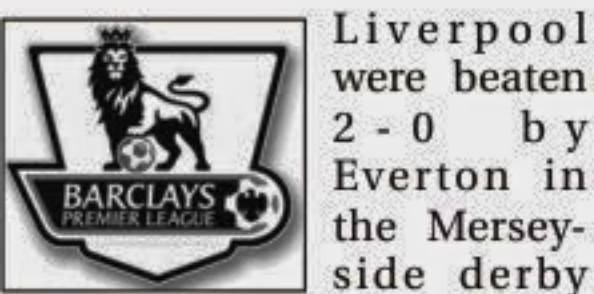


# Derby honours Everton's

AFP, London



Liverpool were beaten 2-0 by Everton in the Merseyside derby on Sunday as the English footballing giants' new era got off to a bitterly disappointing start.

Goals in each half from Tim Cahill and Mikel Arteta sealed the points for Everton, who moved up to 11th in the Premier League standings as Liverpool slipped to second from bottom.

In Sunday's late game, Manchester City slashed Chelsea's lead at the top of the table to just two points after two goals from talismanic skipper Carlos Tevez and David Silva secured a 3-2 victory at battling Blackpool.

City, who were outplayed for long periods by their newly promoted opponents, moved up to second place after the victory.

Earlier, Liverpool's new American owner John W. Henry looked on at Goodison Park as Roy Hodgson's Reds crashed to their fourth defeat of the season, leaving them with only six points from eight games.

A frenetic opening spell

saw Everton take the lead on 34 minutes. Irish wide player Seamus Coleman surged down the right and cut back an inviting cross for Cahill, who blasted high into the net past Liverpool goalkeeper Pepe Reina.

The goal was no less than Everton deserved after they dominated a feisty first half that saw referee Howard Webb book three players -- Everton's Cahill and Liverpool's Maxi Rodriguez and Raul Meireles.

**RESULTS**  
Everton 2 (Cahill 34, Arteta 50) Liverpool 0  
Blackpool 2 (Harewood 78, Taylor-Fletcher 90) Man City 3 (Tevez 67, 79, Silva 90)

Ayegbeni Yakubu forced a smart low save from Reina shortly before Everton took the lead, while Reina had to be alert on the stroke of half-time to save a rising long-range shot from Leon Osman.

Spanish midfield maestro Arteta doubled Everton's lead five minutes after the interval, lashing home a swerving right-foot shot from the edge of the area. With the clock ticking down, Torres saw a shot well-saved by Tim Howard but it could not mask

another disappointing afternoon for the Spaniard, who also picked up a late booking.

In Sunday's late game at Bloomfield Road, Blackpool were desperately unlucky to come away empty-handed after a spirited performance where they more than held their own against cash-rich City.

Blackpool forward DJ Campbell had missed a glorious opportunity to put Blackpool 1-0 up before Gary Taylor-Fletcher had a goal controversially disallowed for offside in the second half.

Tevez then fired City into the lead with a superb clipped finish, before Blackpool fought back to level with a flicked header from Marlon Harewood.

Blackpool's delight at securing an equaliser was short-lived however as Tevez struck again less than a minute later.

There was a whiff of controversy about the goal however with Tevez appearing to foul Ian Evatt in the build-up.

Spanish international Silva netted a sublime third for City on 90 minutes before Taylor-Fletcher hit back for Blackpool to ensure a nerve-wracking final minute of stoppage time for Roberto Mancini's men.



CANT STOP SCORING: Manchester City striker Carlos Tevez (R) scores his second goal against Blackpool during their Premier League encounter at Bloomfield Road on Sunday.

PHOTO: AFP

## England job interests Ancelotti

AFP, London

Chelsea boss Carlo Ancelotti has revealed that he would be interested in following his Italian compatriot Fabio Capello by one day managing England.

Capello has already indicated he will step down after the Euro 2012 tournament, and the English Football Association has indicated it plans to hire a British manager to succeed him.

However in remarks quoted by several newspapers on Sunday, Ancelotti admitted that he would consider the England job if the position became available.

Asked if he would be interested, Ancelotti replied: "Why not?"

