



EURO GLORY NIGHT FOR

Arsenal in £12m new deal



WENGER

ARSENAL will today announce a stunning new £12million sponsorship deal with computer games

giants Sega. It is the biggest commercial package in British football history.

The company are set to pump the cash into Highbury over a four-year period, swelling the coffers for Arsene Wenger's renewed assault on the Champions League next season.

The announcement of the deal will provoke a unique commercial clash with bitter North London rivals Spurs, who are launching their new kit at the same time. Sega are replacing JVC as Arsenal's sponsors.

KINSELLA TO LEAD EXODUS

MARK Kinsella and Danny Mills are on their way out if Charlton are relegated back to the First Division.

Blackburn want Irish midfielder Kinsella while West Ham have first option on England U21 full-back Mills.

Monday's defeat by Tottenham pushed open the relegation door and boss Alan Curbishley said: "Now people might look at one or two of our players and be quite interested."

"But we're under no pressure to sell. I'd like to think we can keep them."

Jewell a prize for Barnsley



JEWELL

BRADFORD boss Paul Jewell has emerged as a contender for the Barnsley job if Republic of

Ireland coach Mick McCarthy is not allowed to job share.

Tykes chairman John Dennis could try to tempt Jewell, who has impressed by guiding Bradford to the brink of promotion, to succeed John Hendrie who was sacked this week.

McCarthy, however, is still the preferred choice and he said: "I honestly believe that managing an international team is a part-time job and does not warrant a full-time post."

STRACHAN'S DOUBLE WOE

COVENTRY boss Gordon Strachan was hit by a double disciplinary blow yesterday. Firstly, he learned he had been fined £1,000 plus costs following the touchline fracas at Chelsea in January, when referee Jeff Winter ordered him from the dugout.

And then Strachan discovered the FA had slapped a one-match ban on star striker Noel Whelan for collecting 11 yellow cards.

Whelan, who was also fined £1,000, misses Saturday's local derby at Leicester.

Graham: We can settle it



GRAHAM

GEORGE Graham has ordered his Tottenham players to stop slacking because they can still have a major say in the title race.

With their place in Europe already assured, the Worthington Cup winners have been in patchy form since their Wembley victory.

Now Graham is demanding that his players start performing as a mark of respect to their fans.

And with both Manchester United and North London rivals Arsenal both lying in their Premiership path as well as third-placed Chelsea, he hopes to have a major say in just where the title ends up.



THE CLASS OF 99: Manager Alex Ferguson and his backroom team celebrate their moment of triumph at the Stadio delle Alpi

IT HURTS, BUT THE CLUB IS BIGGER THAN ME... SAYS BANNED CAPTAIN ROY KEANE

ROY KEANE looked **Rup** at the fateful card that robbed him of glory on the spot where Paul Gascoigne broke down in tears. But his lip didn't even tremble.

Nine years after Gazza sobbed at the sight of a cruel yellow card at the Stadio delle Alpi during Italia 90, Keane was strong and defiant as he suffered the same fate.

When United travel for their night of destiny in Barcelona, their captain and

From **STEVE MILLAR** in Turin

midfield rock will have to sit it out. Keane hid his disappointment to join in the dressing-room celebrations, and said: "Obviously I'm hurting inside but I'm not going to dwell on it. "I knew as soon as I was booked I was out of the final. Now I've just got to hope we can go on and win it. Manchester United is bigger than any one player, any one man."

His glancing header had already revived his side's

hopes in Turin. He carried on and played one of the games of his life to guide his team into the Champions League final.

And United's heartbreak did not end there as England midfielder Paul Scholes also picked up a second yellow card which rules him out of their final showdown with Bayern Munich next month.

Late

But Keane added: "It's one of those things. It was a bad touch from myself and then I made a late tackle. I deserved to be booked."

"No excuses. I knew before the game that if I got booked then I would be out."

"But the most important thing was that we reached the final. The whole team getting there is always more important than one player."

Keane had launched a clumsy, late sliding tackle which brought down Juventus star Zinedine Zidane. It's hard to imagine

the cruel rush of emotion going through Keane's mind as he stood hopelessly waiting for the inevitable second yellow card.

