



Chelsea's Frank Lampard's (R) shot about to take a deflection off Bayern Munich defender Lucio before going into the net at The Olympic Stadium in Munich on April 12.

Bayern drown in Blues



AFP, Munich

English Premiership leaders Chelsea swept into the semifinals of the Champions League at the expense of Bayern Munich here on Tuesday to keep hopes of a historic treble alive.

Although Chelsea lost 3-2, their Stamford Bridge victory last week was enough to earn them a 6-5 aggregate victory.

It is the second successive season Chelsea have reached the semi-finals of Europe's premier competition and they will hope to make amends for last season's shock 5-3 aggregate defeat by Monaco.

Chelsea led 4-2 from the first leg and England international Frank Lampard scored on the hour mark - his third goal against Bayern in six days - to ensure Bayern had to score three times.

"Another deflected goal from Chelsea," said Bayern handler Felix Magath. "Chelsea were not better than us they were just more fortunate and clinical in front of goal."

Bayern did in fact manage to score three through Claudio Pizarro (65) and late goals from substitutes Mehmet Scholl and Paolo Guerrero both in stoppage time - but Ivory Coast star Didier Drogba had scored for Chelsea 10 minutes earlier to

send the London club through. Chelsea's Portuguese manager Jose Mourinho - still suspended by UEFA - was amongst the capacity 59,000 fans watching from the stands and will be delighted as his charges scored twice to ensure Bayern's late goal fest was irrelevant.

Fitness coach Rui Faria was Mourinho's representative at the press conference and revealed the manager left the stadium because he felt his privacy was being invaded.

"Jose will be delighted with the result but he left the stands because he could not watch the match in peace," revealed Faria. "He went back to the hotel and watched us progress from there."

Chelsea face the prospect of an all English semi-final clash with four-time European Cup winners Liverpool although Italian giants Juventus will fancy their chances of overturning a 2-1 deficit in Turin on Wednesday.

Bayern made four changes with Dutch international Roy Makaay and Peru star Pizarro back to form their attacking partnership.

Manager Magath claimed conceding the first goal would be 'fatal' and it almost happened in the second minute with Drogba - a lone target-man - rushing on to a through pass.

Bayern custodian Oliver Kahn came storming out to block his path and Magath breathed a sigh of relief - although it was later to turn to despair.

Hosts Munich then seized the initiative and German international Michael Ballack - at the centre of a diving storm in the first leg - saw his goal-bound shot blocked in the fifth minute and blazed his follow-up high over the crossbar.

Pizarro then forced a brilliant point blank save from Chelsea's Czech international goalkeeper Petr Cech in a thrilling first quarter hour.

Bastian Schweinsteiger was causing havoc down the right flank and a goal looked inevitable but it was Chelsea who scored it against the run of play.

In the 30th minute, Joe Cole fed England international team-mate Lampard and the midfielder's shot ricocheted off Brazilian defender Lucio sending Kahn the wrong way.

"The first goal was very fortunate," said Bayern defender Sagnol. "But to be honest the damage was done in the first leg."

It was more bad luck for Lucio who deflected in Cole's first goal in the 4-2 first leg defeat at Stamford Bridge.

Lampard's deflected effort meant Bayern needed to score three goals to go through and Ballack should have got one of them in the 38th minute when he strangely chose to play the ball across the face of goal instead of shooting himself.

Bayern pulled off Martin Demichelis for the more inventive Mehmet Scholl early in the second half.

Bayern were handed a lifeline in the 65th minute when Cech could only parry a Ballack header on to the post and the ball rolled kindly to Pizarro who stroked the ball in to level the scores.

With 25 minutes left to score twice Bayern hit the crossbar through a deflected Bixente Lizarazu cross and then Eidur Gudjohnsen cleared off the line as Chelsea began to wobble.

But with 10 minutes left the excellent Cole crossed for Drogba to bullet a header past Kahn and Bayern knew the game was up.

Guerrero and Scholl both scored in stoppage time but Bayern were left cursing having conceded six goals over the two legs.

"The players relaxed at the end," declared Faria. "They were worried about yellow cards and possible suspensions."

Bayern's star midfielder Michael Ballack said: "It's annoying. We were the best team and we deserved to go through. We had numerous chances and should have got something out of tonight. But Chelsea are a very capable team."

