SAMBA TIME: Middlesbrough's Brazilian World Cup winner Juninho (L) attempts an overhead kick on goal against West Bromwich at Middlesbrough's Riverside Stadium on April 5.

Serie A

Football

League leaders Iuventus strength-

ened their grip on the Serie A title by

defeating local rivals Torino 2-0 in a

bad-tempered derby clash at the

An own goal by Gianluca

Bottom club Torino ended the

match with eight players following

the dismissals of Cristiano Lucarelli

Luca Mezzano and Carlos Marinelli,

while reigning champions Juventus had Croatian defender Igor Tudor

Juventus' joy at claiming their

Comotto and a late header from

Alessio Tacchinardi settled a scrappy

 $contest\,marred\,by\,four\,red\,cards.$

Delle Alpi stadium on Saturday.

FIFA better

ing body, said on Sunday.

AFP, Zurich

than thought!

FIFA's finances are better than initia

forecasts predicted, Sepp Blatter,

president of world football's govern-

better than the 330 million euro debt

that's been forecast," Blatter told the

SonntagsZeitung newspaper.

results for last year

"The results are looking good, a lot

His comments come two days

before FIFA releases its financial

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Football Magazine

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English Premiership

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Premiership

Gunners feel MU heat

Football

AFP, London

Manchester United swept Liverpool aside Saturday to draw level with Arsenal at the top of the Premiership.

But Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger refused to accept the momentum in the title race had swing to United after his side were held to a 1-1 draw at Aston Villa.

The dropped points mean Wenger's side are only ahead on goal difference with six games to play and the two sides April 16 meeting at Highbury looming more than ever as a likely championship decider.

"There is a long way to go, six games, and a lot will happen," Wenger insisted.

"But we will freshen our legs a bit this week and then we've got the FA Cup semi-final and then the Manchester United game. "We will be up for it, have no

worries about that. I don't think the momentum is especially with United after their win against Liverpool and in football it all changes very quickly.

Freddie Ljungberg seemed to have set the champions on their way to three points when he put them ahead ten minutes after the break. But the lead was squandered in

Painful win for Juve

Juventus coach Marcello Lippi

said Trezeguet was doubtful for

Wednesday's Champions League

quarter-final, first-leg tie against

three points, but I'm concerned

player back, another one gets

for Trezeguet to make the Barcelona

match, while we remain hopeful

"Obviously I am happy to take

"It's a shame. Every time we get a

"We will see, but it will be difficult

Juventus were handed the perfect

start in the sixth minute when Torino

defender Comotto put through his

Nedved stormed into the visitors'

penalty area and delivered a low

cross that was meant for team-mate

Barcelona in Turin.

Nedved will recover.'

about the injuries," he said.

agonising fashion in the 71st minute when Ivory Coast defender Kolo Toure sliced a goalline clearance into

"They didn't try to create anything but they made if difficult for us," Wenger moaned. "The only way they were going to score was if we did

Arsenal's misfortune rounded off a great day for United, who took full advantage of Liverpool skipper Sami Hyypia's fourth-minute dismissal to run out 4-0 winners at Old Trafford.

A brace of Ruud van Nistelrooy penalties and late strikes from Ryan Giggs and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer gave United their biggest win over Liverpool in 50 years and their first league double over the Merseysiders

It also avenged last month's defeat in the League Cup final.

"If you're asked at the start of the season would you rather have two league victories over Liverpool or the League Cup what would the answer be?" United boss Alex Ferguson

lose to them - but to have the league double is very satisfying." Ferguson was also delighted to

"It's always a disappointment to

see his side able to conserve their energy for Tuesday's Champions League quarter-final first leg against Real Madrid in the Spanish capital.

For Liverpool, the defeat was a serious blow to their hopes of securing fourth place in the league and a return to the Champions League next season.

Chelsea took full advantage with a

Amazingly, eight-man Torino

Stefano Fattori broke through

could have drawn level four minutes

with only Gianluca Buffon to beat

but took too long over his shot,

allowing the Juve keeper time to

Tacchinardi rubbed salt into

Torino's wounds by heading Mauro

Milan were made to pay for their

profligacy away to Parma who

boosted their hopes of qualifying for

Filippo Inzaghi, Milan's top

goalscorer, wasted two gilt-edged

chances and Dutch midfielder

Clarence Seedorf hit the crossbar

Adrian Mutu's left-wing cross

picked out Brazilian Adriano, whose

before Adriano's late winner.

next season's Champions League.

Camoranesi's free-kick past Bucci

block his delayed effort.

two minutes from time.

from the end.

2-1 win at Sunderland that leaves them with a five-point cushion in

But they were made to work hard at the Stadium of Light after Sunderland had taken a shock 12th minute lead thanks to midfielder Sean Thornton's first goal for the

Thornton's stylish volley was matched by an equally sweet strike by Gianfranco Zola shortly after the break and second-half substitute Carlton Cole grabbed a late winner with a neat turn and finish.

