



Fernando Cardozo of Paraguay and Tim Weah of USA battle for the ball

Germany, USA cruise into last eight

New Delhi

United States and Germany toyed with their opponents to secure their places in the quarterfinals of the FIFA Under-17 World Cup at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.

Germany displayed power and flourish to outclass Colombia 4-0 in a disappointing contest while the United States, powered by a hat-trick by Tim Weah, decimated Paraguay 5-0.

The US goal in the 19th minute was a gem. Andrew

Carleton started the process with a splitting through ball to Ayo Akinola, who let go of a square pass in front of the goal for Tim Weah to tap it in on the run. It was the perfect execution of one-touch football as the United States stunned Paraguay with a class act.

Weah improved upon his effort in the 53rd minute with a spectacularly angled strike from outside the box, the ball finding the roof of the net.

A goal each from Carleton and Josh Sargent later left

Paraguay in helpless.

A turnout of 34,895 was witness to a clinical show by Germany, playing its first match at this venue. Two goals by Jann-Fiete Arp and a strike each by John Yeboah and Yann Bissecck confirmed Germany as the team to watch in the remaining stage of the tournament.

The Germans had done their homework. Tight marking left the Colombian forwards frustrated and Germany relied on swift counter-attacks to make its point.

The two goals in the first half confirmed the German tactics worked.

Yeboah won the ball just outside the box, laid it in the path of Arp, who was foiled but the ball slipped out of the diving goalkeeper Kevin Mier's grasp. Arp, seeing the ball lie loose, came up with a deft left-footer which sailed into the far corner in the seventh minute.

Yeboah should have knocked in the second one, but his curling left-footer thudded into the crosspiece as

Colombia had a providential escape. The Germans gave the opponents a torrid time and the Colombian defence ran out of breath when stretched on the flanks.

The German pressure on Colombia increased mainly through the versatile Yeboah, who showed splendid control on the right flank. His speedy forays were complemented by Arp, and the pair was relentless in its pursuit of a second goal. It fructified in the 39th minute through a corner when Sahverdi Cetin floated

the ball into the goalmouth and the tall Bissecck rose to meet it with a form header that crashed into the back of the net.

The second half gave Colombia little respite. Yeboah was on the target four minutes into the second session after Arp ran a splendid solo and released the ball for his onrushing partner to score. And then Arp scored his second in the 65th minute, breaking in alone, as Germany made the next stage in style. *(The Hindu)*

Cristiano orders Real bosses to sign United keeper De Gea



David De Gea

Madrid

Cristiano Ronaldo has given Real Madrid's bosses the mission to sign Manchester United keeper David De Gea.

Real have been long term admirers of the Spain No.1 shot stopper after narrowly missing out on bagging him in August 2015 only to be scuppered by a fax machine.

De Gea has played 280 times for United since joining from Atletico Madrid for £19m but could be back in Madrid if Ronaldo gets his way, according to Diario Gol.

Ronaldo, who left Old Trafford for the Bernabeu in 2009, is also leaning on Zinedine Zidane to capture Chelsea keeper Thibaut Courtois if he can't lure De Gea to the Spanish capital. *(mirror.co.uk)*

Icardi treble sees Inter triumph in Milan derby



Andrea Icardi of Inter Milan celebrates scoring a goal

Milan

Captain Mauro Icardi scored a 90th-minute winner from a controversially awarded penalty to complete his hat-trick and give Inter victory in a thrilling Milan derby.

The Argentine kept his cool to slot home after Switzerland defender Ricardo Rodriguez was harshly adjudged to have fouled Danilo D'Ambrosio following a corner.

It capped a night of high drama as AC Milan twice came from behind to level and were moments away from securing a hard-earned point when the penalty was awarded.

While Inter move two points behind Serie A leaders Napoli, whom they meet next Saturday, AC Milan have lost their past three league games to fall 12 points behind their city rivals.

Antonio Candreva had already hit the bar for the hosts when Icardi got

on the end of Candreva's delicious low cross to give his side the lead.

Former Liverpool player Suso equalised with a sublime 25-yard finish, but Inter restored their lead when Icardi, who now has nine goals in eight Serie A games this season, netted from close range.

AC Milan thought they had earned a point when Giacomo Bonaventura's sliding attempt trickled over the line off a post but Icardi's penalty settled a fascinating 219th Derby di Milano.

AC Milan deserve credit for their part in an enthralling match which produced 36 shots and saw eight players booked. Yet that is unlikely to be of any consolation for boss Vincenzo Montella.

This was his side's fourth defeat in eight league games this season and they are now 10th in the table - as close to the bottom as they are to the top. *(BBC)*

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GROUP E	Standings	GD	Pts
Maribor SVN	Sevilla	3	4
Liverpool ENG	Liverpool	0	2
Spartak RUS	Spartak	0	2
Sevilla ESP	Maribor	-3	1
GROUP F			
Feyenoord NED	Man City	6	6
Shakhtar UKR	Shakhtar	-1	3
Man City ENG	Napoli	1	3
Napoli ITA	Feyenoord	-6	0
GROUP G			
Leipzig GER	Besiktas	4	6
Porto POR	Porto	1	3
Monaco FRA	Leipzig	-2	1
Besiktas TUR	Monaco	-3	1
GROUP H			
Real Madrid ESP	Real	5	6
Tottenham ENG	Tottenham	5	6
APOEL CYP	Dortmund	-4	0
Dortmund GER	APOEL	-6	0

Harry Kane

Tottenham striker has started season in superb form for club and country

SHOOTING BOOTS: Contest at Santiago Bernabéu will feature highly anticipated clash between all-time Champions League top scorer Ronaldo, and Kane, first player to net five goals after two matchdays

Kane	Tottenham	5
Ronaldo	Real Madrid	4
Ben Yedder	Sevilla	4
Cavani	PSG	3
Lakaku	Man Utd	3

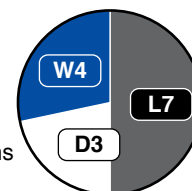
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scoring against Real

Away record in Champions League



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