

Switzerland win U-17 WC

AFP, Lagos

Debutants Switzerland were crowned Under-17 world champions here on Sunday when they defeated hosts and defending champions Nigeria 1-0 inside a packed Abuja National Stadium.

Haris Seferovic gave Switzerland the title courtesy of a 63rd minute header.

The Swiss were impressive leading to this championship game, and did well to contain the Golden Eaglets of Nigeria, before they dealt the killer blow through Seferovic to the disappointment of the 60,000-strong crowd.

Nigeria were overwhelming favourites to win their fourth Under-17 World Cup, particularly on the back of the full international team's dramatic qualification for next year's World Cup in South Africa 24 hours earlier.

Spain took third place when they defeated Colombia 1-0.

Iago scored the winner in the 75th minute after Spain struggled to translate their dominance into goals.

Nigerian striker Sani Emmanuel was picked as the Most Valuable Player of the tournament. He scored five goals, all as a substitute.



PHOTO: AFP

Switzerland players celebrate with the trophy after defeating Nigeria in the U-17 World Cup final in Abuja on Sunday

Ballack out of friendly

AFP, Berlin

Captain Michael Ballack will miss Germany's World Cup warm-up clash on Wednesday against the Ivory Coast as the Chelsea star has failed to recover from a minor knee injury, coach Joachim Loew said.

"We can definitely say that Michael Ballack will not play on Wednesday," Loew told reporters on Monday.

"He has an infection in the back of the knee and there has been a reaction," the coach said.

"After consultation with the doctors - I also spoke to Michael Ballack this morning - I have decided that he will not play. He needs maybe two or three days of rest," the coach continued.

The 33-year-old midfielder has not trained since last week, Loew said, adding that he would also not sit on the bench but would stay with the squad.

"It makes no sense to take risks, also in terms of Chelsea as they have quite a few games leading up to Christmas and afterwards," he said.

Germany will also be without striker Miroslav Klose because he is in quarantine after his twin sons contracted swine flu.

Loew also said he had not yet decided who would start in goal for the team, following the suicide of top goalkeeper Robert Enke, whose death is sure to overshadow the match in Gelsenkirchen, western Germany.

Black armbands will be worn and a minute's silence will be observed for Enke, whose sudden suicide after suffering depression plunged football-mad Germany into mourning.

A planned friendly on Saturday against Chile was cancelled as a result of Enke's death as time runs out for Loew to finalise his squad before the team heads off to the World Cup in South Africa in June.

Mexican striker De Nigris dies

AFP, Larissa

Mexican striker Antonio De Nigris who played for Greek first division club Larissa has died of a suspected heart attack, the club announced on Monday.

The official cause of death will be announced by the General University Hospital of Larissa following an autopsy.

It is with deep sorrow that the club's administration, coaching staff, footballers and members express their condolences to those close to the player, especially his wife Sonia and his five-year-old daughter Miranda," the club announcement said.

Local press reports said that the 31-year-old player had complained of not feeling well during the night of Sunday to Monday and his wife called for an ambulance.

De Nigris was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital.

He had joined Larissa in the summer from Ankaragucu and played in six league matches for the club.

De Nigris had made 16 appearances for the Mexican national team scoring four goals.

Trap remains bullish

AFP, Dublin



Republic of Ireland coach Giovanni Trapattoni on Sunday

said Trapattoni at the Irish training camp in Malahide.

"We must think about this situation, this balance, our performance, our mentality and also what they have allowed opponents in the past.

"They concede goals and like us, they ended in second place in their group - and we think our group was stronger.

"We have to think about the positive situations and not the result because in the end, football can come down to a deflection, the crossbar, the referee - there are many situations which can change the result.

Nicolas Anelka's deflected second-half strike allowed Raymond Domenech's side to leave Croke Park with a 1-0 victory on Saturday and they will be favourites to progress ahead of the return leg in Paris on Wednesday.

Trapattoni, though, says there is still a long way to go in the tie and pointed to his side's unbeaten record in their qualifying group as proof that they have what it takes to upset the French.

"Football makes us suffer, but there is another great opportunity in Paris because France have conceded many goals away and also at home,"

Group Eight qualification campaign unbeaten and were strong on the road, drawing in Italy, Bulgaria and Montenegro and defeating both Cyprus and Georgia, at a neutral venue in Germany, on their travels.

Ireland know that they must score to overcome Les Bleus, but Trapattoni says he will not send his side out with all guns blazing at the Stade de France.

"I don't want to concede five goals, three goals or two goals. One-nil is enough to take it to extra-time and maybe penalties," said the 70-year-old.

This is a game for calm heads. Okay, take risks in the last few minutes, but if we go forward and concede goals, it's finished.

"I am confident. The team was a little bit disappointed, sure, but I know my team. They have character, they are proud and we must get the same reaction we have had before."

IN BRIEF

France suffer double blow

AFP, Paris

France midfielder Jeremy Toulalan and central defender Eric Abidal have both been ruled out of Wednesday's World Cup play-off second leg tie against Ireland because of injury.

Toulalan has a groin injury while Abidal, who started Saturday's first leg in Dublin in which France won 1-0, has a thigh problem.

The eventual winner of Wednesday's Stade de France clash qualifies for the 2010 World Cup finals in South Africa.

Chelsea to sign 'new Kaka'

INTERNET, undated

Chelsea are poised to sign a Brazilian wonderkid, dubbed the 'new Kaka'.

The Blues sent their top men over to Brazil at the weekend in a bid to lure youngster Lucas Piazon to Stamford Bridge.

The Sao Paulo attacking midfielder is tall but skilful, and similar in size and style to Kaka, although only time will tell if he can become half as good as the Real Madrid ace.