"I would like to do it in the future, to have this kind of experience," he added. "I have never been the coach of a national team. To manage the national team and manage a club is different."

Ancelotti enjoyed a phenomenally successful first season in international football last year, guiding Chelsea to a Premier League and FA Cup double.

Ancelotti also disagreed with Tottenham coach Harry Redknapp, one of the favourites to succeed Capello who has called for the next England manager to be English.

"Maybe Redknapp doesn't like foreign coaches for the national team, but if you ask me about England, I can say 'Why not?'," Ancelotti said.

## Italy won't accept rematch

AP, Rome

Replaying the abandoned Euro 2012 qualifier against Serbia is not an acceptable solution for the Italian Football Federation.

Federation general director Antonello Valentini says that accepting Serbia's request for a replay would be like giving "a gift" to the Serbia squad.

The match in Genoa last week was called off after seven minutes when Serbia supporters threw flares and fireworks onto the field, burned an Albanian flag and broke barriers.

In an interview with RAI state radio Monday, Valentini also notes that UEFA has asked Serbia for an explanation but hasn't asked Italy for anything yet besides the match video.

## OFC chief to cooperate with probe

AFP, Wellington

The Oceania Football Confederation (OFC) on Monday said its president will cooperate with a FIFA probe into allegations he offered to sell his vote in the bidding race for the 2018 World Cup.

An undercover investigation by Britain's Sunday Times newspaper alleged OFC president Reynald Temarii sought three million New Zealand dollars (2.3 million US) for a sports academy from undercover journalists posing as lobbyists.

"Reynald Temarii welcomes a full and thorough investigation so that all the facts can be heard," the OFC said in statement.

# It doesn't get any bigger

AFP, Paris



Real Madrid and AC Milan, the two most successful teams in Champions League history, meet to contest supremacy in Group G on Tuesday, having both hit form in recent weeks.

Real, nine times European champions, went top of La Liga with a convincing 4-1 win at Malaga on Saturday, while seven-time winners Milan briefly topped the Serie A table following a 3-1 victory at home to Chievo before Lazio regained the summit late on Sunday.

Real top Group G after winning their opening two matches, with Milan two points behind after a 1-1 draw at Ajax.

Defeat at the Santiago Bernabeu would leave Milan at risk of being drawn into a scrap for second place with Ajax and Auxerre, who meet in Amsterdam, and the Italians are sweating on the fitness of centre-back Thiago Silva.

The Brazilian picked up an ankle injury against Chievo and coach Massimiliano Allegri conceded that he was a major doubt for the trip to Madrid.

"We hope he won't miss it but we've got (Daniele) Bonera, who's ready to play," said Allegri.

"He's got a sprained ankle, which our doctors will evaluate. But our squad is certainly ready to play an important game such as Tuesday's against Real Madrid."

Milan won 3-2 when the sides met in Madrid in the group phase last season and playmaker Ronaldinho has a fine record at the Bernabeu, having inspired former club Barcelona to a 3-0 victory there in November 2005 that drew a standing ovation from the home fans.

Any confidence in the Milan ranks must be offset by the presence in the opposition dugout of Jose Mourinho, who became the scourge of the rossoneri fans during his richly successful two-year spell at city rivals Inter.

Mourinho's tenure at the San Siro culminated in an unprecedented treble last season, secured with victory over Bayern Munich in the Champions League final at the Bernabeu, and there are signs that he is beginning to work his magic at Real.

After an indifferent start they have scored 10 goals in their last two games -- having thrashed Deportivo La Coruna

6-1 on October 3 -- and forwards Cristiano Ronaldo and Gonzalo Higuain both scored twice in the win in Malaga.

"We are playing well and winning," Ronaldo told the Real website.

"I knew the goals would come sooner or later. I am happy because I played a great match and the team played well overall."

"We know that if we win on Tuesday that we will have one foot in the next round. We play at home and are obliged to win. It will be a great match."

Like Real, Chelsea and Arsenal are both on course for the knockout phase after winning their opening two group games.

Chelsea face an arduous trip to Group F co-leaders Spartak Moscow on Tuesday, with French champions Marseille hosting Slovaks

MSK Zilina in the other group game.

