



PHOTO: AFP  
Argentina's midfield maestro Juan Roman Riquelme (R) makes his way through, despite a challenge from Colombia midfielder Jhon Viafara during their Copa America Group C match at the Pachenco Romero Stadium in Maracaibo on Tuesday.

## Argentina roll on Paraguay in last eight

INTERNET, undated



Juan Roman Riquelme's first-half double fired Argentina into the quarterfinals of the Copa America with a 4-2 victory against 10-man Colombia on Monday.

At Barinas, Paraguay also moved into the last eight with a 3-1 victory over the United States.

Edison Perea handed Colombia the lead but Hernan Crespo's penalty kick and Riquelme's brace handed Argentina a convincing half-time lead.

Jaime Castrillon pulled a goal back for Colombia with 18 minutes remaining, but following Fabian Vargas' dismissal, Diego Milito sealed the victory in stoppage time.

Paraguay however top Group C by virtue of goal difference ahead of next Thursday's decisive match against Argentina.

"We are happy because we did very well what coach Basile (Alfonso) asked us," Riquelme said. "The team showed a lot of coolness in the difficult moments of the match and now we have to think about the

future."

"I think Argentina played very well, as scoring eight times in two games is not an easy task. I'm very satisfied with the squad's performance."

Colombia made a nervous start to the match and Argentina came close to opening the scoring after just five minutes as Crespo's header from Riquelme's corner struck the crossbar and bounced down on the line before being scrambled clear.

Colombia recovered from the close call and Perea handed his side the lead from close range.

Argentina equalised with 20 minutes on the watch as Crespo converted from the spot after Lionel Messi had been awarded a disputed penalty.

Crespo surpassed Diego Maradona's goal-scoring tally of 34 to move into second place on Argentina's list, but was unable to add to the total after being replaced by Milito moments after converting from the spot.

Javier Zanetti crossed from the right for Riquelme to head his side into a 34th-minute lead before the Boca Juniors midfielder curled

home a trademark free-kick from the edge of the area to hand Argentina a comfortable half-time lead.

Colombia goalkeeper Miguel Calero denied Milito before Castrillon reduced the deficit after 72 minutes.

Midfielder Javier Arizala came close to snatching an equaliser with five minutes remaining as his long-range effort beat Roberto Abbondanzieri but struck the post before Vargas picked up his second yellow card.

Milito wasted an opportunity to re-establish the two goals cushion before finally sealing the win in stoppage time.

Despite the victory, Argentina midfielder Javier Mascherano was concerned about several defensive mistakes.

"We won an important match and played well," he said. "But we have

to defend better after a corner kick. We didn't expect their first goal."

"It is very difficult to maintain the pace as the temperature makes it very tough. It is hot and we are always trying to attack and have the ball."

Colombia coach Jorge Pinto heaped blame on Brazilian referee Carlos Simon who handed Argentina a disputed first-half penalty and dismissing Vargas in the closing stages.

"The penalty wasn't a penalty in any part of the world," Simon said. "It was a loose ball that wasn't going to do any damage in the defence. I think that some referees are afraid to give decisions against some of the South American giants."

Paraguay almost ended America's chances of qualification to the knockout stage with a convincing victory in Group C.

US Coach Bob Bradley bemoaned defensive frailties of his side.

"When you play against a team like Paraguay, you can't make mistakes because they have got great forwards," said Bradley, who watched his side suffer a 4-1 defeat by Argentina last week. "It is a tough

SEE PAGE 18 COL 1

### GROUP C STANDING

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Paraguay	2	2	0	0	8	1	6
Argentina	2	2	0	0	8	3	6
Colombia	2	0	2	2	9	0	0
USA	2	0	0	2	7	0	0

SEE PAGE 18 COL 8

### INTERNET, undated

### GROUP C STANDING

Team P W D L GF GA Pts

Paraguay 2 2 0 0 8 1 6

Argentina 2 2 0 0 8 3 6

Colombia 2 0 0 2 9 0

USA 2 0 0 2 7 0

SEE PAGE 18 COL 8



PHOTO: AFP

Bayern Munich's (L-R) Daniel van Buyten, Marcell Jansen, Franck Ribery, Sandro Wagner and Luca Toni jog during a training session in Munich on Tuesday.

## Roma accept Real's bid for Chivu

AFP, Rome

Serie A club Roma have accepted a bid from Spanish champions Real Madrid for their Romanian international Christian Chivu, Italian media reported on Tuesday.

Real director Pedrag Mijatovic is said to have had an 18 million euro (24.5 million dollar) offer accepted for the 26-year-old central defender, who can also play at full-back or in midfield.

