



Chelsea striker Didier Drogba (R) is locked in an aerial tussle with Barcelona centre-back Yaya Toure during their Champions League semifinal second leg encounter at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday. PHOTO: AFP

Ref smuggled out of Britain

AFP, London

Norwegian referee Tom Henning Ovrebo was Thursday smuggled out of Britain by police who feared for his safety because of his role in Chelsea's exit from the Champions League at the hands of Barcelona.

Ovrebo turned down four strong penalty appeals by Chelsea, who lost the semifinal on the away goals rule after Andres Iniesta scored in the 93rd minute of the second leg to level the scores at 1-1 on the night and on aggregate.

At the end of the game, Ovrebo was confronted by a furious Didier Drogba and had to be escorted down the tunnel by a group of Chelsea stewards who had difficulty restraining the striker.

Fearing reprisals from furious fans, police changed Ovrebo's hotel before organising his exit from the country, according to former international referee Graham Poll.

Poll, now a media pundit, revealed: "This morning he's being smuggled out of our country under police escort - this is a referee of a football match. That is a disgrace."

"When he booked in a hotel they had to change the hotel he was staying at because of the fear that maybe fans would find him."

Ovrebo's situation has worrying echoes of the hounding of Swedish referee Anders Frisk, who retired from the game in 2005 after receiving death threats in the wake of another ill-tempered meeting between Chelsea and Barcelona.

Bayern won't sell Ribery

AFP, Berlin

Bayern Munich team manager Uli Hoeness insisted Thursday the defending Bundesliga champions will not sell midfielder Franck Ribery to Manchester United for 70 million euros (96.8 million US dollars).

"For 70 million euros, we would not allow Franck Ribery to leave," Hoeness told German magazine Kicker after reports this week the English giants were set to make a huge bid for the Frenchman.

Hoeness insists Bayern have received no offers from European giants Manchester United, Real Madrid or Chelsea for Ribery, who is under contract until 2011.

Press reflect heartbreak

AFP, London

British newspapers reflected the heartbreak of Chelsea fans on Thursday, after the hosts went out of the Champions League with a 1-1 semifinal draw against Barcelona at Stamford Bridge.

"They were moments from glory, moments from a return to the Champions League final, when Andres Iniesta plunged a dagger through their hearts," said one commentator in the Daily Mail.

He described the Spain midfielder's stoppage-time equaliser, which sent the Catalans to the final against Manchester United on the away goals rule, as a "blow possibly more devastating" than their penalty-shoot out defeat in Moscow last year.

Another commentator added: "Don't let anyone tell you the best team won. Don't let anyone say football was the victor here. Barcelona may yet grace the Champions League final with a beautiful game, but this was not one of them."

Reflecting anger against the Norwegian referee, he said Barcelona "got away with handballs and fouls in the area, they got away with having one proper chance in 94 minutes", whereas "Chelsea were exceptional".

"We wuz mugged!" screamed the Sun, saying Chelsea claimed to have been denied four penalties.

The paper said Chelsea had delivered "one of their most compelling performances of the season", but noted that "even that wasn't enough to get them into the Champions League final".

The Guardian also heaped praise on John Terry's team, saying: "Chelsea did just about everything right and this defeat will be tough to bear."

The Daily Mirror added: "So near, so horribly, painfully, heartbreakingly near. But just as in Moscow, just as so many times before, it is not to be for Chelsea. Maybe they are, truly, cursed."

Hiddink slams ref

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AFP, London

Guus Hiddink admitted he could understand why his players had cried 'conspiracy' after a string of controversial refereeing decisions denied Chelsea a place in the Champions League final.

Hiddink admitted his side, who had performed with superb discipline in the goalless first leg and gone ahead in the tie through a stunning Michael Essien strike, had contributed to their own downfall by failing to take the chances they had to kill the match.

But that did not stop him from branding the perfor-

mance of Norwegian official Tom Henning Ovrebo - who turned down a string of strong penalty appeals by Chelsea - as the worst he had seen in his long coaching career.

"Of course, players make many mistakes, coaches make many mistakes and referees can make mistakes. Okay, so it happens. It's all in the game. But when you see two, three or four situations waved away, then, yes, it is the worst I have seen."

The Dutchman acknowledged Chelsea should have capitalised on the extent to which they dominated Wednesday's match, with Iniesta's late, late strike the first shot the visitors had got on target all night.

Chelsea might have had as many as four penalties and some of the players were quick

to link the referee's performance to a belief that UEFA did not want another all-English final in the wake of last year's dull stalemate between the Londoners and Manchester United.

Hiddink however distanced himself from such theories. "Conspiracy is a very tough word and, if there is, you have to prove it," he said.

"Obviously there is a lot written and said prior to this game. I can only mention what I see. I cannot say whether UEFA wouldn't like another English final."

