

Italy recall

Zambrotta

Veteran AC Milan full-back

Gianluca Zambrotta is

amongst four changes to the

Italy squad for this month's

Euro 2012 qualifiers against

Coach Cesare Prandelli

recalled the 33-year-old along-

side his club team-mate striker

Marco Borriello, Genoa full-

back Domenico Criscito and

Lazio midfielder Stefano Mauri.

Silvestri of Fiorentina and

Stuttgart's Cristian Molinaro

as well as midfielder Riccardo

Montolivo of Fiorentina and

Juventus striker Fabio

Quagliarella miss out from the

squad picked for last month's

qualifiers against Estonia and

ing their two victories last

Ireland on Friday before host-

ing Serbia in Genoa the follow-

Goalkeepers: Antonio

Mirante (Parma), Salvatore

Sirigu (Palermo), Emiliano

Defenders: Luca Antonelli

(Parma), Leonardo Bonucci

(Juventus), Cesare Bovo

(Palermo), Mattia Cassani

(Palermo), Giorgio Chiellini

(Juventus), Domenico Criscito

(Genoa), Daniele Gastaldello

(Sampdoria), Gianluca

Midfielders: Daniele De Rossi

(Roma), Andrea Lazzari

(Cagliari), Claudio Marchisio

(Juventus), Riccardo

Montolivo (Fiorentina)

Angelo Palombo (Sampdoria),

Stefano Mauri (Lazio), Simone

Attackers: Antonio Cassano

(Sampdoria), Alberto Gilardino

(Fiorentina), Giampaolo

Pazzini (Sampdoria), Marco

Borriello (AC Milan), Giuseppe

Rossi (Villarreal/ESP)

Bridge on Sunday.

Zambrotta (AC Milan)

Pepe (Juventus)

ing Tuesday October 12.

Viviano (Bologna)

Italy lead Group C follow-

They play away to Northern

Faroe Islands.

month.

**SQUAD** 

Defenders Lorenzo De

Northern Ireland and Serbia.

AFP, Rome

Real Madrid star Cristiano Ronaldo goes wild after scoring the opening goal against Deportivo Coruna during their Primera Liga encounter at Bernabeu on Sunday.

# Bayern slump goes on

AFP, Berlin



Munich's Bundeslig a slump continued on Sunday when they suffered

second straight league defeat as they were beaten 2-0 at second-placed Dortmund.

After Bayern lost 2-1 to new leaders Mainz last weekend, this was Louis van Gaalcoached Munich's third defeat of the season from seven games and leaves them 12th in the table - 13 points from the eaders.

"We didn't make the most of our chances, especially in the first-half," fumed Bayern

captain Mark van Bommel. "We made life difficult for 2-2 draw as they made amends ourselves.

"It's nonsense to say we couldn't stand the pressure, our mistakes led to the goals.

"Dortmund didn't get

Leverkusen took the lead

better during the game, we "Anyone who doesn't want

to fight for us needs to get off the pitch." Dortmund took the lead

when striker Lucas Barrios scored his fourth goal of the season after he pounced on a loose ball and his shot took a deflection off defender Holger Badstuber's foot and into the back of the net on 52 minutes. Turkey midfielder Nuri

Sahin compounded Bayern's misery when he curled in a freekick on 60 minutes. Barrios nearly claimed his

second when he beat Bayern's goalkeeper, but the ball rebounded off the goalpost on 69 minutes.

Dortmund stay second and with 18 points and this is their sixth straight victory. Bremen held Leverkusen to a

for last week's 4-0 hammering at Inter Milan in the Champions League last week.

when Germany striker Patrick

Helmes, who has been left out of the squad for this month's Euro 2012 qualifiers, scored his second goal in three league games when he netted in the 16th minute.

Werder Bremen equalised when striker Hugo Almeida scored from a free-kick on 53 minutes and Germany winger

#### RESULTS

VfB Stuttgart 1 (Pogrebnyak 85) Eintracht Frankfurt 2 (Gekas 18, Chris 68) Bayer Leverkusen 2 (Helmes 16,

Derdiyok 78) Werder Bremen 2 (Hugo Almeida 53, Marin 62) Dortmund 2 (Barrios 52, Sahin 60)

Marko Marin getting the winner in the 62nd-minute.