Nevertheless, Chelsea are keen to tie up a deal while the suspension of their transfer ban is still in place.

The SFA could now attempt to persuade Rangers boss Smith to return to the role while Dundee United's Craig Levein is also seen as a potential candidate to replace Burley before the start of Euro 2012 qualifiers in August or September.

Souness, the former Newcastle, Blackburn and Liverpool manager, said Monday he was not interested in managing his country at his disposal.

"You could have Arsene Wenger or Alex Ferguson managing that group of players, but the outcome wouldn't be much different," said Graeme Souness, who had indicated interest in the job when Burley got it.

"I wouldn't want the job," Souness said. "It's not for me at this time, my life is going in a different direction."

Van Persie sidelined

AFP, London

Arsenal's Premier League title hopes suffered a setback on Sunday after star striker Robin van Persie damaged ankle ligaments during the Netherlands' 0-0 friendly draw with Italy.

The 26-year-old was stretched off the pitch after being tackled by Italian defender Giorgio Chiellini 14 minutes into Saturday's game at Pescara and now faces a spell on the sidelines.

He told Dutch TV station NOS that he could miss around six weeks of action.

"Van Persie has a partially ruptured ligament," a Dutch Football Association (KNVB) official told the BBC on Sunday.

"It's a serious injury. It's impossible to put an exact time-frame on it because some players heal more quickly than others. It's not a short-term injury."

Earlier, Dutch coach Bert van Marwijk said he believed the player had torn ligaments.

"It's a hard blow for him because he was in the form of his life," said van Marwijk.

Mali give Ghana a fright

AFP, Johannesburg

World Cup qualifiers Ghana fought back twice to draw 2-2 with Mali Sunday in the last Africa group game for the 2010 tournament in South Africa.

Lassana Fane and Tenema Ndiaye were on target for the understrength visitors, who were expected to push the 'Black Stars' for a Cup place but finished a disappointing third behind Benin with Sudan last.

Matthew Amoah scored the first equaliser for Ghana and Anthony Annan the second six minutes from full-time at Baba Yara Stadium in the central city of Kumasi.

After winning four consecutive matches to become the first African country to qualify apart from hosts South Africa, Ghana have taken their foot off the accelerator and lost in Benin last month.

A Black Stars' line-up boasting star midfielders Michael Essien of Chelsea and Sulley Muntari of Inter Milan plus inspirational veteran Stephen Appiah of Bologna was expected to see off the Malian 'Eagles' challenge.

Mali lost 2-0 at home to Ghana in the second round last June - a defeat that effectively ended their World Cup dreams - and lacked pivotal players Frederic Kanoute, Seydou Keita and Mohamed Sissoko in Kumasi.

The visitors knew only maximum points would clinch second place after Romuald Boco scored a second-half winner as Benin defeated Sudan 2-1 in Omdurman Saturday.

Ghana, who included fullback Samuel Inkoom from the 2009 FIFA Youth World Cup-winning team, fell behind midway through the first half when Sudan-based Fane converted a free kick.

As the home team pressed for an equaliser, Annan headed off the crossbar with Mali goalkeeper and captain Mahamadou Sidibe beaten.

But the Ghanaian duo combined to create a 65th-minute equaliser with Amoah tapping a rebound into the net for his fifth goal of the qualifying competition after Sidibe spilled a Ghana shot.

Mali regained the lead within four minutes through an Ndiaye header and a similar effort by Muntari rebounded off the wood-work before Norway-based Annan punished slack marking to head the goal that salvaged a point.

Cameroun, Ivory Coast and Nigeria have also secured places at the first World Cup to be staged by Africa and Algeria or Egypt will fill the final berth Wednesday after a play-off in Sudan.

World Cup fixtures doubled as African Nations Cup eliminators and Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroun, holders Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, Togo, Tunisia and Zambia will join hosts Angola at the January 10-31 tournament.

Cudicini to make full recovery

Football

AFP, London

Tottenham say goalkeeper Carlo Cudicini is expected to make a full recovery after surgery on injuries he suffered in an horrific motorcycle crash.

The 36-year-old Italian hit a car on Thursday while driving through east London, fracturing his wrist and damaging his pelvis. The former Chelsea star was operated on at a private hospital on Friday and his north London club believe he is on course for a full recovery from an accident initially described as "life-changing" by ambulance staff.

Tottenham assistant manager Kevin Bond said on Sunday: "It's going to take some time, he will be on crutches for a period of time and no doubt he'll be in hospital for a good few days yet," Bond told Sky Sports News.

"Obviously it's such good news that all being well he will make a full recovery."

"At this moment no-one is going to put any type of time span on it - we are just glad to know that he's well."

"That's the most important thing and hopefully he'll be back putting his boots on and his gloves on in the not so distant future."

A female driver and a child passenger escaped unharmed from the car involved in the accident, which was described as a 'write off'.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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পতেঙ্গা, চট্টগ্রাম

দরপত্র আহবান বিজ্ঞপ্তি

গুরুবৰ্ষ আহবান বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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৩।	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী প্রধান	৩।	অধিনায়ক, ব্যাব-৭, চট্টগ্রাম।
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৫।	দরপত্রের বিষয়	৫।	ক। অধিনায়ক মেরামত ও সংরক্ষণ (পৃষ্ঠা)। ৬।
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৭।	দরপত্রের পক্ষতি	৭।	উন্নত দরপত্র পক্ষতি।
৮।	ব্যাবে ও অর্থনৈতিক ঘাট	৮।	২০০২-২০১০ অর্থ সালে ব্যাব এবং কোড নং-৩-২২১১-০০০৮-৪৯৯১ অন্যান্য মেরামত ও সংরক্ষণ এবং ৬৬২১ আস্বাবগত।
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