Chelsea remained top of the English Premier League after a 0-0 draw at Aston Villa on Saturday, but they are likely to be without striker Didier Drogba (fever) and influential midfielder Frank Lampard (hernia) for the trip to Russia.

"The players who could be OK for the Spartak game are Daniel Sturridge, Alex and (Salomon) Kalou," said Blues boss Carlo Ancelotti.

"I hope they can make it. We have to look at them in training."

Arsenal, 2-1 victors at home to Birmingham at the weekend, will come up against a familiar face when they tackle Shakhtar Donetsk in Group H.

Croatian striker Eduardo will head to the away dressing room at the Emirates for the first time following his summer switch from Arsenal to the Ukrainians and he admits it will be a special evening.

"If I play it will be very emotional, but I'm just trying to concentrate on the game and I am calm about the match," he said.

In Group E, leaders Bayern host CFR Cluj of Romania, while second-placed Roma take on Basel in the Italian capital.

### FIXTURES

**Tuesday**  
(1845GMT unless otherwise stated):  
Roma (ITA) v Basel (SUI), Bayern Munich (GER) v CFR Cluj (ROM), Spartak Moscow (RUS) v Chelsea (ENG), Marseille (FRA) v Zilina (SVK), Ajax (NED) v Auxerre (FRA)  
Real Madrid (ESP) v AC Milan (ITA), Sporting Braga (POR) v Partizan Belgrade (SRB), Arsenal (ENG) v

# Lazio back atop

AFP, Rome



Lazio downed Bari 2-0 in Sunday night's late game to return to the top of the Serie A table as Samuel Eto'o silenced racist chants in Cagliari in Inter Milan's 1-0 victory.

Goals from Brazilian Hernanes and Sergio Floccari gave the Romans the three points and kept them on top of the pile following wins for Inter and AC Milan.

Eto'o had earlier scored the only goal of the game in Sardinia to gain revenge on fans who started the game by taunting him.

Surprise package Lazio continued their positive start to the season and lead the table by two points from Milan, who top Inter on goals scored.

But despite their lofty position, Floccari said they're not kidding themselves.

"We played the game we needed to, we knew we couldn't give Bari space up front, it was an exam in maturity," he said.

"We know that being ahead is not our rightful place, there are much better equipped and more competitive teams but we'll see game after game what our true level is."

In a low key first half, Hernanes curled an

effort wide and Andre Dias headed inches off target for Lazio, while Abdelkader Ghezal had Bari's best chances, forcing Fernando Muslera into a sprawling save and then firing over from a free-kick.

But on 52 minutes a speculative through ball from Stefano Mauri somehow eluded a cluster of players and fell to Brazilian Hernanes to slot between goalkeeper Jean-Francois Gillet's legs.

And just nine minutes later, Lazio scored a second in even more bizarre circumstances as a mishit shot from Mauri hit a stumbling Floccari on the knee and looped over Gillet into the top corner.

Bari came closest 10 minutes from time when substitute Jose Ignacio Castillo's header came back off the upright, hit Muslera, then the post again before bouncing to safety.

Juventus went fifth after thrashing Lecce 4-0 with Palermo just behind after their 4-1 defeat of Bologna.

Alessandro Del Piero scored Juve's fourth and equalled Giampiero Boniperti's record of 178 league goals for the club.

Fourth-placed Napoli missed the chance to join the Milan neighbours at the top as they drew 1-1 at Catania while Fiorentina went bottom following their 2-1 reverse at Sampdoria.

