SPÖRT Makaay banishes Bayern



AFP, La Coruna

Four time winners Bayern Munich crashed out of the Champions League here Tuesday - the first time ever the German giants have failed to make it through to the last 16 since the competition replaced the old European Cup.

The 2001 champions were beaten 2-1 by Deportivo La Coruna in this crucial Group G tie which also means they cannot even claim a consolation spot in the UEFA Cup as they have no hope of finishing third in the group.

Bayern went into the game knowing they had to win it to keep their tenuous link with the competition alive after taking just one point from their first four matches.

But Deportivo goals from Victor and redhot Dutch striker Roy Makaay spelled disaster for a team rated the best ever by Franz Beckenbauer at the start of the

Bayern manager Ottmar Hitzfeld was unable to hide his bitter disappointment.

"Psychologically we weren't stable enough. Not every player

mance to enable us to beat them away from home. But by nature I'm a fighter. I'm not a fair weather

Bayern have had many fine moments in their proud 100 year history, but this Champions League campaign was not one of them.

Staring down the gun barrel of a humiliating first round exit Hitzfeld's men had come out fighting, with the Deportivo defence troubled by Ze Roberto and Michael Ballack in the first quarter of an hour.

But appropriately enough it was Mackaay who had the first real chance of the match, his shot safely blocked by Stefan Wessels, standing in for Bayern's talismanic but injured Oliver Kahn.

After a shaky start Deportivo's confidence quickly grew, and their Spanish international Fran' had a powerful shot from just outside the box hit the cross bar on the half hour, Wessels' safely gathering Makaay's effort on the rebound.

With the sides heading into the break all square frustration predictably started to creep into Bayern's play against a Deportivo side that had proved fully adept at closing

Unsurprisingly Hitzfeld made a change at the start of the second half, the Bayern coach bringing on Paraguayan striker Roque Santa

Cruz in place of midfielder Hasan Salihamidzic.

But two minutes after World Cup runner-up Michael Ballack was taken off injured Deportivo broke the deadlock... and Bayern's

Brazilian midfielder Mauro Silva fed Victor with the Spaniard firing a right footer into the right hand side of the Bayern net in the 54th min-

As if crushed by the enormity of the task Bayern seemed unable to raise the tempo, a free kick attempt to the right of the Deportivo box by Mehmet Scholl in the 72nd minute finding its way straight into the

Five minutes later Santa Cruz equalised, the substitute jumping high to head home a Scholl cross from the right.

As the rain which has fallen throughout the game continued to beat down Deportivo extinguished any hope of a Bayern reprieve when Makaav scored with a minute to go, his low shot into the corner of Wessel's net for his 13 goal in 12

"We only started fighting when we got the equaliser," complained

The win left Deportivo's hopes of progressing alive and kicking.



IT"S JUST THE BEGINNING: Deportivo la Coruna's Victor (L) is elated after putting the Spanish champions ahead against Bayern Munich on October 29. His teammate Lionel Scaloni tries to keep up.

Juventus thwart

Absolutely gutted

CHAMPS LEAGUE

REUTERS, Berlin

Bayern Munich faced a blizzard of derision in Germany after a "humiliating" 2-1 defeat at Deportivo Coruna knocked the 2001 European champions out of the Champions League in the first

Billed this season as the best team ever assembled in Munich, Bayern were ejected before the quarter-finals for the first time in six seasons after four defeats in five

"Night of shame," wrote Bild, Germany's best-selling newspaper in a banner headline.

"It's over, gone, adios! The all-ornothing match in La Coruna turned into a night of shame. The most humiliating moment ever for the famed Bayern Munich side."

"This was a bitter defeat and huge disappointment," said Bayern trainer Ottmar Hitzfeld, once considered beyond reproach but now facing growing criticism.

"We damaged the name of Bayern Munich," said Hitzfeld. "We were very weak.

Bayern lured Michael Ballack and Brazilian Ze Roberto from Champions League finalists Bayer Leverkusen and Sebastian Deisler from Hertha Berlin this year, prompting Bayern chairman Karl-heinz Rummenigge to call it the best Bayern side ever.

Goalkeeper Oliver Kahn had also boasted the improved Bayern side would win three titles this

the German Cup and the

"This was a bit of a nightmare after five successful years," Rummenigge said. "It's not only a disappointment. It's a humiliation

and a disgrace. He added the first-round exit, just 17 months after winning the title, would tear a hole in club finances, hinting some players might be sold. Bayern lose out on some 30 million euros they had been counting on in ticket and television revenues.