Swiss referee Urs Meier reached for his pocket, flashed his card — and instantly broke Keane's heart.

But typically, in true hard-man fashion, Keane stood unmoved, though others have been

destroyed by similar semi-final heartbreakers.

Not just Gazza, but Ian Wright too. He missed Arsenal's Cup-Winners' Cup final five years ago after picking up a second booking in the semi-final.

But they make 'em tough in Cork. Keane joined in the celebrations on the pitch and in the dressing room — all the time wearing a brave smile. It was the same for the unlucky Scholes.

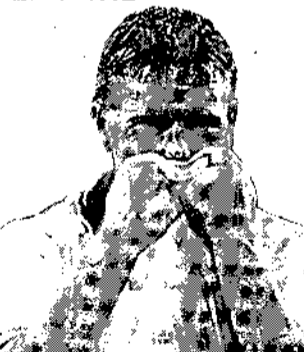
United boss Alex Ferguson and his team-mates seemed more upset than Keane himself.

Fergie said: "I'm gutted for them both — it's heartbreak, absolutely tragic."

Goal hero Dwight Yorke added: "Keane has been so important to us all of this season. It's hard for Paul Scholes too. He can turn it on and do the business on the night."

UNITED'S HOLY GRAIL
HOW THEY HAVE FARED SINCE CONQUERING EUROPE IN 1968

| | |
|---|---------------|
| 1968/69 | SEMI-FINAL |
| Lost to AC Milan 2-1 on aggregate | |
| 1993/94 | SECOND ROUND |
| Lost to Galatasaray 2-1 on away goals | |
| 1994/95 | GROUP PHASE |
| Finished 3rd behind Gothenburg & Barcelona | |
| 1996/97 | SEMI-FINAL |
| Lost to Borussia Dortmund 2-0 on aggregate | |
| 1997/98 | QUARTER-FINAL |
| Lost to Monaco on away goals | |
| 1998/99 | FINAL |
| Will face Bayern Munich at the Nou Camp on May 26 | |



GASCOIGNE couldn't hold back the tears in Turin in 1990

BASLER BITES BACK

MAVERICK midfielder Mario Basler, left at home for the first leg, scored a brilliant goal to send Bayern into the European Cup final.

Basler smokes and drinks, and was considered too unfit to make the trip to Kiev.

But he looked a world-beater last night as he danced past two Kiev men in the 36th minute, then hit a powerful shot that sailed into the far corner.

"It was a great goal," said Munich coach Ottmar

B Munich 1 Dinamo Kiev 0
(Bayern win 4-3 on agg)

Hitzfeld. "Basler has had to take a lot of criticism in recent months. Tonight he was our driving force."

Basler, who has also been dropped from the German national team, admitted: "I don't like to run a lot. But all the criticism got to me."

Bayern, lucky to escape from the Ukraine with a 3-3 draw, took control of the tie after Basler struck and

they dominated the second-half.

Andrei Shevchenko, Kiev's star striker, did escape ten minutes from time but then rolled a tame shot at keeper Oliver Kahn.

Bayern are hot favourites for both the Cup and league in Germany, but their veteran playmaker Lothar Matthaus said: "The European Cup is the most beautiful of all titles and the most difficult to win."

"We want it. It is crucial for the club's image."



ROY Keane looked on the bright side of life, despite the booking that keeps him out of the final on May 26



THE CLASS OF 68: Matt Busby and George Best in party mood after the 4-1 demolition of Benfica

These boys are making history

SAYS 1968 HERO SIR BOBBY

SIR Bobby Charlton, the two-goal hero of United's 1968 European victory at Wembley, last night paid Alex Ferguson a glowing tribute.

Fergie now stands on the threshold of becoming Britain's greatest-ever manager as he tries to emulate Sir Matt Busby's success of 31 years ago. And United director Sir Bobby said: "Alex Ferguson is the best motivator I've ever seen, the best motivator I've ever had the privilege to work with."

Sir Bobby shared the jubilation in the dressing-room afterwards, as well as the tension before the kick-off. And he revealed: "I never say anything — I leave that to the manager."

