

# Messi can't stop scoring

Football

REUTERS, Madrid

The apparently unstoppable Lionel Messi extended his record goals tally for 2012 to 88 when he scored twice to earn holders Barcelona a 2-0 win at second division Cordoba in their King's Cup last-16 first leg on Wednesday.

Real Madrid, the 2011 winners, fell two goals behind at La Liga rivals Celta Vigo but Cristiano Ronaldo's late strike to make it 2-1 put the 2011 winners in a reasonably strong position ahead of next week's second leg at their Bernabeu stadium.

Messi's Argentine compatriot, Athletic Bilbao coach Marcelo Bielsa, had a wretched night when his side were dumped out by third tier Basque neighbours Eibar on away goals in their postponed last-32 second leg.

Mikel Arzuabarrena's 72nd-minute penalty for Eibar at the San Mames sent the Segunda B side through after the second leg ended 1-1.

Eibar, who held Bilbao to a 0-0 draw in the first leg, will play Malaga in the last 16, with a quarterfinal against Barca or Cordoba the prize for the winners.

On the other side of the draw, Atletico Madrid have one foot in the

last eight after forward Diego Costa scored twice in a 3-0 win at home to city rivals Getafe.

Atletico, resurgent under Argentine coach Diego Simeone, would play second division Las Palmas or Real Betis in the quarter-finals, with the pair meeting on Thursday.

On Sunday, World Player of the Year Messi overhauled Gerd Mueller's goals record for a calendar year of 85 set in 1972 and he took only 11 minutes on Wednesday to add to

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his haul in a vibrant atmosphere at Cordoba's packed Arcangel stadium.

David Villa sped clear on the left and he squared for Messi to clip the ball into the net off the underside of the crossbar from close range with the Cordoba goalkeeper stranded.

Fielding a near full-strength team despite the lowly opposition, Barca controlled the game in the second half before Thiago Alcantara released Messi on the left in the 74th minute and he finished low into the corner.

Barca coach Tito Vilanova said

Messi's injury scare in last week's Champions League match against Benfica, when he bruised a knee in a clash with goalkeeper Artur, had sharpened the 25-year-old's hunger for goals.

"I think he's so happy after the fright against Benfica that now he's even more motivated," Vilanova, whose side are six points clear at the top of La Liga and through to the last 16 of Europe's elite club competition, told a news conference.

Bruno Lucena, head of Flamengo's research and statistics department, told Brazilian sports daily Lance that he had calculated Zico scored 89 goals in 1979 and Messi's record is not valid. The statement could not be verified.

Real struggled against a well-drilled Celta side in rain-lashed Galicia and fell behind when Mario Bermejo fired between reserve goalkeeper Antonio Adan's legs from a narrow angle in the 54th minute.

Cristian Bustos made it 2-0 moments after coming off the bench in the 78th with a superb long-range effort that arched into the top corner before Ronaldo, who was lucky to be on the pitch after throwing himself into a couple of wild challenges, pulled a goal back three minutes from time.



Barcelona superstar Lionel Messi (L) heads the ball during their Copa del Rey match against Cordoba at the Nuevo Arcangel Stadium in Cordoba on Wednesday.

## Juve reach quarters

AFP, Milan

A Sebastian Giovinco goal in the 56th minute gave Juventus a 1-0 win over Cagliari on Wednesday and set the Serie A champions up with a potential Italian Cup quarterfinal clash against AC Milan.

Juve's win, however, came at a price on what was Antonio Conte's return to the touchline at Juventus Stadium after he recently completed a four-month ban for his alleged role in a match-fixing affair at former club Siena.

Chilean midfielder Arturo Vidal, a last-minute replacement for Emanuele Giaccherini after the Italian suffered an injury in the warm-up, went off with a suspected knee problem.

Juve handed a rare start to Danish international Nicklas Bendtner, and although he came close to scoring he was stretched off just before half-time and replaced by ex-Cagliari star Alessandro Matri.

## Milan tie up deal with Guangzhou

AFP, Milan

AC Milan have announced a "commercial partnership" with Chinese top flight club Guangzhou Evergrande, the Serie A giants announced Wednesday.

No details were released by the Rossoneri, whose CEO Adriano Galliani concluded the deal by a handshake with Guangzhou president Liu Jiong Zhuo.

Milan said "Galliani gave the Chinese (club) president a shirt with 8-Liu printed on the back".

Guangzhou won the domestic double last season under coach Marcello Lippi, who steered Italy to World Cup triumph in 2006 over France.

## Destro blow for Roma

AFP, Milan

Roma forward Mattia Destro has suffered a knock to his ankle that makes him a doubt for Saturday's Serie A match against Chievo, the capital club indicated.

After scoring in the 3-0 Italian Cup win over Atalanta on Tuesday, Destro injured his left ankle and limped off.

A short statement on Roma's official Twitter account said: "tests show the forward has sustained bruising to his right thigh and left ankle".

Roma coach Zdenek Zeman has given no indication how long the knock may sideline the 21-year-old forward.



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## Chelsea cruise into final

Football

AFP, Yokohama

European champions Chelsea outclassed Mexican side Monterrey 3-1 at the Club World Cup in Japan on Thursday to set up a mouthwatering final clash with Brazilian giants Corinthians.

The English Premier League club, debuting at the intercontinental tournament, dominated large spells of the first half and had the match sewn up shortly into the second -- scoring two goals within three minutes of the restart.

