

# City rivals, PSV, Dortmund in last four



AFP, Paris

Inter Milan's Spanish midfielder Francisco Farinos was forced into goalkeeping heroics to ensure his side reached the semi-finals of the UEFA Cup alongside city rivals AC Milan on Thursday.

Farinos repelled the onslaught from his former club Valencia after Inter goalkeeper Francesco Toldo was sent off in the closing minutes of the Italians' dramatic 1-0 quarter-final second leg win, giving them a 2-1 aggregate victory.

AC Milan ended the fairytale run of Israel's Hapoel Tel Aviv with a controlled 2-0 win at the San Siro, giving them a 2-1 result over the two legs, and German giants Borussia Dortmund crushed Czech side Slovan Liberec 4-0 on the night and on aggregate.

Feyenoord had Pierre van Hooijdonk to thank for overcoming Dutch club PSV Eindhoven to move into the last four.

The flamboyant striker scored the decisive spot kick in a 5-4 penalty shootout victory after the match in Rotterdam ended 1-1 on the night and 2-2 on aggregate.

But the real drama came at the Mestalla stadium, where Nicola Ventola scored Inter's crucial goal after just two minutes before events took a fascinating turn in the 89th minute when Toldo was sent off for his second yellow card, apparently for dissent.

Inter had already used their permitted number of substitutes so were unable to bring on a replacement keeper, forcing them to turn to Farinos, who played five seasons at Valencia before joining Inter in



PHOTO: INTERNET  
Inter Milan striker Nicola Ventola (R), about to score the deciding goal past Valencia custodian Santiago Canizares at Valencia on March 21.

headed in a cross from Brett Emerton in the second minute of injury time to level the scores after Mark van Bommel had put PSV ahead.

But after the extra time stalemate Hooijdonk - often far from the hero during turbulent spells with Nottingham Forest and Celtic - scored the decisive spot-kick after PSV's luckless Georgi Gakhokidze had his kick saved by Edwin Zoetebier.

Hapoel Tel Aviv knocked Chelsea and Parma out of this competition and after the Israeli side's 1-0 first leg victory, hopes had been high that they would continue their history-making run into the semi-finals.

But AC Milan's European pedigree told in the end and a fifth-minute freekick from Manuel Rui Costa and an own goal on the stroke of half-time from Shimon Gershon did the job.

Hapoel coach Dfor Kashtan said: "This is a great team from little Israel that played some good football

against Europe's top sides - Chelsea, Parma and Milan. Our results have been good - just one defeat."

In Dortmund, Borussia crushed Slovan Liberec with a devastating second-half performance.

Dortmund's exciting Brazilians Maricio Amoroso, Dede and Ewerthon played a part in all four goals, Amoroso scoring in the 51st minute before Dede's cross was headed down by Christian Worms for giant Czech international striker Jan Koller to fire past goalkeeper Antonin Kinsky.

Amoroso's cross found an unmarked Lars Ricken for Dortmund's third and in the 90th minute Ewerthon, on as a substitute, fired home after his original shot obligingly came back to him off a defender.

## RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Collated results from UEFA Cup quarter-final second leg matches on Thursday:

**At Valencia, Spain**  
Valencia (Spa) 0 Inter Milan (Ita) 1 (Ventola 2)  
**Inter Milan win 2-1 on aggregate**

**At Milan**  
AC Milan (Ita) 2 (Rui Costa 5, Gershon 44-og) Hapoel Tel Aviv (Isr) 0  
**AC Milan win 2-1 on aggregate**

**At Dortmund, Germany**  
Borussia Dortmund (Ger) 4 (Amoroso 1, Koller 57, Ricken 70, Ewerthon 90) Slovan Liberec (Cze) 0  
**Borussia Dortmund win 4-0 on aggregate**

**At Rotterdam, The Netherlands**  
Feyenoord (Ned) 1 (Van Hooijdonk 90) PSV Eindhoven (Ned) 1 (Van Bommel 76)  
**Match finished 1-1 after extra time, 2-2 on aggregate. Feyenoord win 5-4 on penalties**

## FA Cup replay Shearer relishing penalty prospect

AFP, London

Alan Shearer will take a penalty should Newcastle win one in Saturday's FA Cup quarter-final replay with Arsenal at Highbury - despite his miss against Ipswich last weekend.

Shearer turned from hero to villain after grabbing the goal which earned Newcastle a 2-2 draw only to squander the chance to claim a last-gasp victory by dragging his spot-kick wide.

But the Newcastle skipper's nerve will not be found wanting if the Magpies are awarded a penalty against the Gunners this weekend.

"Of course I will take a penalty if we get one on Saturday," said Shearer. "I have missed penalties before for Newcastle and England - and I will probably miss more for Newcastle."

