

JUVE  
49 and out

AFP, Milan



Inter Milan earned the bragging rights over city rivals AC Milan on Saturday with an emphatic 3-1 victory away to Juventus which stopped the champions' impressive unbeaten run at 49 games.

Earlier, seven-times European champions AC Milan, who have been languishing in mid-table and beyond since the start of the season, moved up a gear at the San Siro to register a 5-1 win over struggling Chievo.

Milan's fourth win in 11 games has moved them up to seventh ahead of Sunday's matches and will prove a morale-booster ahead of the visit of Champions League Group C opponents Malaga on Tuesday.

Yet Inter's feat trumped Milan's hands down.

The Nerazzurri themselves endured a sluggish start to the season but 36-year-old Inter coach Andrea Stramaccioni has brought his side to the boil in timely fashion.

In 10 previous games this season Juve had conceded only five goals.

But despite opening the scoring through Chilean Arturo Vidal in a dominant first half the Turin giants were outplayed after the interval with Diego Milito grabbing a brace and Rodrigo Palacio scoring the third in the 89th minute.

Inter are now just one point behind Juventus, with Napoli -- unbeaten until two weeks ago when they visited Juventus Stadium -- six points off the lead before they host Torino Sunday.

Juve came out firing on all cylinders and should have had three quick goals but it was their first-minute opener that hit the net.

A textbook attack caught Inter off guard although when Ghanaian midfielder Kwadwo Asamoah latched on to a through ball on the left the Ghanaian midfielder was a metre offside.

Officials, however, failed to spot the infringement and when he lashed the ball across the area Vidal slotted home past Samir Handanovic.

Both teams had their chances in the first half but Inter moved up a gear in the second period as doubt began to creep in to Juve.

Inter's break came when they were awarded a penalty just before the hour mark.

Milito stepped up to send the ball just past Buffon's shoulders to level and then made it two a quarter of an hour later when he latched onto the rebound from a fierce drive by second half substitute Freddy Guarin to beat Buffon.

Juve's chances of salvaging a draw were kept in check when Rodrigo Palacio finished off the good work of Yuto Nagatomo to handed Juve their first league defeat since a reverse against Parma in May 2011.

"It was a tough game," Milito told Sky Sport.

"We were caught napping at the start and went immediately behind but then we fought our way back into it and at the end we deserved the win."

## RESULTS

Juventus 1 (Vidal 1) Inter Milan 3  
(Milito 59+pen, 75, Palacio 89)  
AC Milan 5 (Emanuelson 16,  
Montolivo 36, Bojan 41, El Shaarawy  
75, Pazzini 90+3) Chievo 1 (Pellissier 18)



Inter Milan striker Diego Milito strokes home a penalty to set his side on way to a 3-1 win over Juventus during their Serie A clash in Turin on Saturday. Milito scored twice as Inter ended Juve's 49 game unbeaten run.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Adams  
doesn't rate  
Arsenal

REUTERS, London

Arsenal will struggle to finish in the top four because there is not enough belief within the squad and the current players are not good enough, the club's former captain Tony Adams said on Sunday.

He also said their policy of letting their best players leave was wrong and is costing the club dearly.

Adams was speaking to BBC Radio Five Live following their 2-1 defeat at Manchester United on Saturday which left them in sixth place nine points behind top-placed United in the title race.

Arsenal have finished in the top four for the last 16 seasons but Adams, who made nearly 700 appearances for Arsenal between 1984 and 2002 was highly critical of his old club.

"You need to keep your best players and in recent years we've let them go a bit easy," Adams, 46, said.

In the last two years Arsenal have let Van Persie, Alex Song, Cesc Fabregas, Samir Nasri and Gael Clichy all leave as their contracts wound down.

"I never got anywhere near the last year of my contract," said Adams.

What to  
WATCH

ESPN  
Sportscentre India  
Sports News  
Live at 8:30pm  
English Premiership  
West Bromwich v Southampton  
Live from 2:00am (Tuesday)

STAR Sports  
Primera Liga  
Getafe v Real Betis

DAY'S  
EVENT

National Cricket League  
(Four-day match, Day-4)  
Rajshahi v Barisal  
Venue: Shaeed Kamaruzzaman  
Stadium, Rajshahi  
Khulna v Rangpur  
Venue: Sk Abu Naser Stadium, Khulna  
Sylhet v Chittagong  
Venue: BKSP  
Dhaka v Dhaka Metro  
Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National

## Bayern set down marker

AFP, Berlin



Goal-scorer  
Bastian Schweinsteiger insisted  
Bayern Munich had answered  
any doubts in the wake of their  
shock defeat by

Leverkusen as the Bundesliga  
leaders ran riot in their 3-0 win at  
Hamburg.

Bayern set a new German  
league record having won all five  
of their opening away league  
games with a 15-0 goal record as  
they opened a seven-point lead at  
the top of the table.

Schweinsteiger was joined on  
the scoresheet by Thomas Mueller  
and Toni Kroos in Hamburg on

Saturday in an impressive second-  
half display.

Munich had their eight-match  
winning streak ended by a 2-1  
defeat at Bayern's Allianz Arena  
last Sunday, but Schweinsteiger  
said his side had proved themselves  
after the Leverkusen defeat.

