



BREAKING THE CHELSEA HEARTS: Aston Villa's Zat Knight (top) leaps above Chelsea striker Didier Drogba to head home during Sunday's Premiership match at Villa Park, Birmingham.

Juve ride on Chiellini

AFP, Rome



A last minute goal from Giorgio Chiellini gave Juventus a 3-2 win at Cagliari and allowed the disgraced former champions to hold onto top spot in Serie A on Sunday.

Juve are back in the top flight after romping to the Serie B title last season following their demotion, and points deduction, for match-fixing. They were also stripped of their two titles in 2005 and 2006 for the offence.

They did not produce the free-flowing football of a week ago when they blitzed Livorno 5-1, but their second straight victory allowed them to stay ahead of Roma, who eased past Siena 3-0, at the top on goal difference.

But despite the victory in Sardinia, Juve's former Chelsea and Valencia coach Claudio Ranieri was far from happy.

"We still need to improve. We

are under construction at the moment with a new squad, a new tactician and I cannot even say how long it will take to reach the full potential of this side," he said.

"I can only say we still have to do better. I'm not happy yet and the players know that."

"We are winning, but winning is not everything. I want to see an intense, fast-paced match that is a 90-minute advertisement for football."

Juve twice took the lead, only to be pegged back by stubborn opponents before defender Chiellini rose highest at the back post to head home a Mauro Camoranesi freekick in the last minute to earn the Old Lady of Turin a victory they scarcely deserved.

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In Sicily, Catania made their first return to the Angelo-Massimino stadium since its closure following the death of policeman Filippo Raciti during violence during the aftermath of a derby game against Palermo last season.

But the return home could not inspire the home side who were held to a 0-0 draw by Genoa.

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