Sport

NSU football final today PRESS RELEASE

The North South University Intra-Football Tournament final will be played at the WAPDA ground in Banani. The match is expected to kick-off at 4 p.m.

In the final the 01 batch known as the 'crownless kings' will face batch 00 in what is expected to be a gruelling 60-minute showdown.

In the semis 01 batch knocked out three-time champions the 99 batch 3-2 while the 00 team made its way to the final beating last year's runners-up the 02 batch 1-0.

The 01 team led the 99 squad 2-1at the breather. But as soon as the second half began the 99ers equalised to force the game into extratime.

And in the fifth minute of extratime the 01 team broke into the opponent's defence and the ball also found its target.

McGrath FROM PAGE 13

McGrath acknowledged the injury breaks could have contributed to his current state of fitness.

"I've always said that if I keep playing the body gets used to it and I'm fine but getting back into it can sometimes be a worry," McGrath said.

"The back injury during the Ashes was a bit strange but we've got on top of that now and then with what Jane and I went through at start of the West Indies you can't plan for that and then this now ..

McGrath and Alcott believe the injury stems from his high school basketball days, with a severe sprain pulling some bone off the ankle which has since floated around in the joint.

"It's his left ankle and the pain has increased over the last few days, Alcott said.

"It was particularly uncomfortable in the last two days of the (second) Test. The joint's a bit angry at the moment.

"There's a window now of two months so we thought we'd send him home to an ankle specialist and see what happens from there." McGrath said he had put up with

varying levels of pain for most of his career but generally coped by taping the ankle.

"It's been an ongoing thing but hopefully now we get on top of it while we can and be ready for when the

season starts properly West Australian fast bowler Brad Williams was later named as McGrath's replacement and he will join the team on Friday.

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India cricket captain Saurav Ganguly (L) receives a crest from city Mayor Subrata Mukhopadhyay during a public reception at the Town Hall in Calcutta on July 30. Ganguly, born and still a resident of the West Bengal capital, has been honoured by the city for leading the Indian team to the final of the World Cup in South Africa earlier this year.

No mercy for New Zealand

HARBHAJAN SINGH

world beaters three years ago.

on 274 runs behind in the second.

Cricket

AFP, New Delhi

Prolific off-spinner Harbhajan Singh on Thursday warned New Zealand to expect a gruelling experience on their tour of India later this year, saying the hosts were thirsting for revenge

Singh, who turned 23 earlier this month, said the Indian team had not forgotten the 2-0 Test drubbing in New Zealand last December on green top wickets that made life difficult for batsmen. 'In India we don't play in gardens

like they do in New Zealand," he said in a television interview. "I can't wait to get my hands on

the ball and have a go at the Kiwis. They will struggle here." Stephen Fleming's tourists will play two Tests, followed by a oneday series also featuring world

champions Australia, during the seven-week tour which starts on September 23 Singh was nicknamed the Turbanator by the Australian press

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4-2 in the other match.

FROM PAGE 13

a play on his Sikh headgear after a bowler on tracks that assist spinsensational haul of 32 wickets in ners three Tests against Steve Waugh's

But he denied the Indians will prepare turning wickets to beat the Kiwis

"I have forgotten the last time we played on a square turner in India," he said. "Wickets here are good for both batsmen and bowlers.

Singh's comments came a day after Indian captain Saurav Ganguly also predicted a hard time for the Kiwis, saying he was looking forward to winning both Test matches.

New Zealand, who lost to India in the Super Sixes round of the World Cup earlier this year, warded off the threat from spin king Muttiah Muralitharan to draw both Tests in Sri Lanka in May.

said he regarded the Indian tour as the "ultimate challenge" for his team

The first Test will be played in

Ronaldo takes on press

Football

AFP, Kunming

World Footballer of the Year Ronaldo says sex isn't everything and he's got no complaints about abstaining for two weeks while on a tour of Asia.

