

## Brazil owe Djalminha one



AFP, Riyadh

Four-times world champions Brazil beat Saudi Arabia 1-0 in a friendly match here on Wednesday that was lit up by a piece of magic from Spanish-based midfielder Djalminha.

The decision to use Deportivo La Coruna player Djalminha, the only foreign-based player in an experimental Brazilian line-up paid off handsomely as he scored the

only goal of the match in the 72nd minute. But the Saudis missed a chance to equalise after missing a penalty minutes from the end in front of 40,000 spectators at the King Fahd International Stadium.

In a match of few chances between the two qualifiers for this year's World Cup finals, Brazil fielded an unfamiliar line-up of home-based players and there was no place for Ronaldo.

The breakthrough came when Djalminha beautifully curled a free-kick over a packed Saudi wall, the ball flying beyond the outstretched arm of goalkeeper Mohamed

Deaya and into the corner of the net.

But within minutes the Brazilian goalkeeper Dida had charged clumsily from his goal in an attempt to kick away a high pass. He missed the ball completely and instead obstructed the Saudi attacker.

Referee Abderrahman Abdel Khalek of Bahrain awarded a penalty and booked the goalkeeper, who was lucky to escape with a yellow card.

Unfortunately for the Saudis, Abdallah Al-Waked blasted the penalty way over the bar without even troubling Dida.

The Saudis introduced Nawaf Tomiyat, the Saudi player of the year in 2001 who has had a lengthy layoff with injury, and although his appearance was encouraging with the World Cup finals just months away, he was unable to change the course of the match.

Brazil's win - in their new World Cup jerseys - was less spectacular than their 6-0 drubbing of Bolivia last week, but was further solid progress towards the main event in South Korea and Japan.

The match against Saudi Arabia was the second of seven warm-up matches prior to the finals in June - Brazil face Colombia next.

## FA Cup Terry nails Hammers

AFP, London

A bullet header from Chelsea youngster John Terry in stoppage time gave Chelsea a 3-2 win over London neighbours West Ham in an error-strewn FA Cup fourth round replay at Upton Park on Wednesday.

In a game plagued by mistakes, both defences looked fragile and it was difficult to pick a winner with the scores tied at 2-2.

After Jermain Defoe's half-volley took a huge deflection off Terry, Hammers keeper David James was caught napping by a quickly-taken Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink free-kick.

However, while his mistake was outdone by Chelsea keeper Carlo Cudicini's error in handing an open goal to Defoe, midfielder Don Hutchison returned the favour to substitute Mikael Forssell who pounced on his weak back pass.

The match looked bound for extra-time before Terry put aside his recent tribulations, involving a charge of assault - which he denies - and a suspension from international selection, to force home a late winner.

## Primera Liga Carew shines in time

AFP, Madrid

Troubled Norwegian striker John Carew proved that his timing is still spot on by netting the decider for Valencia, his first goal of the season, in their 2-1 victory at Alaves on Wednesday.

The victory meant Valencia rose to the top of the Spanish First Division with 42 points from 24 games, two points clear of the chasing pack.

Celta Vigo, Real Madrid and Deportivo La Coruna are second, third and fourth respectively, all on 40 points after 24 games and separated only by goal difference.

Real Betis were playing Las Palmas later on Wednesday and could also join the trio on 40 points if they win.

Alaves took an early lead over Valencia, going in front after just two minutes when Mauricio Astudillo headed home an Ibon Begona cross.

However, the Basques' advantage lasted less than 60 seconds when the Spanish First Division's meanest defence was uncharacteristically caught in disarray and Uruguayan international midfielder Gonzalo De Los Santos equalised for the visitors.

Valencia then took the lead, which they never relinquished despite constant pressure from Alaves, when Carew scored after 27

minutes. Carew had not started a game until Wednesday since his proposed move to English Premiership side Fulham fell apart last month, and the Norwegian international had some harsh words to say about why Valencia wanted to off-load him.

However, he showed that his finishing touch has been dormant rather than extinct, with a long-range lob over the head of the advancing Alaves goalkeeper Kike Burgos, after Carlos Llorens had been robbed of the ball.

Llorens' miserable night was completed three minutes from the whistle when he had a penalty saved by Valencia's Spanish international goalkeeper Santiago Canizares.

Jesus Sanchez proved to be Valladolid's saviour with a goal two minutes from time, heading home a Fernando Sales corner to give the home side a 2-1 victory over the defending Spanish champions, and condemn Madrid to their second

loss in four days.

