

Night of the subs



AFP, Paris

Substitutes were to the fore in the Champions League on Tuesday as Manchester United replacements Ryan Giggs and Ruud van Nistelrooy scored all their goals in a record 3-0 home defeat for Juventus to seal their place in the last eight for the seventh successive season.

Holders Real Madrid also had a substitute to thank as Javier Portillo struck in injury time to earn a 1-1 draw with Borussia Dortmund - who beat Juventus in the 1997 final - and keep them a point ahead of the Germans in the second-phase Group C.

Both Real and Dortmund are playing for the runners-up spot as AC Milan progressed serenely through to the last eight for the first time since the 1994/95 season with a 1-0 win at Lokomotiv Moscow.

United like Milan have won all four of their second phase matches, but the fight for second place in the former's Group D involves all three of the teams as Deportivo La Coruna avenged their defeat to Basel last week by beating the Swiss side 1-0.

Diego Tristan's fourth goal in his last two matches was enough for the Spaniards to leapfrog Basel into third, where they trail Juventus on goal difference, and keep alive their hopes of reaching the quarter-finals for the third successive season.

If ever there was a fortuitous injury it came for United with the sixth minute departure of Diego Forlan and the arrival of Giggs. After Juve had twice hit the woodwork, the Welshman slotted home twice in the first-half - the second a brilliant individual effort - to virtually wrap up the game.

Giggs himself was then replaced by van Nistelrooy in the second half and the Dutchman put away the third to break his own record of scoring in seven successive Champions League matches and reignite memories of the last time United won in Turin when they went on to collect the trophy in 1999.

United coach Alex Ferguson was beaming after watching his side move a step closer to the final which will be contested at Old Trafford.

Ferguson said he had no intention of bringing Giggs on so early,



PHOTO: AFP

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING? Serginho (behind) of AC Milan desperately trying to stop Bennett Mnguni (L) of Lokomotiv Moscow at Moscow on February 25.

with one eye on Sunday's League Cup final against Liverpool.

"Football can be a funny game - I didn't want to use Ryan tonight," Ferguson added.

"But we had to use him because of Diego's injury and he turned out to be the match winner."

Ferguson explained why he took Giggs off just after the break.

Real remain second in group C with five points to Dortmund's four and the Spanish giants next face AC Milan at home on March 12.

Lehmann, who was sent off for attacking team-mate Marcio Amoroso at the weekend, redeemed himself with a superb performance that kept his side in the game.

victory over Lokomotiv as he scored his first of the campaign for the five-time European champions and 24th of his career from the penalty spot.

Deportivo had their moments of anxiety against Basel but deserved the three points and should have had a second minutes from time.

Tristan, who replaced Albert Luque in the starting line-up from last week's defeat, struck early to continue his remarkable scoring touch with his second goal of the campaign.

Controlling Hector Berenguel's cross, he shot past Pascal Zuberbuhler to give the hosts the start they needed and it was to be the Swiss guardian who kept his side in the match making a succession of smart saves.

However even when Zuberbuhler was caught out the hosts couldn't seal the match as Luque, who had replaced Makaay midway through the second half, rounded the keeper but with the goal gaping he slipped.

STANDINGS									
European Champions League tables after Tuesday's second phase matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):									
Group C									
AC Milan	4	4	0	0	4	0	12		
Real	4	1	2	1	5	5	5		
Dortmund	4	1	1	2	4	5	4		
Lokomotiv	4	0	1	3	3	6	1		
Group D									
Man United	4	4	0	0	10	2	12		
Juventus	4	1	1	2	7	7	4		
Deportivo	4	1	1	2	3	5	4		
Basel	4	1	0	3	2	8	3		

"He picked up a knock and wasn't running freely," he said.

Juventus coach Marcello Lippi, who before the match said United's best performances are always away from home, blamed tiredness for his side's record home defeat in European competition.

"The main problem for us was physical," he said. "We didn't look as sharp as United and we were punished for our mistakes.

"Having said that every piece of fortune went United's way. These are not excuses, this is the truth."

United's victory, though, was nothing on the drama at Dortmund's Westfalenstadion.

Trailing at half-time to Jan Koller's 23rd minute strike, Real Madrid were heading for defeat until, two minutes into stoppage time, Zinedine Zidane rolled a pass across the area for Portillo to shoot past Jens Lehmann and into the corner of the net.

And Dortmund missed a gilt-edged chance to take a 2-0 lead when Brazilian striker Everthon headed wide from close-range midway through the second half.

