SPORT

Football

AFP, Paris

Ronaldo scored his first hat-trick in a Real Madrid shirt as he helped to propel his side into first place in Spain and Juventus accelerated into top spot in Italy after crushing Inter Milan3-0.

Primera Liga

Real were merciless in thrashing Alaves 5-1 on Saturday, with Ronaldo finally showing the form which landed Brazil last year's World Cup.

He bamboozled defenders and threaded his second goal through Alaves goalkeeper Richard Dutruel's

"I'm very happy, but the team had the chances to score even more goals," said the Brazilian.

Raul scored the other two goals, taking his total for the club to 208 goals, overtaking Hugo Sanchez to become the fourth highest scorer in Real history.

At just 25_years old, Raul could surely better Ferenc Puskas' total of 236 goals and could even approach the 290 of Santillana or the 307 goals scored by Alfredo Di Stefano.

Real's one-point advantage over long-time leaders Real Sociedad was left intact after the latter slumped to a 3-0 defeat at Valladolid on Sunday.

Uruguayan striker Nico Olivera scored in the second and eighth minutes and Oscar struck in the 21st minute to clinch victory.

Spanish football league table after **TOP SIX**

points).		
Real	24 13 9	2 54 25 48
Sociedad	24 13 8	3 40 30 47
Valencia	24 13	7 4 4118 46
Deportive	0 24 13 6	5 39 26 45
Celta	24 11 5	8 30 22 38
Betis	24 10 6	8 35 35 36

Serie A

In the match dubbed the 'Italian Derby', an own goal by Argentine midfielder Guly, a long-range strike from Czech international Pavel



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2. New Zealand beat South Africa in a World Cup Group B match

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South Africa in the World Cup Group B match? 120 108 110

4. Bangladesh lost to Canada in the World Cup Group B match

Class...... Roll No......

 Nedved and a late third from Mauro Camoranesi gave Juventus a resounding victory.

The match is considered more important than the Milan or Rome derbies because of the great rivalry between the two clubs - Juventus and Inter are also the two best supported teams in Italy.

Juventus' home victory gives them 51 points from 23 matches, three more than Inter who at the start of play shared top spot with the reigning champions

Nedved said beating Inter made up for Tuesday's disappointing 3-0 Champions League defeat at home to Manchester United.

"We wanted to give something back to the fans by putting on a good

"This squad does not like losing and we showed great character

"It was an important result for us and psychologically could have a bearing on the championship.'

Filippo Inzaghi scored twice for third-placed AC Milan who lost ground in the title race after being held to a 3-3 draw at home to Atalanta.

Midfielder defender Gennaro Gattuso refused to blame Milan's defence for conceding three soft

"We all have to take responsibility; it's not just down to the defence," said the Italy international.

"From the backline right through to the strikers, we are all to blame

Italian football league table after Sunday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against,

TOP SIX							
51							
Inter	23	15	3	5	46	26	48
Milan	23	14	5	4	44	19	47
Lazio	23	10	11	2	39	23	41
Chievo	23	12	4	7	34	23	40
Udinese	23	10	6	7	25	24	36

Bundesliga

Bayern Munich maintained their ten-point lead in the Bundesliga as Michael Ballack scored twice in a 2-0 victory at Energie Cottbus on Saturday.

It was Ballack's perfect response to his 20,000-euro (dollar) fine for criticising coach Ottmar Hitzfeld's

Ballack found the target with a 33rd minute header from Bixente Lizarazu's cross and a 58th minute shot following Giovane Elber's headed flick-on

Hitzfeld moved to rebuild bridges, calling Ballack the "player of the day".

Second-placed Borussia Dortmund had a lacklustre 2-0 home win over mid-table Hansa Rostock.

"We had to work hard for the victory," said Dortmund coach Matthias Sammer.

German football league table after Sunday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against):

	TOP SIX							
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Dortmund	123	12	7	4	39	19	43	
Stuttgart 42		23	12	6	5	38	2	6
Schalke	23	9	10	4	33	25	37	
Hamburg	23	10	6	7	28	28	36	
Bremen	23	10	4	9	37	37	34	

Ligue 1

Monaco took over top spot in the French league on Saturday with an impressive 3-1 victory over Lille while Marseille were held to a goalless drawat Strasbourg.

Monaco and Marseille each have 52 points but the side coached by Didier Deschamps dislodged their southern rivals on goal difference.