At the bottom, Birmingham were sent back closer to the drop zone by a 2-1 defeat at Tottenham while Bolton and Leeds both won. A late equaliser from Jermain

Defoe secured a point for West Ham after James Beattie's 22nd goal of the season had put Southampton ahead. The Hammers are now three points adrift of Birmingham, the

team now sitting in the place above the relegation zone. Bolton made it three wins in a row with a 2-0 victory over Manchester City. Danish striker Henrik Pedersen's first half goal and a sec-

ond half header from former Real Madrid defender Ivan Campo ensured the home side could afford the luxury of Jay-Jay Okocha missing a penalty when the match was still scoreless. A Mark Viduka hat-trick and a

double from fellow Australian Harry Kewell helped Leeds edge away from

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Total: (For 7 wkts in 73.3 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-16, 2-99, 3-227, 4-235

Extras: (b-9, lb-5, nb-2, w-3)

5-260, 6-270, 7-279.

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Hannan batting

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Extras: (b-5, nb-3)

Total: (For no loss in 5 overs)

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MSC, Victoria

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0 55 trouble with an impressive 6-1 win at Charlton.

An Ian Harte penalty provided Leeds' other goal as they delivered caretaker manager Peter Reid's first victory in a style that belied their lowly league position. Jason Euell got Charlton's only goal with a penalty in first-half stoppage time.

Birmingham looked to have done enough to earn a point at Tottenham when Paul Devlin's second-half penalty cancelled out Robbie Keane's seventh-minute opener.

But Uruguayan veteran Gus Poyet's volley three minutes from time left Steve Bruce's side once more teetering on the edge of the

Middlesbrough drove another nail into West Brom's coffin and boosted their own European hopes with a 3-0 win at the Riverside. secured by goals from Malcolm Christie, Jonathan Greening and Szilard Nemeth.

TOP SIX

English Premiership table after Saturday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against,

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Arman c Mustadir b Razzak

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Extras: (b-7, lb-5, nb-4)

Total: (All out in 97.2 overs)

166, 6-201, 7-211, 8-213, 9-214

Fall of wickets: 1-36, 2-47, 3-59, 4-63, 5-

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Salim batting

Wasim c & b Sumon

Parvez c Moniruzzaman b Rabbani

Nuruzzaman c Arman b Sumon

Extras: (b-11, lb-1, nb-23, w-5)

Rafigul c Monirul b Sumon

Primera Liga

Real's great escape

Football

AFP, Madrid

Relegation-threatened Rayo Vallecano nearly pulled off the shock of the season until three goals in a drama-filled last five minutes gave leaders Real Madrid a lopsided 3-1 victory in their Spanish league derby match on Saturday.

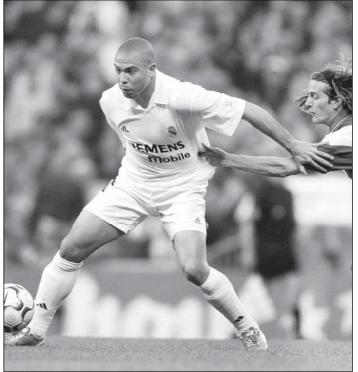
him with Morientes.

change.

It proved to be an inspired

Morientes had only been on the pitch for barely a minute before getting his first league goal of the season, the prefect present on his 27th birthday.

"The goals in particular will be important for Morientes's selfesteem," said the Del Bosque, remembering that it was the former



STOP HIM AT ANY COST! Real Madrid's Brazilian superstar Ronaldo (L) is having his jersey pulled by Rayo Vallecano's Mario at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on April 5.

Real are unbeaten in their last 48 league games at home but were staring defeat in the face for most of the match against their modest neighbours until Fernando Morientes grabbed an equaliser five minutes from time.

Morientes' header clearly demoralised Rayo, who must have felt they were on the verge of a memorable victory after Luis Cembranos had put them ahead in the ninth minute.

Javier Portillo then added salt to Rayo's wounds by heading home the winner as normal time ran out and then Morientes added to Ravo's misery with his second goal deep in injury time.

Real now have a six-point cushion at the top of the table with 60 points from 28 games, although second-placed Real Sociedad play at

However the reigning European champions should be thanking their lucky stars, and will surely know that Manchester United are unlikely to be so generous when the pair meet in their Champions League quarterfinal first leg on Tuesday.

"This result will give us a lift for the game against Manchester and getting three points is satisfying when you consider what happened,' conceded Real coach Vicente Del Bosque.

Rayo's start was so good that they could have easily emulated Real and got a trio of goals in quick succes-

Real looked a better side in the second half, with Solari coming on for his lack lustre fellow Argentine midfielder Esteban Cambiasso, but struggled to get a shot on target.