"This leaves behind a big financial hole that we will have to close somehow," he said.

Bayern reached at least the quarter-finals of European club soccer's premier event in each of the last five seasons, twice making the final and lifting the trophy in 2001. They also won the European Cup three times in a row from 1974 to 1976.

They are three points clear at the top of the German league and have produced solid performances, even if their defence has been showing nerves. most notably in Saturday's 3-3 draw with Hanover 96.

"A confused and harmless Bayern team left the Champions League with a humiliating first round track record." wrote Berliner Zeituna.

"It was a cowardly performance from a team that doesn't deserve anything better than an early farewell," wrote Berlin's B.Z. tabloid.

"They were crippled by the pressure on them to win," said Berliner Kurier. "It's a super disaster

Shearer carries Magpies



Alan Shearer scored his first Champions League goal for Newcastle to ensure the club lived to fight another day in Europe's pre-

The Newcastle skipper's 69thminute penalty - Newcastle's 100th in European competition - secured a 2-1 win over Dynamo Kiev after Gary Speed had cancelled out Maksim Shatskikh's opener for the Ukrainian champions

It was not a vintage performance from Bobby Robson's men.

But after last week's heroic win over Juventus, they can now go to Feyenoord for the final group match with their chances of reaching the second group phase still alive.

With Juventus beating Feyenoord in Turin however, their fate is out of their hands.

A home win for Kiev over the Italians, who have already qualified, would send them through at Newcastle's expense, even if the Geordies can win in the

Robson urged Juventus not to send a second string side to the Ukraine.

"Juventus are first and now second place is up for grabs. We expect Juventus to play it out," he

Robson also paid tribute to the way Shearer kept his nerve to convert the penalty after the ball had to be re-spotted by the referee.

"He showed his experience there. He didn't panic and he didn't change his mind about where he was going to hit the ball.

'You need players who can keep calm in those situations.

Newcastle had enjoyed the better of a tight opening period in which England under-21 international Shola Ameobi twice went close to aiving the home side the lead mid-way through the half.

blocked by Goran Gavrancic, then two minutes later, his shot slipped agonisingly past the upright with Kiev keeper Vitalii Reva beaten.

Nikos Dabizas, who came on as limped off three minutes later, made a quick impression with a diving header that was well saved by Reva.

lead within two minutes of the

slipped a pass to Shatskikh, the Uzbek striker, finished clinically with

substitute after Titus Bramble But it was Kiev who snatched the

restart, thanks in large part to their Bulgarian midfielder Gueorgui Peev. His jinking run opened up the Newcastle defence and when he

a firm low shot that whizzed past Steven Harper and in off the post for his side's first away goal in the Champions League for over eight

Newcastle were staring elimination in the face, but to their credit they continued to move the ball around with a composure that suggested they were confident of getting back into the match.

> They duly did in the 58th minute when Speed met Laurent Robert's corner with a diving header that skidded off the glistening turf with

sufficient pace to beat Reva. The equaliser transformed the pattern of the match and Newcastle began to surge forward. The pressure paid off 11 minutes

later when Shearer was pulled by Andriy Husin as he attempted to position himself to receive a cross into the box.

Any nerves Shearer might have felt as he stood up to take the penalty were doubtless exacerbated by the referee's decision to re-spot the

But there was not a trace of hesitancy about the Newcastle skipper's execution as he swept the ball low into Reva's right-hand

Feyenoord CHÂMPS LEAGUE

Juventus became the first team from Group E to make it through to the last 16 of the Champions League Tuesday thanks to a 2-0 home win over Holland's UEFA Cup holders Feyenoord.

Two goals from Marco Di Vaio gave the Italians a comfortable victory which ensured qualification for the second phase. Juventus coach Marcello Lippi

said it was a remarkable achieve-

ment for his squad to advance to the next round with a game to spare, given the number of injuries to key players over recent weeks. "Recently we've not been playing well but there have been a lot of injuries and our schedule is

recover from one match to the next," said the cigar-smoking Lippi. "Nonetheless to earn qualification with one match left is quite remarkable when you consider the problems we've had. I congratulate

so busy that we have little time to

my players." After winning the Italian championship last season, Lippi has made no secret of his desire to win the coveted Champions League trophy.

"Juventus were accused of doing poorly the season before last, and we did our very best to change that by winning the Scudetto," he said.

"Now our main target is the Champions' League and when our best players return from injury I think we have a chance.'