Leverkusen equalised when Swiss striker Eren Derdiyok scored in the 78th minute.

The result leaves Bremen 13th in the league and Leverkusen fourth.

Earlier, ten-man Stuttgart

suffered their sixth Bundesliga defeat from seven on Sunday as they were beaten 2-1 by Frankfurt.

The guests took the lead when veteran Greece striker Theofanis Gekas scored with a header on 18 minutes before Brazilian defender Chris scored the second from a corner on 68 minutes.

To compound Stuttgart's misery, captain Matthieu Delpierre was sent off on 84 minutes when he let his frustrations get the better of him as he tackled Frankfurt's Patrick Ochs and hacked the ankle long before the ball.

The hosts fought hard in the hectic closing stages as Russian striker Pavel Pogrebnyak scored his fifth goal of the season for Stuttgart less than a minute after Delpierre's dismissal.

The result is Stuttgart's third straight league defeat and their sixth of the season and their next league game is against second-from-bottom Schalke on October 16.



FOOTBALL OR WRESTLING? Bayern Munich striker Thomas Mueller (R) and Dortmund midfielder Nuri Sahin fight for the ball during

### Derby of Italy ends goalless enced Jonathan Biabiany was

REUTERS, Milan



drew 0-O with bitter Serie A rivals Juventus on Sunday after the two

their Bundesliga tie in Dortmund on Sunday.

tired sides failed to end a San Siro stalemate despite decent The result meant champions

Inter finished the weekend in second spot, two points behind new leaders Lazio who beat Brescia 1-0 in Rome to move on to 13 points from six games.

Inter had the best opportunity when Marco Storari kept out Maicon's header from a Wesley Sneijder free kick but seventh-placed Juve will feel they deserved the point.

Inter coach Rafael Benitez, in his first "Derby of Italy", named the same side which beat Werder Bremen 4-0 in the Champions League in midweek so fit-again striker Diego

Milito had to be content with starting on the bench. However, the inexperi-

rather tame.

injured on the half-hour mark

so the Argentine came on and

had two good chances, one

from a cross from the again

surprise in their starting lineup

with Fabio Quagliarella being

preferred to talisman Alessandro

Del Piero and the striker had

between Inter, who have won

the last five league titles, and

Juve, Italy's best supported

and most successful domestic

club, had been dominated by

continuing rows over the 2006

match-fixing scandal and fans

Minor trouble between

were hyped up.

The build-up to the match

Juventus also had a slight

excellent Samuel Eto'o.

three decent sniffs at goal.

supporters was reported outside the not-quite-packed San Siro before kickoff but the encounter on the pitch was Juve's new winger Milos

Krasic forced Julio Cesar into two smart saves although Vincenzo Iaquinta was rightly ruled offside when he netted

the Serbian's cross.

Lazio hit top spot earlier on Sunday, after Stefano Mauri netted just before the break when Hernanes, bought from Sao Paulo and already looking like one of the Serie A signings of the season, used his trickery to release the recalled Italy midfielder.

"We have to reach 40 points before anything else, no joking," experienced coach Edy Reja told Sky, still fearing another relegation dogfight for the 1974 and 2000 champions. Palermo's new Slovenian

#### RESULTS

Lecce 1 (Corvia 36) Catania 0 Bologna 1 (Britos 64) Sampdoria 1 (Portanova 45-og) Chievo O Cagliari O Fiorentina 1 (Gilardino 58) Palermo 2 (Ilicic 20, Pastore 37) Genoa 2 (Palacio 36, Toni 90) Bari 1 (Barreto 52-pen) Lazio 1 (Mauri 45) Brescia 0 Napoli 2 (Hamsik 72, Juan 83-og) AS Roma 0

midfielder Josip Ilicic has also made a big impression in his first weeks in Italy and scored his third league goal with a spectacular left-footed shot to set up a 2-1 win at struggling Fiorentina.

