



PHOTO: AFP

Werder Bremen star Diego (L) scores the opening goal past Bayern Munich goalkeeper Oliver Kahn during their Bundesliga match at the Allianz Arena on Sunday.

# Bremen hold Bayern

AFP, Berlin

Bayern Munich manager Uli Hoernes rued his side's missed penalty chance after Werder Bremen made sure of a share of the spoils at the Allianz Arena on Sunday.

Bremen coach Thomas Schaaf was equally disappointed at what he believed was a missed chance to break the league leaders' domination after his side lost their two previous games.

The goal saved Italian striker Toni's blushes after he missed a penalty moments earlier which would have made him the league's leading scorer rather than joint leader on ten with Hamburg's Rafael van der Vaart.

The Serbs had trailed 2-1 overnight going into the final day of the World Group clash in Moscow and Djokovic, who had missed Friday's singles because of flu, battled into a two-set lead over Nikolay Davydenko.

Bayern remain three points clear of the chasing pack after the 1-1 draw with second-placed Werder, although Hoernes admitted that Luca Toni's miss from the spot had robbed them of the chance to secure a possible three points.

"I am satisfied, because we kept working and tried again and again to bring our forwards into the game," said Schaaf.

Schalke are now up to third after midfielder Fabian Ernst hit a late winner at Borussia Dortmund to seal a 3-2 victory, a slight revenge for their 2-0 defeat at the Signal Iduna Park last May which cost them the title.

Karlsruhe enjoyed a 2-2 draw at Hanover, but not before the hosts had an injury time goal disallowed, while ten-man VfB Stuttgart were humbled 3-1 at home by Hertha Berlin.

# Koreas squabble over flag, anthem

AFP, Seoul

North and South Korea are in dispute over national anthems and flags in advance of a rare football match in Pyongyang next month, a report said Monday.

# Crucial win for Marseille

AFP, Paris

Mamadou Niang marked his return to club football by launching Marseille on their way to a crucial 2-0 derby win over Nice on Sunday.

Niang, whose Senegal team failed to make it past the group stage at the African Cup of Nations in Ghana, tapped home during a dominant first half for the visitors to give Marseille a 1-0 lead at the interval in Nice.

Caen's problems resumed however when defender Nicolas Seube beat his own keeper with an own goal in the 75th minute, sealing their eighth defeat of the season and a missed opportunity to climb into the top five.

# Clemente new Iran coach

AFP, Tehran

Spanish coach Javier Clemente has accepted the post of national football coach of Iran, officials here said Monday, ending months of uncertainty over who would take charge of one of Asia's heavyweight teams.



PHOTO: AFP

Marseille forward Djibril Cisse (C) celebrates after scoring against Nice during their Ligue One match at the Ray Stadium on Sunday.

## DAVIS CUP

# Russia prevail as Novak collapses

Tennis

AFP, Paris

Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic suffered a dramatic on-court collapse as he failed in his brave bid to rescue Serbia's Davis Cup dream against Russia on Sunday.

Russia a place in the quarterfinals in April where they will face the Czech Republic who completed a 3-2 win over Belgium in Ostrava.

Defending champions the United States said they plan a noisy reception in the heart of the nation's south for their quarterfinal against France.

7-5 and veteran Jonas Bjorkman defeating Harel Levy 0-6, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (8/6).

# Egypt hails its heroes

AFP, Cairo

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was the first of thousands of fans to welcome the national football team home in Cairo on Monday after their record-breaking conquest of the African Nations Cup.

# Paloschi the supersub

AFP, Rome

AC Milan were indebted to another 18-year-old hotshot to keep them in touch with the Champions League qualifying spots on Sunday while city rivals Inter maintained their iron grip at the top.

Inter coach Roberto Mancini was relieved to have finished with three points and admitted that his team's lacklustre performance wasn't helped by the absence of some top players.

Champions Inter, meanwhile, maintained their eight-point lead with a relatively easy 2-0 win away to Catania.



PHOTO: AFP

AC Milan substitute striker Alberto Paloschi scores the all-important goal with his first touch of the ball against AC Siena during their Serie A encounter at the San Siro on Sunday.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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