

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Collated Champions League results on Tuesday:

GROUP E
At Newcastle, England
Newcastle (Eng) 0 Feyenoord (Ned) 1 (Pardo 4)
At Turin
Juventus (Ita) 5 (Di Vaio 13, 51, Del Piero 27, Davids 66, Nedved 78) Dynamo Kiev (Ukr) 0

GROUP F
At Leverkusen, Germany
Bayer Leverkusen (Ger) 1 (Berbatov 52) Manchester United (Eng) 2 (van Nistelrooy 31, 44)
At Nicosia
Maccabi Haifa (Isr) 3 (Ayegebi 27-pen, 60, 85) Olympiakos (Gre) 0

GROUP G
At Lens, France
Lens (Fra) 1 (Utaka 76) Bayern Munich (Ger) 1 (Linke 23)
At La Coruna, Spain
Deportivo La Coruna (Spa) 0 AC Milan (Ita) 4 (Seedorf 17, Inzaghi 33, 55, 62)

GROUP H
At Bruges, Belgium
Bruges (Bel) 0 Lokomotiv Moscow (Rus) 0
At Istanbul
Galatasaray (Tur) 0 Barcelona (Spa) 2 (Kluivert 27, Luis Enrique 59)



I'M ON FIRE! AC Milan striker Filippo Inzaghi is over the moon after his second goal against Deportivo La Coruna on September 24.

PHOTO: AFP

Inzaghi eats Deportivo



AFP, La Coruna

Hat-trick hero Filippo Inzaghi inspired AC Milan to a 4-0 win at Deportivo La Coruna on Tuesday night to keep up the team's 100 percent record and his own amazing scoring spree.

Eight goals in four matches this season has been the return of Inzaghi, who found the net in the 33rd, 55th and 62nd minutes after Dutchman Clarence Seedorf brought them a 17th-minute opener.

Milan, still without injured striker Andrei Shevchenko, recalled Brazilian international Rivaldo, but in-form Inzaghi was the man who hogged the spotlight.

Lionel Scaloni, suspended for Deportivo's victory over Bayern Munich last week, came back into the side though midfielder Juan Valeron was out of the reckoning for the Riazor stadium clash with a fractured leg.

Deportivo looked comfortable in the opening spell as they strung passes together with confidence.

Seedorf, however, was to put a downer on that early promise. Playing in deep midfield, Seedorf gave a warning of things to come when he looked dangerous as he volleyed in a cross from the left but a minute later he was on the score-sheet.

Seedorf rifled the ball past Deportivo keeper Juanmi Garcia after good work on the right to give Milan the early advantage and herald renewed enthusiasm in the legs of the away side.

Milan have won both their opening Italian league matches as well as beating French side Lens last week to give them maximum points in both competitions with that man Inzaghi scoring in every game.

It's too early to say if Carlo Ancelotti's team are to relive the halcyon days from 1989 to 1995 when they won this competition three times and were twice runners-up, but so far the signs are good for a long-awaited revival.

Milan's second goal came after Rui Costa fired in a cross which was not properly cleared by Roberto Acuna and Inzaghi was there to fire the ball home.

Most of the play for Deportivo

had been coming through Fran Gonzalez and yet again they tried to get the ball to him in an effort to spark a revival.

Deportivo's Dutchman Roy Makaay, a hat-trick hero against Munich, was lively in the closing stages of the first half but was unable to convert.

An intense period of pressure by the hosts early in the second half culminated in Milan keeper Dida making a superb save from a Makaay header and Alessandro Nesta immediately cleared off the line in the next action.

It was Milan who moments later added to the score, however, when Rui Costa gave himself space on the edge of the area and found Inzaghi who made no mistake.

Inzaghi did it again for his third and Milan's fourth goal when it was Rivaldo's turn to be playmaker and Inzaghi, one-on-one with the keeper, once more was calm and collected in front of goal.

Makaay did his best to pull back a goal with a left-foot effort which sailed just over the bar but there was just no stopping Inzaghi, who had several more efforts before he was substituted with 10 minutes left.

Bayern struggle at Lens



AFP, Lens

French minnows Lens ensured Bayern Munich will have to reach the second phase of the Champions League the hard way - if at all - holding the German giants 1-1 in Group G on Tuesday.

Bayern, four-times European champions, long looked set for victory after Thomas Linke headed the 2001 champions in front on 23 minutes at the Felix-Bollaert stadium after Brazilian Ze Roberto whipped in a freekick.

But John Utaka rose high 14 minutes from time to save a point for the French.

Bayern coach Ottmar Hitzfeld had called for a much tighter display than his men's opening home loss to Deportivo La Coruna and it looked

as if he would get his wish after Linke's goal, whereafter the Germans appeared happy to sit on their lead.

But with one point from two matches they will now have to step up their game a notch to ensure safe passage to the second group phase.