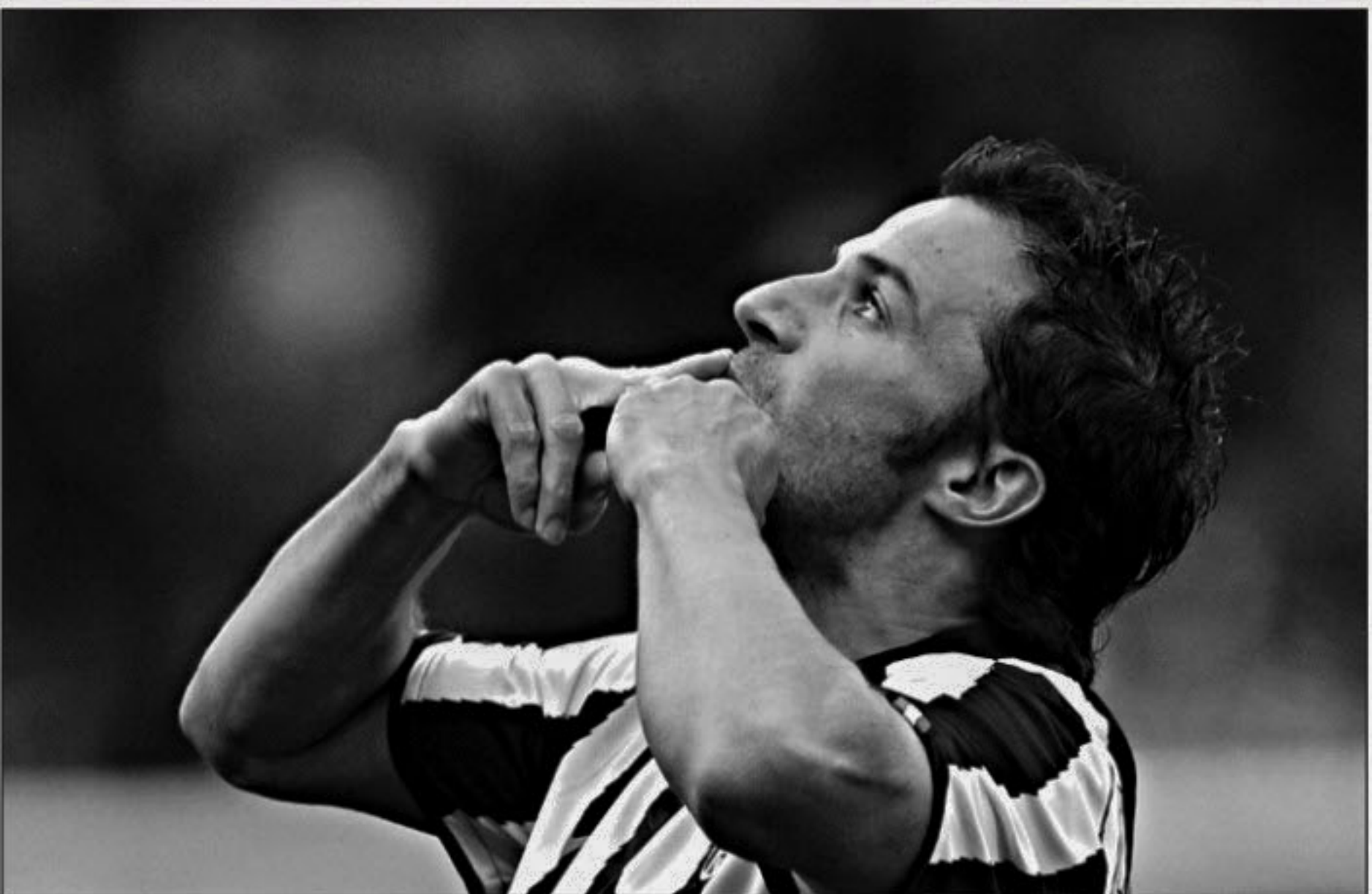


PHOTO: AFP

Veteran Juventus forward Alessandro Del Piero gestures to the fans after scoring against Lecce during their Serie A tie in Turin on Sunday.

# Ibra has a dig at Pep

Football

AFP, Rome

AC Milan's Zlatan Ibrahimovic has launched a new attack on Pep Guardiola, telling Monday's Gazzetta dello Sport that, like Tiger Woods, his former coach at Barcelona was not perfect.

The Sweden forward, who spent just one year in Spain, said: "Guardiola wants to appear perfect in public. Tiger Woods is the same. But no one is perfect."

He also took aim at what he believed was Guardiola's inexperience.

"He's a great manager but with little experience, and still too young to manage a team with 22 stars with different personalities."

Guardiola guided Barcelona to six trophies in 2009 but Ibrahimovic commented: "It's not difficult to win at Barcelona. With such a team, who couldn't win?"