Flared up Milan



REUTERS, Milan

The fate of the Champions League quarter-final second leg between Inter Milan and AC Milan will be decided by UEFA after the game was abandoned after 73 minutes when Milan keeper Dida was struck by a flare from the crowd.

An Andriy Shevchenko goal after 30 minutes had given Milan a 1-0 (3-0 aggregate) lead over their city rivals but UEFA's Control and Disciplinary Committee will now decide whether to replay the game, the last 17 minutes or award the win to Milan.

It is the second time a Champions League match has been abandoned in Italy this season after AS Roma's Group B game against Dynamo Kiev on September 15 was called off at halftime because referee Anders Frisk was hit by an object from the crowd.

Kiev, who had been leading 1-0, were awarded a 3-0 win by UEFA and Roma were told to play their next two European home games behind closed doors.

Dida was hit by one of scores of flares that were thrown down by Inter supporters after the disallowing of a "goal" from Inter midfielder Esteban Cambiasso and German

referee Markus Merk was forced to take the players off the field.

Following a wait of over 20 minutes, the match restarted with Dida replaced in goal by Christian Abbiati but after just thirty seconds more flares and bottles were hurled down from the second tier of the North Stand, home to Inter's hardcore ultras.

Merk immediately whistled to end the game and Milan players had to race towards the tunnel as more missiles rained down.

Juventus host Liverpool in their quarter-final second leg tie on Wednesday and Turin police said on Tuesday they were ready for any possible trouble amid fears Italian fans may seek revenge for the 1985 Heysel Stadium disaster.

A superb strike on the half hour from European Footballer of the Year Shevchenko put Milan in front on the night after Carlo Ancelotti's side, Champions League winners in 2003, had withstood some intense early pressure from Inter.

Ukrainian Shevchenko was lucky to still be on the field after headbutting Inter defender Marco Materazzi during an off the ball incident early in the game - unseen by Merk.

Two goals down from the first leg Inter had to get three to go through and coach Roberto Mancini fielded an attacking line-up with Argentine

Kily Gonzalez and Dutchman Andy van der Meide on the flanks in support of their fit-again Brazilian striker Adriano.

Dida was in superb form before being felled and he produced a brilliant save to keep out Juan Sebastian Veron's early shot.

The goal came when Shevchenko found space on the edge of the area and his curling left-foot shot into the far corner of the net beat a diving Francesco Toldo.

That meant Inter needed to score four goals against a team they had failed to score against in their previous three meetings and who had conceded just three goals in their entire Champions League campaign this season.

Inter brought on Argentine Julio Ricardo Cruz at the break and then swapped Adriano for Nigerian Obafemi Martins who made an instant impact striking the outside of the post from a narrow angle.

Dida was then at his finest again as he pushed a drive from Van der Meide wide before Inter finally got the ball in the net with a header from Cambiasso which was ruled out for a foul on Dida by Cruz.

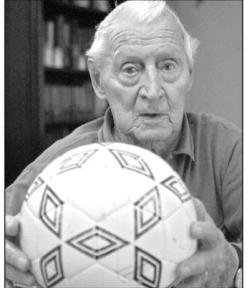
That prompted the Inter fans to begin throwing bottles and flares on to the field.

First World Cup scorer dead

AFP, Besancon

The first ever scorer in football's World Cup finals, French midfielder Lucien Laurent, has died aged 97, a French radio station reported on Tuesday.

Laurent, who scored with a volley against Mexico in the opening match of the 1930 finals in Uruguay which France won 4-1, played 10 times for his country and scored twice.



LUCIEN LAURENT

Henry admires Adriano

BBC ONLINE, London

Thierry Henry has spoken of his admiration for fellow striker Adriano.

The Arsenal star says Inter Milan's Adriano is likely to win his vote for the inaugural FIFPro awards - to be announced at Wembley on 19 September.

"Right now there are a lot of good players but Adriano is the type of striker who can score a goal on his own," said Henry.

The FIFPro World XI Player Awards will be voted for by 38,000 professional footballers from across the world.

Henry added: "There are plenty of strikers who can wait in the box or who can wait for their team to do the job for them and then can score but not many who can score on their own."

The FIFPro event will also include a World XI Legend Award and Henry has no doubt who he would choose.

"For me, it's pretty simple," he added. "I would choose Marco van Basten."

"For me, he was the complete striker. I grew up watching him on television and he could do everything with the ball and even without it."