Lens, runners up in the French league last season, needed to get points on the board having yielded 2-1 at AC Milan last week.

The French, meeting Bayern for the first time, made a valiant attempt to take the game to the Germans after the break but it long appeared they would not gain a reward.

Poor finishing did not help the French cause as Daniel Moreira headed well over from an Utaka cross just after the hour.

Coach Joel Muller reacted to the hosts' early shyness in front of goal after 69 minutes by sending on another striker in Dagui Bakari for

defender Jocelyn Blanchard. Antoine Sibierski headed wide as another chance went begging as Bayern had to camp deep in their own half under sustained pressure.

At the other end Lens' Keeper Guillaume Warmuz was relatively under-employed as Bayern appeared content to soak up the pressure once they had their noses in front.

German World Cup keeper Oliver Kahn pulled out a fine stop in the 28th minute to deny Daniel Moreira having already saved a low strike from Sibierski.

But Utaka finally beat his outstretched arms with his headed equaliser which was greeted deliriously by the 38,000 crowd - though they had a scare as Hasan Salihamidzic sent a late chip wide.

STANDINGS

European Champions League standings after Tuesday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

GROUP E						
Juventus (Ita)	2	1	1	0	6	1 4
Feyenoord (Ned)	2	1	1	0	2	1 4
Dynamo Kiev (Ukr)	2	1	0	1	2	5 3
Newcastle (Eng)	2	0	0	2	0	3 0
GROUP F						
Manchester United (Eng)	2	2	0	0	7	3
Olympiakos (Gre)	2	1	0	1	6	5 3
Maccabi Haifa (Isr)	2	1	0	1	5	5
Bayer Leverkusen (Ger)	2	0	0	2	3	8
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GROUP G						
AC Milan (Ita)	2	2	0	0	6	1
6						
Deportivo La Coruna (Spa)	2	1	0	1	3	6 3
Bayern Munich (Ger)	2	0	1	1	3	4 1
Lens (Fra)	2	0	1	1	2	3 1
GROUP H						



AFP, Turin

Italian champions Juventus ran out jubilant 5-0 winners over Dynamo Kiev in their Champions League Group E match here on Tuesday.

Juve, who drew 1-1 with Dutch side Feyenoord last week, showed no mercy to their Ukrainian visitors at the Delle Alpi stadium with goals raining down on the hapless Dynamo goalkeeper Vitaliy Reva.

The 1996 champions opened the scoring via a Marco Di Vaio header in the 13th minute, with Alessandro Del Piero doubling up 14 minutes later, capitalising on a cross from Mauro Camoranesi.

After the break Di Vaio was back on the scoresheet in the 51st minute with another header.

With Juventus fully in control perhaps the best goal of the night was from Dutch international Edgar Davids, who weaved through the hapless Dynamo defence for a memorable 66th minute strike.

Czech international Pavel Nedved completed the demolition job with a 15 metre shot that flew past the luckless Reva with 12 minutes remaining.

Juve's superb night's work put them equal top of Group E on four points, Feyenoord have the same number of points but inferior goal difference.

The only sour note for the jubilant home side was the poor attendance with only 25,000 turning up.

To cheer Juve and their coach Marcello Lippi still more French striker David Trezeguet, 24 league goals last season, made his comeback from a knee injury suffered on July 31 in Trieste, taking to the field as a 72nd-minute substitute for Di Vaio.



PHOTO: INTERNET

Juventus midfielder Edgar Davids (R) about to take a fall after being tackled by Dynamo Kiev's Andriy Nesmachny in Turin on September 25.

Ruud back on goal road



AFP, Leverkusen

Ruud van Nistelrooy took his European goal tally to five from four games as Manchester United secured a precious 2-1 Champions League win over Bayer Leverkusen here on Tuesday.

The Dutchman, who has struggled with his finishing in the Premiership this season, provided the perfect riposte to his critics with a first-half double as United took control against the side that eliminated them in last season's semi-finals.

Leverkusen are no longer the team they were with Michael Ballack and Ze Roberto having left for Bayern Munich in the summer.

But that did not prevent them staging a brave second-half fightback after van Nistelrooy, who was suffering from a tight hamstring, was replaced by Diego Forlan at the break.

United boss Alex Ferguson said van Nistelrooy's injury was not serious but could rule him out of Saturday's Premiership trip to Charlton.

"We will have to wait and see," Ferguson said. "It may be that he will miss Saturday."

Ferguson was satisfied with the three points, but not entirely content with the performance. "It was disappointing in terms of possession in the second half," he said.

"But it is a good result -- it is never easy to win away from home."

Dimitar Berbatov gave the Germans hope with a cool strike past Fabien Barthez in the 52nd minute after Gary Neville, who also came on for the second half, had allowed him too much space just inside the area.

And the Bulgarian went agonisingly close to claiming a second and a share of the points for his club with a glancing header five minutes from the end.

