Real all the way



AFP, Paris Ever-reliable striker Raul fired defending champions Real Madrid to the verge of the Champions League semi-finals on Tuesday, scoring twice in an end to end 3-1 win over Manchester United at the

Santiago Bernabeu stadium. United coach Sir Alex Ferguson had opined before the start that this clash of the continent's super heavyweights was an even bigger encounter than those at a

A look at the Real teamsheet proved him right - and so did the result as the Spanish matadors threatened to batter the English Premiership giants all the way back to Manchester, where now Ferguson's men have to undo the

damage in the second leg. Three seasons ago, when United were the title holders, Real made the initial mistake of coming out of the blocks too passively in the opening home leg and had to settle for a goalless

But they then shattered United by winning 3-2, helped by a Roy Keane own goal, at Old Trafford.

This time the 'meringues' delighted a 75,000 home crowd as they turned on the style associated with a team that can put World Cup winners Ronaldo, Roberto Carlos and Zinedine Zidane on the same club teamsheet.

Add Raul, Luis Figo and Fernando Hierro to the mix and the world eleven

Schuttler bites

Rainer Schuttler couldn't fight his

way out of trouble against a deter-

mined Spaniard, ending up in the

Feliciano Lopez Tuesday as the

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another seed.

that Ferguson had privately perhaps almost feared toyed with his men - at

THE RAUL THING! Real Madrid superstar Raul celebrating one of his two goals against Manchester United at Madrid on April 8.

head in the United goal

11 Champions League matches this season - and his 42nd in all in the tour-

hand post.

his World Cup standards and four minutes after the restart Figo fed Raul 20 yards out and his blistering effort sailed past Barthez and into the net to make it

reply for his 11th goal in this season's tournament - a Champions League record in a single campaign - three minutes later may yet give United hope, but they face a huge uphill struggle against a side that attacks at will, home and away.

Nistelrooy's goal can make the differ-

"Real bought Figo, Zidane, Ronaldo - but the best player in the world at the

After 28 minutes Raul's eighth goal in

to slot home low inside Barthez's right

Ronaldo could afford a quiet night by

Ruud van Nistelrooy's close-range

Real's French midfielder Claude Makelele, a rather more unsung squad member, warned the tie wasn't over.

"When you win you enjoy it - but we have to make sure we finish the job at their place," he said. Real, whose skipper Hierro made his

100th appearance in European competitions on Tuesday, took their unbeaten sequence against English sides to eight. United have failed to win in 14 of 15

European visits to Spain - the exception being last year's quarter-final win at Deportivo La Coruna United's Gary Neville and Paul

Scholes will be suspended for the return

match following bookings for both.

AJAX 0: ACMILAN 0

Tuesday's other quarter-final encounter was another clash of the historical giants, four-time winners Ajax having to make do with a goalless home draw in Amsterdam against five-time champions AC Milan

Both sides have always made at least

competition to seven - but they have become the draw specialists with eight in 13 outings this campaign.

sending packing a Milanese outfit which swamped his old Barcelona side in the 1994 final.

BSS, Dhaka

School v'ball

BIT School (Gulshan) reached the boys' final while Viquarunnisa Noon School moved into the girls' final in the first Security Bank School Volleyball Championship yesterday.

BIT made it to the final defeating Children Academy 25-16, 25-15, 26-28 and 25-16 at the Dhaka Volleyball

Viguarunnisa Noon crushed Holy Cross 25-14, 25-10 and 25-14. The final of the meet will be held

Jardel in trouble

AFP, Lisbon

Portuguese giants Sporting Lisbon said Tuesday they would take disciplinary action against their troubled striker Mario Jardel following reports he was involved in a drunken disturbance at a Lisbon hotel.

"In the wake of the events which Mario Jardel was involved in on Monday night, the board of Sporting has decided to immediately impose a disciplinary process until all the facts are known," the club said in a state-

It did not say what action would be taken against the Brazilian-born player but said Jardel would not train with his teammates for the time being.

Sports daily Record ran a front page report saying a "visibly drunk" Jardel knocked on various doors at a hotel early on Tuesday morning in an effort to find someone he believed was staving there. The paper, which cited various

witnesses, said security had to be called to subdue the star striker who left the scene before Sporting coach Ladislau Boloni arrived.

"Mario once again has surpassed acceptable limits," Boloni told reporters later on Tuesday. "It is a problem that began a long time ago and which is continuing.' Boloni said Jardel did not train on

Tuesday morning because "he was in no condition to train" Jardel, 28, was Portugal's top scorer

four times when he played for FC Porto between 1996 and 2000.

