

Squads for tsunami match named

A who's who of superstars

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Ronaldo, Thierry Henry, David Beckham and Zinedine Zidane are among more than 50 of the world's top players invited by FIFA for the "Football for Hope" benefit match to help victims of the Asian tsunami.

An XI captained by AC Milan's European Footballer of the Year Andriy Shevchenko will take on a Ronaldinho XI at the Brazilian's club ground in Barcelona on February 15.

Shevchenko is set for an impressive range of midfielders playing behind the Ukraine striker after FIFA revealed an invitation list on Tuesday including Zidane, Beckham, Patrick Vieira, Steven Gerrard and Pavel Nedved.

Help up front is set to come from Henry, Raul, Alessandro Del Piero, Roberto Baggio and Francesco Totti.

Ronaldinho could be partnered by Ronaldo, Samuel Eto'o and Didier Drogba, supported by Kaka

and Hidetoshi Nakata, with a defence including Cafu and Javier Zanetti.

All proceeds from the match will be donated to the FIFA/ AFC Tsunami Solidarity Fund, which has been set up jointly by FIFA and the Asian Football Confederation (AFC).

UEFA has pledged one million dollars to the solidarity fund and the same amount to the Red Cross.



RONALDINHO

SQUADS

ANDRIY SHEVCHENKO SQUAD

Goalkeepers: Gianluigi Buffon (Juventus/ITA), Iker Casillas (Real Madrid/SPA)

Defenders: Kakhaeb Kadzadze (AC Milan/GEO), Christian Karembeu (Servette/FRA), Vincent Kompany (Anderlecht/BEL), Paolo Maldini (AC Milan/ITA), Carles Puyol (Barcelona/SPA), Jaap Stam (AC Milan/NED), Lilian Thuram (Juventus/FRA)

Midfielders: Michael Ballack (Bayern Munich/GER), David Beckham (Real Madrid/ENG), Deco (Barcelona/POR), Steven Gerrard (Liverpool/ENG), Pavel Nedved (Juventus/CZE), Sergei Semak (CSKA Moscow/RUS), Patrick Vieira (Arsenal/FRA), Zinedine Zidane (Real Madrid/FRA)

Forwards: Roberto Baggio (no club/ITA), Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus/ITA), Thierry Henry (Arsenal/FRA), Raul (Real Madrid/SPA), Andriy Shevchenko (AC Milan/UKR), Francesco Totti (AS Roma/ITA), Johann Vogel (PSV Eindhoven/SWI)

Coaches: Marcello Lippi (Italy national coach/ITA), Arsene Wenger (Arsenal manager/FRA)

RONALDINHO SQUAD

Goalkeepers: Dida (AC Milan/BRA), Idriss Kameni (Espanyol/CMR)

Defenders: Cafu (AC Milan/BRA), Ivan Cordoba (Inter Milan/COL), Cris (Lyon/BRA), Gabriel Heinze (Manchester United/ARG), Radhi Jaidi (Bolton Wanderers/TUN), Samuel Kuffour (Bayern Munich/GHA), Luchi (Bayern Munich/BRA), Rafael Marquez (Barcelona/MEX), Lucas Radebe (Leeds United/RSA), Javier Zanetti (Inter Milan/ARG)

Midfielders: Esteban Cambiasso (Inter Milan/ARG), Brett Emerton (Blackburn Rovers/AUS), Michael Essien (Lyon/GHA), Juninho Pernambucano (Lyon/BRA), Li Tie (Everton/CHN), Mahdi Makdah (Hamburg/GER), Hidetoshi Nakata (Florentina/JPN), Ronaldinho (Barcelona/BRA)

Forwards: Adriano (Inter Milan/BRA), Deiron Buckley (Arima Bielefeld/GER), Du-Ri Cha (Eintracht Frankfurt/KOR), Didier Drogba (Chelsea/ENG), Samuel Eto'o (Barcelona/CMR), Kaka (AC Milan/BRA), Obafemi Martins (Inter Milan/NGR), Ronaldo (Real Madrid/BRA)

Coaches: Carlos Alberto Parreira (Brazil national coach/BRA), Frank Rijkaard (Barcelona manager/NED)

FA CUP It's over for Liverpool

AFP, Burnley

An own-goal by Djimi Traore handed Championship side Burnley a deserved 1-0 victory over Premiership giants Liverpool in the third round of the FA Cup here on Tuesday.

Liverpool fielded an understrength side and paid the penalty and ended the match with 10 men after Antonio Nunez was sent-off shortly before the final whistle for lashing out at Tony Grant.

