thing happens to their 2-year-old son. Starring: Dale Midkiff, Fred Gwynne. 9:00 Young Hearts Unlimited 5:30

White Sands Speechless 7:00 Crimson Tide 9:00 11:00 Young Hearts Unlimited 12:45 Rough Air 2:15 Hi Lo Country STAR NEWS 07:30 Breakfast News

6:00 Star Khel 6:30 Bollywood News 7:00 Star Bazaar 7:30 Saat Baie 8:00 Hotline

11:30 Star News English 12:00 Star News Hindi 12:30 Sports Tonight AXN 6:30 Movie: Sudden Death 8:30 AXN Speed India The Amazing Race 10:30 Pensacola III

9:30 Star News English

10:30 Star Newshour

10:00 Star Business News

12:30 World's Most Amazing Videos II The Amazing Race Movie: Sudden Death Boardwild Alfred Hitchcock Pres-

11:30 Pacific Blue

World's Most Amazing Videos AXN Speed India 7:30 Pacific Blue II 8:30 The Amazing Race

9:30 The Right Stuff 10:30 Fri/Survivor: Africa 11:30 Who Dares Wins 12:30 Silk Stalkings

1:30 Pacific Blue 2:30 Pensacola

8:00

8:30 Futbol Mundial Australian Open Highlights Australian Open Highlights 2002 Melbourne, Australia Day #12 Highlights

#12 Highlights

Sportsline Tonight

Super Selector 11:00 Australia Cricket International Cricket Tri Series Sydney, Australia Pakistan @ Australia 6th

Open Scottsdale, AZ USA First Round Watersports World

3:30 Sportsline Tonight Sailing Volvo Ocean 3:30 Alfred Hitchcock Presents

ZEE CINEMA 1:15 Cine News

Chehren Film

Tara Rum 7:00 Shankar Dada Feature 7:30 Film

10:30 Waqt Hamara Hai Feature Film 1:15 Madhvantar 1:30 Kondura Feature Film

> 5:15 Making Of A Legend 5:45 Film Time 6:00 Maachis Feature Film 9:15 Cine News

> > Ikke Pe Ikka

9:30

10:00 Prahaar Feature Film SONY 12:30 Hum Pardesh Gaye

1:00 Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka 2:00 Mahayagya 2:30 Saaya 3:00 Dil Hai Ki M Nahin 3:30 Kutumb

4.00 Kkushum 4:30 Aahat Specials 5:00 Aahat Specials 5:30 Bhanwa

6:30 amMusic Mantra 7:00 Chartbusters 7:30 Amrit Varsha 8:00 Asaram Vani Sant

6:00 Kaun Apna Kaun Paraya

8:30 Chartbusters 9:00 Good Morning Disney 10:00 Music Mantra Indian Holi 11:00 Mahayagya 11:30 Dil Ki M Nahin

12:00 Saaya 12:30 Thodi Si Be 1:00 Kkusum

2:30 Weekday Matinee: Desh Mein Dharm 3:00 Weekday Matinee

7:30 Chartbusters

8:00 Music Mantra 8:30 Boogie Woogie 9:00 Dil Se Do 9:30 Kkusum

10:00 Heena 10:30 CID 11:00 Aahat

11:30 Bhanwar 12:00 Kuan Apna Kaun Parya

ANIMAL **PLANET** 7:00 Wild On the Set II

7:30 Animal Doctor II 8:00 Vets on The Wild Side

Animal Planet Safari 9:30 Wet N Wild Friday **11:00** Animals A-Z 11:30 Fit for the Wild

12:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals All Bird TV

Battersea Dogs Home III 2:00 Monkey Business 2:30 In The Wild Wolves 3:00

O'Shea's Big Adventure 5:00 Shark Gordon Wet N Wild Friday 5:30 Barking Mad 7:00

9:00 Natural World 10:00 Vets in Practice 10:30 o'Shea's Big Adventure

11:00 Shark Gordon 11:30 Wet N Wild Frida

7:00 aml et's Dance & Fat 7:30 Wild Discovery

8:30 Lonely Planet IV 9:30 Living Pulse 10:00 Living Pulse 10:30 Terra X 11:30 In the Wild

12:30 Science Mysteries 1:30 Wild Discovery 2:30 Wild Discovery

4:30 Adventure Crazv 5:30 Lonely Planet VI 6:30 In the Wild 7:30

## SPORTS

8:30 Sportscenter Hindi 9:00 Nba Basketball Orlando. FL USA Miami Heat @ Orlando Magic 10:00 Cricket Programming

7th Odi, Highlights

Night Fights Biloxi, MS Xbs Sportscenter Hindi Big East Conference Basketball Chestnut Hill. MA USA Duke @ Boston

Premier Football League 2001/02 STAR SPORTS

8:30 Tonight at 8 9:00 Star Samachar

> lights Australian Open Highlights 2002 Melbourne. Australia Night #10 Highlights Sportsline Today Australian Open Australian Open 2002 Mel-

> > bourne, Australia Men's

Singles Sf & Ladies **Doubles Final** Football League

Asia Sport Show 7:00

2001 Grand Finals Ms Sf & Final & Wd Final Inside The Pga Tour Australian Open Highlights Australian Open

10:00 Cricket Programming 10:30 Sportsline Tonight Odi, Highlights 12:00 Sportsline Tonight

12:30 Pga Tour Golf Phoenix

2002

1:30 Shera Daku Feature 4:00 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme

Ram Tera Desh Feature

10:15 Movie Fare

12:00 Wild Rescues 5:00 Darpan Extreme Contact

Vets in Practice

Battersea Dogs Home 8:00 Animal Planet Safar

DISCOVERY

3:30 Born Winners

8:30 Living Pulse

9:30 Friday Showcase 11:30 Adventure Crazy

### Series Sydney, Australia South Africa @ Australia

Super Selector 11:30 Sportscenter Hindi

12:00 Boxing Series Friday

1:30 2:00 2:30 College 4:30 English Premier Foot-

6:30 Australian Open High-

ball League English

7:30

12:00 Sportsline Today 1:00 English Premier Football League English Premier 2001/02 Leeds, England Arsenal @ Leeds United Table Tennis Ittf Pro Tour

Highlights 2002 Mel-

bourne, Australia Day

Max Power Max Power

1:30 Kanyadaan 2:00 Tujhpe D Qurbaan

6:00 Just Mohabbat 6:30 Disney Hur

4:00 Let's Dance & Eat

Wild Discovery