Last season he was Europe's top scorer with 42 goals and helped Sporting to the Portuguese league and Cup double, but he has underachieved this season scoring just 10 goals in 27 league appearances.

Ganguly raring SOUAD

Saurav Ganguly (captain), Virender Sehwag, Gautam Gambhur. Mohammad Kaif, Yuvrai Singh, Dinesh Mongia, Parthiv Patel, Sanjay Banger, Zaheer Khan, Harbhajan Singh, Ajit Agarkar, Amit Mishra, Aavishker Salvi, Sarandeep Singh and Abhijit Kale.

Pakistan favourites

Pakistan with their last of those victories coming more than four-and-

The sides met in the World Cup last Pakistan and England.

PAKISTAN (from): Rashid Latif (captain). Yousuf Youhana (vice-captain) Taufeeq Umer, Mohammad Hafeez, Saleem Elahi, Misbahul Haq, Younis Khan, Naved Latif, Faisal Iqbal, Abdul Razzag, Rana Navedul Hasan, Shoaib Malik, Mohammad Sami, Umar Gul, Danish Kaneria, Mohammad Zahid.

ZIMBABWE (from): Heath Streak (captain), Grant Flower, Craig Wishart, Gavin Rennie, Travis Friend, Mluleki Nkala, Dion Ebrahim, Raymond Price Douglas Hondo, Douglas Marillier, Stewart Matsikenyeri, Sean Ervine, Tatenda Taibu, Andy Blignaut.

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It's Sami after Malik

Cricket

REUTERS, Sharjah

Mohammad Sami snared four wickets and Shoaib Malik cracked a blistering nalf century as Pakistan thrashed Kenya by 143 runs in the Shariah Cup on

Pakistan, who have won all three of heir group games, will take on Zimbabwe in Thursday's final.

Malik hammered a brisk 76 as akistan scored 106 off the final 10 overs o post 286 for eight the highest score in he tournament so far. Inspired by their batsmen,

he Kenyan order to dismiss them for 143 in 31.4 overs. Sami was the spearhead, snapping ip two early wickets as the surprise

World Cup semifinalists slumped to 31

akistan's bowlers then sliced through

or four by the seventh over. Only Maurice Odumbe offered any orthwhile resistance, scoring 54 off 65 palls which included six fours, four of which came in one over from seamer

After Odumbe's dismissal Kenya,

still needing 150 runs off 131 balls, folded meekly apart from a fighting 27 from Hitesh Modi. Sami returned to take

Earlier, Pakistan had built their innings around a 72-run stand for the sixth wicket between Malik and skipper Rashid Latif after they had struggled to 150 for five by the 35th over.

blew away the Kenya attack, hitting six fours and a six in his 58-ball knock.

Abdul Razzaq to give their reserves Misbaul Haq and Naveedul Hasan a chance to cement their places in the

Hafeez (36) and Taufeeq Umar (17) put

slamming 12 officest four balls. SCOREBOARD

the last two wickets in one over.

Latif made 38 off 31 balls with two fours and two sixes, but it was Malik who Pakistan rested Younis Khan and

Haq exploited the opportunity, scoring 42 after openers Mohammed

Faisal Iqbal (23) and Yousuf Youhana (18) made fine starts, but failed to covert them into big innings.

Pakistan's lower order enjoyed themselves, hammering 64 runs off the last five overs with Mohammad Sami

Scoreboard of the Sharjah Cup one-day international between Kenya and

PAKISTAN: 286 for eight in 50 overs (M Sami 76, Misbahul Haq 42, R Latif 38, M Hafeez 36; S Tikolo 3-42, P Ongondo 2-

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Toss: Pakistan. Umpires: Kevan Barbour (Zimbabwe) and Avi Jayaprakash (India).

Proteas to start

cricket here in Bangladesh," said the youngest ever South African captain.

He said that all the players in his team were looking forward to this tour to show the world how they play this game. He however added that the absence of all-rounder Jacques Kallis would definitely be felt and some how make their job difficult.

"Obviously Jacques will be missed. He is a fantastic cricketer. But he has got some family problems to take care of. But we hope he will join us as soon as the problems are over. His presence in the team has always been an inspiration.

"I still do not know whether the Board (United Cricket Board of South Africa) is going to send in any replacement. It all depends on Jacques. He may even join us here in Bangladesh. What I know is we are now 13 here and we will have to carry on with them," said Smith, who played only eight Test matches and 22 one-day internationals since his debut a vear ago.

