



Mohammedan's Nigerian striker Emeka shoots the ball past Chittagong Mohammedan custodian Tito for his third goal in a match that the Dhaka giant won 7-1 at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

## Getafe threaten to sue Real

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Getafe have threatened to sue their more illustrious city rivals Real Madrid over reports that they are set to poach manager Bernd Schuster.

Reports have claimed that Real have signed a pre-contract agreement for German Schuster to take the reins at the Liga champions should Fabio Capello decide to leave or be fired.

"If there is an agreement and we can prove it, I will report Real to UEFA and to FIFA. You can't just push Getafe around," Getafe president Angel Torres told Radio Marca. "I have heard that an agreement was signed a few days before Easter in Denia. If I get evidence I will take action."

Capello wants to stay at Real but chairman Ramon Calderon has proved to be a less than easy boss to work with, placing pressure on Capello throughout a season that has seen the Italian turn the Spanish giants from a club in crisis with rifts in the dressing room to champions with an admirable team spirit that has seen them come from behind repeatedly during the latter stages of the season.

Former Real and Barcelona midfielder Schuster, meanwhile, has impressed as boss of the unfashionable suburban club, leading them to a top-half finish and the Copa del Rey final, and although he has expressed an interest in one day managing Real he has insisted that nothing has been agreed.

"If anyone shows us a lack of respect they will have me as an enemy forever," Torres continued.

"Schuster tells me he has nothing agreed with Real but some board members over there think he is already in the bag."

"Calderon could have called to tell me it is only a press story, or alternatively that he is secured and that I should look for a new coach."

## Kovac back to Juve

AFP, Zagreb

Croatia defender Robert Kovac has backed out of a deal negotiated earlier this month to play for Dinamo Zagreb, the club said Wednesday.

Dinamo "gave up on bringing Robert Kovac into its ranks because it could not meet his demands," it said in a statement.

According to local media, Dinamo could not guarantee to pay an agreed three-year contract worth six million euros (8.1 million dollars), even in case of possible injuries to the 33-year-old.

Dinamo's sporting director Zoran Mamic said last week that Kovac had agreed to play for the reigning Croatian champions after securing his transfer from Italian giants Juventus.

"I had a few demands and Dinamo did not meet them. Since this deal has failed, I am returning to Turin," said Kovac, adding his Juventus contract lasted another two years.

## Mourinho taunts L'pool

Football

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Jose Mourinho has taunted Liverpool by claiming it is Chelsea who continue to make history in the English game.

Liverpool have sent Chelsea crashing out of the Champions League at the semifinal stage twice in the last three years and their fans taunt the Londoners by insisting the Blues have no real history.

But while Mourinho accepts they cannot compete with Liverpool's European heritage, he continues to point out that the Merseysiders have not won the English title for 17 years

and added that Chelsea made their mark in footballing folklore by winning the first FA Cup at the new Wembley.

Mourinho told the club's official magazine: "Liverpool fans can continue to chant 'no history' at us but we continue to make it."

"They have their history, we have our history. They are a club with a history in Europe that Chelsea doesn't have, and their history is magnificent, but I think for 17 years they don't win one championship and we won two in the last three years.

"Of the 12 pieces of silverware in English football in the last three years, Chelsea won six, Liverpool two, Manchester United two and

Arsenal two, so we won the same number of pieces of silverware that the other three clubs won all together. So I think we are going in the right direction.

"The FA Cup final was a special final, an historic one, more than a normal FA Cup final. It was also the end of a period when in three years, we won every competition in English football, so it was special."

"In the future a lot of people will do it but I was the first manager to lift the FA Cup at the new Wembley; John Terry was the first captain to lift it and so on."

"At that moment we made history and the way people celebrated was magnificent. A few days

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## Vieira hints at Henry exit

Football

AFP, London

Former Arsenal midfielder Patrick Vieira believes the London club must splash out on some big name players if they want to prevent Thierry Henry from being lured to a major club in Europe.

Henry has been consistently linked with a move to Barcelona, and despite insisting he wants to remain at the Emirates Stadium Vieira believes the Gunners must demonstrate their ability to compete if they want the 29-year-old to stay.

Vieira told BBC Five Live: "Thierry wants Arsenal to show they

want to stay at the top of English football and European football."

"If they bring in two or three big names it will show they want to compete against the best."

"If that is not the case Thierry will have to ask himself what is the best for him and in the end decide what is best."

"Of course all of Arsenal will hope he will stay at Arsenal but the basic decision he will make himself."

Vieira left Arsenal for Juventus in 2005 before moving on to Inter Milan, with whom he won last year's Italian Serie A title.

The France international believes that manager Arsene Wenger could also be set for a departure from the Gunners follow-

ing the shock exit of vice-chairman David Dein.

Dein made a sudden departure in April because of "irreconcilable differences" with the rest of the Gunners board, meaning Wenger lost his closest ally at the club.

Vieira believes this could herald Wenger's departure, saying: "I think it would be difficult to stay with what he had done with David Dein."

"Without David Dein I don't think it would be the same for him."