But Shearer has not missed many for Newcastle having put away 23 of the 27 spot-kicks he has taken since signing for his home town club in 1996.

And Saturday's miss was only the second time he has not hit the target from those 27 kicks.

Arsenal too know something about penalty heartache.

On Tuesday their hopes of going through to the last eight of the Champions League ended with a 1-0 defeat in Turin against a second-string Juventus - a match where Arsenal's France striker Thierry Henry had a penalty saved.

But despite that setback Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger remained confident about his team's chances of a domestic FA Cup and English Premiership double.

"We are mentally strong. We have shown that before and we will respond again in our FA Cup tie.

# Bayern-Real pick of the draw



AFP, Nyon, Switzerland

Bayern Munich will meet Real Madrid in the quarter-finals of the Champions League in a clash of the past two European champions following the draw here on Friday.

Real, who won the European crown for the eighth time in 2000, and holders Bayern will first meet at the Olympic Stadium in Munich with the Spaniards, as second-phase group winners, playing the crucial second leg at their Bernabeu stadium.

Bayern's vice-president Karl-Heinz Rummenigge said: "It's a difficult draw for us, because Real Madrid is a super team, maybe the best in the world at the moment, and they will be two tough games."

"But we will try and that's what we've done in the past, we've had some luck."

Manchester United, who dramatically beat Bayern in the 1999 final, avoided the biggest names after being paired with Spanish team Deportivo La Coruna.

Liverpool drew German league leaders Bayer Leverkusen with the first leg at Anfield and the English club's chief executive Rick Parry confirmed that French manager Gerard Houllier, who returned from heart surgery for the dramatic win against AS Roma on Tuesday, will again be in charge for the two-leg tie.

The English clubs will meet in the semi-finals should they progress.

"I think we're emotionally pleased that we've avoided Manchester United for at least another round, that was really the

only concern we had, we felt that would have been a little too early," said Parry.

"I think it is a fair bet Gerard Houllier will be in charge for the quarter-final. It would be difficult to keep him away."

Panathinaikos, the Greek side who have made a surprising run to the last eight of Europe's top club competition, face a tough hurdle in the shape of Spanish giants Barcelona with the first leg in Athens.

But the undisputed tie of the round is the Real-Bayern clash in a draw which saw Bayern paying the price for failing to win their second-phase group.

As runners-up to United, Bayern could only be paired with group winners for the quarter-

finals.

The German and Spanish giants have met in the semi-finals of this competition for the past two seasons, with Real victorious in 2000 before going on to beat Valencia in the final and the Bavarians winning last season before overcoming the hapless Valencia on penalties in the final.

"Bayern Munich are obviously a very good team and they are the holders," said Real's sporting director Emilio Butragueno.

"It's good for us that we're playing at their stadium for the first leg. The most important thing is that we need to keep up our good condition for their quarter-finals."

Manchester United general secretary Ken Merrett said United had no fear of meeting Deportivo again after losing to them in the group stages this season.

"We're playing a lot better now than we were then, so I think we'll still fancy our chances, it's a good draw."

"In the first group stage it was different, we had a quiet start to the season but we've played a lot better in recent months and I think this an opportunity to turn the tables on them."

Senior Deportivo executive Luis Sanchez Doporto said his side had no fear of going to Old Trafford for the second leg.

"I am happy because it's a team we know, of great prestige, we have met them and beaten them before, so I'm happy in all respects," he said.

The quarter-final ties will be played on April 23-24 and April 30-May 1. The semi-finals are scheduled for April 23-24 and April 30-May 1 and the final takes place at Hampden Park in Glasgow on May 15.

## QUARTER-FINAL DRAW

Champions League quarter-final draw made at the headquarters of European football's governing body here on Friday:

Panathinaikos (Gre) v Barcelona (Spa)  
Bayern Munich (Ger) v Real Madrid (Spa)  
Deportivo La Coruna (Spa) v Manchester United (Eng)  
Liverpool (Eng) v Bayer Leverkusen (Ger)

\* Quarter-final ties, with group winners playing 2nd leg at home, to be played on April 23 and 9/10.

\*\*Semi-finals: April 23/24 and April 30/May 1

\*\*\* Final at Hampden Park, Glasgow on May 15

# Romario ignored again



REUTERS/AFP, Rio de Janeiro

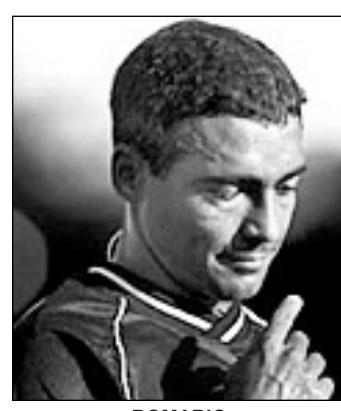
year-old told reporters at the Maracana stadium: "A lot of things can happen before the World Cup."