"Outside of the penalties we had two or three chances in open play which we should have taken," Hiddink said. "Then we would not have had all this fuss about the penalties."

FIFA vice-president calls Hammam very sick

Football

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

FIFA vice-president Chung Mong-joon launched an extraordinary attack on AFC chief Mohamed bin Hammam Thursday, saying he had mental problems and needed hospital treatment.

The comments from the billionaire businessman and politician, who Bin Hammam claims is behind the campaign to unseat him, saw the ugly battle for power in Asian football plunge new depths.

"At the beginning of his term he was not like he is today. But he is now acting like the head of a very uncivilised organisation," said Chung, the largest shareholder in the world's biggest shipyard, Hyundai Heavy Industries.

"It looks like Mr Hammam is suffering from mental problems. I want to advise him to consider going to hospital."

Chung, who repeated his assertion that Bin Hammam was "very sick" several times

during a news conference, said the Asian Football Confederation was now riven by "hatred and mistrust".

"I am here with a broken heart because I am deeply concerned by the current situation of Asian football under the presidency of Mr Hammam," he said.

"Asian football is now suffering from a serious lack of transparency, democracy and rule of law. Any confederation can prosper only when its members are united in mutual trust and solidarity."

"Unfortunately, Asian football is now divided and full of mistrust and even hatred."

Qatar's Bin Hammam is being challenged for the FIFA executive committee seat he has held since 1996 by Bahrain's Sheikh Salman bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa, with a vote due at the AFC congress on Friday.

Bin Hammam, who recently claimed Chung knew "nothing about football", has pledged to step down as AFC president if he loses.

The Qataris have pointed to Chung as driving the cam-

paign to unseat him, with speculation rife that if Bin Hammam is out of the way the door will open wider for the Korean to become the next FIFA president.

When asked by AFP if this was the case, Chung said there was no proof.

"Mr Hammam has said there is proof. During the executive committee meeting today I asked him where is your proof? He said he can show us the proof later. I hope he can keep his word."

"Mr Hammam says I am campaigning against him because I have an ambition to become FIFA president. That is very wrong."

"This is mud-slinging, dirty campaign tactics by Bin Hammam. He has tried to make me look like a man of greed but I am not a man of greed."

"It is Hammam who started a very aggressive campaign to become FIFA president. Actually, I'm a busy person in Korea. At the moment I don't have the time to campaign like Bin Hammam to become FIFA president."

Diego signs for Juve?

AFP, Rome

Brazil playmaker Diego has signed for Juventus from Werder Bremen, according to a report by Italian news agency Ansa on Thursday.

The 24-year-old former Santos and Porto attacking midfielder has signed a four-year deal.

The news was not confirmed by either buying or selling club but Bremen's managing director Manfred Mueller told German magazine Sport-Bild: "It is well-known that we are in discussions, but some things still need to be straightened out and clarified."

Diego will cost the Italian giants 25 million euros and will earn 3.5 million euros a year, also according to Ansa.

However Juventus president Giovanni Cobolli Gigli denied a deal had been finalised.

"We are pursuing Diego and we're going forwards with transfer dealings, that's for sure," he said upon arriving at a Football League meeting.

"We hope to tie it up but things haven't yet been completed."

However, with Bayern Munich also rumoured to be after the Brazilian's services, Cobolli admitted it was too early to be chicken counting.

"I don't know (about Bayern's interest) but we are in the process of arranging a transfer," he said.

"However, you (the press) have taught me that in the football world anything can happen as long as nothing has been signed."

Diego has made 15 appearances for the Selecao and joined Bremen from Porto in 2006.

He has scored 37 times for Werder over three seasons including 11 strikes this season and he is known as a free-kick specialist.

Juve are third in Serie A but have not won in five matches, although they are still in a rebuilding phase having lost most of their best players when they were relegated to Serie B in 2006 for match-fixing.

Drogba in trouble

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AFP, London

Chelsea captain John Terry and manager Guus Hiddink have rallied behind Didier Drogba as the Ivory Coast striker faces potentially severe punishment by UEFA over his furious confrontation with the referee after the club's Champions League exit.

A stoppage-time goal from Andres Iniesta earned Barcelona a 1-1 draw at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday and put the Catalans into a Rome final with Manchester United.

Chelsea's players were left incensed over referee Tom Henning Ovrebo's performance and Drogba, who had been substituted late in the game, stormed on to the pitch at the final whistle to harangue the official, who had to be escorted down the tunnel by a

group of stewards.

Drogba then aggravated his extremely intimidating behaviour by screaming obscenities into a television camera, forcing some broadcasters who were carrying the match live to apologise to viewers.

"Are you watching this? It is a disgrace. It is a fucking disgrace," Drogba shouted.