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Collated European Champions League first round results on Tuesday:

At Newcastle, England Newcastle (Eng) 2 (Speed 58, Shearer 69-pen) Dynamo Kiev (Ukr) 1 (Shatskikh 47) At Turin, Italy

(Juan 14, Schneider 90-pen) Olympiakos (Gre) 0

Maccabi Haifa (Isr) 3 (Katan 40, Zutauttas 56, Ayegbeni 77pen) Manchester United (Eng) 0 Group G At Lens, France

Lens (Fra) 2 (Moreira 41, Utaka 49) AC Milan (Ita) 1 (Shevchenko 31) At La Coruna, Spain

Group H At Bruges, Belgium FC Bruges (Bel) 0 Barcelona At Istanbul

Lippi admitted Juventus can be unpredictable, but was heartened by his side's cutting edge up front.

"Sometimes we take too many risks but normally we create scoring opportunities," he said. "Recently we haven't been

making the most of them, particu-

larly at Newcastle last week, but tonight we did and this is an important sign." Feyenoord, missing prolific Dutch striker Pierre Van Hooijdonk through injury, found themselves a

goal behind after just three minutes

at the Stadio Delle Alpi. Argentine wing back Mauro Camoranesi sprung the offside trap and went tearing down the left flank before delivering a superb cross into the penalty box for Di

The Italy international, starting a match for the first time since suffering concussion against Newcastle in a Champions League match on October 1, made no mistake with his flying header to give Juventus an early lead.

Di Vaio should have doubl tally in the 31st minute, but when put clean through by Czech international Pavel Nedved the Juventus forward shot wide of the Anthony Nurling was denied by

Juve goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon, as the Dutch finally responded to the early setback, before Thomas Buffel had a goal disallowed for offside. Feyenoord started the second-

half determined to get back on level terms and they were denied an equaliser in the 49th minute when Patrick Paauwe's superb free-kick was palmed away to safety by an alert Buffon.

Just as Feyenoord appeared to be having the better of the play, Juve broke swiftly from their own half to settle the tie in the 68th minute.

Once again it was Di Vaio who found the net, steering Camoranesi's cross home with his right foot in a close replica of the opening goal.

AFP, Paris European Champions League tables after Tuesday's matches (played, won,

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE TABLES

drawn, lost, goals for, against, points): Juventus (Ita) Dynamo Kiev (Ukr) Feyenoord (Ned) **GROUP F** Man United (Eng) B Leverkusen (Ger) Maccabi Haifa (Isr) Olympiakos (Gre) **GROUP G** AC Milan (Ita) 115 Dep Coruna (Spa) B Munich (Ger) **GROUP H** Barcelona (Spa) FC Bruges (Bel)

Barca fullyloaded



REUTERS, Brussels

Barcelona beat Club Bruges 1-0 in their Champions League Group H clash on Tuesday despite fielding a side stripped of their big names.

Striker Juan Riquelme grabbed the winner in the 64th minute to make it five victories from five for the Spanish side who are now the only club in the competition to have a 100 percent record.

Barcelona began with only three players who started last week against Lokomotiv Moscow, the match which ensured Barca's place in the second round of the contest.

The young team defended scrappily but managed to hold off the Bruges attacks. Although the Belgians retain

second place on five points, albeit 10 behind Barcelona, they face a tricky visit in their final game to Lokomotiv Moscow who revived their hopes with a 2-1 win in Turkey against Galatasary.

The Russians and Turks are both on four points with all to play for. Galatasaray are away to Barcelona in their last game.

Bruges midfielder Gaeten

pressure in the first 20 minutes, but we never put them in danger. Barcelona took control after the

Haifa's finest hour

REUTERS, Nicosia

Maccabi Haifa have beaten depleted former holders Manchester United 3-0 in Champions League Group F but could not escape elimination from the competition.

United had already qualified for

the second phase and fielded a weakened line-up but Haifa played with passion and commitment and fully deserved a famous victory. Haifa, thrashed 5-2 by United in their first meeting at Old Trafford in

September, gave their travelling army of 10,000 fans plenty to cheer with two stunning long-range goals and a late penalty. Haifa cannot finish higher than

third in the group but will at least secure a place in the UEFA Cup as long as they avoid a heavy defeat in their last match at Olympiakos Piraeus in two weeks time.



I CAN"T HEAR YOU: Barcelona's Juan Riquelme gestures to the crowd in the game against Club Brugge in Brugge. Barcelona won 1-0.