The other awards include the World XI Player of the Year and the Young Player of the Year - voted for by fans across the globe in the only public voting category.

Big win for Maple Leaf

SPORTS REPORTER

Maple Leaf International School got off to a flying start in the second mini girls handball tournament when they registered an emphatic 10-0 victory over Banani Vidya Niketan in the opening match at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex yesterday.

Sunnydale also made a superb start with a 11-3 victory over Lake Circus Girls' School.

In the day's other matches, Viharunessa Noon outplayed BIS 7-1, Dhanmondi Tutorial blanked Agha Khan School 3-0, St Jude's International School thrashed Green Herald 5-3, Dhanmondi Quamrunessa beat Summer Field 7-2, South Point managed a hard fought 4-3 victory over Radiant International School and YWCA recorded a 5-3 win over Mohammadpur Preparatory.

Shekhar closing in on title

SPORTS REPORTER

Indian Grand Master Surya Shekhar Ganguly will need a draw in today's final round to clinch the United Insurance and Leasing GM Chess Tournament title.

Ganguly beat his compatriot IM Sriram Jha in the tenth round of the 11-round Swiss League competition at the NSC conference room yesterday.

With 8.5 points, Ganguly was closely followed by Bangladeshi IM Enamul Hossain Rajib and Russian GM Alexander Fominovh who are level on 7.5 points.

Local IM Reefat Bin Sattar and GM Iuldachey Saidali of Uzbekistan shared the third place with seven points each.

Reefat, meanwhile, missed a 10-round GM norm when he drew with Fominovh in the 10th round game. The Bangladeshi IM now needs to win his last round game to win an 11-round GM norm.

Bangladesh junior champion Mehdi Hasan Parag also failed to earn a 10-round IM norm when he lost to Abdul Maleq.

Ganguly to appeal

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However, some players from both the sides would be allowed to have a look at the pitch and the ground conditions, official sources said adding the two teams are expected to reach Delhi from Kanpur, which hosts the fifth ODI, on the morning of April 16.

Meanwhile, radical Hindu party Shiv Sena on Tuesday threatened to "go to any extent" to thwart the match.

DELHI ODIALSO TOBEINSURED

The Delhi ODI is also likely to be insured for a big amount.

Negotiations are reportedly on between organisers of the match Delhi District Cricket Association and insurance companies.

Sources said the insurance amount for the match was expected to be high in view of the presence of VIPs including Indian prime minister, Pakistani president, who will be accompanied by some ministers, and Congress president Sonia Gandhi, her children Rahul and Priyanka, and a host of other Indian ministers.

Vincent puts NZ in control



AFP, Wellington

A magnificent double century from Lou Vincent put New Zealand firmly in command of the second cricket Test against Sri Lanka at stumps on the third day.

Vincent's 224 was the seventh highest Test innings by a New Zealander and provided the backbone of New Zealand's 522 for nine declared.

It gave New Zealand a 311 first innings lead, and when the umpires called time to end Day Three, Sri Lanka were 10 for one in their second innings.

Vincent was at the crease for 522 minutes, facing 347 balls and hitting 24 fours and four sixes before being run out by Sanath Jayasuriya while attempting a second run.

By then the damage had been done and the hard work of left-armed Chaminda Vaas, who had New Zealand at six for 294, had been undone.

Vaas was the most successful Sri Lankan bowler, finishing with six for 108, but his sterling effort took second place to Vincent's patient knock that left Sri Lanka with an uphill battle to save the Test and the series.

New Zealand resumed the day on 253 for four on a chilly morning under grey skies. Stephen Fleming got off to a flyer when he pulled the fourth ball of the day from Farveez Maharoof over mid-wicket for six, losing the ball down a drain and

forcing it to be replaced. But on 88 he skied a hook shot off Vaas and was well caught at deep square leg by Shantha Kalavithigoda, ending a 211-minute, 176-ball innings including 11 fours



LOU VINCENT...224

and a six.

Brendon McCullum followed immediately when he mistimed a ball high on the bat and Vaas held the simple return chance to have two wickets in consecutive balls for the second time in the match.

Vincent was content to play second fiddle while Fleming was at the crease, but once Vaas dismissed the New Zealand skipper and McCullum, Vincent blossomed as the senior batsman.

His third Test hundred came from a pull shot off Vaas, the 150 came from a reverse sweep off leg-

spinner Upul Chandana that went for four, and the second hundred was a full-blooded drive to the boundary.