Fernando Fernandez put Valladolid ahead after 59 minutes, against his former club before Spanish international striker Fernando Morientes equalised with his tenth goal of the season for Madrid 12 minutes later.

Celta Vigo lost the chance to remain on top of the Spanish First Division by losing 2-0 to bitter local rivals Deportivo La Coruna on Tuesday.

Deportivo's Diego Tristan got both goals as Deportivo won a league game in Vigo for only the second time in 50 years, and brought Celta's ten-game winning streak to an end.

Barcelona carried on their recovery, following on from Saturday's 6-0 thrashing of Tenerife - with a convincing 2-0 victory over Real Sociedad.

Rivaldo and Javier Saviola got second half goals for the Catalan club.

The loss sends Real Sociedad back to the bottom of the Spanish First Division and Sunday's home game against Real Zaragoza could be the last one with Welsh coach John Toshack at the helm, if the San Sebastian side lose again.

"My head is on the block," admitted Toshack afterwards.

By contrast, Barcelona coach Charly Rexach can now sleep a little easier after recent predictions that he was for the chop.

"It just goes to show how things can change from one week to another in football," said a grinning Rexach.

Rayo Vallecano continued their slow crawl out of the relegation zone with a 2-2 draw with Espanyol.

The side from Madrid's southern suburbs have now only lost one of their last eight games and were on their way to a third successive victory until Oscar Garcia got an injury time equaliser.

Athletic Bilbao beat Malaga 3-2 thanks to a goal a minute into injury time from their former Spanish international defender Rafael Alkorta.

Alkorta's contract comes to an end in June and there are strong suggestions that he will be leaving Athletic after 17 seasons - which were interspersed with a four-year spell at Real Madrid - but the 33-year-old showed that he can still be an asset to Athletic with his first league goal for two years.



PHOTO: INTERNET

Brazil's Djalminha (C), under pressure from Saudi Arabia's Omar Al-Aghamdi (R) Nawaf Al-temyat during their friendly at Riyadh on Wednesday, Feb. 6.

## Baggio vows fast recovery

Football

REUTERS/AFP, Bologna

Italy forward Roberto Baggio has left the clinic where he had his cruciate ligaments reconstructed to return home.

The Brescia star, who injured his knee in the Italian Cup game against Parma last week, was smiling, according to the Italian news agency ANSA report.

There were fears that Baggio, 34, would quit football after his latest injury, which ended his dream of playing in a fourth successive World Cup.

He is expected to be out of action for at least six months if he decides to return to the game.

Meanwhile, Baggio's agent said in Thursday's Corriere Dello Sport that he is bearing up well after the

initial shock of his injury.

"Roberto is calm and has shown us he is calm," said Vittorio Petrone. "He knows that he must work hard but he is ready to beat this new adversary. Robi is an example to all, that's for sure."

Meanwhile, Baggio, has reportedly vowed to return to action as quick as possible, the Italian media reported Thursday.

Baggio made the vow in a phone call with former Juventus legend Giampiero Boniperti, who is now the Turin club's honorary president.

Boniperti, like Baggio, had scored 178 Serie A goals and teased Baggio with the remark that he should have surpassed him with a 179th goal before getting injured.

Baggio replied: "Don't you worry, I will be back playing as soon as possible and I will beat your number of goals."

## Caniggia back



AFP, Buenos Aires

Flamboyant striker Claudio Caniggia was called up to the Argentina squad after a four-year absence on Thursday as coach Marcelo Bielsa named the players to take on Wales in a friendly on February 13.

Caniggia, who last played for Argentina in 1998, has been rewarded for re-launching his career with Rangers in Scotland.

It raises the prospect that the 35-year-old, who was a member of the side captained by Diego Maradona which lost the 1990 World Cup final

to Germany in Rome, could be considered for this year's World Cup finals in Japan and South Korea.

Caniggia signed for Scottish Premier League club Dundee in October 2000 before moving to the Glasgow giants last year.

Bielsa has omitted Gabriel Batistuta and Hernan Crespo, the two strikers who are expected to play at the World Cup, and is using the Wales match to assess players on the fringe of the squad.

The friendly will be played under a closed roof at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff, which will create similar conditions to those when Argentina take on England in their group match at the World Cup at the Sapporo Dome on June 7.

The Welsh FA said the roof would be closed to protect the pitch ahead of a Six Nations rugby union match



CLAUDIO CANIGGIA

three days later.

