

Beckham, richest of 'em all

Manchester United's England captain David Beckham is the highest paid player in Europe, France Football magazine says. The magazine puts his earnings at 15 million euros (17 million dollars) a year, one million more than Real Madrid's French star Zinedine Zidane.



DAVID BECKHAM

TOP 20

Table listing top 20 football players and their earnings in million euros.

Kluivert United bound?

Barcelona's Dutch striker Patrick Kluivert has been linked to a move to English champions Manchester United. Kluivert has been targeted for abuse by some sections of the Nou Camp crowd and international team-mate Ruud van Nistelrooy has said the 26-year-old would be his perfect strike partner at Manchester.

Record Aussie win

Gillespie (1-37) wiped out the tail. The West Indies lost their last seven wickets for 97 runs, but young wicketkeeper Carlton Baugh ensured Australia would bat again when he clouted Glenn McGrath to the cover boundary. McGrath, the 422-Test wicket-taker, failed to take a wicket in a match for only the third time in his career while Brett Lee finished with a sore right hand after requiring three stitches to split webbing.

Semifinal first leg An all San Siro affair



(Inter coach Hector) Cuper could make some changes, but I don't think he will give up on his 4-4-2 formation. Against Inter we have always broken down the flanks and taken advantage of the space they have allowed us. Inter's Uruguayan midfielder Alvaro Recoba is equally excited about the tie, which could have sold the San Siro out five times over.

Leeds cash in on MU success

Mark Viduka's winning goal for Leeds United against Arsenal which clinched the English Premiership for Manchester United cost the champions 750,000 pounds (1.2 million dollars). Manchester United must pay the money to Leeds as part of Rio Ferdinand's 30 million pound (48 million dollar) transfer from Elland Road to Old Trafford last year, the Daily Express said Tuesday.

Hashan bats to 'safety'

Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day of the second and final cricket Test between Sri Lanka and New Zealand at the Asgiriya Stadium on Tuesday. NEW ZEALAND: First innings 55 (M Richardson 55, J Oram 74, D Vettori 55; M Muralitharan 3-90) SRI LANKA: First innings (overnight 94-2)

Shetty lifts Bombay

Left-hander Nishit Shetty slammed a blazing 132-ball 100 as hosts Bombay reached 228 for four in their second innings, 217 runs ahead of Tamil Nadu, on the third day of India's Ranji Trophy final on Tuesday. Shetty, playing his first Ranji season, struck 13 fours and a six in an entertaining 188-run stand for the second wicket with former Indian Test opener Wasim Jaffer.

Vaughan given

David Graveney admitted it had been a tough call between the three candidates. It was quite a complex process. All three names were discussed. But we felt moving forward with Michael was the right way to go.

BKSP romp

FROM PAGE 13 all out in 40.1 overs (Badhan 79, Jimmy 32, Rony 4-16) Result: Willes Little Flower School won by 68 runs. NEW MODEL HIGH SCHOOL v RAZZAK HIGH SCHOOL Venue: DCS. NEW MODEL HIGH SCHOOL: 130 all out in 43.1 overs (Shafayet 38, Kaiser 3-27) Razzak High School: 134 for 2 in 22 overs (Bashar 62, Sunny 23) Result: Razzak High School won by eight wickets. NARAIL ZELA SCHOOL v THE AIDED SCHOOL Venue: FCS. NARAIL ZELA SCHOOL: 219 for 9 in 50 overs (Proshanto 56, Maruf 47, Hasan 22, Ilyas 4-41) THE AIDED SCHOOL: 107 all out in 32.3 overs (Fahid 27, Extras 27, Johnny 3-20) Result: Narail Zela School won by 112 runs.

Lara awaits

FROM PAGE 13 said. "It was not the greatest Test track and I couldn't tell it was going to deteriorate so much, so it was unfortunate I chose to bowl." Lara praised the performance of 20-year-old debutant off-spinner Omari Banks from the tiny island of Anguilla. "Omari bowled well, there are areas he has to improve to play Test cricket," said Lara. "When you play first-class games, you get away with things but not in Test cricket."