The enormity of United's achievement was not lost on England's most illustrious football knight.

"Well, it's unbelievable..." As he gasped for breath he added: "How many times have I said that about these players?"

"Every time I say that they do it again. I'm very proud of them on this night, but I must admit I died a thousand deaths."

Sir Bobby spared a thought for Roy Keane and Paul Scholes, whose bookings last night will deny them the experience of playing in the European Cup final. He said: "It was a harsh decision for both Roy and

From HARRY HARRIS

Paul and it's impossible to say how disappointed I am for both players." England and Fulham manager Kevin Keegan called United's victory "a great night for British football".

Keegan said: "I understand that Matt Busby would have been 90 on the night of the final and there's no more fitting tribute to one of the great clubs of the world."

"To beat one Italian club is brilliant. To beat two is something else and I can't praise them enough."

Keegan watched his Second Division championship-winning Fulham side beat Millwall 4-1 last night. But he was well aware of what was happening in Italy.

Keegan, who announces his England squad to face Hungary today, added: "This is a great boost for British football."

"We always hear that Italian soccer is the best, but United have gone there and shown they are the best. I'm so delighted for them."

"Alex Ferguson has done a magnificent job

and I'd like to think his success reflects on all the best of British soccer."

"I can't wait to meet the United players this weekend to tell them how much I admired their performance."

Newcastle boss Ruud Gullit, whose side face United in the FA Cup final, said: "I am delighted for Manchester United, but I don't know what that will mean for us in the FA Cup."

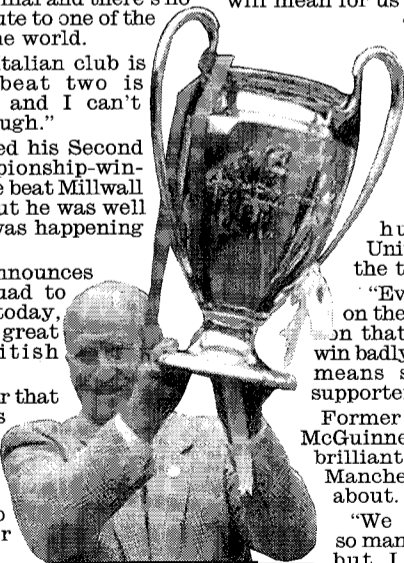
"United have shown they are capable of raising themselves for every big game and I don't think this will be any different."

"They are both huge prizes and United want to win all the time."

"Everything depends on the will of the players on that day. We want to win badly, because a trophy means so much to our supporters."

Former United boss Wilf McGuinness said: "This was brilliant — this is what Manchester United is all about."

"We have experienced so many fantastic nights, but I can't compare anything with this, beating Juventus in their own backyard."



SIR BOBBY has great memories of that 1968 night

JUVE: WE TOOK IT TWO EASY

JUVENTUS were last night wondering how they managed to lose.

The Italians were well on their way to a fourth successive final after winning the trophy in 1996 and finishing runners-up for the past two years.

Coach Carlo Ancelotti said: "Funnily enough, maybe our two-goal lead worked to their advantage."

"It gave us the impression it would be easy and we stepped back and didn't play aggressively enough. "After their first goal

they started to give us difficulties. We gave them too much space. The only time we were really dangerous was on counter-attacks."

"You could see from the last 20 minutes that United are a very strong side." Two-goal striker Filippo

Inzaghi said: "We were very good for the first 20 minutes and it's difficult to know what happened."

"Suddenly we were pushed back into our own area and they won a corner. From then everything went wrong for us."

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

CHAMPIONS' LEAGUE
Semi-final, 2nd leg
B Munich (1) 1 Dyn Kiev (0) 0
Basler 35
(Bayern Munich win 4-3 on agg)
Juventus (2) 2 Man Utd (2) 3
Inzaghi 6, 10 Keane 24
65,500 Yorke 34
Cole 84
(Man Utd win 4-3 on agg)

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP
Liverpool (0) 0 Leicester (0) 1
36,019 Marshall 90
Sheff Wed (0) 1 Newcastle (1) 1
Scott 52 Shearer 45 (pen)
21,545