First he had a goal-bound header L'kusen fly German flag

AFP, Leverkusen

German pride, severely dented by Bayern Munich's humiliating exit from the Champions league, was salvaged Tuesday by last year's

finalists Bayer Leverkusen. A 2-0 win over Olympiakos ensured them safe passage into the last 16 as bridesmaid's to Manchester United in Group F while old boys Michael Ballack and Ze Roberto must have been rueing leaving in the summer for Bayern.

Leverkusen's win, which avenged their disastrous 6-2 opening loss to the Greek side, was down to a first half strike by Brazilian defender Juan and a 90th-minute penalty from Bernd Scheider. The hosts had signalled their intention to gain revenge right from

the start, with the Olympiakos'

defence cracking in the 14th minute

thanks to a fine 25 yard right foot

shot from Juan which took a mild deflection off Olympiakos' keeper Dimitrios Eleftheropoulos. This was the second Champions League goal for the 23-year-old signed for 3.5 million euros in the

summer from Flamengo. The visitors were perhaps lucky not to have a penalty awarded against them in the 36th minute when Hanno Balitsch was felled inside the area but Italian referee Paolo Bertini let them off the hook by

Utaka upsets runaway Milan

CHAMPS LEAGUE

A goal by Nigerian international John Utaka proved the difference as French underdogs Lens beat an understrength AC Milan 2-1 to inflict their first defeat in the Champions League this term

Utaka completed Lens' second successive come from behind win in Group G and gave them a great chance of making the second phase f they beat fallen giants Bayern Munich next week and Deportivo La Coruna lose in Milan.

was just reward for his side's refusing to give up. 'They deserve it because after a shaky start to the season they have shown a great resolve and played

Lens coach Joel Muller said it

some really good football," he said. "The only thing now is for us to complete the dream by beating Bayern next week..the rest is out of our hands," added the former Metz

Andriy Shevchenko had opened the scoring for Milan in the 31st minute, nipping in unnoticed to head home after Jon-Dahl Tomasson had headed on for his 21st career goal in the Champions League and make it

two in two games since he returned after recovering from a knee injury.

Lens hit back brilliantly 10 min-

utes later as Daniel Moreira ghosted

in unmarked and levelled with a

CAPTAIN MARVEL: Newcastle's inspirational leader Alan Shearer goes on his trademark celebration after scoring a

penalty against Dynamo Kiev during their UEFA Champions League match at St. James' Park stadium on October 29.

header which wrongfooted 'keeper Christian Abbiatti from Utaka's cross to make it four in the campaign for the 25-year-old Frenchman. The 1998 French champions and last season's runners-up took the lead when Utaka dispossessed Danish international Thomas

Helveg in the penalty area and

slotted it past Abbiatti five minutes into the second-half. Lens veteran Antoine Sibierski had the first chance to open the scoring when he broke through two tackles but his shot rebounded off

the keeper in the fourth minute. Milan, who had left behind leading scorer Filippo Inzaghi and Brazilian Rivaldo among others as they had already qualified, then went close two minutes later as Martin Laursen's header from a Serginho corner flashed just wide of the post. Corridon went on a mazy run

cutting through the heart of the

Milan defence but before he could

shoot he went down under pressure

from Paolo Maldini but appeals for a

penalty fell on deaf ears from

English referee Graham Barber.

Lokomotiv derail Galatasaray

REUTERS, Istanbul

Lokomotiv Moscow have beaten Galatasaray 2-1 against the run of play in the Champions League to keep alive their chances of a place in the second stage of the competition.

Goals in the 71st and 76th min-

utes by Dmitry Loskov and Vadim

Yevseyev clinched an important win

for the visitors. The two sides are now equal at the bottom of Group H on four points, one behind Club Bruges. The Belgians lost 1-0 at home to Barcelona, who have already qualified with five wins from five games.

Lokomotiv host Bruges and look the more likely to qualify. The Russians defended strongly and then took their second half chances well to punish the Turks for their wastefulness. Striker Christian twice blasted over the bar with left-

Galatasaray have to travel to

Barcelona for their last match, while

It was revenge for Lokomotiv after Galatasaray beat them 2-0 in Moscow in September. "Galatasaray played very well in the first game. They are a very

strong team but we played much

better this time round." coach Yur

footed volleys in the first half.

Syomin told reporters. Lokomotiv midfielder Loskov burst through the Galatasaray defence and rounded goalkeeper Faryd Mondragon in the 71st minute to put the Russians ahead.

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At Nicosia

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(Spa) 1 (Riquelme 64) Galatasaray (Tur) 1 (Sas 73) Lokomotiv Moscow (Rus) 2 (Loskov 70, Evseev 75)