Asked how he felt after being named captain with this little experience at the highest level, Smith said, "I have led Western Province and South Africa A teams. So captaincy was nothing new to The South African selectors last

month sacked Shaun Pollock as captain after one of the pre-tournament favourites South Africa bowed out of the World Cup in the preliminary round. The Proteas also came here without a vice-

Smith said he was disappointed at missing the opening part of the World Cup. "Obviously it was disappointing. May be I was not a part of the selectors' combination for the World Cup. But I have got my shot now. It's a new responsibility for me. I hope the team does well under my captaincy.' He said although leading any

international team was a huge responsibility, he added that it was a great

Smith however said that he did not have much knowledge about Bangladesh cricket. "I played a few matches against them in South Africa. But they will be a different side here since they will be playing on the home soil," he said. SQUAD

Adams, Mark Boucher, Allan Dawson, Boeta Dippenaar, Herschelle Gibbs, Andrew Hall, Neil MaKenzie, Makhaya Ntini, Robin Peterson, Shaun Pollock, Jacques Rudolph and Charl Willoughby.

Graeme Smith (captain), Paul

Gayle angry

Gayle has scored 1,588 runs in 28 Test appearances since making his debut against Zimbabwe three years ago, with a highest score of 204.

His omission ends an unbroken sequence of 24 Tests which began when he was recalled against South Africa in

Sultan has

a three-member team to oversee thex events of April 26. The committee led by AFC vice-president Manilal Fernando, Dr. Mohd, Khabiri (FIFA representative and AFC executive committee member) and B Sanjeevan (Head of AFC National Association/Legal Service Department) has also been empowered to give ruling if it was necessary.

Although Sultan won a bargain by agreeing to hold the EGM so that it could approve all the amendment including holding election of the president along with other members, his assistant general secretary Badal Roy was still not convinced that Sultan was acting on AFC's prescription.

Roy had led the protest against Sultan's decision and warned him of a legal wrangle that might led to another FIFA ban after the games governing body slapped a temporary suspension on January 2002 which was later withdrawn.

"I have not seen the recent letter from the AFC general secretary. The president also did not tell me anything about the latest development. But I will definitely fight to uphold the right of the BFF councillors" said Roy.

Sultan had earlier decided against holding the EGM fearing opposition from the councilors. But after his atest discussion with the Vellappan, Sultan has come to know that it was not mandatory to call the same councilors who represented their previous EGM on November 5.

the task of bowling out the powerful

Australian batting order twice to win

In six Tests played at the Bourda

AUSTRALIA (from): Steve Waugh

ground, Australia have won three, the

West Indies two with one drawn.

Test matches

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Waugh begins record Test

Caribbean series 2-2 and looms as the Windies' great batting hope.

Waugh will be without his two main

bowlers, Glenn McGrath and Shane Warne, who between them have dismissed Lara 17 of the 40 times against Australia McGrath returned home last week after his wife had been diagnosed with

in Barbados and Antigua. Warne is serving a 12-month ban for returning a positive drug test to a

a secondary cancer infection in her

hip. He intends returning to the

Caribbean in time for the last two Tests

banned diuretic. "He's a great player, there's no doubt about that, and great players can

overcome plans," Waugh said of Lara,

who turns 34 during this series. "He's got a great eye, he lives for the

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big moment against the best opposition, which I think all the great players have generally played their best innings against us in the last couple of

been because someone's put their hands up and played a great innings. "That's what motivates a player like

"The Test matches we've lost have

Brian. He likes to play against the best bowlers so he'll be up for this series." The West Indies were smashed 5-0 in their last series in Australia in 2000-

01, but will be looking to the emergence of their younger brigade, Wavell Hinds, Marlon Samuels and Daren Ganga to share the batting burden with Another key to whether the West

Indies can be competitive is in the

bowling. Mervyn Dillon, Pedro Collins

and youngster Jermaine Lawson have

(captain), Matthew Hayden, Justin Langer, Ricky Ponting, Martin Love,

Darren Lehmann, Adam Gilchrist Brad Hogg, Brett Lee, Jason Gillespie, Andy Bichel, Stuart MacGill. WEST INDIES (from): Brian Lara (captain), Carlton Baugh, David

Bernard, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Pedro Collins, Vasbert Drakes, Mervyn Dillon, Daren Ganga, Wavell Hinds, Ridley Jacobs, Jermaine Lawson, Marlon Samuels, Devon Smith.