Dortmund coach Matthias Sammer was furious his team had thrown away victory by losing the ball, allowing Zidane to penetrate into the penalty area to deliver his telling pass.

"The team played well, but this result makes me mad," said Sammer. "At this level, the slightest mistake is punished and it has cost us dear.

"Amoroso losing the ball is only a partial cause of the equaliser. It wasn't Billy Reina's job to come to cover him, he can do that himself.

"That meant there was a gap on the left wing. If Dede hadn't been substituted this wouldn't have happened."

AC Milan had Brazilian midfielder Rivaldo to thank for their

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Collated Champions League second group phase results on Tuesday:

Group C At Dortmund, Germany Borussia Dortmund (Ger) 1 (Koller 22) Real Madrid (Spa) 1 (Portillo 90) At Moscow Lokomotiv Moscow (Rus) 0 AC Milan (Ita) 1 (Rivaldo 34-pen)

Group D At La Coruna, Spain Deportivo La Coruna (Spa) 1 (Diego Tristan 4) Basel (Swi) 0 At Turin, Italy Juventus (Ita) 0 Manchester United (Eng) 3 (Giggs 15, 41, Van Nistelrooy 63)

Juninho can't wait

AFP, London

Brazilian World Cup star Juninho has said he is ready to return to first team action with Middlesbrough after a long battle against injury.

The popular little midfielder attracted a crowd of 20,000 to watch him stretch his legs Tuesday night for the first time in weeks with a reserve team fixture against Bradford City.

The club decided to move the match to the Riverside Stadium after it was confirmed that the World Cup winner and fit-again defender Ugo Ehiogu would play.

That proved to be a wise decision as 19,450 spectators arrived to watch the Brazilian score in a 9-0 romp to prove to manager Steve McClaren that he is almost ready to be thrown back in at the deep end.

"I have no words to express my feelings about last night," Juninho admitted.

"It's difficult to explain my relationship with the Middlesbrough supporters.

"It's been wonderful since my first time here." Juninho continued: "That's why I made the decision to come back to the club, and that's why I have the ambition to win something for Middlesbrough to remember for the rest of my life."

Juninho was hailed as a conquering hero when he agreed to join the Teessiders for the third time in a move from Atletico Madrid last summer.

But disaster struck just days before the start of the new season when the man who had a few weeks earlier confirmed his return to top form by helping his country lift the World Cup for the fifth time suffered knee ligament damage during a pre-season trip to Italy.

ACU upset

FROM PAGE 16 defeat has obviously caught its attention.

Sri Lanka, who romped through their first three matches, were shot out for 157 off 45 overs after chasing Kenya's modest 210 for nine.

It was the third biggest upset in World Cup history after the Kenyans defeated the West Indies in 1996 and Bangladesh shocked eventual finalists Pakistan in 1999.

Kenya's Test

FROM PAGE 16 ted in 2000, but the ICC hopes to avoid a situation where the African side struggles like the Tigers have.

In 17 Tests Bangladesh has drawn one match which was ruined by rain and lost 16, and Eade admits it was admitted prematurely.

"The ICC wants to ensure that when Kenya become a Test nation they don't go through the same problems as Bangladesh where they haven't got the skills to play at that level," Eade added.

"When Bangladesh were admitted, all the indicators were there that they would quickly come up to speed. But we threw them in there a little bit early and it showed there is a big difference between Test and one-day cricket."

"The experience of Bangladesh has shown the ICC we need to be very careful before admitting teams to Test status because it is a totally different game."

Marsh picks

FROM PAGE 16 moment," Marsh said after his Zimbabwe team lost to the defending champions at Bulawayo on Monday.

It was Australia's fourth successive win in Pool A, making them the first team in the 14-nation tournament to advance to the Super Sixes.

A victory over minnows Namibia at Potchefstroom on Thursday will almost certainly give them the top spot in the group.

"They are a very different side from 1999," Marsh said.

"Most of their senior players now were still sort of finding their way back then.

"Because of the way we started in 1999, every game was a grand final for us. That's probably why the guys in this Australian team feel it's a lot more relaxed atmosphere now.

"They'll be tough to beat from here," he said.

In 1999, Australia were on the verge of elimination in the first round itself when they lost to both Pakistan and New Zealand.

A victory over the West Indies after defeating minnows Scotland and Bangladesh prevented the embarrassment, while a century by captain Steve Waugh against South Africa booked the semifinal berth.