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Man Utd | 32 | 19 | 10 | 3 | 72 | 32 | 67 |
| Arsenal | 33 | 18 | 12 | 3 | 48 | 14 | 66 |
| Chelsea | 33 | 17 | 13 | 3 | 49 | 26 | 64 |
| Leeds | 33 | 16 | 11 | 6 | 53 | 29 | 59 |
| Aston Villa | 34 | 14 | 10 | 10 | 45 | 39 | 52 |
| West Ham | 34 | 14 | 9 | 11 | 39 | 41 | 51 |
| Middlesbro | 34 | 12 | 14 | 8 | 46 | 42 | 50 |
| Derby | 33 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 37 | 41 | 47 |
| Tottenham | 33 | 11 | 13 | 9 | 40 | 38 | 46 |
| Liverpool | 33 | 12 | 8 | 13 | 57 | 43 | 44 |
| Newcastle | 34 | 11 | 10 | 13 | 45 | 49 | 43 |
| Leicester | 33 | 10 | 13 | 10 | 35 | 41 | 43 |
| Wimbledon | 34 | 10 | 11 | 13 | 38 | 55 | 41 |
| Sheff Wed | 34 | 11 | 6 | 17 | 39 | 40 | 39 |
| Everton | 34 | 9 | 10 | 15 | 31 | 41 | 37 |
| Coventry | 34 | 10 | 7 | 17 | 35 | 47 | 37 |
| Blackburn | 33 | 7 | 11 | 15 | 35 | 46 | 32 |
| Charlton | 34 | 7 | 11 | 16 | 36 | 48 | 32 |
| South'mp'tn | 34 | 8 | 7 | 19 | 31 | 63 | 31 |
| Nottm For | 34 | 4 | 9 | 21 | 30 | 66 | 21 |

NATIONWIDE SECOND DIV
Fulham (2) 4 Millwall (0) 1
Betsy 19 Shaw 75
Hayles 44 11,266
Symonds 48
Finnan 89

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Fulham | 42 | 30 | 6 | 6 | 73 | 28 | 96 |
| Walsall | 42 | 24 | 8 | 10 | 57 | 42 | 80 |
| Man City | 43 | 21 | 15 | 7 | 62 | 29 | 78 |
| Preston | 43 | 22 | 11 | 10 | 75 | 44 | 77 |
| Gillingham | 43 | 19 | 14 | 10 | 66 | 43 | 71 |
| Bournemouth | 42 | 20 | 11 | 11 | 61 | 39 | 71 |
| Stoke | 41 | 19 | 6 | 16 | 54 | 53 | 63 |
| Wigan | 39 | 18 | 8 | 13 | 59 | 40 | 62 |
| Chesterfield | 42 | 17 | 11 | 14 | 45 | 40 | 62 |
| Millwall | 42 | 17 | 10 | 15 | 50 | 51 | 61 |
| Reading | 43 | 15 | 13 | 15 | 51 | 57 | 58 |
| Blackpool | 42 | 13 | 13 | 16 | 39 | 48 | 52 |
| Wrexham | 42 | 13 | 12 | 17 | 42 | 58 | 51 |
| Notts Co | 41 | 13 | 10 | 18 | 48 | 56 | 49 |
| Luton | 42 | 13 | 10 | 19 | 46 | 57 | 49 |
| Colchester | 42 | 11 | 15 | 16 | 45 | 61 | 48 |
| Burnley | 42 | 11 | 14 | 17 | 47 | 70 | 47 |
| Bristol R | 42 | 10 | 6 | 16 | 54 | 50 | 46 |
| Oldham | 42 | 12 | 9 | 21 | 43 | 59 | 45 |
| York | 42 | 11 | 11 | 20 | 53 | 74 | 44 |
| North'mp'tn | 42 | 10 | 14 | 18 | 35 | 49 | 44 |
| Wycombe | 41 | 10 | 11 | 20 | 45 | 53 | 41 |
| Lincoln City | 41 | 11 | 7 | 23 | 37 | 68 | 40 |
| Macclesfld | 41 | 10 | 9 | 22 | 35 | 53 | 39 |

