

C'paul stops the rot

Cricket

AFP, Georgetown

Shivnarine Chanderpaul blasted the third-fastest Test century but it was not enough to prevent Australia from seizing control on the opening day of the first cricket Test at Bourda here on Thursday.

He did not reappear on the field in the Australian innings and was replaced behind the stumps by Wavell Hinds.

Table with columns: Hinds c Langer b Hogg, Smith lbw b Lee, Ganga b Gillespie, Lara lbw b Bichel, Samuels c Hayden b Hogg, Chanderpaul lbw b Bichel, Jacobs not out, Drakes c Gilchrist b Bichel, Dillon lbw b MacGill, Collins st Gilchrist b MacGill, Lawson b Lee.



PHOTO: INTERNET

West Indies centurion Shivnarine Chanderpaul raises his arms after reaching three figures against Australia on the opening day of the first Test at Bourda in Georgetown on Thursday.

of the Australian fieldsmen. Left-arm wrist-spinner Brad Hogg grabbed wickets with consecutive deliveries to strike soon after first-hour drinks.

Table with columns: Gillespie, Bichel, Hogg, MacGill, AUSTRALIA: First innings, Langer not out, Hayden run out (Drakes), Ponting not out, Extras, Total, Fall of wickets, Bowler, O, M, R, W, Toss: West Indies, Umpires: Asoka de Silva (SRI) Rudi Koertzen (RSA).

Pak triumph

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and Andy Blignaut in consecutive overs. When Pakistan batted, Streak removed Hafeez in his second over and Faisal Iqbal in his fourth to make it 28-2, but Taufiq and Youhana settled in to see their team home.

Table with columns: PAKISTAN, Hafeez c Wishart b Streak, Umar not out, Iqbal c Rennie b Streak, Youhana not out, Extras, Total, Fall of wickets, Bowler, O, M, R, W, Result: Pakistan won by eight wickets, Man-of-the-match: Taufiq Umar, Man-of-the-series: Kumar Sangakkara, Toss: Zimbabwe, Umpires: Avi Jayaprakash (IND) and Billy Doctrove (WIS).

BANGLADESH-INDIA SCOREBOARD

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Table with columns: Khaled Mashud lbw b AAgarkar, Akram Khan c P Patel b AAgarkar, Sanwar Hossain c G Gambhir b H Singh, Khaled Mahmud c P Patel b AAgarkar, Mohammad Rafique not out, Tapas Baishya c Patel b Z Khan, Manjurul Islam c H Singh b Z Khan, Extras, Total, Fall of wickets, Bowler, O, M, R, W, Result: India won by 199 runs, Man-of-the-match: Yuvraj Singh, Toss: India, Umpires: Aleem Dar (Pak) and Mahbubur Rahman (Ban), TV Umpire: Shawkatur Rahman (Ban).

Porto halfway there

UEFA CUP

AFP, Oporto

Porto, looking to meet city neighbours Boavista in the final, outclassed Italy's Lazio in their UEFA Cup semi-final first leg here on Thursday, coming from behind to win 4-1 at the DasAntas stadium.

Claudio Lopez gave the Italians a sixth-minute lead but the visitors then collapsed in the teeth of waves of Portuguese attacks.

Ribeiro levelled the scores on 10 minutes before Derlei Silva put the hosts 2-1 up just before the half-hour mark.

Five minutes after the break Silva Portugal's SARS-enforced postponements

AFP, Lisbon

Portugal's national football team on Thursday called off friendlies scheduled for early June in Japan and South Korea due to fears over the spread of the mysterious new atypical pneumonia known as SARS.

The director of the Portuguese Football Association, Carlos Godinho, told the Lusa news agency the Portuguese squad will go on tour instead in another region during that time.

Proteas' perfect

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Table with columns: Ntini (not out), Extras, Total, Fall of wickets, Bowler, O, M, R, W, Result: South Africa won by 127 runs, Toss: South Africa, Umpires: Mahbubullah and Nadir Shah.

Jayasuriya

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The other three members of the committee are batsman Aravinda de Silva, who retired after the World Cup, and former cricketers Ashley de Silva and Roger Wijesuriya.