However, the Spanish superstar was clearly flummoxed by the question from a Chinese reporter during a press conference at the Hongta sports centre in Kunming and was heard muttering: "This is tasteless

He recovered his composure to say he would make up for lost time when he got back to Madrid. "Well, we're all professionals and

we're working and we're only thinking about getting ready and that's it," he said here. "We have plenty of time for sex

and we have all our lives for that and two weeks is not going to kill us. And I'm sure we'll make up for lost time." At the World Cup last year, the

Real Madrid striker admitted that scoring both goals in the final had been better than sex. "The World Cup is better than

sex," he said. "Anyway, the World Cup is only once every four years and sex is not." Ronaldo has since separated

from wife Milene Nazario Da Lima, who is a football player. They tied the knot in December 1999 and have a son, Ronald Domingues, and a dog called Pichichi, which means top scorer.

Touching on more serious subjects, Ronaldo said he's feeling fit, dismissing claims that he piled on the pounds on holiday last month.

"I was on vacation for a month and I've just returned to training bit by bit," he told reporters following a morning workout here. "My physical condition is getting

According to some journalists in Kunming where Real Madrid have

been training for a week, Ronaldo has appeared a little portly. This contrasts with Spanish

newspaper reports before he left

The Swedish international

striker now stands alongside

Peter Lorimer of Leeds and

Liverpool's lan Rush in equalling

the record for European goals

scored by a player with the same

Champions Lyon kick off the new

season in France, starting their chase

for a third consecutive title with a tricky

absent with an ankle injury that will

That leaves Congo-born French

striker Peguy Luyindula leading the

line in attack, where the arrival of a big

name player in the wake of Brazilian

Sonny Anderson is still on hold.

Madrid for China that said he had in fact shed five kilos (11 pounds) over the summer break matter. I don't see it as an important

Ronaldo, who is known to enjoy hamburgers and fizzy drinks, has struggled with his weight before. Last year, the issue became a

major talking point in Spain. The super striker said he's indifferent to the celebrity surround-

ing new teammate David Beckham in Asia, and made clear he's the more famous face in other parts of the world. "If he's more famous here there

are places that I'm more famous than he is," said the Brazilian, who is considered a national hero back home

"Maybe I have won more titles,

and maybe he's more marketable Ronaldo said he hopes the two click on the field.

"I follow what I want to do and keep on winning like I'm sure Beckham wants to win as well," said Ronaldo. "I have been able to see that his

Real Madrid wrap up a week of

training in southwestern China

Thursday evening. They play a

Chinese select side on August 2

before continuing their pre-season

promotional tour of Asia in Tokyo,

PHOTO: AFF

The Paily Star

Ronaldo is a double World Cup winner and has been voted FIFA passes are really good and I just Player of the Year an unprecehope that we'll able to understand dented three times. each other on the field."

"But for my career it doesn't

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Until Beckham's move to Madrid earlier this month, he was considered the star-laden team's most high profile player, lifting Real to the Spanish league title with 23 goals last season.

Real Madrid superstar Ronaldo at a media conference at the Hongta sports center in Kunming yesterday.

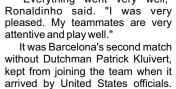
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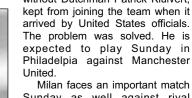
not matter.

Beckham however has brought Bangkok and Hong Kong with him from Manchester a cult following and has a fanatical fan base in Asia

guarded Ronaldinho showed speed and control in lofting a pass to Ricardo "Everything went very well," Quaresma, who netted the first goal in the 11th minute. He followed with

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Sunday as well against rival Juventus of Turin in the Italian Super Cup, the traditional annual match between Italian champions, Juventus, and the Cup winner, AC Milan They meet in East Rutherford, New Jersey, in a mrematch of the European Cup match won by AC