THIRD DIVISION
Scarboro (1) 1 L Orient (1) 3
Tate 27 Richards 35
1,410 Simba 61, 70
Swansea (0) 0 P Cambridge (0) 0 P
(Waterlogged pitch)

TOP OF THE TABLE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Cambridge | 41 | 22 | 10 | 9 | 73 | 42 | 76 |
| Cardiff | 43 | 21 | 13 | 9 | 58 | 35 | 76 |
| Brentford | 41 | 22 | 6 | 13 | 65 | 52 | 72 |

Scunthorpe...42 21 7 14 66 55 70
Rotherham...42 19 11 12 75 56 68
Leyton 0...42 18 14 10 60 52 68
Halifax...42 16 14 12 53 50 62
Swansea...41 16 14 11 46 41 62
Peterboro...43 17 10 16 67 54 61

BOTTOM

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Hull | 43 | 13 | 10 | 20 | 43 | 60 | 49 |
| Hartlepool | 42 | 12 | 10 | 20 | 50 | 62 | 46 |
| Carlisle | 43 | 10 | 14 | 19 | 38 | 49 | 44 |

Scarboro...42 12 5 25 43 73 41
SCOTTISH—Div One: Clydebank 1, Gk Morton 2.

FIFA WORLD YOUTH CH'SHIPS—Semi-finals: Mali 1, Spain 3; Uruguay 1, Japan 2.

FA YOUTH CUP—Semi-final, 1st leg: Newcastle 0, Coventry 4.

AVON INS COMB—Arsenal 3, Ipswich 1; Bournemouth 0, Swindon 0; Charlton 5, Brentford 0; Fulham 0, Reading 2; Oxford 0, Colchester 0; QPR 0, Brighton 0; Watford 5, Northampton 0.

JEWSON FOOTBALL—Div One: Whitton Utd 0, Tiptree 4.

HELLENIC—Div One: Bishops Cleeve 1, Pegasus Jnrs 2; Letcombe 1, Cirencester Utd 1.

RYMAN—Div one: Croydon 2, Canvey 0; Maidenhead 0, Yeading 1. Div Two: Banstead 5, Hertford 1.

DR MARTENS—Midland: Paget Rang 0, Clevedon 3; Solihull B 3, RC Warwick 2.

SUBURBAN—Premier: Met Police 6, Dulwich H 2.

MINERVA SPARTAN—Premier: Islington St Marys 2, Milton Keynes C 2.

UNIJET SUSSEX—Div One: Eastbourne Tn 0, Saltdean 3.

ESSEX SENIOR—Eton Manor 0, Gt Wakering 2.

CENTRAL MIDLANDS—Supreme: Mickleover Sp 8, Collingham 0. Premier: Mexborough Ath 0, Lincoln M 3; Shardlow St James 1, Blackwell MW 2.

ARNOTT INS NORTHERN—Div One: Bedlington T 2, Stockton 1; Seaham RS 2, South Shields 2; Shildon 0, Consett 4.

PONTINS—Premier: Preston 0, Leeds 4.

RUGBY UNION
ALLIED DUNBAR—Premiership One: Newcastle 47, Richmond 14; West Hartlepool 37, Harlequins 47.

WELSH NATIONAL—Premier Play-off Group A: Neath 32, Llanelli 17.

ANGLO-WELSH FRIENDLY—Cardiff 53, London Irish 20.

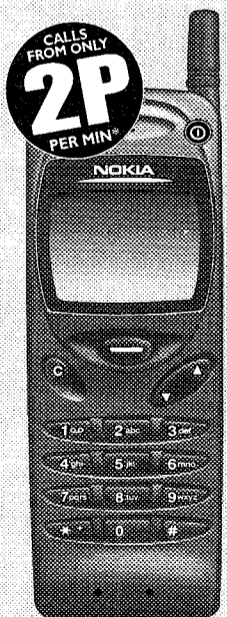
TONIGHT'S SOCCER
(Kick-off 7.45 unless stated)
EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP
Semi-Final Second-Leg
Lazio (1) v Loko Moscow (1).....

Mallorca (1) v Chelsea (1) (8.00).....

NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE
Cheltenham v Yeovil.....

Forest Green v Morecambe.....

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