According to reports, the transfer could be completed later on Tuesday.

Inter Milan, who are also interested in signing Chivu, said they refused to be dragged into a bidding war for the Romanian captain.

"Inter will not get involved in an auction for Chivu," Inter president Massimo Moratti said on Tuesday.

Chivu played for Romanian clubs CSM Resita and FC Universitatea Craiova before joining Dutch side Ajax in 1999.

SEE PAGE 18 COL 5

## Garcia leaves Anfield

INTERNET, undated

Atletico Madrid have confirmed the signing of Luis Garcia from Liverpool, with Fernando Torres expected to move the other way later on Tuesday.

The attacking midfielder has signed a three-year contract and moves for an estimated 4 million pounds.

Meanwhile, the Spanish side's captain Torres is on the verge of a club record 27m pounds transfer to Liverpool.

Midfielder Xabi Alonso said of his countryman: "It would be fantastic if Torres signs for Liverpool, because he is a great player. Let's see what happens in the end, but it is clear that we'd be delighted to have him with us."

The 29-year-old Garcia has already played for Atletico, spending the 2002/03 season on loan at the Vicente Calderon, where he scored nine times in 30 Liga appearances.

He spent three seasons at Anfield, establishing himself as a popular squad member and scoring a number of crucial goals, particularly in Europe.

Garcia was a key contributor to

SEE PAGE 18 COL 5

## Schuster's Real route gets thorny

AFP, Madrid

The arrival of German Bernd Schuster as Real Madrid's new coach is proving more complicated than expected as current club Getafe are demanding 500,000 euros (680,000 dollars) in compensation from the Spanish champions, local media reported Tuesday.

Sports dailies AS and Marca reported that Real, or Schuster himself, could be forced to pay Getafe for breaking his contract.

Getafe president Angel Torres is demanding compensation, but Real are refusing to pay, meaning Schuster is not free to negotiate.

"If Schuster doesn't break his contract (with Getafe), he won't be coming. We don't negotiate with coaches who are not free," said Real president Ramon Calderon.

SEE PAGE 18 COL 8

### INTERNET, undated

### GROUP C STANDING

Team P W D L GF GA Pts

Paraguay 2 2 0 0 8 1 6

Argentina 2 2 0 0 8 3 6

Colombia 2 0 0 2 9 0

USA 2 0 0 2 7 0

SEE PAGE 18 COL 8

### INTERNET, undated

### GROUP C STANDING

Team P W D L GF GA Pts

Paraguay 2 2 0 0 8 1 6

Argentina 2 2 0 0 8 3 6

Colombia 2 0 0 2 9 0

USA 2 0 0 2 7 0

SEE PAGE 18 COL 8

### INTERNET, undated

### GROUP C STANDING

Team P W D L GF GA Pts

Paraguay 2 2 0 0 8 1 6

Argentina 2 2 0 0 8 3 6

Colombia 2 0 0 2 9 0

USA 2 0 0 2 7 0

SEE PAGE 18 COL 8

### INTERNET, undated

### GROUP C STANDING

Team P W D L GF GA Pts

Paraguay 2 2 0 0 8 1 6

Argentina 2 2 0 0 8 3 6

Colombia 2 0 0 2 9 0

USA 2 0 0 2 7 0

SEE PAGE 18 COL 8

### INTERNET, undated

### GROUP C STANDING

Team P W D L GF GA Pts

Paraguay 2 2 0 0 8 1 6

Argentina 2 2 0 0 8 3 6

Colombia 2 0 0 2 9 0

USA 2 0 0 2 7 0

SEE PAGE 18 COL 8

### INTERNET, undated

### GROUP C STANDING

Team P W D L GF GA Pts

Paraguay 2 2 0 0 8 1 6

Argentina 2 2 0 0 8 3 6

Colombia 2 0 0 2 9 0

USA 2 0 0 2 7 0

SEE PAGE 18 COL 8

### INTERNET, undated

### GROUP C STANDING

Team P W D L GF GA Pts

Paraguay 2 2 0 0 8 1 6

Argentina 2 2 0 0 8 3 6

Colombia 2 0 0 2 9 0

USA 2 0 0 2 7 0

SEE PAGE 18 COL 8

### INTERNET, undated

### GROUP C STANDING

Team P W D L GF GA Pts

Paraguay 2 2 0 0 8 1 6

Argentina 2 2 0 0 8 3 6

Colombia 2 0 0 2 9 0

USA 2 0 0 2 7 0

SEE PAGE 18 COL 8

### INTERNET, undated

### GROUP C STANDING