### SQUAD

Goalkeepers: Sebastian Saja (San Lorenzo), Roberto Bonano (Barce-

lona/Spa)

Defenders: Diego Placente (Bayer Leverkusen/Ger), Nelson Vivas (Inter Milan/Ita), Jose Chamot (AC Milan/Ita), Federico Dominguez (Velez Sarsfield)

Midfielders: Juan Pablo Sorin (Cruzeiro/Bra), Juan Sebastian Veron (Manchester United/Eng), Pablo Aimar (Valencia/Spa), Santiago Solari (Real Madrid/Spa), Matias Almeyda (Parma/Ita), Cristian Gonzalez (Valencia/Spa), Facundo Quiroga (Napoli/Ita), Claudio Husain (River Plate), Esteban Cambiasso (River Plate), Juan Riquelme (Boca Juniors)

Forwards: Julio Cruz (Bologna/Ita), Luciano Gallitelli (Real Zaragoza/Spa), Claudio Caniggia (Rangers/SCO), Javier Saviola (Barcelona/Spa)

## TV GUIDE

<b>BTV</b>	<b>STAR GOLD</b>
3:00 p.m. Opening Session	7:00am Saathi (Rajendra Kumar, Vyjayantimala)
3:10 News Headline (Bangla)	10:30 Bollywood News
3:15 Patriotic Songs	11:00 Geet Bahar
3:20 Full length Bangla feature film	12:00pm Meraa Ghar Mere
4:00 News in Bangla	Bachche (Raj Babbar, Smita Patil)
5:00 News Headline (Bangla)	3:00 Bollywood News
6:00 News in Bangla	4:00 Paying Guest (Dev Anand, Nutan)
6:10 Animation	7:00 Geet Bahar
6:35 Program of BTV Chittagong center	7:30 Shaandaar Shukrawaar
7:00 News Headline (English)	Grahasti (Manoj Kumar, Rajashree)
7:05 Malancha	11:00 Bollywood News
7:30 Drama Serial: Shukher Tori	11:30 Himalaya Super Action
8:00 News in Bangla	Filmein Palay Khan (Jackie Shroof, Farha)
8:25 Ekush Amar Ahankar	<b>BBC WORLD</b>
8:35 Drama Serial: Ei Megh Ei Roudro	6:00am BBC News
9:00 News Headline (Bangla)	6:30 World Business Report
9:05 Magazine program	7:00 BBC News
10:00 News at ten	7:30 Talking Movies
10:25 Ripley's Believe it or not!	8:00 BBC News
11:20 World Music Album	8:30 Money Prog
11:30 News (Bangla / English)	9:00 BBC News
11:45 Closing Session	9:30 Asia Today
<b>EKUSHEY TV</b>	10:00 BBC News
2:00pm Ekushey Headlines	10:30 Question Time Time
2:05 Ajker Potrikay	11:00 World Business Report
2:15 Bangla Film: Tumi Amer Bhalobasha	11:30 The Car's The Star ex Top Gear
3:00 Ekushey Headlines	12:00pm BBC News
3:05 Bangla Film: Tumi Sundor	12:30 World Business Report
5:30 Gillette Sports	1:00 BBC News
6:00 Ekushey Headlines	1:30 Hardtalk
6:05 WWF Smackdown	2:00 BBC News
6:55 Ekushey Headlines	2:30 Rough Science
7:00 Mukto Khobor	3:00 BBC News
7:30 Ekushey News	3:30 World Business Report
7:58 Ek Minute	4:00 BBC News
8:00 Anondo	4:30 Correspondent
8:30 Murchona	5:00 BBC News
9:00 Ekushey News (English)	5:30 World Business Report/Asia Today
9:05 Shukrobarer Natk: Biros Golpo	<b>STAR WORLD</b>
10:00 News : Simulcast from BTV	6:00am Happy Days
10:30 Digonti	6:30 3rd Rock From The Sun
11:00 Ekushey Late Night News	7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
11:30 Ei Shoptaho	8:00 MacGyver
12:00 Ekushey Headlines	9:00 Roswell
	10:00 Angel
	11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
	12:00 Maria Law
	1:00 Caroline In The City
	1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful

2:00 Beautiful	2:30 Mork & Mindy
3:00 Happy Days	3:00 Baywatch
4:00 The Simpsons	4:30 3rd Rock From The Sun
5:00 Star News Asia	5:30 Friends
6:00 Worlds Wildest Police Videos	6:55 Asianews Update
7:00 Nash Bridges	7:00 Bugs
7:30 Friends	9:00 Friends
9:30 Worlds Wildest Police Videos	10:30 Nash Bridges
11:30 Bugs	<b>STAR PLUS</b>
6:00 Sanskriti	6:30 Star Geetmala
7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain	8:00 Aatma
9:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet	9:30 Fox Kids Daily
10:10 Hit Geet	10:10 NGC
10:25 Kya Film Kya Geet	11:00 Vijay Talkies
10:30 Small Wonder	11:30 Om Namah Shivaya
11:00 Main	12:00pm Bommaigal
11:30 Meri Saahil	12:30 Payanam
12:00 Shanti	1:00 Kavyanjali
12:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet	1:30 Kudumbam Oru Kovil
1:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain	2:00 Agni Sakshi
1:30 Jannat	2:30 Galatta Countdown
2:30 Star Bestseller	3:30 Movie (Velli Thirai)
3:00 Gulmohur	6:30 Vijay Talkies
3:25 Film Toppers	7:00 Cinema, Kaaram, Coffee
3:30 Kashmakash	7:30 Payanam
4:00 Kabhi Sauten Kabhi Saheli	8:00 Vijay Sethigal
4:30 Kalash	8:30 Kavyanjali
5:00 Meri Saheli	9:00 Nadhi Enge Pogiradhu
5:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet	9:30 Marumagal
6:00 Small Wonder	10:00 Kudumbam Oru Kovil
6:30 Fox Kids	10:30 Agni Sakshi
7:10 Aaj Ki Baat	11:00 Om Namah Shivaya
7:25 Kya Film Kya Geet	11:30 Vijay Sethigal
7:30 Gharwali Uparwali	12:00am Star Hits
7:55 Film Toppers	6:30am News Hour
8:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain	7:30 Breakfast News English
8:30 Kya Masti Kya Khuum	8:00 Breakfast News Hindi
9:30 Khullja Sim Sim	8:30 Breakfast News English
10:30 Ssshhh... Koi Hai	9:00 Breakfast News Hindi
11:30 Kahani Jurm Ki	9:30 Star News English
12:00 Aaj Ki Baat	10:00 Star News Hindi
<b>VIJAY</b>	10:30 Star News English
6:27am Udaya Geetham	
6:30 Samarpanam	
8:00 Mudhal Pradhi	

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS**

**HBO: 4:30 pm. Mallrats.** When a couple of well-meaning slackers, T.S. (Jeremy London) and Brodie (Jason Lee), lose their girlfriends, they set about trying to reclaim their pride (and their ladies) in the most obvious of places—the mall. Once there, the pair push the limits of decency and mall etiquette, encountering an array of mall denizens, including Jay and Silent Bob from CLERKS and legendary comic book creator Stan Lee. A surprising number of misadventures ensue, bringing the boys the possibility of regaining their lady loves.

**EKUSHEY: 10:30 pm. Diganta.** Bangladeshis living in London usually shop in the Dock market. There will be a feature on the market. In the Amader Sangskriti section Sumi will perform a dance number while in the Priyadarshini beautiful Sakiba will appear.

**PICK OF THE DAY**

**Event Horizon**  
On HBO at 10 pm  
A sci-fi drama about a lost space ship that mysteriously reappears years after its maiden voyage. When a salvage crew boards to look for survivors, it encounters a life form from another dimension.