He had more favourable words for Jose Mourinho, his coach at Inter in 2008-09, and who he will cross swords with again on Tuesday when AC Milan face Real Madrid in the Champions League.

"Mou' motivated me, he's a winner...Mourinho comes, he wins, then says goodbye and thank you."

This is not the first time Ibrahimovic has taken Guardiola to task.

his former Barca manager as "a small time" coach.

"In my book, a great coach solves his problems. A small-time coach runs from them," Ibrahimovic told a press conference in Stockholm.

"There was only one person (on the Barcelona team) who wanted to get rid of me," he insisted, explaining why he left the team and signed for AC Milan on an initial one-year loan with a pre-arranged 24-million-euro permanent deal arranged for the end of the season.

While Guardiola has declined to respond in public Barcelona president Sandro Rosell labelled Ibrahimovic's purchase from Inter as the worst financial mistake in the club's history.

"It's Barca's worst transaction, but I think that we sold quite well, having bought badly," he said on Sunday.

Ibrahimovic joined Barca from Inter in the summer of 2009 for a club-record fee of 46 million euros, with Cameroonian striker Eto'o -- valued at 20 million euros -- moving in the opposite direction as part of the deal.

The Swede helped Barca win the league title last season but failed to fit into Guardiola's playing strategy.

He joined AC Milan this summer on an initial loan deal with a 24-million-euro purchase clause, to be paid in three instalments of eight million euros over the next three years.

Barca's general director, Antoni Rossich, said Ibrahimovic's departure represented a loss of 33.4 million euros for the club.

# Gijon stun Sevilla

AFP, Madrid



New coach Gregorio Manzano suffered his first defeat in charge of Sevilla losing 2-0 at Sporting Gijon on Sunday to end the honeymoon period.

Argentine striker Gaston Sangoy put Gijon ahead on six minutes and Diego Castro added another on 51 minutes to leave Sevilla empty-handed.

Manzano started with wins over Borussia Dortmund in the Europa League and Atletico Madrid in the league Sevilla's second defeat of the season leaves them down in seventh.

Manzano gave Brazilian international forward Luis Fabiano -- who has publicly said he wants to leave in January -- only his second league start of the season but neither he nor his team-mates could find the back of the net.

Espanyol collected their first away win of the season with a gritty 1-0 win at Real Mallorca on Sunday despite playing over half the match with ten men.

Former Spain international Luis Garcia scored a 31st minute penalty for his side's first away goal of the campaign and it won the match although Espanyol had to dig deep with Argentine striker Pablo Osvaldo sent off in the 35th minute for a stray elbow.

Espanyol climb up to sixth with their maiden away win while Mallorca fall to tenth following their first home defeat of the season.

"We put in an incredible amount of effort with one man less against a Mallorca team that had turned in a great performance against Barcelona (a 1-1 draw) last time out," said Espanyol coach Mauricio Pochettino.

Athletic Bilbao go above Mallorca into eighth after a 2-1 home win over 10-man Real Zaragoza at San Mames on Sunday.

Man of the moment Fernando

Llorente built on his three goals in Spain's two Euro 2012 qualifiers with a 23rd minute strike for Bilbao.

Zaragoza were reduced to ten men when Adam Pinter was sent off on 53 minutes and the club sit bottom of the table with no win to their name.

Elsewhere fallen giants Deportivo La Coruna are still searching for their first win of the season after a 0-0 home draw with Osasuna at the Riazor stadium on Sunday.

Depor were Champions League finalists as recently as 2004 and won the Spanish league title in 2000, however, they are currently second from bottom of the table with no win from seven.

In other matches, Levante won the battle of the promoted sides defeating fellow newcomers Real Sociedad 2-1 on Sunday for their second win of the season.

Levante scored twice in six minutes with former Chelsea man Asier del Horno opening the scoring after 59 minutes before Ecuadorian striker Felipe Caicedo, on loan from Manchester City, struck on 65 minutes.



Sporting Gijon players celebrate their second goal against Sevilla during their Primera Liga clash at the Molinon Stadium on Sunday.

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