French league table after Sunday's match (played, won, drawn, lost,

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Monaco	29	14	10	5 46	23	52
Marseille	29	15	7	7 32	23	52
Lyon	29	13	9	7 49	34	48
Bordeaux	28	13	7	8 40	28	46
Nice	29	11	12	6 33	23	45
Sochaux 44		28	12	8 8	29	2 4

Premiership

Arsenal just too good

Football

AFP, London

Weakened Arsenal, without Dennis Bergkamp and Patrick Vieira, strengthened their grip on the Premiership here Sunday after defeating equally in-form Charlton Athletic 2-0 to end their opponents' five-match winning streak.

First-half goals from Francis Jeffers and Frenchman Robert Pires, his 10th of the season, saw Arsenal safely home to extend their lead over Manchester United and Newcastle United to eight points. though both of them have a match in hand but vastly inferior goal

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger said it was a huge result in beating the team who going into the match were the hottest form side along with them in the Premiership having taken 34 points from their last 48.

"Today is a big step for us," the Frenchman said.

"But of course there is a long way to go still and a lot to do."

Wenger's Charlton counterpart Alan Curbishley said the difference between the two sides in terms of experience and class had been laid

"We've been playing ever so well but never really got going today - and that's got a lot to do with Arsenal.

"We played a great side. You can't measure us with them, they have years and years of winning things and their infrastructure is ahead of ours," added Curbishley, who was named manager of the month for February

Thierry Henry had the first clear chance on goal in the 15th minute when an error by South African international Mark Fish let him in but he mishit the ball and it cannoned back off the near post with Dean Kiely beaten

Pires went closer 10 minutes after as his shot squirmed through the defence but the Ireland keeper

beat away the 29-year-old's effort. However the record was set straight two minutes later as Jeffers struck in the 26th minute. Edu fed Henry, whose pass across goal Fish fatally failed to intercept and the 22-year-old former Everton star tapped the ball into the net for his

second Premiership goal of the

season. His goal stung Charlton into action and Kevin Lisbie held his head in his hands in frustration as his smartly-taken shot from just outside the area was turned round the post by David Seaman.

Arsenal, though, showed why they are the leaders of the Premiership in turning round pressure into a goal right on half-

time as Edu, deep inside his own half, fed Henry whose electric pace burnt off the pursuing Charlton

However his pass into the penalty area rebounded rather fortunately off two Charlton defenders into Freddie Ljungberg's path but the Swede's shot hit the post, and rebounded to Pires who nodded into an empty net for his 10th

Premiership goal of the season. Charlton refused to lie down in the second-half and Fish almost redeemed his poor first half performance when his near post header from Claus Jensen's corner just

flashed wide in the 54th minute. Henry and Pires then combined down the right, tearing into Charlton's defence but Pires shot from his fellow Musketeer's pass went the wrong side of the post on

the hour. Kiely got down well to another of Arsenal's French legion with 15 minutes remaining as Jeffers forced his way into the area and lvain Wiltord's shot came back off the Irishman's legs.

Jeffers should have made it 3-0 a minute later as Edu's shot was palmed into his path but showing an extraordinary lack of urgence and, with just the net to tap the ball into, he was dispossessed on the line by Luke Young.

TOP SIX English, Premiership, table after Sunday's match, (played, won drawn, lost, goals for, goals against points):

Arsenal 29 19 6 4 64 30 63 ManUtd 28 16 7 5 45 26 55 Newcastle 28 17 4 7 47 33 55 Everton 29 14 7 8 38 34 49 Chelsea 29 13 9 7 50 31 48

Keep it Wright

Wright added that he had been mpressed by the way his players had responded to the various adjustments in both the batting and

"Some of the changes have been necessitated through form," he said. "We put Sachin up to open and that has worked. It is a big plus.' Young batsman Mohammad

Kaif was promoted to number four against Pakistan and responded with a confident 35 as he and Tendulkar shared in a third-wicket partnership of 100 to turn the match India's way. "We are an older side now,"

added Wright. "We have played a lot of one-day cricket over the past year and have been able to win matches when Sachin has failed, and even when he has not been in the side. "That shows this team is evolv-



Liverpool League Cup kings

Football

AFP, Cardiff

Goals from England duo Steven Gerrard and Michael Owen and a superb display by goalkeeper Jerzy Dudek gave Liverpool a record seventh League Cup victory at the expense of Manchester United here on Sunday.

Gerrard's first-half strike and a clinical shot from Owen five minutes from the end secured what was ultimately a deserved victory for Gerard Houllier's side.

