

Ribery awarded 340,000 euros damages

Bayern Munich's France midfielder Franck Ribery will receive 340,000 euros (487,000 US dollars) from his former agent after a ruling by the Swiss Federal Court in Lausanne on Wednesday.

Gazza back in trouble

Troubled former England footballer Paul Gascoigne was arrested on Thursday in Gateshead, north-eastern England, on suspicion of causing criminal damage.

Forlan out for weeks

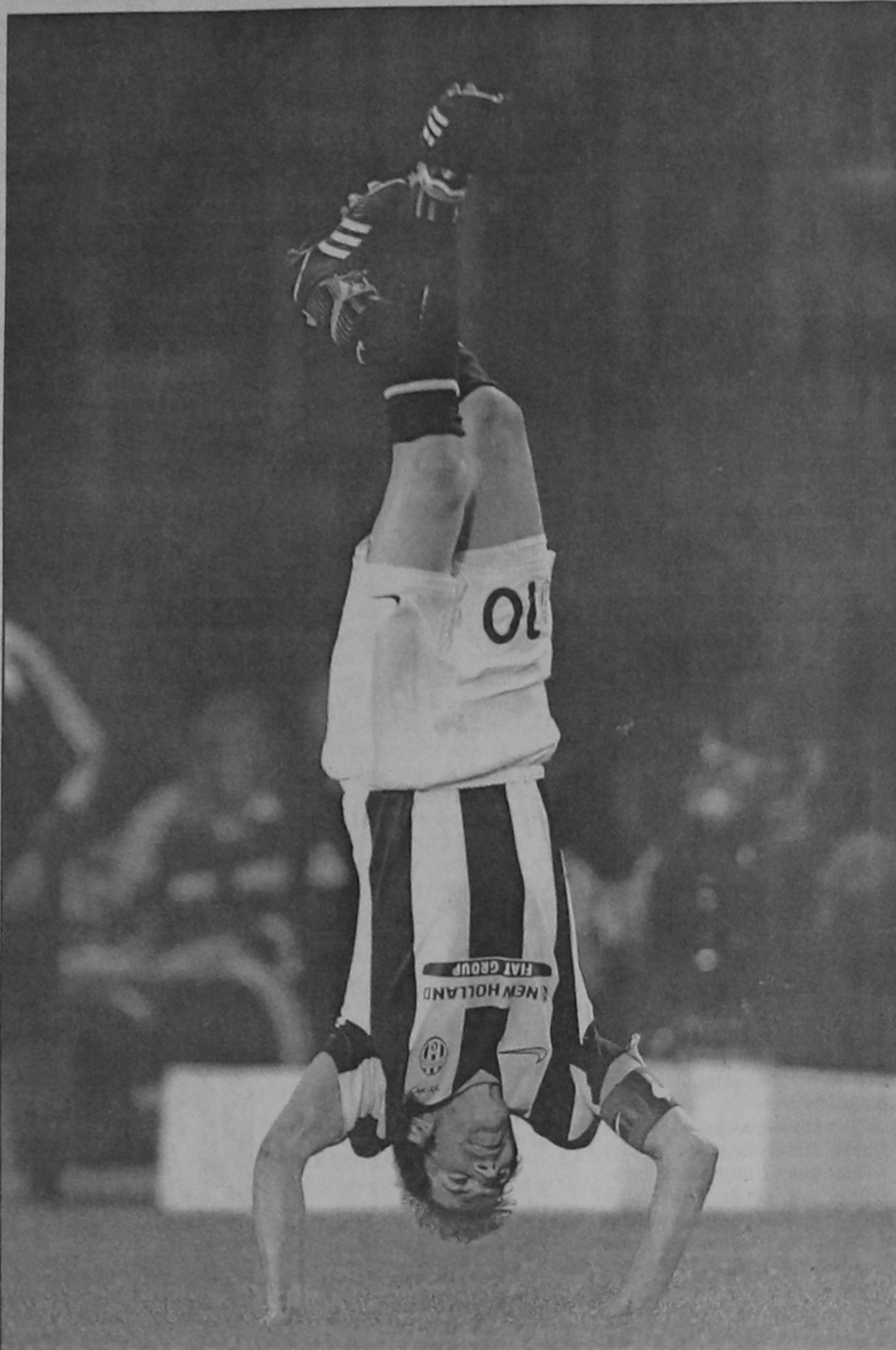
Atletico Madrid striker Diego Forlan will be out for three to four weeks after suffering a thigh injury during the Champions League match with PSV Eindhoven, the Spanish club said on Wednesday.

'Chelsea will see real United'

Sir Alex Ferguson warned that Chelsea will see the real Manchester United at Stamford Bridge on Sunday despite another lacklustre display, against Villarreal in the Champions League last night.

Chelsea hire Wilkins

Former Chelsea player, at West Ham. This will be Wilkins's first coaching role since he lost his position with the England Under-21 side last year when boss Peter Taylor departed and was replaced by Stuart Pearce.



Juventus captain Alessandro del Piero celebrates with a somersault after his stunning free-kick strike against Zenit St Petersburg at the Stadio Olimpico on Wednesday.

Del Piero fires Juve

Piero and David Trezeguet to the starting line up at the expense of Amauri and Vincenzo Iaquinta, who had started at the weekend against Udinese.

Rosicky still to regain full fitness

Arsenal midfielder Tomas Rosicky said Thursday he was still some way off full fitness after suffering renewed problems to the thigh injury that has kept him sidelined since January.

Win pleases Klinsmann

Bayern Munich coach Jurgen Klinsmann was pleased to take three points from Romania in his Champions League debut as a Daniel Van Buyten header inflicted a 1-0 defeat on Steaua Bucharest.

Benzema rescues Lyon

end with an effort which came back off the crossbar. In response to Gilardino's opener, Lyon veteran striker Sidney Govou forced a good save from Fiorentina's French goalkeeper Sebastien Frey.

Schuster must be blind: Hughes

Mark Hughes last night told Real Madrid manager Bernd Schuster to stand back and watch as Robinho and Manchester City scale the heights after his old teammate rapped the Brazilian for defecting to Eastlands.

France set Argentina date

France will play a friendly against Argentina in Marseille on February 11, 2009, the French football federation (FFF) announced on Thursday.



Bayern Munich striker Lukas Podolski (R) rides a challenge from Steaua Bucharest defender Dorin Goian during their Champions League clash at Bucharest on Wednesday.

Real ease past BATE

As expected record nine-time European champions Real Madrid defeated Belarus unknowns BATE Borisov 2-0 in the Champions League Group H opener at the Santiago Bernabeu on Wednesday.