A thrilling semifinal tie against Hansie Cronje's Proteas saw the Australians advance to the final on the basis of a higher finish in the Super Sixes.

On the other hand, Ponting's men have been ruthless in crushing Pakistan, India, the Netherlands and Zimbabwe even in the absence of the banned leg-spinner Shane Warne.

Marsh's Zimbabwe, who also lost to India, must defeat the Dutch and Pakistan in their last two games to stay in contention for the next round.

"It can be done," Marsh said, "because we have the players to do it."

Marsh played 50 Tests for Australia, scoring 2,854 runs, and 117 one-day internationals in which he made 4,357 runs.

Giggs is Giggs



AFP, Turin

Any prospective buyers hoping to get Ryan Giggs on the cheap will probably have to dig a lot deeper into their pockets after the Manchester United winger tore Juventus apart here on Tuesday.

Giggs was close to leaving United earlier this season after he became a target for the Old Trafford boo-boys having struggled to find his form.

But the Welsh wing wizard showed he still has plenty to offer after a stunning display at the Delle Alpi stadium.

The Welshman came off the bench for Diego Forlan in the eighth minute to inspire United to a 3-0 win that clinched a place in the last eight of the Champions League for the 1999 European champions.

Giggs scored twice - his second goal a brilliant example of wing play - before a thigh injury forced him to leave the pitch early in the second-

half.

Ruud van Nistelrooy, who came on for Giggs, scored United's third goal.

United boss Alex Ferguson hinted Giggs still has a bright future at United, despite plenty of interest from Juventus' Serie A rivals Inter Milan.

"Ryan has excelled on many occasions and tonight was one of them," he said.

"He has such wonderful balance and goes past defenders as if they weren't there.

"He's a special talent."

One man proved right about the Giggs was Welsh boss and former United star Mark Hughes, who last month said it was only a matter before he was back to his best.

"It is fair to say that Ryan has had a little dip in confidence but that happens to everybody," Hughes said.

"Every player has experienced that. But the secret is that the old adage is true that form is temporary and class is permanent.

"It will only be a matter of time

before Ryan is fine again."

Giggs made his mark four minutes after coming on against the Italians.

Juan Sebastian Veron broke free on the right wing and took advantage of a slip by his marker, Gianluca Zambrotta.

Veron cut the ball back for Giggs who side-footed home from close-range.

Giggs' first goal may have been easy but his second was world-class.

Picking the ball up inside his own-half, the United wide-man showed French international Lilian Thuram a clean pair of heels and went on a forceful diagonal run.

After accelerating past Juventus' two central defenders, Giggs placed a low angled right-foot shot wide of Gianluigi Buffon and into the bottom corner.

Dutch international van Nistelrooy put the game beyond doubt 18 minutes after the interval, prodding the ball past Buffon after Igor Tudor's weak chested back-pass failed to reach his goalkeeper.



PHOTO: INTERNET

GLORY BOUND: Manchester United veteran Ryan Giggs (2L) keeps his composure under pressure from Juventus' Paolo Montero (L) seconds before scoring at the Stadium Delle Alpi in Turin on February 24,

A lot to play for

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but it was also marred by sub-standard bowling and fielding.

Canada's Australian recruit John Davison exposed the frailty of the West Indies attack by blasting a century off just 67 balls, the fastest ever World Cup hundred.

Davison only bats at nine in Australia's domestic competition and a major concern for captain Hooper is that his team have to contain Sri Lanka skipper Sanath Jayasuriya, one of the world's most explosive opening batsman.

"It (the Canada game) forced us

to re-think some of our plans and our strategy and how to adapt to certain situations," said Hooper.

"We've just to be more accurate. When you play a guy like Jayasuriya, if you're not accurate enough, he can punish you.

"We've got to be more consistent in the plan we're trying to execute, whether it be fuller balls or shorter balls."

Sri Lanka, the 1996 world champions, appeared to be cruising towards the Super Sixes when they easily won their first three games

before the wheels suddenly fell off against Kenya, one of the tournament's real minnows.

That result has left them needing to win at least one of their last two group matches, against West Indies and South Africa, to stay in the competition.

Jayasuriya concedes he is worried.

"This (the Kenya game) was our best opportunity to win before our next big match but we didn't play well and this puts us under pressure to beat West Indies in Cape Town," he said.

"That match, and the one against South Africa, will be a great test of our character."