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of my life. There has been only one other occasion I can recall similar to this," reflected 'Ronie', as he has

After United had made the brighter start Zidane fed Figo nonchalantly for a brilliant opener on 12 minutes, a curling effort sweeping over Fabien Barthez's

nament - put Real 2-0 to the good.

3-0 with goal 43.

grimaced, adding: "I hope van

"I hope he doesn't travel well," he

times with almost embarrassing ease.

Zidane played the Spanish international striker in and Raul effortlessly turned England defender Rio Ferdinand

Ferguson could only admire Raul's

the last four having previously come this Ajax took their unbeaten run in the

Neither side was able to find much attacking verve in a game short on oalscoring chances even though Ajax coach Ronald Koeman was hellbent on

both clubs have struggled to hit the heights. Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti left

Brazilian playmaker Rivaldo and Danish top gun Jon Dahl Tomasson on the bench to start with - although Filippo Inzaghi shrugged off a lingering bout of flu to take his place in attack. Ajax had Finnish midfielder Jari

Litmanen starting on the bench follow-

ing three months out with Achilles

the trophy themselves but since then

Meyde was suspended. Andriv Shevchenko forced a fine save from Ajax's Romanian keeper Bogdan Lobont after just five minutes with a close-range shot but even the introductions of Tomasson for Inzaghi and Rivaldo for Shevchenko, as well as Litmanen for Zlatan Ibrahimovic, failed

to conjure a breakthrough. clean sheet - and we'll have more space

Ancelotti was also satisfied.

"It's a positive result - we held the ine well at the back," he concluded. Wednesday's ties pit Inter agains Valencia and Juventus against

poor Champions League harvests. But Tuesday belonged to the

Spanish in the shape of Real Madrid and rampaging Raul. The following year, Ajax captured 'Supporters are



Ronaldo found that fame can be a fickle mistress on Wednesday, despite Real Madrid's impressive showing in their 3-1 victory over fellow titans Manchester United in their European Champions League quarter-final first leg the previous night. Real Madrid's World Player of the

AFP, Madrid

summer but recent lacklustre show ings have turned the Santiago Bernabeu faithful against him. He left the field, after being substituted late in the game, to whistles ringing in his ears while the rest of the team went into the dressing room a few minutes later being cheered to the

rafters of the historic stadium.

Year had been the fan's favourite since

his arrival from Inter Milan last

"Supporters are like a woman, they need to be conquered daily," a doleful Ronaldo told reporters after the game, trying to make light of the situation. "They know I can do better, and I hope to do better, but overall I am still

happy with my performance," added

the Brazilian World Cup winner.

The 70,000 Real supporters might have been wooed a bit more if he had been awarded a penalty after 18 minutes when he was clearly obstructed in the box by the United defender Wes Brown. "It was one of the clearest penalties

become known in the Spanish capi-

Even United's manager Alex Ferguson admitted that Brown's clumsy block was a foul. "Yes, it did look like a penalty to

Nevertheless, despite the ava-

me," conceded the Scot.

mented Del Bosque.

lanche of brickbats falling on his star's head, Real coach Vicente Del Bosque was quick to defend Ronaldo. "He's very important to us. I didn't bring him off before (the 83rd minute) because I always thought he looked like he was going to score," com-

has gone from flavour of the month to a sour taste in many people's mouths, the Spanish press could not contain its praise of Real on Wednesday. "We are so good. The white angels

dance around the Red Devils,"

boasted a headline in the Spanish

Apart from Ronaldo though, who

sports daily Marca, Spain's biggest selling newspaper. Its rival As was not to be outdone in

hero Raul Gonzalez with United's disappointing David Beckham. Marca did offer a note of consolation to perhaps the loneliest man in the Real Madrid dressing room, whose

attempts to court his team's fans were

as weak as his four shots at the United

goal on Tuesday.

As, comparing Madrid's two-goal

"Here there is only one king," said

"I think Ronaldo will show us all what he is really capable of at Old Trafford. At the moment, he seems to only turn it on away from the Bernabeu. Perhaps Del Bosque should consider some changes at home comment," commented an editorial in Marca.



trouble while striker Andy van der

"I thought we played well. We kept a at the San Siro in the return leg," opined

encounters which give the Italians a chance to show the Spanish contingent

a-half years ago.

month but rain washed out the game, leading to Zimbabwe surprisingly reaching the second round ahead of **SQUADS**



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