Sri Lanka were made to pay dearly for Thilan Samaraweera dropping Vincent in the slips on 64 and Sanath Jayasuriya spilling a chance just before tea when Vincent was on 193.

BRIEF SCORES
SRI LANKA: First innings 211 (Samaraweera 73, Chandana 41; Martin 6-54, Astle 3-35) and second innings 10 for 1 (Martin 1-2)

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 522 for 9 declared (Vincent 224, Fleming 88, Cumming 47, Vaas 6-108, Malinga 2-124)

STANCHART CRICKET North Zone win opener

SPORTS REPORTER

The zonal competition of the Standard Chartered Under-17 Young Tigers School Cricket Tournament began yesterday with North Zone snatching an exciting two-wicket victory over South Zone in the opening match at the Jagannath Hall ground of Dhaka University.

In reply to South Zone's 145 all out, North reached 146-8.

UNDER-13

In the under-13 competition, Momenuddin cracked a 36-ball 101 not out as Loreto piled up 333-9 on way to a massive 180-run win over Udayan Stadium (153) at the Mirpur Outer Stadium.

Sajal Hossain hit 109 in Shourav Smrity's (199) 104-run defeat of Motijheel Government High School (95) at the Iqbal Road ground.

In the day's other matches, Shaheed Nabi (126-4) defeated Sunnydale (125) by six wickets, Natun Jurin (114-2) thrumped Maniknagar (113) by eight wickets, Islami Adarsha (97-9) earned a thrilling one-wicket victory over Missue Pre-cadet (96), Mutaiil (175-5) beat Rashid Adarsha (175-9) by five wickets, Rayer Bazar (219) handed a 109-run defeat on Adarsha Biddalaya (110) and National Bangla (316) outplayed BLS High School (55) by 261 runs.

Army inter-service hockey champs

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Army lifted the inter-service hockey championship title beating Bangladesh Navy 5-4 in tiebreakers at the BAF Base Matiar Rahman yesterday.

The match rolled into shootout after a 1-1 draw in regulation time.

UP Lance Corporal Didar Hossain of Army was adjudged best player in the competition.

End of road

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banned for two Test matches for a similar offence, but he won a reprieve after an appeal by the Indian captain was upheld by ICC commissioner Tim Castle.

The Indian cricket board is hoping a similar appeal will bear fruit again. "There is a provision for appeal and we should definitely make use of it," board president Ranbir Singh Mahendra said.

Ganguly's supporters argue that the slow over rate was not intentional and the spirit of the game was not violated.

The Indian cricket board's legal counsel Usha Nath Banerjee, who helped Ganguly win the reprieve in November, believes there are "grounds to seek a review of the harsh punishment."

"Treating the slow over rate as a Level 3 offence of the ICC's Code of Conduct is not anything more than a mechanical operation by the match referee," Banerjee said. "In fact, it is contrary to the principles of natural justice."

For now, Ganguly will miss the remaining two matches against Pakistan at Kanpur on Friday and New Delhi on Sunday and four matches of a one-day tri-series against the West Indies and hosts Sri Lanka in August.

With the current domestic season over and the next one not due to start till October, there is no opportunity for Ganguly to strike batting form before the team is picked for a Test series in Zimbabwe in September.

With John Wright quitting as coach next week after the Pakistan tour, India may have both a new coach and captain when they travel to Sri Lanka in August.

Wright's successor has not been finalised, but indications are that the widely-respected Rahul Dravid standing in for Ganguly as captain could be a permanent arrangement.

Italy dangerous!

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infamous delegation travelled to the Parma training ground to try and talk Lilian Thuram into joining the Rome club, they can enter locker rooms to "encourage" under-performing players and, like last night, they can force games to be abandoned - remember the derby last year, when four Roma fans used an ill-founded rumour of police brutality to enter the pitch and convince captain Francesco Totti to stop the match?

Yesterday, in frustration at their umpteenth defeat to Milan, it looked like a group of Inter fans were after a similar show of force, unravelling, even before the barrage began, a banner declaring "We Don't Care About the Match Anyway!"

Will things ever change? Today's papers will be full of proposals to reign the Ultras back in, while politicians from Berlusconi down (or up) promise crackdowns and shake-ups. However, before a year is out they'll probably be doing it all over again for some other "Night of Shame!"