"Brazil will do well at the World Cup whether I am there or not," he said diplomatically.

Romario has averaged nearly a goal in club football since last August but Scolari, defying popular opinion, had not picked him since the World Cup qualifier against Uruguay in July.

On Thursday, Scolari refused to justify Romario's absence, saying he did not want to talk about players who had not been picked.

Romario returned to action on Thursday after missing Vasco's



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end of the season his side will finish ahead of their cousins who are still in the race for a Champions League spot.

The match dubbed the "Romeo and Juliet derby" in honour of the city's most famous intermecine feud will give Cheiova another chance to live up to the "Flying Donkeys" tag that was years ago a taunt by Verona fans who used to say donkeys would fly the day Cheiova played in Serie A - now Cheiova rejoice in that nickname.

Bothton club Venezia hope to delay an inevitable relegation when they host Atalanta while struggling Fiorentina visit Torino.

Cheiova visit fourth-placed Bologna while Lazio meet Udinese at the Olympic Stadium. Brescia entertain Perugia while AC Milan travel to Piacenza.

But whatever happens this weekend the three-way title race will still be too close to call with the distinct possibility that a play-off will be needed for the first time since Bologna pipped Inter to the title in 1963-4.

Elsewhere in the city derby at the Stadio Marc'Antonio Bentegodi Cheiova host Verona whose coach Alberto Malesani vows that by the

was axed on the eve of France 98 because of a nagging calf muscle injury. Romario, who left in tears, never accepted the decision, saying he would have recovered in time.

## SQUAD

**Goalkeepers:** Anderson Polga (Gremio), Juan (Flamengo)

**Defenders:** Beleffi (Sao Paulo), Edmilson (Lyon/Fra), Cafu (AS Rome/Ita), Roberto Carlos (Real Madrid/Spa), Junior (Parma/Ita), Lucio (Bayer Leverkusen/Ger), Roque Junior (AC Milan/Ita)

**Midfielders:** Gilberto Silva (Atletico Mineiro), Kleberson



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previous match with a virus and being taken off with apparent heat exhaustion in the game before that.

The former PSV Eindhoven striker desperately wants a chance to play in his third World Cup.

Romario made a brief appearance at the 1990 competition in Italy before leading Brazil to their fourth world title with five goals in 1994. He

appeared just added to the occasion," the former defender told the club's official website, Friday.

However, he warned that his players would have to raise their game to the same level against Chelsea if they were to maintain their championship challenge.

Liverpool are currently third, two points behind leaders and reigning champions Manchester United and Thompson does not want any slip-ups now.

Elsewhere Alex Ferguson's leaders welcome Middlesbrough and the tie has been given extra spice by former United and Boro captain Paul Ince saying he hopes Liverpool win the title.

Ince played for both United and Liverpool before arriving at the Riverside but has not always enjoyed a warm welcome on his return to Old Trafford, despite helping the club to the league title in 1993.

"I get a lot of grief from Manchester United fans and I can't understand it. They should remember I was part of the team which took the title back to Old Trafford for the first time in 26 years."

"I sweated blood and shed tears in my six years at United and I think I should be respected for that."

Second-placed Arsenal sit out the league race this weekend because of an FA Cup quarter-final replay against Newcastle.

## Premiership preview

# Chelsea test for Liverpool



AFF, London

Liverpool, chasing honours at home and abroad, face a severe test of their Premiership credentials when they entertain free-scoring Chelsea on Sunday.

But the Merseysiders go into the game in good spirits following their dramatic Champions League victory over Roma on Tuesday.

Their 2-0 win at Anfield clinched a place in the last eight of the competition and sent the Italian champions crashing out.

On an emotional night in front of a vociferous home crowd, Liverpool welcomed back manager Gerard Houllier after a five-month absence.

The Frenchman has been at home recuperating after having major heart surgery and chose Tuesday's European clash to make his return.

Houllier, who won the UEFA Cup, FA Cup and League Cup with Liverpool last season, received a standing ovation before taking his place in the dug-out alongside assistant coach Phil Thompson.

The presence of their returning manager visibly lifted the players and they produced a breathtaking performance to advance to the next stage with goals from Jari Litmanen and Emile Heskey sealing the



GERARD HOULLIER

Italians' fate.

"It was one of the best nights I've ever known at Anfield," said Thompson himself a multiple European Cup winner with Liverpool as a player.

"We knew it was going to be special and Gerard Houllier's



**Fixtures**  
(all 1500 GMT unless stated)

**Saturday:** Charlton v Bolton, Derby v Everton, Ipswich v Aston Villa, Leicester v Leeds, Manchester United v Middlesbrough, Sunderland v Southampton