It was a day for midfielders breaking forward and Marek Hamsik made third-placed Napoli's pressure tell by bagging the second-half opener in a 2-0 home victory over AS Roma, who were runners-up last term but now lie second from bottom.

Claudio Ranieri's Roma beat Inter at home last weekend for their first win of the campaign but they threatened little in Naples where the home side doubled their lead through Juan's own goal.

Luca Toni headed home deep into stoppage time to give Genoa a 2-1 home win over Bari while Sampdoria drew 1-1 at Bologna.

Chievo drew 0-0 with Cagliari and Lecce beat Catania 1-0 before Serie A stopped for the international break.

## Six-shooter Real

RESULTS

Sevilla 3 (Negredo 28, Perotti 35,

Kanoute 51) Atletico Madrid 1

(Costa 57)

Villarreal 2 (Nilmar 8, Rossi 13)

Racing Santander 0

Almeria 1 (Uche 76) Malaga 1

(Quincy 50)

Osasuna 1 (Pandiani 72)

Levante 1 (Sergio 79)

Getafe 3 (Parejo 20, Manu 42, Miku

81) Hercules 0

Barcelona 1 (Messi 21) Real Mallorca 1

(N'Sue 42)

Real Madrid 6 (Ronaldo 4, 89, Ozil 24,

di Maria 34, Higuain 53,

ze Castro 60-og) Deportivo La Coruna 1

AFP, Madrid



Real Madrid took full advantage of a slip-up by Barcelona with a sparkling 6-1 victory over Deportivo Coruna to climb above their arch-rivals into third place in the La Liga

standings on Sunday. Real coach Jose Mourinho had warned that an opponent would soon pay for his side's recent goal drought and Depor were the whipping boys on a rain-sodden night at the

Bernabeu. Cristiano Ronaldo, Mesut Ozil, Angel Di Maria and Gonzalo Higuain put Real 4-0 ahead

by the 53rd minute before Depor defender Ze Castro stroked the ball into his own

Juan Rodriguez scored a

consolation for the visitors

and Ronaldo raced on to Xabi Alonso's pass to complete the rout as Real doubled their season's goal tally to 12 from six matches. "We have to be happy with what was a very complete

Xabi Alonso said in a television interview. "It was important to get the early goal and we're happy for

performance," Real midfielder

the forwards above all." Barca had earlier failed to capitalise on a clinical Lionel Messi strike at home to Real

Mallorca and the champions conceded a soft goal just before halftime to draw 1-1 at the Nou Camp.

Real have 14 points, two behind leaders Valencia, who secured their place at the top for another week when Aritz Aduriz and Vicente netted in a 2-1 home win over Athletic Bilbao on Saturday.

Villarreal are second on 15 after they recorded a fifth successive victory by beating Racing Santander 2-0 thanks to goals from Nilmar and Giuseppe Rossi.

Barca have 13 in fourth, one ahead of Sevilla. Alvaro Negredo scored one and created another to inspire the Andalusians to a 3-1 home win over Atletico Madrid on new coach

Gregorio Manzano's home debut.

With the Real faithful sporting transparent plastic raincoats, Mourinho's Portuguese compatriot Ronaldo set Real on their way against Depor in the fourth minute.

The former World Player of the Year, who has had a difficult start to the season, headed powerfully past goalkeeper Manu from a corner.

New fan favourite Ozil weaved into a scoring position and drilled home in the 24th and Di Maria finished off a swift break with a spectacular header 10 minutes later.

He turned provider for Higuain eight minutes into the second period, lifting a cross over Manu for his Argentina team mate to volley into the empty net.

Barca were stunned 2-0 at home by pro-

moted Hercules last month and Mallorca, coached by former Barca player Michael

> Catalans' title defence again. Messi celebrated picking up his European Golden Shoe trophy by scoring the opening goal, curling a shot into the corner of the net from just

Laudrup, checked the

outside the penalty area. After Messi went close to doubling Barca's lead, Mallorca midfielder Gonzalo Castro forced a fine save from Victor Valdes on a rare foray by the visitors and they were level from the resulting corner.