"(Because) they started together and it will be strange for him to stay but you never know."

Wenger last week refused to commit his long-term future to the

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Brazilian supermodel Gisele Bündchen (L) presents an Ebel watch to French superstar Thierry Henry during a photocall in London, arranged to announce the luxury Swiss watch brand as the official partner for Arsenal.

PHOTO: AFP

## Mohammedan run riot Emeka slots hattrick



SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammedan broke their own record of the biggest B. League victory when the Dhaka giant won 7-1 yesterday.

Nigerian striker Emeka Christina slammed a hattrick while midfielder Jumratul Islam Mithu struck twice as the black and whites bettered their 7-1 humiliation of Rahmatganj in the first leg at the same venue.

Captain Mwach Ukwu Paul regained his top scorer's position with one goal while fellow Nigerian defender Peter Odafe added the other as the hosts consolidated their position in the table with their first win in the second leg.

Chittagong Mohammedan kept the momentum for some time before the home side opened the floodgate through an apparently offside goal in the 15th minute.

Emeka, who missed their last game against Abahani due to suspension, was standing alone inches out of the line and tapped the ball home after Mithu managed to get the ball beyond goalkeeper Tito after his fist two attempts came off the bar and the keeper respectively.

Mohammedan never looked

back in the embarrassingly one-sided game and Emeka doubled the lead five minutes later with a backheader from 12 yards after the port city defence partially cleared a high ball by Sharif.

There was no respite and Paul scored his 13th league goal in the 21st minute when the robust striker, who raced inside with a through from rightback Kamal, hammered the ball into Tito's near post shrugging off a challenge by Saikat.

Emeka completed his treble eight minutes before the break when the yellow-haired cut in with Bela's through down the left and neatly placed the ball into the far corner.

The other players to score hattricks in the league are Muktiuddha, Abahani and Sheikh Russell have the chance to replace Mohammedan from the top by the end of the ongoing 15th week, Shafiqul Islam Manik's boys have the comfort of having played all but one big match, against Brothers Union.

Unlike the two namesakes' first-leg clash in Chittagong, which ended in a goalless draw in last March, it was a one-way traffic at the muddy and a slowish Bangabandhu National Stadium.

The visitors however, rushed

early blood when Dipu's left side

cross picked up Yusuf, who shot the ball straight to goalkeeper Himesh from six yards.

Chittagong Mohammedan

kept the ball beyond

goalkeeper Tito after his fist two attempts came off the bar and the keeper respectively.

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## Kaka open to Real move

Football

AFP, Madrid

AC Milan's Brazilian midfielder Kaka has not ruled out a transfer to Spanish giants Real Madrid, the player's spokesman said in comments published on Wednesday in sports daily AS.

"Kaka does not rule out a transfer to Madrid and I don't rule out that he will play there this year. He will be very happy either at Madrid or Milan," Diogo Kotscho told the newspaper.

Spanish media have reported that Calderon is willing to pay 80 million euros for the Brazilian international, who scored 10 goals for AC Milan during the Champions League last season, the most of any player in the tournament.

"We've been working on new signings for the last three months," he told AS on Tuesday.

Real had signed German international Christoph Metzelder from Borussia Dortmund and "there are three more who are almost done", he added.



PHOTO: AFP

Real Madrid defender Michel Salgado (L) chases Mahmud Harbi Abu Shama of the Peace Team during the 'Peace Match' in Tel Aviv on Tuesday. The Peres Centre's Peace Team comprised players from both Palestinian and Israeli professional players.

## Milan, Inter at war over Suazo

Football

AFP, Rome

City rivals AC Milan and Inter were involved in a bitter tug-of-war over Cagliari striker David Suazo on Tuesday, with both clubs claiming to have signed the Honduras international.

"We will be asking FIFA to provisionally suspend the application of this measure until studies on the medical effects (of altitude) are concluded," Conmebol secretary general Eduardo Delucia said.

"Because up until two weeks ago

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winners were almost certain to drop

their interest in Barcelona striker Samuel Eto'o.

"We have reached an agreement with Cagliari for Suazo, but the transfer is not yet complete as we don't have the player's signature," Galliani said.

"He is on holiday at the moment, and he may not want to come to Milan right now."

"If we close the deal for Suazo, it is highly unlikely that Eto'o will arrive this summer, and it will probably be the end of our buying."

Cagliari president Massimo Cellino, who last week said he had agreed to sell Suazo to Inter, performed a dramatic u-turn on Tuesday by confirming he had signed him over to AC Milan instead.

"I've signed a deal with AC Milan," Cellino said.

"I have been trying to contact Inter president Massimo Moratti since Thursday, but I haven't been able to speak to him."

Moratti hit back angrily at Cellino, saying the Cagliari president had not tried to contact him.

"Suazo has signed for us," Moratti insisted.

"I see no reason for all of this as we had a deal. Cellino never called me, that's a lie. There is no justification for Milan's behaviour either. But then, I know them well..."

Suazo, who was close to joining AC Milan a year ago, scored 14 goals

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