"This atmosphere reminds a bit of Dortmund when we won the 2001 UEFA Cup," said a beaming Houllier as his players sang the club's anthem "You'll Never Walk Alone" on the pitch. "It is a special bond between the

fans and the team which is why I wanted the players out here. Houllier said the relief was enormous after Thursday's victory over Auxerre to reach the UEFA

Cup quarter-finals and then this first trophy for two years. "It was a difficult week," he said, before paying tribute to his goalkeeper. "We have beaten a good Manchester United, Jerzy was the

hero of the game at times. "The team will probably get some relief from this, I think we can go well in the Premiership now." Gerrard, whose shot took a

deflection off David Beckham's shin, said his goal had come at a "That settled us down as we had been a bit slow out of the blocks

running things," he said. Owen said it was great to have given the fans something to smile about after fading in the Premiership and being knocked out of the Champions League and

the pitch and lay there motionless

for nearly ten minutes while he was

examined by a doctor and para-

medics, who had sprinted to his

Eventually, he was carefully

lifted onto a stretcher, covered in a

blanket and wheeled off to a wait-

ing ambulance that sped him to

Once there, according to team manager Ricky Skerritt, he was

clinically examined by a neurolo-

gist, had several X-rays taken from different angles and two stitches

inserted into a small cut above his

His involvement in the contest

seemed surely over but the X-rays

showed no serious damage and the

specialist was convinced he was

medically fine". Fully conscious and anxious to resume his innings,

When he arrived in the team's dressing room, the West Indies

were six wickets down and

Shivnarine Chanderpaul and

Vasbert Drakes were trying to stem

the advance towards defeat with a

hoisted a catch to long-on after topscoring with 65 and Sarwan re-entered the battle to a standing

ovation from around the stadium

that echoed from the nearby Table

He even chose a cap instead of a

helmet, only replacing one with the

It seemed a futile, if bold, ges-

West Indies were 169 for seven,

still 60 away from their winning

goal with only 7.5 overs remaining and the Nos. 9, 10 and 11 fast

In quick time, the neat, 22-year-

old Guyanese changed the course

of the match, stroking two sixes

and two fours in adding 37 off 19

balls as the tension grew. His

unbeaten 47 would prove insuffi-

cient and Sarwan had to return to

teammates inspired by his daring

but distressed by the result. No

one was more upset than Sarwan

"I don't like to lose," he said

"When I saw what was happen-

afterwards. "None of us wants to

lose and I am a very proud person.'

other after a couple of overs.

ture at the time for the

bowlers to help him.

himself.

Within half-hour, Chanderpaul

hospital

he returned.

dogged partnership.

and the United midfield were

the FA Cup.

"We've taken a bit of stick but this is worth it and gives us something to build on.

But Liverpool also needed a string of saves from Dudek to secure a trophy that will offer Houllier's side some consolation after the collapse of their Premiership and Champions League campaigns at the end of last

"Gerard Houllier told me before the match that I would go from villain to hero and that he believed in me... but this is scarcely credible," said the Polish international.

"I am just so satisfied at this and for the rest of the team as we have taken some flak," he added. With Arsenal looking increasingly unassailable in the league

after Sunday's win over Charlton, United's hopes of avoiding a second successive season without any silverware now rest on winning the Champions League. After a scrappy opening period, United came agonisingly close to

taking the lead in the 22nd minute after the Liverpool defence accorded Paul Scholes the time and space to turn 40 yards out. Scholes fed Ryan Giggs whose low cross passed through the legs of Jamie Carragher and onto the outstretched boot of Ruud van

ball spinning an inch to the right of Dudek's upright. Liverpool's fans had to wait until ten minutes before the break to see their team mount a mean-

Nistelrooy, whose contact sent the

ingful threat. Gerrard was the architect of a counterattack that finished with team-mate Rio Ferdinand with

embarrassing ease inside the box. The ball ran away from Owen on that occassion but his flash of menace galvanised Liverpool into

ing. I had to come to the crease," he

added. "Cricket is about heart.

There'll be occasions when you're

struck down by someone or some-

He explained that he "basically

"Once I got checked and I real-

ised that I was okay, I decided that I

wanted to come out and fight for

the West Indies," he explained.

The game was very important for

We had to win to go into the

Super Sixes and I was determined to try my best."