Gerard Pique and Gabriel Milito failed to clear and Emilio Nsue powered a header

into the net.

The goal unsettled the champions and Pierro Webo and Nsue had chances to give the Balearic Islanders a shock lead. The home side regrouped and poured forward in search of a winner but were guilty of

over-elaboration. Barca coach Pep Guardiola, who played in the same side as Laudrup in the early 1990s, conceded the champions were unlikely to

match last season's record points tally of 99. "We should have closed off the match and we have squandered two points," he told a news conference.

"The points total we achieved last season is very tough to do and I don't think we'll reach it again this time," he added.

## Drogba nemesis again

Chelsea 2 (Drogba 39, Alex 85)

Arsenal 0

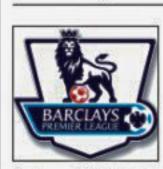
Liverpool 1 (Kyrgiakos 53) Blackpool 2

(Adam 29-pen, Varney 45)

Manchester City 2 (Tevez 18-pen,

Johnson 75) Newcastle 1 (Gutierrez 24)

REUTERS, London



Sunday.

Chelsea's Didier Drogba proved Arsenal's nemesis again as he inspired the champions to a 2-0 win over their London rivals and Blackpool pulled off a stunning 2-1 victory at Liverpool in the Premier League on

Chelsea bounced back from defeat at Manchester City to overpower Arsenal at Stamford Bridge and move four points clear at

the top as Liverpool slumped into the relegation zone following Blackpool's triumph on their first league visit to Anfield since 1971. Liverpool's day started badly when more protest against the ownership

than 2,000 fans marched from the city centre to of Americans Tom Hicks and RESULTS

George Gillett and the defeat left new manager Roy Hodgson with just one league victory in seven matches. Manchester City beat

Newcastle United 2-1 to leapfrog Manchester United and Arsenal and move into second place. Chelsea, who have beaten

Arsenal in their last four league matches, top the table with 18 points, followed by City on 14, United on 13 and Arsenal on 11. The victory was Chelsea's sixth in seven league games and Drogba again proved an

unstoppable force against Arsenal, giving his side the lead with a stunning flick on the turn after 40 minutes to notch up his 13th goal in 13 appearances against Arsene Wenger's team. Defender Alex sealed victory with an unstoppable free kick after 85 minutes,

ending a difficult week for Chelsea, during which manager Carlo Ancelotti's father died, on a high. "For the last two days the players have trained exceptionally wellthe day after Carlo's father's death was a bit lacklustre," Chelsea

assistant coach Ray Wilkins told a news conference. "We were disappointing against Manchester City last week and we did not perform all that well today. You saw not a fantastic performance but a different performance in that we ground out a win. The three points was what we went for and that's what we got." Wenger said he was pleased with Arsenal's

performance. "I just want to say that the game demonstrates how you can play well and lose the

game," he said. "We had the chances to score today, two in the first two minutes, but when you have the chances you have to score. We need to be more clinical offensively and defensively."

Blackpool stunned Liverpool with a 29thminute penalty from Charlie Adam after Glen Johnson's foul on Luke Varney

who struck again for the visitors before halftime. Defender Sotirios Kyrgiakos pulled one back for

Liverpool after 53 minutes when he headed home a Steven Gerrard free kick, but the home side, who lost Spain striker Fernando Torres with an injury after nine minutes, were unable to fight back. "It's a bad result and a very bad day,"

nothing more I can say. We were very anxious to

Hodgson told a news conference. "There's

get back on track, to get the three points and lift ourselves up the table. "No words or anything I can say can change

that situation or make it better," he added. "It's pointless to try and be positive and say

the second half was better and we could have got an equaliser because we lost the game -- a game we did not want to lose." Manchester City took the lead against

Newcastle with a first-half penalty from Carlos Tevez and England's Adam Johnson fired a 75th-minute winner after Jonas Gutierrez had equalised.



Chelsea striker Didier Drogba (C, back) opens the scoring against Arsenal during their Premier League clash at Stamford