After recently winning the

League Cup final SV Hamburg will

be looking forward to the opening

Bernardo Romeo, the club's top-

scorer last season with 15 goals, is a

doubt for the tie with Japanese

forward Naohiro Takahara - scorer

of one of their goals in the victory

over Dortmund - and Sergei

miserly 21 points at the BayArena

last season but will hope to put

newcomers SC Freiburg to the

sword and consign last season's

and FC Cologne lock horns on

Sunday in a passionate North

FIXTURES

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AFP, Paris

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Hewitt blazes thru School became Group A champions 7-5 win over American Cecil Mamiit. Tennis defeating Kamarpara High School "I got through my first two matches reasonably well and won both in AFP, Los Angeles

straight sets. I have to try to keep it

Hewitt will face Denmark's Kenneth Carlsen in the quarterfinals

Ronaldinho stars Larsson

AFP, Washington

Football

Brazilian international striker Ronaldinho scored one goal and made a crucial pass to set up another, leading FC Barcelona past AC Milan 2-0 here Wednesday in an international football friendly.

Playing his second match with the Catalan club since being obtained from Paris Saint-Germain, Ronaldinho showed why "Barca" spent 30 million euros with a sparkling 56-minute performance before

a goal in the 51st minute from 20

In his last 11 Tests at home, either Kanpur or Ahmedabad from Singh has taken 77 wickets to October 8. while the second will be emerge as India's main strike held in Mohali from October 16. pions FBK Kaunas in their opening . Champions League match.

"The whole team is looking to avenge the defeat in New Zealand. We want to show we can beat them on good wickets.' better day by day.

The series, regarded as one of Fleming, the Kiwi skipper, has the best played in recent times, saw India win 2-1 after suffering a heavy defeat in the first Test and following

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straight to start his serving games, beating American Michael Joyce 6-3, 6-0 on Wednesday to reach the quarterfinals of the 380,000 dollar Los Angeles ATP event. The 22-year-old Australian was playing for the second straight day

against a journeyman American in his first tournament since losing in the opening round at Wimbledon. "I felt I didn't serve that great

Former world No. 1 Llevton Hewitt

vesterday so I came out here and tried to work on it," said Hewitt. "It is a heck of a lot easier to take

control when you are serving aces.' Hewitt suffered a shocking early

exit at this year's Wimbledon, losing to Croatian qualifier Ivo Karlovic. Hewitt, the 2002 Wimbledon winner, had one minor letdown in Wednesday's one hour, 11 minute match when he lost his serve to go 3-3 in the first set. "I took my foot off the pedal at

blasted 14 aces, including five "I got a day off tomorrow then I have to get ready for Carlsen," said Hewitt.

The 30-year-old qualifier Joyce was coming off his first ATP win of the season, a three-set victory over American Jan-Michael Gambill.

Joyce's biggest career victory came in Los Angeles 1995, when he upset then-world No. 1 Jim Courier in the second round.

Germany's Nicolas Kiefer scored the biggest upset of the tournament far, beating Dutchman Sjeng Schalken 6-4, 6-4 on Tuesday.

"It was great win for me," said Kiefer. "I moved good on the court and served well so I think my game is coming around step by step.

Kiefer raised his record against third seed Schalken to 3-0, having beat him twice previously in 2000 in Qater and at the US Open. Kiefer has won all three matches against Schalken in straight sets.

Vaughan's men

With a right thigh strain after he

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bowled four overs.

However, Larsson later limped a crowd of 45,000 people despite out of the match with a hamstring

injury leaving manager Martin O'Neill facing an anxious wait "He made artistic moves and passes. He's very inventive," FC before the damage is assessed. Barcelona coach Frank Rikjaard Lyon - Lille in

said of Ronaldinho, the Dutchman citing the Brazilian's pass to set up the opening goal.

RONALDINHO

Bundesliga begins

will be looking for revenge.

In fact Bremen have had the Indian sign over Berlin with the capital side only winning three out of their last ten home matches against Werder

Thomas Schaaf's side have had more match practice after participating in the Intertoto Cup and will hope to use that to good effect against Hertha.

