



Inter Milan forward Hernan Crespo (L) congratulates Adriano after his strike partner bagged a first-minute goal during their Serie A match against Chievo in Verona on Sunday.

Inter continue unabated

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Leaders Inter Milan maintained their 11-point lead at the top of the table with a 2-0 win at Chievo on Sunday as Serie

A resumed after the suspension imposed following last week's riot in Sicily.

Domestic football was halted after a policeman was killed when fans went on the rampage at the derby match between Catania and Palermo, forcing the Italian government to introduce strict new security measures to curb hooliganism.

Clubs whose stadium security is not in line with legal requirements are being forced to play their games behind closed doors and Chievo's was one of four grounds without fans.

A minute's silence was observed at the start of all of the day's matches in memory of Filippo Raciti, the policeman who died after being attacked by Catania fans on February 2.

Eto'o snubs Barca

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He added: "You have to pay tribute to the entire team, the defence, midfield and forwards, who produced a great game. We could have scored five in the end."

Marseille manager Albert Emon had noted before the trip to Bordeaux most of his side weren't even born when the south coast club last won there in 1977.

And Julian Foubert's 74th minute close range blast ensured that dubious distinction will last at least another 12 months.

Marseille are lying 17 points off Lyon who took on Lorient aiming to avoid a fourth defeat of 2007 and they duly accomplished that mission thanks to Fred, the Brazilian striker who produced the only goal of the game in the eighth minute.

Monaco's second half goals came from Frederic Piquionne, who then had a penalty saved by Mickael Landreau, with Jan Koller coming up with a face savour late on.

"That will do us some good in terms of the table. We showed lots of heart against Monaco who played well," said former Rangers manager Le Guen.

On a night when the goals were raining down Valenciennes swept aside Nantes, with Fabien Barthez between the nets, 5-2 with Steve Savidon celebrating a four timer.

"We know what we've got to do to become champions. I liked this match because I feel Lyon's spirit has returned."

Third-placed Lille lost 1-0 at Toulouse, with the goal scored in injury time by their own Gregory Tafforeau.

Paris Saint Germain beat Monaco 4-2 to register their first win since the arrival of Paul Le

fifth place after both sides drew.

Lazio were held to a goalless draw at Atalanta, while Catania, whose match at Sicilian rivals Messina kicked-off an hour late due to a waterlogged pitch ended 1-1.

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