Defeat leaves Liverpool - who were the side beaten by Burnley when they won the FA Cup in 1914 - with just the Champions League and League Cup to play for for the rest of the season.

However Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez rejected criticism of his fielding a second string side.

"I don't think it was a mistake," said the Spaniard.

"I am happy with the players, they tried. We worked hard, the squad in the League Cup (1-0 in the first leg semi-final match with Watford) was the same idea and we won but not today. All of us are disappointed with the result but that is football." His Burnley counterpart Steve Cotterill was ecstatic.

"In the end perhaps we deserved what we got on the night and we are delighted," said Cotterill, who made his name managing Cheltenham and recorded some FA Cup success there.

"It was our team ethic, we were a team tonight. We've got good individual players but they played as one of 11 tonight.

"It's probably my best night (in the cup)."

Liverpool had the better of the exchanges as the first-half were on with Darren Potter twice and John Welsh forcing Brian Jensen into saves.

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There's only one Maldini

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AFP, Rome

retiring from the international scene following the disastrous 2002 World Cup campaign in Japan and South Korea.

He was on the losing side in the 1994 World Cup final against Brazil and the European championship final against France six years later.

Cynics could argue that Maldini might have left AC Milan had the club not enjoyed so much success, but he has been the perfect role model for any aspiring young footballer.

Still happily married to Venezuelan model Adriana Fossa after more than 10 years and the father of two sons, he has steered clear of the pitfalls that so many players fall victim to.

"If I decide to play on (after my contract ends in 2006), it will not be for financial reasons or because I have always said I won't do it - you suffer too much."

"My objective is not to play on until I'm 40, but to be playing at a certain level. If I can still keep up with the youngsters, why should I set myself limits?"

Maldini may have won everything on offer at club level, but as an individual he has been overlooked. He has never been voted Italian footballer of the year, European Footballer of the Year, or the World Player of the Year.

Despite this lack of personal recognition, there has been no shortage of tributes from those who know 'Il Capitano' best.

AC Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti underlined Maldini's importance to his team and to the image of Italian football, which often makes the headlines for all the wrong reasons.

"He's the best - many players are remembered for their demonstrations of skill, while Paolo has been and continues to be a true example of professionalism and reliability," he said.

AC Milan's vice-president Adriano Galliani said Maldini was much more than a footballer and had become an ambassador for the city.

"He's an inimitable champion and in my opinion he's not just a symbol of AC Milan, but Milan itself," he said.

Maldini has been the scourge of Serie A's finest strikers, but of all those he has faced Diego Maradona, who led Napoli to two league titles, stands out as his most respected adversary.

"He was the greatest and the most sincere - a model of behaviour on the pitch," said the Milan captain, an eye-opener given Maradona's bad boy reputation.

"He respected everybody, from the champions to the run-of-the-mill players. He also took a lot of hard tackles and never complained. But the attackers of today - Mama Mia!"



PAOLO MALDINI

কাম্পুস্টি

সমাবর্তনের জন্য কস্টিউম বিতরণ, মহাত্মা এবং সমাবর্তনে অংশগ্রহণ কর্মসূচি নিম্নরূপ হচ্ছে:

তারিখ	সময়	কাম্পুস্টি ও ছান
২৪-১-২০০৫	সকাল ৯:০০ থেকে দুপুর ১২:৩০	স্বাস্থ্যবিভাগের সমাজক করার পর যাজ্ঞযোগাগ্রহের মধ্যে আনুষ্ঠানিক গাউড় বিতরণ।
২৪-১-২০০৫	এবং বিকাশ ২:৩০ থেকে সকাল ৭:০০	স্থানুষ পরীক্ষা নিয়ন্ত্রক অফিস (২য় তলা)।
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FA might go soft