"It was always going to be diffi-cult to score eight to ten

at the crease but I gave it a shot," he noted. "With a little luck we

Indies home in one-day interna-

tionals if not the blow to the head

has become all too familiar for

last November, in which he scored

436 runs at an average of 109 and a

strike rate of 84.66, his last ball four

helped boost the total to 324 for

four in the fourth match but did not

ensure a West Indies victory. In the

decisive victory in the last match, he scored 83 off 101 balls, setting

the stage of Marlon Samuels

breathtaking, unbeaten 108 off 75

batsman for the West Indies in the

unbeaten finale of 63 off 28 balls

with Ricardo Powell powered the

total to a match-winning 278 for

balls against New Zealand began in

a crisis at 46 for five and, in a part-

an unlikely victory. But, like

Friday's, it was not enough and, as

such, it meant nothing to Sarwan.

His more measured 75 off 99

Ridley Jacobs, almost clinched

Unlike the power-hitters, like

Chris Gayle, Wavell Hinds and

Powell, Sarwan's sixes and fours

are based on technique, timing and

five against South Africa.

nership of 98 with

He has again been the leading

His 32 off 15 balls and his grand,

In the series of seven in India

His unbeaten 99, off 104 balls,

Sarwan in the past few months.

of overs with the bowlers

could have got the runs.'

won the first match.

World Cup.

runs per over in the last couple

The situation of seeing the West

enough to fight to the bitter end.'

misread" the ball that hit him.

Sarwan the best

the end.

placement.

Skerritt said Sunday Sarwan was understandably nursing slight headache" but was in good

He'll have further neurological tests in Kimberley tomorrow prior to Tuesday's match against Kenya, just to be sure that he can continue the consistent scoring that, in the opinion of at least one highly respected former West Indies

At the start of the World Cup, he had an average of 51.04 and a strike-rate of 79.4 in 29 One-Day Internationals. He has boosted that with a present average of 101 at a strike rate of 95.87 after five matches.

İndies batsman at present.

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Total: (For four wickets in 50 overs)

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Van Vuuren	10	1	63	1
Van Rooi	8	0	59	C

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Cassini

7 Boxer

Mike

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brother

11 Interlace

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tion

22 Elton

Solution time: 27 mins.

21 Imperfec-

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Rice show

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Tail-up Kenya hope

FROM PAGE 16 step is the semifinals."

Patil said it was important for his players not to let up against West Indies just because they were already through to the second

Victory would not only give them an extra point to carry through, but would also ensure they finish top of Pool B.

"Every game is very important for us. We're saying to ourselves that we haven't qualified so there's no complacency," Patil said. LINE-UPS

KENYA (from): Steve Tikolo (captain), Maurice Odumbe, Asif Karim, Alpesh Vadher, Ravindu

Shah, Hitesh Modi, Brijal Patel, Martin Suji, Tony Suji, Thomas Odoyo, Kennedy Otieno, Joseph Angara, Peter Ongondo, David Obuya, Collins Obuya.

WEST INDIES (from): Carl Hooper (captain), Ridley Jacobs, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Pedro Collins, Corey Collymore, Mervyn Dillon, Vasbert Drakes, Chris Gayle, Marlon Samuels, Wavell Hinds, Brian Lara, Jermaine Lawson, Nixon McLean, Ricardo

Powell, Ramnaresh Sarwan. Umpires: David Shepherd (Eng) and Simon Taufel (Aus)

TV umpire: Kevan Barbour (Zim) Match referee: Mike Procter (Rsa)

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LBurger b Kloppenburg

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Toss: Netherlands

Kloppenburg 10

M van Schoor b Raja

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Total: (Alloutin 46 5 overs)

Fall of wkts: 1-76, 2-87, 3-179, 4-209

Result: Netherlands won by 64

Man-of-the-match: K F

Umpires: Daryl Harper (Aus), Nadeem Ghouri (Pak)

Match referee: Gundappa Vishwanath (Ind)

TV umpire: Darrell Hair (Aus)

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5-213,6-213,7-224,8-237,9-250

Extras: (lb-5, w-2, nb-1)

FORM GUIDE

FROM PAGE 16		
Nov 24 2002	beat India by 135 runs	Vijayawada
Nov 21 2002	lost to India by 3 wickets	Jodhpur
Kenya (won 4 lo	st 5 NR 1)	
March 1 2003	beat Bangladesh by 32 runs	Wanderers
Feb 24 2003	beat Sri Lanka by 53 runs	Nairobi
Feb 21 2003	beat New Zealand (match forfeite	ed)Nairobi
Feb 15 2003	beat Canada by 4 wickets	Cape Town
Feb 12 2003	lost to South Africa by 10 wickets	Potchefstroom
Dec 15 2002	lost to Zimbabwe by 9 wickets	Bulawayo
Dec 11 2002	lost to Zimbabwe by 47 runs	Kwekwe