8:30 Mudhal Vanakkam	11:00 Star News Hindi	Whales	11:00 Late Night [V]
9:30 Star Hits	11:30 Star News English	7:30 Family Hour	11:30 [V] Rewind
10:00 NGC	12:00pm Star News Hindi	8:00 Wild	12:00 [V] Back To Back
11:00 Vijay Talkies	12:30 Star News English	9:30 Violent Earth	<b>HBO</b>
11:30 Om Namah Shivaya	6:30 Bollywood News	10:30 Friday Frontiers	7:00 Last Rites
12:00pm Bommaigal	7:00 Star Bazaar Hindi	11:30 Wild	8:45 Psycho III
12:30 Payanam	7:30 Saat Baje Hindi	<b>CHANNEL [V]</b>	10:30 Idle Hands
1:00 Kavyanjali	8:00 Hotline	7:30 [V] Hit Machine	12:15 Into the Night
1:30 Kudumbam Oru Kovil	8:30 Tonight At 8	8:00 [V] Back To Back	2:30 Kull The Conqueror
2:00 Agni Sakshi	9:00 Star Samachar	9:30 [V] Jumpstart	4:30 Mallrats
2:30 Galatta Countdown	9:30 Star News English	10:00 [V] Hit Machine	6:15 Reality Bites
3:30 Movie (Velli Thirai)	10:00 Star Business News	10:30 [V] Back To Back	8:15 Blackmail
6:30 Vijay Talkies	10:30 Star Newshour	11:00 [V] Hit Machine	10:00 Event Horizon
7:00 Cinema, Kaaram, Coffee	11:30 Star News English	11:00 [V] Back To Back	12:00 Teacher's Pet
7:30 Payanam	12:00am Star News Hindi	11:30 [V] Back To Back Hit Macine	1:45 Psycho III
8:00 Vijay Sethigal	<b>NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC</b>	12:00 [V] Zabardast Hits	3:30 Mallrats
8:30 Kavyanjali	6:30am Wild	12:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox	5:15 Death Wish II
9:00 Nadhi Enge Pogiradhu	7:30 Dogs With Jobs	1:00 [V] FDFS	<b>STAR MOVIES</b>
9:30 Marumagal	8:00 Tomorrow's World	1:30 [V] it Machine	6:30 Drama: Torso
10:00 Kudumbam Oru Kovil	8:30 The Day the Ocean Boiled	2:00 [V] Zabardast Hits	9:00 Family: The Mighty Ducks
10:30 Agni Sakshi	9:30 Family Hour	3:00 [V] What Women Want	11:00 Comedy: A Fish Called Wanda
11:00 Om Namah Shivaya	10:30 Ocean Worlds	3:30 [V] Zabardast Hits	12:15 Thriller: Thomas Crown Affair
11:30 Vijay Sethigal	11:30 Toyota World Of Wildlife	4:00 [V] Hit Machine	2:30 Comedy: Major League
12:00am Star Hits	12:00pm Africa From The Ground Up	4:30 [V] Hotline	4:15 Action: Radical Jack
6:30am News Hour	12:30 E-Planet	5:30 Very [V]	6:00 Drama: Untamed Heart
7:30 Breakfast News English	1:00 Family Hour	6:30 Ctrl [V]	7:45 Action: Terminal Velocity
8:00 Breakfast News Hindi	2:30 Wild	7:00 [V] Back To Back	9:30 Comedy: Turner And Hooch
8:30 Breakfast News English	3:30 Violent Earth	7:30 [V] Hit Machine	10:15 Comedy: Big Momma's House
9:00 Breakfast News Hindi	4:30 Friday Frontiers	8:00 [V] Zabardast Hits	<b>HALLMARK</b>
9:30 Star News English	5:30 Wild	9:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox	6:00 Run for the dream: The
10:00 Star News Hindi	6:30 Diving with the Great	10:00 [V] FDFS	
10:30 Star News English		10:30 [V] Men's Room	

Gail Devers Story	8:30 Hit Pe Hit	8:30 Ek Akasher Niche
10:00 The Young Riders	10:30 Missing Pieces	9:10 Chena Mukher Shari
11:00 The Lost Child	11:00 Dil Se	9:45 Iska Baner Bibi
1:00 Sliders	11:30 Music Box	10:25 Encounter
2:00 Sesame Street	12:00 Music Plus	11:00 News
3:00 Scholastic Clifford	1:00 Hit Pe Hit	11:30 Chena Mukhachena Manush
3:30 Cailou	2:00 Jharokha	12:00 Jemon Bolben Sir
4:00 The Young Riders	2:35 Pyaar Mohabbat Etc	12:30 Bangali Feature Film
5:00 Star Trek: Voyager	3:05 Tara Rum	3:00 Ki Likhi tomay
6:00 Sliders	3:30 Tara Rum	3:30 Bharat Bhraman
7:00 I was a Teenage Faust	4:00 Hit Pe Hit	4:00 Pratibimba
9:00 Star Trek: Voyager	5:00 Music Box	4:30 Ek Akasher Niche
10:00 Search and Rescue	6:00 Artist of the Fortnight	5:00 Chota Mukher Shari
12:00 Suspicion	6:30 Music Plus	5:30 Filmab
2:00 Katts and Dog	7:30 Hit Pe Hit	<b>AXN</b>