

Barca v Ajax tops the billing

AFP, Paris

 A first-ever meeting of Barcelona and Ajax, two of European football's most famous names, tops the billing in Wednesday's Champions League card, while Jose Mourinho's Chelsea and last season's runners-up Borussia Dortmund are also in action.

CHELSEA V BASEL

Jose Mourinho's quest to win the Champions League with Chelsea recommences with a home fixture against the Swiss champions Basel at Stamford Bridge. These clubs met as recently as May, with Chelsea winning 5-2 on aggregate in the semifinals of the Europa League on their way to lifting the trophy with a final victory against Benfica in Amsterdam. However, they only dropped into that competition after being eliminated from the Champions League at the group stage.

SCHALKE 04 V STEAUA

BUCHAREST

After a troubled start to the campaign, Schalke's confidence has been lifted thanks to a run of three consecutive victories. The most recent of those was a 1-0 triumph away to Mainz in the Bundesliga on Saturday, secured thanks to Kevin-Prince Boateng's first goal for the club. Romanian champions Steaua, the 1986 European Cup winners, came through three qualifying rounds to return to the group stage for the first time since 2008-09.

MARSEILLE V ARSENAL

Arsenal have injury problems, with Santi Cazorla joining the likes of Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain and Lukas Podolski on the sidelines, but the signing of Germany star Mesut Ozil has lifted the London club and he helped inspire them to a 3-1 win at Sunderland in the Premier League on Saturday. That was a fifth consecutive win



Barcelona superstar Lionel Messi (L) and teammates attend a training session at the Sports Center Joan Gamper yesterday on the eve of their Champions League match against Ajax Amsterdam.

for Arsene Wenger's side in all competitions ahead of their visit to familiar foes Marseille. The clubs met in the group stage of the same competition two years ago, with Arsenal winning 1-0 in the south of France before a goalless draw in London.

NAPOLI V BORUSSIA DORTMUND

Last season's Champions League run-

ners-up kick-off their campaign with a trip to Naples, in what is a contender for the outstanding game of matchday one. Jurgen Klopp's side are top of the Bundesliga having won all five matches so far, including a 6-2 trouncing of Hamburg on Saturday. Napoli, however, also boast a perfect record in Serie A, with summer recruits Gonzalo Higuain and Jose Callejon netting in Saturday's 2-0 home win against

Atalanta. They return to the Champions League after a year's absence having lost to Chelsea in the last 16 two years ago.

ATLETICO MADRID V ZENIT ST PETERSBURG

Europa League winners twice in the last four seasons, Diego Simeone's side return to Europe's leading club competition fresh from winning their opening four games in La Liga. Brazilian

frontman Costa will not be able to play in Wednesday's game at the Vicente Calderon due to a suspension carried over from last season, though, and Atletico can expect a stern test from big-spending Zenit. The Russians will be eager to do better than last season, when they failed to make it beyond the group stage, and warmed up with a 2-0 win against Rostov on Saturday, which left them in second place in the

Russian Premier League.

AUSTRIA VIENNA V PORTO

Portuguese champions Porto begin their Group G campaign at the scene of one of their greatest triumphs, with their match against Austria Vienna being played at the Ernst-Happel Stadion. It was there that Porto won their first European Cup in 1987, Rabah Madjer's legendary backheeled effort helping them come from behind to beat Bayern Munich 2-1 in the final. Porto lost the likes of James Rodriguez and Joao Moutinho over the summer, and have a new coach this season in Paulo Fonseca, but they have proven adept at rebuilding quickly in the past and still boast greater experience than their hosts, who are competing in the group stage for the first time.

BARCELONA V AJAX

Group H brings together four former winners of the trophy, and both Barcelona and Ajax have been European champions on four separate occasions. The links between Barca and Ajax are plentiful, notably thanks to Johan Cruyff, who starred as a player and a coach for both sides. Rinus Michels and Louis van Gaal also coached both sides, while former Ajax player Frank Rijkaard led the Catalans to Champions League glory in 2006. Remarkably, though, this will be the first-ever competitive meeting of the two clubs.

AC MILAN V CELTIC

Seven-times European champions Milan entertain 1967 winners Celtic in Italy in a repeat of a 2007 last-16 tie, which the Serie A club won 1-0 after extra-time thanks to a Kaka goal. The Brazilian has recently returned to the San Siro after four years with Real Madrid but will miss Wednesday's game due to injury. Milan needed two late goals to earn a 2-2 draw at Torino on Saturday and also had to come through a play-off against PSV Eindhoven to reach the group stage.

Bilbao turn it around

REUTERS, Madrid

Athletic Bilbao celebrated the inauguration of their new stadium with a stirring 3-2 comeback victory over Celta Vigo on a rain-lashed night in the Basque Country on Monday.