Ronaldo had one of his worst games in a Real Madrid shirt and Del Bosque eventually gave up on the World Player of the Year, replacing Spanish international's first appearance in Real's last six league

The defeat leaves luckless Rayo mired in relegation trouble, one place and two points of the bottom of

Barcelona's unbeaten streak since Radomir Antic took over two months ago came to an end at Villarreal, who notched up their first ever home victory over the Catalans

thanks to two penalties. Jorge Lopez got Villarreal's first from the spot after 58 minutes after Barca defender Juan Pablo Sorin

brought down Antonio Di Nigris. Sorin's sorry night was completed when he got his second yellow card 15 minutes from time.

Villarreal made it 2-0 in injury

time from Javier Calleja's penalty, after Fabio Rochemback had brought down his fellow Brazilian Belletti. Valencia's chances of retaining

their league title ebbed further away when they went down 2-0 at Real Betis, the Champions League quarter-finalists' third league defeat in their last four outings.

Fernando Fernandez and Arzu Garcia scored for Betis while Valencia ended the game with ten men after the dismissals of Roberto Ayala and Ruben Baraja.

TOP SIX

Spanish league table after Saturday's ames (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):

Real	28	17	9	2	64	27	(
Sociedad	27	15	9	3	47	34	Ę
Deportivo	27	15	6	6	43	29	
Valencia	28	13	8	7	42	23	4
Celta	28	13	6	9	33	24	4
Betis	28	11	8	9	39	38	4

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FROM PAGE 8

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Olonga going

FROM PAGE 8 The Zambia-born bowler was the first

black player to represent Zimbabwe, appearing in 30 Tests and 50 one-day internationals.

Ton-up Marillier

carried Kenya past the 200-mark with good support from Hitesh Modi (27 not Sri Lanka get their chance to make

amends for the shock World Cup defeat by Kenya when they clash again on

Sunday. **SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard of the Sharjah Cup match between Zimbabwe and Kenya KENYA: 225 for 6 (D Obuya 57, T Odoyo 46; Hondo 37/2, Price 36/2) **ZIMBABWE**

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals O

ninth home victory of the season cheeky back-heel flew past Milan

OMINOUS SIGNS: Juventus' French international striker David Trezeguet lies in pain during the local derby match against Torino at Turin's Stadio delle Alpi on April 5. however was tempered by first-half

Nedved and French striker David Midfielder Nedved injured his right thigh, while Trezeguet tore a muscle in his left shoulder.

injuries to Czech international Pavel

Juventus have 60 points from 27 matches, eight more than thirdplaced Milan who lost 1-0 at Parma, their fifth league defeat of the season. Adriano's stunning goal 13 minutes from time proved decisive and

title they last won in 1999. On Sunday second-placed Inter Milan, seven points behind Juventus, play their game in hand at

dented Milan's hopes of winning the

David Trezeguet.

Comotto anticipated the delivery but instead of clearing the danger, he succeeded only in diverting the ball past his own goalkeeper Luca Bucci to gift the home side an early goal.

Nedved and Trezeguet limped off before Tudor and Lucarelli were sent off for exchanging blows following a 20-man fracas, sparked by Simone Vergassola's ugly challenge on Alessandro Del Piero.

Torino were reduced to nine men 11 minutes into the second-half when Mezzano saw red for his second bookable offence, and Marinelli soon joined him for an early bath after pushing referee Massimo De goalkeeper Dida for his 13th goal of Parma's win took them level on 45

points with fourth-placed Lazio who have a better goal difference and a game in hand

TOP SIX

Italian league table after Saturday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

Juventus	27	18	6	3	51	18	60
Inter	26	17	3	6	53	29	54
Milan	27	15	7	5	46	21	52
Lazio	26	11	12	3	45	27	45
Parma	27	12	9	6	46	29	45
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T Suii Resúlt: Zimbabwe won by five wickets.

Winners of the 13th AB Bank Cup golf tournament pose with their trophies after the presentation ceremony at the Bhatiary Golf and Country Club recently.

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Victoria Sporting Club and Uttara

Scoreboard on the second day of the

four-day GrameenPhone Premier Cricket Super League match between

Total: (For 4 wkts in 82 overs)

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Waugh on song Australia A FROM PAGE 8 Hodge topscored with 69 and then took

234 for eight. The win gave Australia a 2-0 lead in the best of five one-day series. South Africa was well placed to level the series, having lost the first match by 65 runs in Brisbane on Friday, but lost its last nine wickets for just 41 runs.

more than double any of his teammates with Ian Harvey and Nathan Hauritz each notching 31. South Africa failed to capitalise on a promising start after opening batsmen Mrone van Wyk (60) and Ahmed Amla

Hodge's batting contribution was

5-28 off six overs as South Africa was

dismissed for 209 in reply to Australia's

(68) put on 101 at just under four an It was Hodge who sparked a middleorder collapse after South Africa reached 168 for one.

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