VfL Wolfsburg are set to unleash record signing Andres D'Alessandro, a 9.5 million euro (10.8million dollars) capture from



ANDRES D'ALESSANDRO

The Argentine playmaker has impressed in the Intertoto Cup and will be expected to inspire his new side to a similar result to that achieved last season, a 2-0 victory.

behind everyone else after being found guilty of under-the-counter payments to players in an attempt to avoid tax.

Their combative Belgian coach Eric Gerets will be keen to start with a win over 1860 Munich at the Fritz-Walter Stadium to wipe out that handicap and the omens are good. 1860 Munich have won just once

match with Gladbach coach Ewald Lienen a former manager at FC Cologne, guiding the club into the Bundesliga just three years ago. VfB Stuttgart will be looking to build on last season's Champions away from home last season, bagging 27 points on their travels.

Kaiserslautern start three points

Saturday : SV Hamburg v Hannover, Schalke 04 v Borussia Dortmund, Bayer Leverkusen v SC Freiburg, VfL Wolfsburg v VfL Bochum, Kaiserslautern v 1860

Munich, Hertha Berlin v Werder Bremen Sunday: Hansa Rostock v VfB Stuttgart, Borussia Monchengladbach v FC Koln

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at lunch on the first day FROM PAGE 13 of the second Test between England TEAM and South Africa at Lord's on Mintoo (captain), Bakhtiar, Tariq, ENGLAND: First innings Munna, Sourav Raju, Monju, Hanif, Trescothick b Ntini Selim, Jahangir, Amin Rana, Nroor Vaughan c sub b Ntini 33 Islam and Tanveer. Butcher c Hall b Pollock 19 Hussain b Hall 14 McGrath c Kirsten b Hall 4 Stewart not out

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"Sami will be returning home on August 4 and there are chances he might be fit for the one-day series. But this is not certain," Hasan said. Bangladesh play three Tests and five one-day internationals in Pakistan from August 20 to September 21, their first full tour of Pakistan.

Pakistan then play South Africa at home in three Tests and three one-day internationals in September and October.

Football

AFP, Neuss,

But every opening match for Lyon seems troublesome, as they have not Reigning champions Bayern won their first league game for the last Munich kick off the 41st Bundesliga title race on Friday against newly-France forward Sidney Govou is promoted Eintracht Frankfurt at the Olympic Stadium. keep him on the sidelines till the end of

Frankfurt have won just three out of their last 34 meetings against Bayern and it will be a major upset if they make it four.

Bayern have concerns about the fitness of Ghanaian defender Sammy Kuffour, while strikers Roque Santa Cruz and Alexander Zickler are definitely sidlelined.

Ottmar Hitzfeld's side are favourites to reclaim their title while Frankfurt are favourites for the drop after securing the final promotion place last season.

New Schalke coach Jupp Heynckes faces a baptism of fire on Saturday as his Bundesliga return sees him lead his troops out against

Matthias Sammer's side will be looking to put the League Cup final defeat against SV Hamburg behind them and victory against arch rivals Schalke 04 would give the supporters a lift.

The two teams could not be

League Cup final.

New loan signing Flavio Conceicao may make his debut.

Hertha Berlin lost just three games at home last season but one of them was a 1-0 reverse against Werder Bremen and The Old Lady

Frings, who are both out for six

Ruhr rivals Borussia Dortmund.

separated last season with a 2-2

draw in Gelsenkirchen and a 1-1 draw at the Westfalen Stadium. Injuries to Evanilson and Torsten

months, have hindered Dortmund's preparations as has the suspension of Sebastian Kehl, who was sent off for pushing the referee in the

League qualification with three points over Hansa Rostock Stuttgart were a potent force

Friday: Bayern Munich v Eintracht Frankfurt

at the venue in 14 attempts.