Bilbao demolished their century-old San Mames arena, popularly known as "the cathedral", at the end of last season and played their first match in the new stadium nearby even though one end is still to be completed.

Celta forward Charles dampened the party atmosphere when he put the visitors ahead in the 14th minute. Bilbao levelled four minutes later when Mikel San Jose pounced on a loose ball and fired past goalkeeper Yoel. Reds boss Brendan Rodgers allowed Shelvey to leave Liverpool after three incon-

Shelvey stabs L'pool

AFP, Swansea



Swansea midfielder Jonjo Shelvey went from hero to zero and back again in a dramatic 2-2 draw against his former club Liverpool on Monday.

Shelvey took just 87 seconds to open the scoring at the Liberty Stadium with his first goal for Swansea since being sold by Liverpool in pre-season.

The 21-year-old didn't have long to savor the moment of revenge as he produced two careless passes that led directly to Liverpool taking the lead with goals from Daniel Sturridge and Victor Moses before half-time.

But he finished with a smile on his face after providing the assist that brought Michu's equaliser midway through the second half.

Shelvey's evening to remember brought an end to Liverpool's 100 per cent start to the season, but the Reds still moved to the top of the Premier League table, one point clear of Arsenal and Tottenham, despite the end of their three-match winning run.

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sistent seasons, so it was clearly a sweet moment when he gave Swansea the lead with less than two minutes played.

After making a hash of an attempted volley from long-range, Shelvey recovered his composure and surged away from Liverpool's new £18 million (21.5 million euros, \$28.6 million) centre-back Mamadou Sakho before clipping a fine finish past Simon Mignolet after his first effort was blocked by Martin Skrtel.

It was the first goal Liverpool had conceded in the league this season and Shelvey celebrated wildly.

But within two minutes he was looking to the sky in dismay after his careless mistake gifted Liverpool their equaliser.

Picking up possession just outside his own penalty area, Shelvey flicked a woefully underhit pass back to goalkeeper Michel Vorm without noticing the lurking Sturridge, who gleefully rifled home a cool left-foot finish.

Sturridge's sixth goal in five matches this season allayed any fears he would be short of sharpness after missing England's World Cup qualifiers against Moldova and Ukraine with a thigh strain.

Special looks sour

AFP, Cape Town

At the dawn of what became popularly known as the new South Africa, there was a special relationship between the country's cricket officials and their counterparts from India.

It is a relationship that Cricket South Africa (CSA) chief executive Haroon Lorgat and Sanjay Patel, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), will try to repair this week.

The two men are attending the International Cricket Council (ICC) chief executives' meeting in Dubai, where they will discuss "scheduling issues" that threaten India's tour of South Africa at the end of the year.

India were the first country to host South Africa after the formation of a racially unified board in 1991, ending 21 years of isolation caused by the South African government's apartheid policy. India were also the first country to make a Test tour of South Africa in the post-unity era.

Both events were heavy with symbolism and bonhomie.

But the first hint of trouble came when it emerged that the Indians were not happy about the prospect of Lorgat being appointed chief executive of CSA. He had seemingly upset them while filling the same

post at the ICC.

CSA announced in July an itinerary that included three Tests, seven one-day internationals and two Twenty20 Internationals. The number of matches was in accordance with the Future Tours Programme (FTP) agreed by ICC member countries more than three years ago.

The Indians complained that they had not agreed to the itinerary -- although South African officials claim they have correspondence proving that there were detailed negotiations about the fixtures.

It came as a shock to CSA when India unilaterally announced a tour by the West Indies -- which was not part of the FTP -- which will end on November 27, nine days after the tour of South Africa is due to start.

A further shock came when it was announced that India's scheduled tour of New Zealand would start with a one-day international on January 19 -- the day when the third and final Test in South Africa is due to finish.

An Indian tour is a massive money-spinner, and South African officials are wary about making any public comment that could jeopardise it. But there is a belief that it would be possible to condense the tour and play most if not all of the international matches by cutting down on warm-up games and rest days.

Roma go joint top

AFP, Milan

Goals from Alessandro Florenzi, Francesco Totti and Kevin Strootman, from the penalty spot, moved Roma joint top of Italy's Serie A thanks to a 3-1 win over Parma on Monday.

With three wins in as many games and level on goal difference with Napoli, Roma sit just behind Rafael Benitez's leaders but two points ahead of Inter, Fiorentina and champions Juventus following draws for all three at the weekend.

Roma travelled north feeling confident having lost just once to Parma in their last 14 league encounters, and with the carrot of moving ahead of more authentic title contenders should they win.

However it was Parma who secured a half-time lead on 39 minutes after Morgan De Sanctis in the Roma goal from Mattia Cassani's delivery.

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