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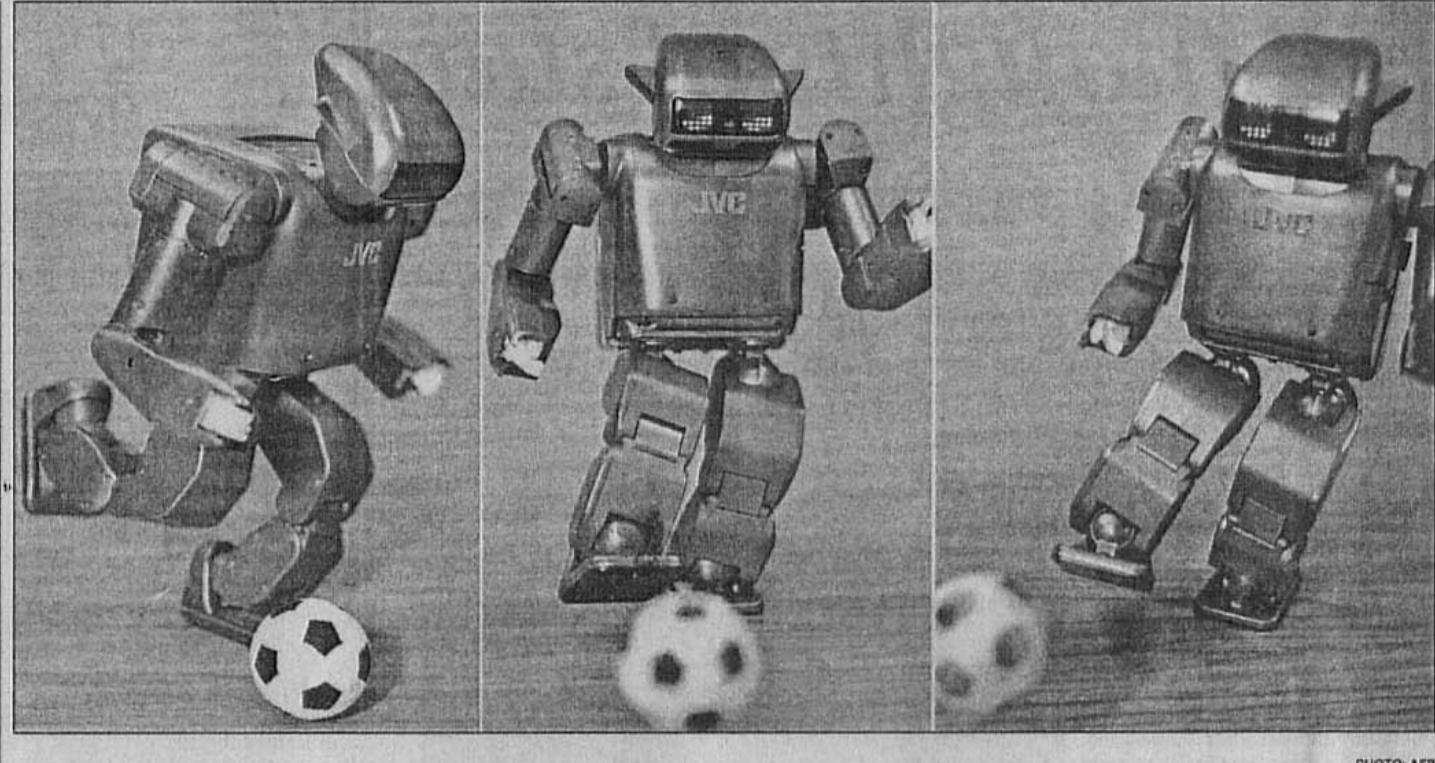
Liverpool are likely to go unpunished by the Football Association (FA) for fielding an under-strength side in the 1-0 FA Cup defeat by Championship side Burnley.

FA rule 18a states that "each team participating in a match shall represent the full available strength of each competing club".

But the huge growth in leading clubs' first-team squads has meant the rule has rarely been enforced in recent seasons and sources told AFP Wednesday they did not expect any action to be taken against Liverpool.

That would leave the way open for Arsenal and Manchester United - assuming in United's case they beat Exeter in Wednesday's third round replay - to rest leading players from their fourth round FA Cup games which take place just three days before their crunch Premier League meeting at Highbury on February 1.

Liverpool though did appear to stretch the rules close to breaking point with the likes of youngsters David Raven, Darren Potter, John Welsh and Zak Whitbread in their team at Turf Moor.



A combo photo shows electronics giants Victor Company of Japan (JVC)'s new prototype humanoid robot "J4", equipped with 26 joints and two CCD cameras, which enables it to dance and kick a football at the company's showroom, in Tokyo yesterday. J4, 20cm in tall and 770g in weight, has been developed to be used for entertainment.

Figo feels bad for Jimenez

REUTERS, Madrid

Real Madrid midfielder Luis Figo has apologised for a challenge on Real Zaragoza defender Cesar Jimenez that will leave the player on the sideline for between six and eight months.

Jimenez will undergo surgery on Thursday after tearing his cruciate ligament and suffering muscle and cartilage damage when Figo slid into him with his studs up during Sunday's league match, which Real Madrid won 3-1.

"I'm really sad about it," Figo told the Real Madrid