The fact that this time it's one of Italy's big three clubs and under Uefa jurisdiction may make a difference, but don't bet on it. Way back in 1998, fans in Salerno went way better than these interisti when, during a Fiorentina-Grasshoppers Zurich Uefa Cup match they hit one of the match officials with a home-made bomb they'd smuggled into the ground. Uefa "cracked down" after that one, too, and just look how much effect that had.

Mourinho at it again



AFP, Munich

Controversial Chelsea coach Jose Mourinho reportedly gave Bayern fans the finger before fleeing the Olympic Stadium before their Champions League quarter-final.

Chelsea lost 3-2 on the night but won 6-5 on aggregate to reach the last four but it was Portuguese coach - banned from the dug-out by UEFA - who stole the limelight again by offending Bayern fans before returning to his hotel to watch the match. "Mourinho gets on everyone's nerves again," headlined local newspaper Tageszeitung.

The tabloid claimed "the arrogant Mourinho gave the finger to the Bayern fans three times before jumping into a taxi twenty minutes

before kick-off."

Fitness coach Rui Faria was Chelsea's representative at the press conference and he refused to say why the former Porto chief left the stadium.

"UEFA did not want him to stay in the stadium," said Faria. "He left because he could not watch the match in peace," revealed Faria.

"He went back to the hotel and watched us progress from there. His privacy had been invaded."

"Mourinho gives the bird and then climbs into taxi," declared the Abenzeitung.

Pictures showed Mourinho with his head bowed in the stands - trying to keep a low profile - with Bayern fans alongside him.

"He is a wild one," said Bayern president Franz Beckenbauer. "But nothing seems to bother him."

Slow going all around

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magnificent 112-run stand for the eighth wicket. Both were later dismissed by Mushfiqur Rahman.

SYLHET-KHULNA
Sylhet toiled to 214-7 against the visitors at Sylhet Stadium.

Khulna's prodigy Sakib Al Hassan picked up five wickets for 67 from 34 overs with his left-arm spinners to stymie Sylhet who had won the toss.

For the home side, Parvez Ahmed made 55 from 180 deliveries while prolific opener Moniruzzaman chipped in with 33 but no other batsman in the top order performed. The tall, however, dug in deep with Golam Mawla (42 off 76 balls) and Sadekur Rahman (38 not out) sharing 70 for the seventh wicket.

SCORES IN BRIEF

DHAKA-CHITTAGONG
DHAKA: First innings 238-7 in 94 overs (Anwar 86, Mehrab 23, Shahriar 54, Halim 18, Sajjad 21, Neeayamur 6, Muntasir 15 batting, Sunny 6 batting, extras 9; Tarek 3-64, Sabbir 3-46).

RAJSHAHI-BARISAL
BARISAL: First innings 246-9 in 90 overs (Imran 9, Nasir 23, Prasenjit 27, Towhid 11, Mosharrar 66, Arman 59, Sharif 22 batting, extras 18; Alamgir 2-44, Shahzada 1-47, Mushfiq 2-30, Saifulah 1-52, Naeem 1-26).

SYHET-KHULNA
SYLHET: First innings 214-7 in 90 overs (Moniruzzaman 33, Imtiaz 6, Parvez 55, Kapali 19, Mabud 8, Mawla 42, Sadekur 38 batting, Sakib 5-67).

BTI golf from today

SPORTS REPORTER

The two-day BTI Cup golf tournament will begin today at the Kurmitola Golf Club.

More than 400 golfers will take part in the competition, sponsored by Building Technology & Ideas Limited (BTI).

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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28 Construction piece
29 Florence's river
30 Kegler's targets
31 Greek consonants
35 Prized possession
38 Phony story
40 See 7-Across
42 Tend a turkey
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47 Pleasant
48 Luminary
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50 Kitten's comment
51 Simile
52 Pitch
54 Ram's mate

SOLUTION TIME: 24 mins.

ACROSS: 1 REACT, 4 EXISTED, 7 SUCCOR, 11 CAD, 13 MCKINLEY, 14 EASTERN, 15 OPPOSITIONIST, 16 GUY, 17 JAM, 18 EVALUATE, 20 FORMER, 22 GARDEN, 24 WILLFUL, 28 SANCTIFY, 32 SEA, 33 ACTOR, 34 BOXER, 36 WHAT, 37 CANCEL, 39 STARBUCKS, 41 REACT, 42