"It was important to provide  
some answers after the Bayer  
match, and we've not won that  
often in Hamburg recently. We  
were determined to do it today,"  
said Schweinsteiger who scored  
Bayern's first.

With second-placed Schalke 04  
suffering a shock 3-2 defeat at  
Hoffenheim, results this weekend  
helped Bayern as both third-  
placed Eintracht Frankfurt and  
Borussia Dortmund drew.

"It's been a very good round of

## RESULTS

Borussia Dortmund 0 VfB Stuttgart 0  
Borussia M'gladbach 1 (de Camargo 49)  
Freiburg 1 (Caligiuri 77+pen)  
Hanover 96 2 (Djouf 26, Stindl 85) Augsburg 0  
Nuremberg 1 (Gebhart 76) VfL Wolfsburg 0  
Hoffenheim 3 (Volland 13, Roberto Firmino 67,  
Schiplock 90+1) Schalke 04 2  
(Nestaeter 37, Uchida 82)  
Hamburg 0 Bayern Munich 3

matches for us. Naturally, we knew  
the other scores before kick-off  
and we were even more motivated,"  
added Schweinsteiger.

Bayern coach Jupp Heynckes  
was delighted with his team's  
performance and praised his  
foreign imports, including  
France's Franck Ribery and  
Croatia's Mario Mandzukic.

"I'm delighted with the team's  
approach," said Heynckes with  
Bayern hosting Lille in the  
Champions League on Wednesday.

"The way we chalked up the  
victory was first class, it was out-  
standing.

"That's shown by the team  
spirit in this group. For example,  
Franck was exceptional today, but  
Mario was just as important, for  
his work-rate, pressing and  
defending.

"That's the hallmark of my team  
at the moment: everyone's looking  
out for everyone else, we're going  
for success as a unit."

With Germany goalkeeper  
Manuel Neuer in the Bayern goal,  
Hamburg goalkeeper Rene Adler  
has put himself back in contention  
for the national team.



PHOTO: REUTERS

Real Madrid striker Gonzalo Higuain stabs the ball home from close range during their La Liga clash against Real Zaragoza at the Santiago Bernabeu on Saturday.

## Madrid keep chase

AFP, Madrid

Real Madrid beat  
Zaragoza 4-0 on  
Saturday but remain  
eight points behind  
record breaking  
Barcelona who  
earlier won 3-1  
against Celta Vigo to  
go three points  
ahead of the pack.

Gonzalo Higuain and Angel Maria  
struck in a two minute blitz midway  
through the first half while Michael  
Essien and Luka Modric added  
another two late on but despite their  
recent good form it will be difficult to  
claw back the Catalan side, who have  
made their best start to a season.

Madrid's defensive problems

## RESULTS

Valencia 2 (Soldado 20, Nelson Valdez 90+5)  
Atletico Madrid 0

Real Madrid 4 (Higuain 23, Di Maria 25,  
Essien 89, Modric 90+2) Real Zaragoza 0

Barcelona 3 (Adriano 21, Villa 26, Alba 61)

Celta Vigo 1 (Bermejo 24)

cult for Madrid with their organisation.

Madrid got their opening break-  
through out of the blue from a corner.

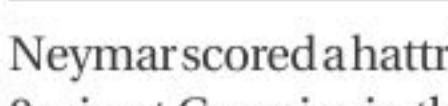
Raul Albiol leapt to power a  
header which Roberto got down well  
to save but Higuain smashed in the  
rebound.

Zaragoza fell further behind as Di  
Maria had an effort from a tight angle  
saved by the keeper but he then  
cracked in the rebound.

The visitors came out for the second  
half with more attacking intent, though  
they were mainly reduced to shots from  
distance and came closest to scoring  
with a drive by Jose Mari from 25 yards  
which crashed against the crossbar but  
Ronaldo also hit the woodwork for  
Madrid with a late freekick.

He then turned provider, setting up the

## Opposition ovation



REUTERS, Rio de Janeiro

Neymar scored a hat-trick to lead Santos to a 4-0  
win at Cruzeiro in the Brazilian championship,

where his performance earned him a  
standing ovation from the home supporters.

The 20-year-old took his tally to 12  
goals in the competition even though he  
has missed a number of games due to  
international commitments including a  
three-week spell at the Olympic Games.

Neymar opened his account in the 11th  
minute of Saturday night's game by non-  
chalantly diverting a low cross into the net  
at the near post and slotted in another  
from near the penalty spot after sloppy  
Cruzeiro defending in the 35th.

He then turned provider, setting up the

third for Felipe Anderson with a run down  
the right and low cross in the 52nd minute,  
and completed his hat-trick in by converting  
an easy chance set up by Ezequiel  
Miralles.

Santos are ninth in the table with 46  
points from 33 games, three ahead of  
Cruzeiro.

"I'm overcome, it makes me want to  
cry," Neymar told reporters after Cruzeiro  
fans, who had initially booed their own  
team, chanted his name and applauded  
him off the pitch.

Ten-man Gremio scored in the last minute  
to beat Ponte Preta 1-0 and stay third with 63  
points, nine behind leaders Fluminense.

Gremio had Julio Cesar sent off midway  
through the second half but Vanderlei  
Luxemburgo's team took the points when  
Andre Lima headed in from corner.