With Barthez beaten, Berbatov watched disbelievingly as the ball came back off the inside of the post and was scrambled to safety.

A minute later Forlan was bundled to the ground as he attempted to round Germany defender Carsten Ramelow in the box but the Uruguayan's appeal for a penalty was waved away by the referee.

United's first win in Germany in 37 years leaves Leverkusen in deep trouble in the group after a 6-2



PHOTO: AFP

Ruud Van Nistelrooy (R) kneels down as ecstatic Manchester United teammates congratulate him on scoring his second goal against Bayer Leverkusen at the Bay Arena in Leverkusen on September 24.

mauling by Olympiakos in their opening match.

Van Nistelrooy's first goal was a perfect illustration of the killer instinct which terrified defences across Europe in his 36-goal debut season for United.

Juan Sebastian Veron's inch-perfect cross from the left left Hanno Balitsch scrambling for position and van Nistelrooy knew exactly how to

take advantage. Dropping off the defender, he chested the ball down perfectly at the back post and volleyed back across goal and into the net.

With United playing some lovely quick-passing football, a second goal appeared to be only a matter of time and it duly arrived a minute before half-time.

Van Nistelrooy started the move, feeding Ryan Giggs from the right

before heading into the box.

Giggs' neat through pass released Nicky Butt who might have shot but instead opted to cut the ball back across the face of the goal for van Nistelrooy, who sidefooted home from 12 yards.

The Dutchman is now firmly on track to overhaul the United record of 10 goals in a European campaign that he set last year.

Romario gets his dues!

INTERNET, Rio de Janeiro

Brazilian veteran Romario has been given a one-match ban for slapping a teammate in the face during a match.

The 36-year-old, who lost his temper with Fluminense teammate Andrei after the central defender made a mistake during the 6-0 defeat by Sao Paulo 10 days ago, will miss a clash with Atletico Paranaense.

The ban was imposed at a disciplinary tribunal on Monday for ungentlemanly conduct, club officials said.

Romario, who was left out of Brazil's squad for the 2002 World Cup, joined Fluminense at the end of July from local rivals Vasco da Gama, where he had spent the previous three years.

He has scored only one goal in his last eight games and Fluminense has dropped to 20th in the 26-team championship.

Death threat on Hiddink

INTERNET, London

PSV Eindhoven coach Guus Hiddink received a death threat, saying that if he has as much success with the Dutch club as he enjoyed with South Korea at the World Cup, he could be shot.

Hiddink told the London Evening Standard he had thought of retiring from the game after receiving a letter six weeks ago with two bullets in it.

"The message was along the lines of, 'if you have the same success in the league with PSV as you did with Korea, we'll kill you with one bullet.' Or 'if you succeed in the Champions League, we'll kill you with the other,'" said Hiddink, who took the World Cup co-hosts to the semifinals before losing to Germany.

"Maybe it wasn't a serious threat, but it was serious to me. It was a shocking time and, speaking from the heart, I was thinking of retiring and going to live in Madrid."

PSV said that police were investigating several threats aimed at Hiddink.

The Dutch side host English champions Arsenal in the Champions League on Wednesday after drawing a scoreless draw in their opening Group A match vs. AJ Auxerre.

Barca tame Galatasaray



AFP, Istanbul

Barcelona were too hot even for Galatasaray, the 'team from hell', on Tuesday as they won 2-0 to notch a key win which boosts their chances of reaching the second phase of the Champions League.

Galatasaray fans traditionally greet their visitors with placards reading welcome to hell at their cauldron of a Ali Sami Yen stadium.

But the Catalan club dismissed the home fans' hopes with a clinical win which leaves them well-placed to advance from Group H having already seen off Belgian side Bruges at home.

Dutch danagerman Patrick Kluivert fired Barca into a 27th-minute lead after Brazilian Thiago Motta played him in on the edge of the box for a neat strike beyond the Turks' Colombian keeper Faryd Mondragon.

Luis Enrique then put the result beyond all doubt to the chagrin of the 35,000 home crowd with the killer second goal on the hour, a close-range header though he incurred an injury-time caution.

The caution was not the best way to celebrate his 100th goal for the club but for Luis Enrique that was a minor irritation as he seeks the Champions League glory he has missed out on in recent seasons having left Real Madrid before the latters' recent continental dominance.

Kluivert was also booked for his pains. Barca were imperious in a midfield bossed brilliantly by both

Javier Saviola and Gaizka Mendieta, twice a beaten finalist with Valencia, and now finding his feet again after a poor year at Lazio.

Galatasaray failed to make any visible headway in attack as Barca



PHOTO: AFP

Barcelona's Dutch international striker Patrick Kluivert (L) heads the ball under pressure from Galatasaray's Ergun Pembe at Ali Sami Yen Stadium in Istanbul on September 24.