Monterrey were bidding to become the first CONCACAF champions to reach a Club World Cup final, but the strength of Chelsea's David Luiz in midfield, coupled with the trickery of Juan Mata and Eden Hazard proved too much for the Mexicans.

Chelsea started the match with

the greater intent and Luiz went close to scoring inside the first four minutes, breaking from his defensive midfield position to fire narrowly over the bar from just outside the box.

Eden Hazard missed a golden opportunity to open the scoring two minutes later. Luiz played a precision pass which split the Monterrey defence but the Belgian pushed the ball wide with only the goalkeeper to beat.

Chelsea had their breakthrough on 17 minutes with a beautifully worked goal that was expertly finished by Mata.

Midfielder Oscar played a back heel to Ashley Cole on the edge of the penalty box. The left-back then squared it to the Spaniard who took a touch before smashing it past Monterrey goalkeeper Jonathan Orozco.

Monterrey's only clear-cut chance in the first 45 came shortly afterwards when striker Aldo De

Nigris headed over the bar from close range.

Any hopes the Mexicans had for a second-half comeback were dashed after just 15 seconds of the restart, Fernando Torres grabbing a deflected goal from inside the box with much of the 36,648 crowd yet to return to their seats.

The match was over as a contest on the 48-minute-mark when Darvin Chavez put the ball into his own net to make it 3-0.

A rout appeared to be on the cards at the 68,000-capacity International Stadium in Yokohama but Victor Vucetich's side steadied the ship and scored a consolation goal through De Nigris in injury time.

Chelsea will play Copa Libertadores winners Corinthians in the final in Yokohama on Sunday. Earlier that day Monterrey will take on Egypt's Al Ahly in a play-off for third place.



Chelsea forward Juan Mata celebrates his opening goal during their Club World Cup semifinal against Monterrey in Yokohama yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

## New doubt over Messi record

Football

AFP, Lusaka

Zambia's Godfrey Chitalu, not Argentina's Lionel Messi nor Brazil's Zico, scored most goals in a calendar year, local football bosses claimed here Thursday.

Barca's Messi was credited with the new record after going better than German legend Gerd Mueller's best of 85 goals in 1972 with a first-half brace that sealed his side's 2-1 win over Real Betis on Sunday.

But Zambian researchers disagree. "Godfrey Chitalu scored 49 goals

in the league matches and 58 in cup and international matches between January 23 and December 10, 1972.

"The number of goals scored during this season goes to 107," local commentator Musonda Chibulu told AFP.

Chibulu and fellow researcher Jerry Muchimba compiled their proof from daily newspapers Times of Zambia and the Zambia Daily Mail, as well as the national archives.

The southern African nation's football federation intend to try and get Chitalu's tally ratified by football's governing body.

"We are planning to take the evidence to FIFA," association spokes-

man Eric Mwanza said.

Chitalu died with the whole national football team when their airplane crashed off the coast of Gabon in 1993 on the way to a World Cup qualifier in Senegal.

He was head coach at the time. Messi's record had already been contested on Wednesday by Brazilian club Flamengo who claimed their former player Zico scored 89 goals in the 1979 season.

Messi added to his 2012 haul on Wednesday night with a brace in Barca's Spanish Cup win over Cordoba putting the Argentine maestro on the 88 mark.

## Bastos rescues a point

AFP, Paris



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Ligue 1 leaders Lyon were held to a frustrating 1-1 draw at home to relegation candidates Nancy on Wednesday, as their lead at the top was trimmed to three points.

Nancy took a surprise second-half lead through Jordan Loties and appeared on course for their first win since the opening day of the season before Michel Bastos spared Lyon's blushes seven minutes from time to secure Remi Garde's side a point.

The stalemate moved Lyon onto 35 points, three ahead of Paris-Saint Germain following the capital club's 4-0 rout of Valenciennes a day earlier, a result inspired by a Zlatan Ibrahimovic hat-trick, while a fifth straight draw for Nancy saw them climb above Troyes into 19th.

Rooted to the foot of the table and without a win in 15 outings entering the clash at Stade Gerland, Nancy displayed plenty of attacking intent during the first-half, forcing Lyon goalkeeper Remy Vercoutre to save twice from Djamel Bakar and produce an instinctive stop to claw away a Loties header.

Lyon though should have taken the lead on 35 minutes as Bafetimbi Gomis danced past Sebastien Puygrenier only to see his effort well blocked after he passed up an opportunity to lay the ball off to a better-positioned Alexandre Lacazette.

Bastos then drew Nancy keeper Damien Gregorini into a smart low save with his legs, while Lisandro Lopez was incensed not to be awarded a second-half penalty when his shot was deflected behind via the arm of Brazilian right-back Helder.

But the visitors continued to belie their league position as Loties had a fizzing strike palmed away by Vercoutre before Jean Fernandez's charges took a shock lead through the French defender on 74 minutes.

Loties was the beneficiary of Vercoutre's inexplicable decision to launch himself feet first at Salif Sane's tame header, as the custodian's attempted clearance ricocheted off the Nancy player and trickled over the line.

The visitors' advantage lasted a mere nine minutes, however, as Bastos hauled Lyon level on 83 minutes when his long-range shot wrong-footed Gregorini after taking a wicked deflection off Puygrenier.

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