

Squads for tsunami match named

A who's who of superstars

Football

REUTERS, London

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: Kakhaber Kaladze (AC Milan/GE), Christian Karembeu (Servette/FRA), Vincent Kompany (Anderlecht/BEL), Paolo Maldini (AC Milan/ITA), Carlos 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 Jaïdi (Bolton Wanderers/TUN), Samuel Kuffour (Bayern Munich/GHA), Lucio (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), Mehdi Mahdavi (Hamburg/RU), Hidetoshi Nakata (Fiorentina/JPN), Ronaldinho (Barcelona/BRA)

Forwards: Adriano (Inter Milan/BRA), Deion Buckley (Arminia Bielefeld/RSA), Du-Ri Cha (Eintracht Frankfurt/KOR), Didier Drogba (Chelsea/IVC), Samuel Eto'o (Barcelona/CMR), Kaka (AC Milan/BRA), Obafemi Martins (Inter Milan/NGR), Ronaldo (Real Madrid/BRA)
Coaches: Carlos Alberto Pereira (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 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 wore on with Darren Potter twice and John Welsh forcing Brian Jensen into saves.

Burnley had started the brighter but only forced the under-pressure Polish keeper Jerzy Dudek into a couple of saves in the fourth minute from Richard Chaplow and Grant.

Liverpool started the second-half as they had finished the first period as the seldom used Igor Biscan fired in a shot from long range which was safely gathered by Jensen, who had been forced to change his shirt in the first-half because it clashed with the visitors' strip.

However against the run of play Burnley took the lead in the 51st minute as Traore scored a bizarre own-goal swivelling almost full circle and under no pressure to prod it into his own net from Chaplow's low cross.

There's only one Maldini

Football

AFP, Rome

In these days of football mercenaries, when a player will kiss his club badge as a sign of loyalty one week then leave the next when a better offer comes along, Paolo Maldini is a rarity.

Ever since becoming AC Milan's youngest debutant 20 years ago on January 20 1985 aged 16, the classy defender regarded as the best of his generation has stayed loyal to his hometown club.

His extraordinary commitment to the team his father Cesare played for has been rewarded with a sackful of silverware, including seven league championships, four European Cup/Champions League titles, two Intercontinental Cups, four European SuperCups and the Italian Cup.

Maldini is also Italy's most capped player, having made 126 appearances for the Azzurri before

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.

On Sunday, the AC Milan fans acknowledged Maldini's two decades of service by giving him a standing ovation and unfurling a massive banner which read: "20 years at Milan. 20 years of history - Thank You Paolo!"

The legs may not be as fast as they were when legendary sweeper Franco Baresi took the young

Maldini under his wing, but the sprightly 36-year-old is showing no sign of calling it a day.

"I have been thinking about what to do once I retire and I haven't come to a decision yet," he told the Gazzetta dello Sport, Italy's best-selling newspaper.

"The best thing would be to find myself some kind of job within the world of football, but I have no desire to become a coach. I have always said I won't do it - you suffer too much."

"If I decide to play on (after my contract ends in 2006), it will not be for financial reasons or because I have set myself a target of a certain number of victories."

"It will be because of the desire to train hard and enjoy myself. This is the sport I love, a sport that has given me so 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!"

FA might go soft

AFP, London

Liverpool are likely to go unpunished by the Football Association (FA) for fielding an under-strength side in Tuesday's 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.