Disappointed Andre Agassi after losing to Spaniard David Ferrer in the first round of the Rome Masters Series on Monday.

Ferrer stuns Agassi

World number one and defending champion Andre Agassi was sent tumbling out of the Rome Masters Series in the first round after losing to plucky Spaniard David Ferrer here on Monday. Agassi appeared to be on his way to a comfortable victory after taking the first set to love in the blazing Rome sunshine. But Ferrer, who had lost his last six first round matches, battled back bravely to earn a memorable 0-6, 7-6 (7/3), 6-4 victory against the number one seed.

Magura cricket

Ziko and Rubench guided Shahid Mintu Sangha to outplay Young Eleven Star by 192 runs in the Econo Cricket League at the Magura Stadium yesterday. Winning the toss Shahid Mintu Sangha decided to bat first and scored 265 for nine in the stipulated 35 overs. In reply, Young Eleven were all out for 73 runs in 18 overs. SCORES IN BRIEF SHAHID MINTU SANGHA: 265 for 9 in 35 overs (Rubench 68, Firoz 49, Sajal 40; Shamim 3/68, Masum 2/43, Sohel 2/50). YOUNG ELEVEN STAR: 73 all out in 18 overs (Pinku 16, Sohan 13, Razu 8; Ziko 4/12, Chapal 2/14, Mamun 2/18). Result: Shahid Mintu Sangha won by 192 runs. Man-of-the-match: Ziko. Today's match: Nabaganga Cricket Club vs Young Star Club.

Ahmed Hussain Memorial Bridge from May 14

The Ahmed Hussain Memorial Duplicate Bridge Tournament begins at the Bangladesh Bank Club premises from May 14 under the auspices of Picvic Bridge Club, says a press release. Interested bridge players have been requested to enlist their teams by May 12 with H Parvez Hussain at 77/B Dhanmondi, Road 11A, Dhaka. Teams from outside Dhaka would receive financial incentives from the organisers.

Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 193. Tick the correct answers, post to The Daily Star. Win attractive prizes. Competition closes at 8 pm May 9, 2003 and draw shortly afterwards.

1. Who clinched the Professor Abdur Razzak 29th National chess title? Niaz, Zia, Reefat. 2. Who became man-of-the-match in the Sharjah Cup final? Youhana, Sami, Taufiq. 3. Who will lead Sri Lanka's one-day side? Tillekeratne, Vass, Atapattu. 4. Who won the man-of-the-series award in the TVS Cup triangular tournament? Name, Class, School Address, Phone.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 1 "Regret-ably, ..." 34 "also serve ..." 5 Trade 37 Destiny 9 Legislation 38 Earvin Johnson 12 Brother of Cain 41 Liquor of 43 South-of-the-border bash 13 Story inconsistency 47 B&B head? 48 SST 15 Barber-shop application 51 Yalie 52 Nest builder's piece 17 Scratch 53 Olympic sled 18 Whole dried brick 54 Big Apple 21 "Heavens!" 22 Emcee additions 24 Obstentious display 27 One of the Trinity 28 Catcher's catcher 31 Tiriac of tennis 32 Grass-hopper's rebuker 33 Prompt

Cryptogram grid with letters and numbers. CRYPTOQUIP. C L L R I C G E R I G F L B Q G M C Y I M L P B F Z C J D L C E X B J I E C X X ! C N Q F Z B M P F C M C G G B Z Y C G N D M . Yesterday's Cryptogquip: IF YOU LIGHTLY HIT SOMEONE ELSE'S CAR, AN ARGUMENT MIGHT START FROM SCRATCH.

Solution time: 25 mins. JAWLS LAW SMOG ALIT EGO LAWE MALLINGER ALAVE GIVELW THAMAU E B L I O G H U M P A R M N R A F E R A L S H A G K I D D O F E P O L A R R E X P E W C R I M E A I N C O M E G I V E M A T A R K I E Y G I V E N T I A R E R E WEST NTH SABS