Hiddink, who attempted to restrain Drogba, acknowledged that the striker's conduct was close to the limit of what is acceptable but said he fully understood his frustration over what he described as the worst refereeing performance he had seen in his long career.

"Of course I can fully understand his reaction - full of adrenaline and emotion," said Hiddink. "People say he should be in control. The moment a player starts hitting then he is going beyond where he should go."

"I can understand his emotion and his behaviour after the game. I will protect that."

Terry put the penalty count at six or seven and appeared to suggest that Ovrebo's handling of the match was influenced by a perceived desire by UEFA to avoid another all-English final.

"Not one player made one mistake in the two legs," Terry said. "The referee has made four or five or six big errors and now we're out of the competition."

"The word conspiracy is maybe the wrong one. It's difficult when players are so high on emotion after a game."

"People are saying we should not have reacted the way we did but the fact is that six decisions went against us. For the ref not to give one of them is unusual."

Terry added: "I'm fully behind Didier. The fact is the referee is the one who should face the consequences."

Pep relishing MU clash

UEFA CHAMPS LEAGUE

AFP, London

Barcelona coach Josep Guardiola is anticipating a classic Champions League final when his side take on Manchester United in Rome later this month.

Guardiola will spend the next three weeks studying videos of United's recent performances, including last year's semifinal victory over Barca, in an attempt to finesse his tactics for the final.

But he vowed there would be no fundamental change from the approach that has seen his side score 147 goals in all competitions this season.

"We won't change our approach, which is take the ball, move the ball and try to create chances."

"Manchester is the reigning champion and they are unbelievable team with a coach with huge experience.

But we are Barcelona. "I think it is going to be a nice final because we are going to attack we going to score goals and they know that."

Wednesday's win, which followed Saturday's 6-2 thrashing of Real Madrid, has left Guardiola on the brink of a Spanish League/Champions League double in his first season in charge at the club he served as a stylish midfielder.

"I did not expect so many good results in my first season," Guardiola admitted. "But we are where we are and now have to try and close out the league and think ahead to three weeks time and the final in Rome."

Guardiola was as happy for match-winner Iniesta as he was distraught for Daniel Alves and Eric Abidal, who will both miss the final as a result of the yellow and red cards they received here.

"I'm very happy for Iniesta. He is a player who represents what Barca stands. He gets a

lot of stick for not scoring enough goals but hopefully that will stop now because he has scored one of the most important in the club's history."

Guardiola added: "Daniel and Eric are happy we went through but it is tough for them because they will miss the final."

"I spoke to Daniel before the match and told him that he had to control his emotions or he would not be in the final."

"But when he plays he puts all his emotion on the field and sometimes it is tough to control himself."

France left-back Abidal was dismissed for what appeared to be a professional foul on Nicolas Anelka, but television replays suggested that the defender had not made contact with his compatriot.

Nevertheless, Abidal will be suspended for the final and Guardiola will be without both his first-choice fullbacks, as well as one of his regular centrebacks, Rafael Marquez.

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Invitation for International Tender against DFID Fund under the 9 PBS Project of Rural Electrification Board.

(Re-tender)

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH			
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, Power Division.	
2	Agency	Rural Electrification Board.	
3	Procuring Entity Name & District	Director, Procurement, Rural Electrification Board, Dhaka.	
4	Invitation for	Electrical line Construction Material	
5	Invitation Ref No	DFI(9PBS)-055/1/2009/1090, Date: 05.05.2009	
6	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method, International Competitive Bidding (ICB)	
FUNDING INFORMATION			
7	Budget and Source of Fund	Development Budget under DFID Grant	
8	Development Partners (if applicable)	Department for International Development (DFID), UK	
9	Project / Program Name (if applicable)	Intensification and Expansion of Distribution System of 9 PBS	
10	Tender Package No.	DFID (9PBS)-15/1 (Re-tender)	
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16	Eligibility of Tenderer	All Countries except Israel	
17	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	Tk. 3000.00	
18	Brief Description of Related Services	N/A	
19	Brief Description of Goods and amount of tender Security:		
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DFID (9PBS)-15/1 (Re-tender)	DFID (9PBS)-15-055/1	33 KV Submarine Power Cable	27,400.00
20	Regarding Tender Document	Tender Document in English, may be purchased by the interested tenderers on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non refundable fee of Tk. 3000.00 or USD 50.00. The method of payment will be by Pay order / Bank draft in favor of Rural Electrification Board, Dhaka, Bangladesh. The document may be sent by air mail for overseas delivery and courier or surface mail for local delivery. For overseas delivery, the tenderer may obtain the tender document by any International courier service to collect the same from Rural Electrification Board, Dhaka, Bangladesh. One tender document can not be used for submission of tender proposal (s) by more than one tenderer. One tenderer, however, may submit tenders against any number of sub-packages included in the tender document by purchasing only one copy of the tender document.	
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