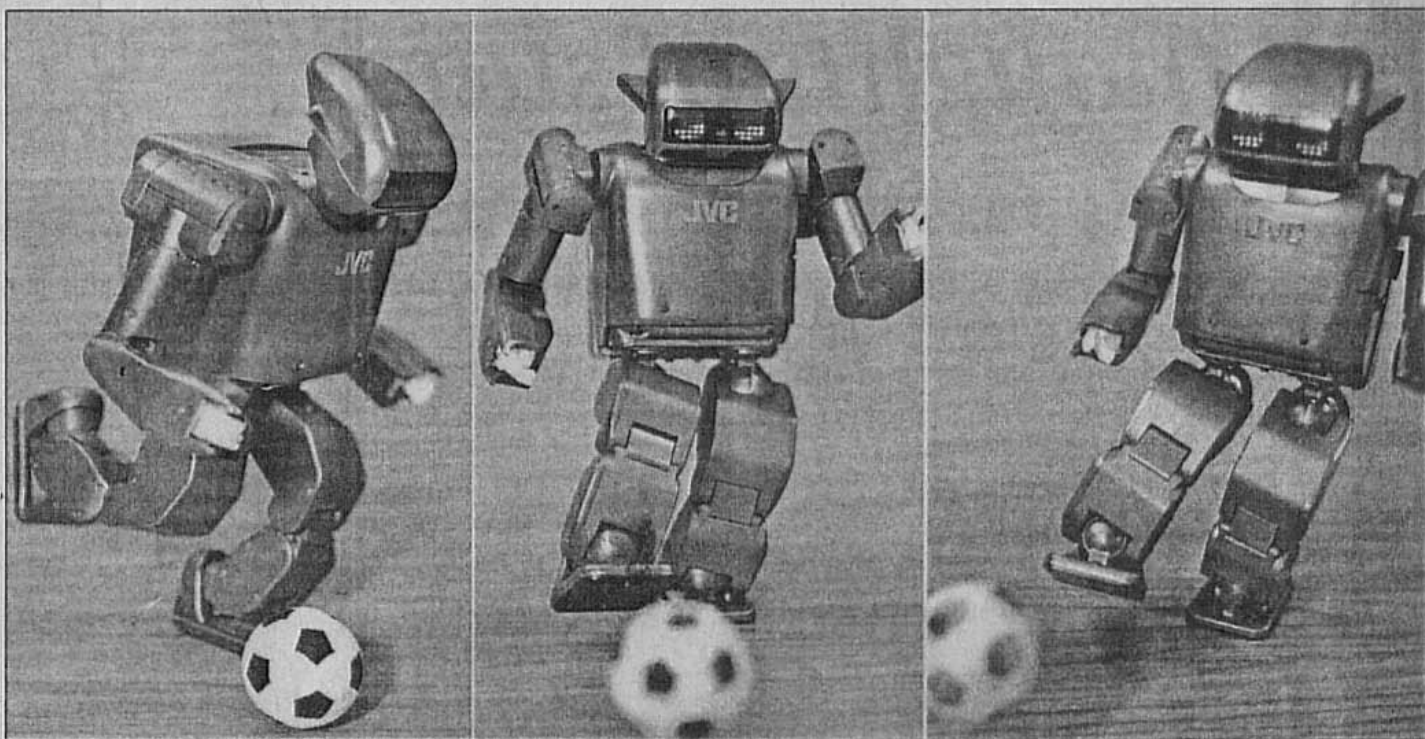


PHOTO: AFP

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 sidelines 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 website on Tuesday.



LUIS FIGO

"At no time did I want to hurt him. We were both going for the ball as hard as we could. I went in with my eyes closed and he got there first."

"I don't feel good about it. I hope he can get back to full fitness as soon as possible."

Cesar himself excused the Real Madrid player for his actions.

"I don't feel any resentment towards him," he told sports daily Marca. "He apologised to me and clearly felt very bad about it. I don't think any players deliberately set out to injure their opponents."

However, his club Zaragoza issued a strong-worded criticism of referee Javier Jose Losantos Omar who failed to penalise Figo for the challenge and made several other controversial decisions during the game.

He also rejected claims for a penalty when Zaragoza striker David Villa was wrestled to the ground by Real defender Michel Salgado and allowed a Ronaldo goal to stand even though Figo had provided him with the pass from an offside position.

"We want to express our indignation at the biased performance from the referee, whose decisions were of decisive influence in the outcome of the game," read a statement issued by the club on Tuesday.

FIFA-Adidas sign mega deal

AFP, Zurich

Football's world ruling body FIFA finalised a seven-year, multi-million dollar deal on Wednesday with the German sports-wear manufacturer Adidas.

"Adidas is the first of the six FIFA exclusive partners to sign today for the period 2007-2014," FIFA president Joseph Blatter said at a ceremony in Zurich, where the organisation is headquartered.

The names of the other five partners will be announced during the first half of the year.

The contract with Adidas is valued at 351 million dollars (270 million euros), with the German sports giant paying 215 million dollars in cash and 136 million dollars in goods such as team kits.

In return, Adidas will have enlarged licensing rights related to World Cup events, including common marketing programmes, Internet cooperation and priority access to television advertisement.

The head of Adidas, Herbert Hainer, said that his firm's sales related to football products continued to improve.

He forecast revenues in this sector of 900 million euros (1.1 billion dollars) in 2005 and a figure of more than one billion euros the following year when the World Cup is due to take place in Germany.