HEAD-TO-HEAD

AFP, Kimberley

Dec 8 2002

a spell of pressure which yielded a

Picking up a short pass from Danny Murphy on the left of the

United area, Gerrard had time to

lift his head and unleash a shot

that, with the help of a deflection

from the belatedly arrived

Beckham, looped up and over

Despite their brief spell of

pressure, Liverpool barely

deserved their lead and it took a

goalline clearance from Stephane

Henchoz to prevent Scholes equalising after Dudek had beaten

out Juan Sebastian Veron's fierce

right time thankfully," said the Swiss defender, who performed a

similar service two seasons ago in

Liverpool so it was great to save a

few going in as that is my primary

But it was Liverpool who came

out looking the sharper for the

break and it took well-timed inter-

ventions from Wes Brown and Roy

Keane to deny, respectively, Owen and Emile Heskey.

with a first time shot from Heskey's

At the other end, van

With the United back line push-

ing forward, the danger of being

caught on the break became

increail and Liverpool took advan-

tage of United's stretched defences

to kill the match four minutes from

sion on the half-way line, leaving

Dietmar Hamman with the simple

task of sending Owen sprinting

away from Ferdinand to slot a low

shot past the helpless Barthez.

Nistelrooy's sharp turn and shot

drew a good stop from Dudek.

"I have nver scored for

the FA Cup final win over Arsenal.

"I was at the right place at the

drive a minute before the break.

Fabien Barthez.

job," he added.

goal six minutes from the break.

Head-to-head record of West Indies v Kenya ahead of their World Cup Group B clash at De Beers Oval here on Tuesday:

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Kloppenburg

D Kotzelbw b Raia

Sept 17 2002 West Indies won by 29 runs Colombo West Indies won by 7 wickets Nairobi Aug 19 2001 West Indies won by 6 wickets Nairobi Aug 18 2001 Aug 15 2001 West Indies won by 106 runs Nairobi Feb 29 1996 Kenya won by 73 runs Total matches played: 5

v Zimbabwe No Result

Dutch win 'battle

FROM PAHGE 16

milestone reaching his ton off 127 balls before van Noortwijk, in at number three, notched up his three figures off 111 balls.

Kloppenburg hit six fours and four huge sixes before he was finally out for 121, caught by Melt van Schoor off Gerrie Snyman off the last ball of the 44th over.

The run riot, in a match which was a re-run of the 2001 ICC Trophy Murphy then tested Barthez final in Toronto which the Dutch won off the last ball, also made up for the absence of veteran skipper Roland Lefebrve who was ruled out of what would have been his last one-day match because of a hamstring injury.

Opening bowler Rudi van Vuuren had given Namibia a prom-ising start when he clean-bowled Edgar Schiferli for 10 with the score at 25 in the sixth over, but from then on it was all one-way traffic.

Van Vuuren, who was hit for 92 off his 10 overs against Australia last week, finished with 1-63 while Louis Burger picked up a couple of late wickets to end with 2-49 off ten

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard of the World Cup

Group A match between the Netherlands and Namibia at Goodyear Park on Monday: **NETHERLANDS**

Kloppenburg c Van Schoor b Snyman ESchiferli b van Vuuren 10 Kvan Noortwijk not out 134 B Zuiderent b L Burger T de Leede b L Burger

Extras: (b-4, lb-2, w-18, nb-4) 28

Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-253, 3-270, 4-

Bowler	0	M	R	W
Snyman	10	0	55	1
Van Vuuren	10	1	63	1
Van Rooi	8	0	59	0

Dravid no Bevan FROM PAGE 16 "Rahul is a professional," he said. "He keeps reminding me I should stay in. He lets batsmen play around him so well.

XHGCDT CIXHGZECH O

END UP WITH WHINE

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe



HIGDXH, FERR

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals R

give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.



46 Guys' companions 47 Leave out Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I IMAGINE THAT IF 48 Sported YOU STOMPED ON FERMENTED GRIPES, YOU'D 49 Y2K

runner-up 53 Zilch 54 "C'est la

Charlton 29 13 6 10 39 36 45 FROM PAGE 16 been tremendous.