Unlike West Indies, Sri Lanka's problems lie with their batting. Off spinner Muttiah Muralitharan and seamer Chaminda Vaas have been racking up the wickets in style but the batsmen have let them down.

Left-handed Jayasuriya hit a brilliant century in the opening game against New Zealand to guide his team to victory but, when he fell cheaply against Kenya in Nairobi, the rest of the batting quickly folded.

Bevan's WC begins today

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LINE-UPS

AUSTRALIA (from): Ricky Ponting (captain), Adam Gilchrist, Michael Bevan, Andy Bichel, Jason Gillespie, Ian Harvey, Matthew Hayden, Brad Hogg, Brett Lee, Darren Lehmann, Jimmy Maher, Damien Martyn, Glenn McGrath, Andy Symonds, Nathan Hauritz.

NAMIBIA (from): Deon Kotze (captain), Jan Burger, Louis Burger, Sarel Burger, Morne Karg, Daniel Keulder, Bjorn Kotze, Lennie Louw, Bryan Murgatroyd, Gerrie Nyman, Stefan Swanepoel, Burton van Rooi, Melt van Schoor, Rudi van Vuuren, Riaan Walters.

Umpires: Russel Tiffin (Zim) and Billy Bowden (NZl)

TV umpire: Neil Mallender (Eng) Match referee: Gundappa Viswanath (Ind)

FORM GUIDE

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Namibia (won 0 lost 4)

Feb 23 2003 lost to India by 181 runs  
Feb 17 2003 lost to England by 55 runs  
Feb 16 2003 lost to Pakistan by 171 runs  
Feb 10 2003 lost to Zimbabwe by 86 runs

Pietermaritzburg  
Port Elizabeth  
Kimberley  
Harare

Note: There are no head-to-heads as Namibia is an associate member

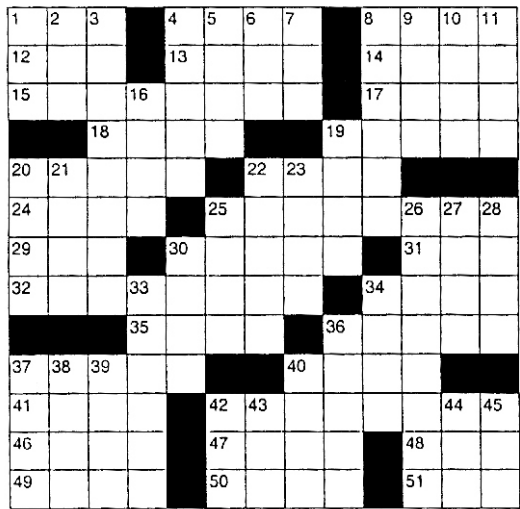
CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Kitten's comment  
4 Wound cover  
8 Missile shelter  
12 "La la" territory  
13 Winning margin, maybe  
14 Stomped (on)  
15 They sum to 9  
17 Wander  
18 Siestas  
19 Smith's "MIB" co-star  
20 Gaggle members  
22 Arduous journey  
24 Almost black  
25 They sum to 9  
29 Expert  
30 Lollapalooza  
31 Simile center  
32 They sum to 9  
34 Child's play  
35 "Eyes only" (Abbr.)

DOWN

1 Catlike call?  
2 Really long time  
3 Any old time  
4 Long-billed sandpiper  
5 Gear teeth  
6 Cookout residue  
7 Play the ponies  
8 Golf score unit  
9 Press agent?  
10 Song-writer's subject  
11 Versified tributes  
16 Comfortable  
19 Willicism  
20 Summer-long time pest  
21 Aplecie  
22 Finn  
23 Satuce creator  
25 Criticon  
26 Overcome  
27 Jacob's brother  
28 Scruff  
30 VHS alternative  
33 Time for an egg roll?  
34 Scan the channels  
36 Laconic  
37 Big affair  
38 Lotion additive  
39 "Green Acres" wile  
40 Gas station structure  
42 Support-ing  
43 "What have we here?"  
44 Through  
45 British cathedral town



CRYPTOQUIP

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X O Z L Z N L V Z H D N !  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HAVE YOU HEARD THAT THE PREGNANT BEDBUG IS DUE TO HAVE HER BABY IN THE SPRING?  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals T

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.



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102 runs 9 wkts 5 wkts

3. How many runs did Bangladesh score against South Africa in the World Cup Group B match?  
120 108

4. Bangladesh lost to Canada in the World Cup Group B match by:  
110

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