Now the police is worried

Football

AFP, London

Police have called on feuding managers Arsene Wenger and Sir Alex Ferguson to end their war of words ahead of next month's Arsenal-Manchester United match at Highbury, amidst worries the ongoing row could provoke crowd trouble.

Officers who will police the February 1 match at Arsenal's Highbury ground are becoming increasingly concerned by the bosses' spat and have joined the League Managers' Association in asking both men to tone down their act.

Last weekend the row escalated when Ferguson labelled Wenger "a disgrace" for not apologising following their tunnel row at Old Trafford in October where United's 2-0 win in an ill-tempered match ended Arsenal's English top-flight record of 49 unbeaten matches.

It was also after that game, the so-called "Battle of the Buffet", which saw Ferguson pelted with pizza and soup reportedly thrown from the Arsenal dressing room.

Following Ferguson's latest outburst, Wenger hit back with the Frenchman saying the Scot was "bringing the game into disrepute" and had "lost all sense of reality".

Arsenal and Manchester United have monopolised the Premiership title between them since Blackburn won the league in the 1994-95 season.

But their next meeting has been given added spice by the fact that a defeat for either team could kill off their Premiership hopes this season.

Arsenal, currently second, are 10 points behind leaders and London rivals Chelsea with United a point further back in third place.

For all the talk of 'a peace summit' between Ferguson and Wenger, such a meeting looks as unlikely as ever.

Meanwhile Barry Norman, the Metropolitan Police's commander for Islington, the north

London borough in which Highbury is located, told Wednesday's London Evening Standard: "Any activity in the build-up to the game which increases the intensity and hostility of the supporters is not responsible and should be stopped."

"If there is intense rivalry between the two sets of fans, which there is, then anything which increases that is unhelpful."

Norman, who heads up the match-day security operation at Highbury, insisted police had a good relationship with Arsenal but stressed: "The difference with the United game is simply that the intense playing rivalry can permeate into the crowd."

"People can easily become more agitated and aggressive towards supporters of the other team," he added.

Some 180 officers will be on duty at Highbury for the United match, double the average number for most Arsenal games.

Football Association chairman Geoff Thompson had harboured hopes of brokering a meeting between the clubs after the October flare-up but that was dismissed by both clubs as Arsenal vice-chairman David Dein and Manchester United chief executive David Gill get on with one another.

But neither seems either willing or indeed able to restrain their respective managers from ever more intemperate outbursts.

Gill and Dein are set to meet again at a Premier League shareholders' meeting in London on Thursday but they are unlikely to issue any kind of public call for calm.



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Jaintiapur, Sylhet

Memo No: LGED/UE/Jain/2005/24

Dated: 15-01-05

Invitation for Tender (IFT)

Tender Notice No. 02/2004-05

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the eligible tenderers as defined in the tender documents for the undermentioned list of works as per terms and conditions stated below:

Package no	Name of contract	Tender security (Tk)	Time for completion (days)	Price of tender documents (Tk)
01	Construction of Chiknagul Union Complex Bhaban	88,000.00	180	1,000.00
02	Thikana Digonta Regd Govt Pry School	17,000.00	90	500.00
03	Furniture supply of Thikana Digonta Regd Govt Pry School	2,000.00	30	100.00
1	Name of project	1) Construction of Union Complex Bhaban and development of connecting roads project. 2 & 3) Non Govt Regd Pry School (2nd phase).		
2	Date, time and place of pre-tender meeting	02.02.05, 12:00noon, office of the undersigned.		
3	Last date, time and places of selling tender document	13.02.05 up to 4:00pm and a) Office of the undersigned. b) Commissioner, Sylhet Division. c) The Executive Engineer, LGED, Sylhet. d) Upazila Engineer, LGED, Sylhet Sadar, Sylhet.		
4	Last date, time and places of receiving tender	14.02.05 up to 12:00noon and a) Office of the undersigned. b) Commissioner, Sylhet Division. c) The Executive Engineer, LGED, Sylhet. d) Upazila Engineer, LGED, Sylhet Sadar, Sylhet		
5	Date, time and place of opening of tender	14.02.05 up to 2:00pm.		
6.	Tender shall be valid for a period of 119 days after bid opening and must be accompanied by the tender security specified in Section 2. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. Interested tenderer may obtain further information from the undersigned and purchase the tender documents in cash/bank draft from the places mentioned above. The tenderer or their authorised representatives are allowed to attend the opening of tenders.			
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