What to WATCH section featuring an image of a person and text about the English Premier Football League match between Newcastle United vs Man United.

Primera Liga preview Sunday's for Real

Football

AFP, Madrid

Real Madrid's Champions League midweek win over Manchester United received a continent-wide seal of approval - but this weekend they must refocus on domestic affairs and follow up that battle royal performance with a win at the stylish royal resort of San Sebastian.

on points with Deportivo but have lost three times since Bilbao handed them their first loss on February 2 in their 20th match of the season to see their momentum slide.



VICENTE DEL BOSQUE

Neville's flattering comparison between his side and the Haarlem Globetrotters - "though I accept it if it was not meant ironically!"

Barca, meanwhile, have to target a late surge as unless they win the Champions League - they stand on the verge of a semi-final place after Wednesday's 1-1 draw at Juventus - they face not qualifying for next year's tournament.

FIXTURES

Saturday: Seville v Villarreal, Barcelona v Deportivo La Coruna Sunday: Atletico Madrid v Espanyol, Celta Vigo v Real Betis, Mallorca v Racing Santander, Rayo Vallecano v Athletic Bilbao, Real Sociedad v Real Madrid, Valencia v Osasuna, Malaga v Valladolid, Recreativo Huelva v Alaves

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Table with columns: Collated results of the UEFA Cup semi-final first legs on Thursday, At Glasgow, Celtic (SCO) 1 (Larsson 50), Boavista (POR) 1 (Valgaeren 48-og), At Oporto, FC Porto (POR) 4 (Ribeiro 10, Silva 27, 50, Helder Postiga 56) Lazio (ITA) 1 (Lopez 6)

Premiership preview

No time for slips

Football

AFP, London

Four days after being the recipients of a Champions League masterclass by Real Madrid, Manchester United travel to Newcastle on Saturday knowing defeat could derail their Premiership title drive.

prove after seeing their own title aspirations wrecked by a controversial defeat at Everton on Sunday.

The financial stakes at the other end of the table are no less significant as the disastrous results unveiled by bottom



SIR BOBBY ROBSON

Resilience in the face of adversity has been one of United's defining qualities this season. But even their deep reserves of self-belief must have been severely depleted by the experience of being so comprehensively outclassed in the Bernabeu.

in a row. But extending that run at Chelsea, chasing one of those Champions League spots, is likely to prove beyond Sam Allardyce's side while West Ham have a winnable home clash with Aston Villa.

Fulham, thrashed 4-0 by Blackburn on Monday, look to be in serious danger of getting sucked into a relegation dogfight that can only add to the turmoil generated by the club's decision to terminate manager Jean Tigana's contract this summer.

Their trip to Liverpool begins a daunting run-in in which they must face four of the top six teams.

FIXTURES

(1400 GMT kick-off unless stated) Saturday: Birmingham v Sunderland, Blackburn v Charlton, Chelsea v Bolton, Leeds v Tottenham, Liverpool v Fulham, Man City v Middlesbrough, Newcastle v Man Utd (1130 GMT), West Brom v Everton, West Ham v Aston Villa

Serie A preview Juve shift focus

Football

AFP, Rome

Italy's reigning champions Juventus will be looking to bounce back from their European disappointment by winning at Bologna on Sunday and staying on course for a 27th league title success.

ons in 2001, warm up for next week's Italian Cup semi-final, second leg clash with city rivals Lazio by hosting Parma, in fifth, at the Olympic stadium.

Roma pair Marco Delvecchio and Marcos Cafu are doubtful because of muscular problems, so Uruguayan Gianni Guigou and Luigi Sartor are on stand-by.

Australian international Mark Bresciano is expected to retain his place in Parma's midfield should

Matteo Brihi fail to shake off a high strain.

FIXTURES

Saturday (all kick-off 1300 GMT unless stated): Como v Perugia (1600 GMT), Inter Milan v AC Milan (1600 GMT) Sunday: Atalanta v Reggina, Bologna v Juventus (1830 GMT), Empoli v Chievo, Modena v Lazio, AS Roma v Parma, Torino v Piacenza, Udinese v Brescia

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Cryptoquip puzzle grid with letters and numbers.

CRYPTOQUIP

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