

Spanish powerhouse seeking to fight back from a disappointing

season, managed only a 1-1 draw

against lowly Valladolid after trailing

third goal in his eight games for his

new club, Madrid gave an uneven

display as it successfully began its

campaign to lift the title for a record

fault," Real Madrid coach Carlos

Queiroz said. "We had some fantas-

tic moments and then we threw

what he called two phases.

Queiroz said Beckham played in

"In the first half he was very good

at helping to construct the team's

moves. In the second half he made

more sacrifices. He played more in

the center of the field and helped to

organize the team. He did well at

final stages at Manchester United,

this point in time for a year-and-a-

half to two years," he said. "Now I'm

glad. You have your ups and downs

in life, but I'm glad to be over the

more involved than in his two previ-

ous games for Madrid in Spain. He

also hit the crossbar and drew

applause from the 65.000 specta-

tors in the stadium with his swerving

But Madrid, which has been

seeking a defensive reinforcement

before Sunday's transfer deadline,

lost the lead Beckham had provided when its back four suddenly lapsed

Premiership

crosses from the right.

On Saturday, Beckham was

who sold him to Madrid in June

Beckham also implied that his

"This is the happiest I've been at

"We suffered and it was all our

Despite the boost of Beckham's

for much of the game.

30th time

them away."

this. too.

worst.'

were not ideal.

into slackness

bar.

hit the post.

In the 28th minute, the champi-

ons allowed Argentine striker Martin

Palermo the freedom to meet

Brazilian midfielder Marcos

Assuncao's floated free kick with his

head. Fortunately for the home

team, Palermo, who arrived from

Villarreal last week, headed onto the

so lucky as Juanito beat Argentine

midfielder Esteban Cambiasso to

the ball and nodded home the

burst back into life in the 52nd

minute by unleashing a fierce shot

from outside the area which rattled

the Betis crossbar. Following up,

French midfielder Zinedine Zidane

life and it restored its lead in style

nine minutes later. Beckham floated

a pass upfield to Zidane, who was

lurking on the left, and the

Frenchman delivered a swift cross

for Ronaldo to power the ball home

with a volley. Betis battled back in a vain

search of an equalizer, with Madrid's

outstanding goalkeeper Iker

Casillas forced to make two saves

from Spanish international winger

Cocu headed in a pass from

Giovanni van Bronckhorst, trans-

ferred on loan this week from

Arsenal, in the 12th minute to win 1-

0 against Athletic Bilbao. But

Barcelona played rather poorly and

the Basque side missed a lot of

Valencia fell behind in the 24th minute as Valladolid's Francisco

In Bilbao, FC Barcelona's Phillip

Joaquin Sanchez.

scoring opportunities.

The action spurred Madrid into

equalizer from Assuncao's corner.

Six minutes later, Madrid was not

After a quiet spell, Beckham

## The Daily Star

## Rain holds

#### FROM PAGE 13

David Sousa outran several defend-

Canizares to make it 1-0.

disgust with their team.

off a defender.

time.

ers and dodged goalkeeper Santi

minute on a goal by Pablo Aimar as

keeper Albano Bizzari dove and

only managed to deflect a ball he

could have stopped. After the game

some Valencia fans whistled in

with Real Sociedad -- the dark horse

which led the Spanish league for

much of last year only to lose the title

Pierre Wome struck first in the 22nd

minute with a free kick that deflected

Playing in Barcelona, Espanyol's

Sociedad's Darko Kovacevic

equalized in the 61st as South

Korea's Lee Chun-soo arched a soft

pass over a defender and the

Serbian tapped the ball in as he slid

scoreless draw in which both sides

ended with 10 men. Villarreal's

the first division after spending

seven years in the second, lost to

Osasuna 2-0. Valmiro Lopes

Rocha, or Valdo, knocked in a centering pass from close range in

the 42nd minute and Francisco

Punal converted a penalty in injury

Malaga and Villarreal played to a

into goalkeeper Erwin Lemmens.

on the last day of the season.

Espanyol fought to a 1-1 draw

Valencia equalized in the 77th

Martin was reprising his glory days with a 6-7, 7-6, 6-4, 6-4 third-round victory over young American pretender Robby Ginepri

It meant twice Grand Slam finalist Martin had secured his best run at a major since Wimbledon 2001.

Earlier, Capriati powered into the fourth round, blasting France's Emilie Loit 6-2, 2-6, 6-2 in a sometimes erratic performance.

"I hate playing in those kind of conditions," said the sixth-seeded American, adding that she felt like she was racing to finish before the rain.

In the absence of the Williams sisters Venus and Serena. 27-vearold Capriati is looking a good bet to provide the US Open with a home champion

Along with Wimbledon, the Open is one of the two Grand Slams she is yet to win and she may never have a better chance.

Eleventh seed Elena Dementieva now stands in her path after the Russian did enough to edge past Amy Frazier of the US 7-6.7-6

Fabricio Coloccini was expelled in Pierce continued to build confithe 53rd minute after drawing two dence, form and momentum. The yellow cards and Malaga's Vicente twice Grand Slam champion was a Valcarce was ejected in the 61st, 6-4, 6-1 winner over Japan's also after drawing two yellow cards. Shinobu Asagoe. Albacete, which was promoted to

Fighting back to fitness after two njury-plagued seasons, the unseeded Frenchwoman has beaun to show alimpses of the power game that helped her to claim victory at the Australian and French Opens.

Pierce can equal her best effort at Flushing Meadows if she wins her next match against Russian seventh seed Anastasia Myskina.

Back in the men's draw, sixth seed Hewitt was given an easy passage into the last 16 when his Czech opponent Radek Stepanek retired injured while trailing 6-1, 3-0. Stepanek pulled out with back

trouble during the fourth game of the second set and Hewitt, champion at Flushing Meadows in 2001, next faces Thai Paradorn Srichaphan for a place in the quarterfinals.

"It's funny, you want to get some time on court under your belt but I won't complain," the Australian said.

Paradorn, the 11th seed, had Nemeth had a third ruled out for earlier wasted no time ousting offside before Zoumana Camarra's Spain's Fernando Verdasco 6-3, 6-77th minute header from Sakho's 4.6-3.

### Moses making FROM PAGE 13

#### realistically I can't believe it will but just to be there would serve as an inspiration," Moses said on the sidelines of the World Championships which end here on Sunday

"Without doing 50.55 seconds you don't get to the Olympic trials. If you don't get in the first three places vou don't ao to Athens.

"I'm not going to sit here and tell you I'm going to Athens to look like a

Fifteen years have passed since



Real Madrid superstar Ronaldo (R) runs towards teammate Zinedine Zidane after after scoring the winner against Real Betis at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on August 30.

# **Brazil U-17 kings**

## Football

#### AFP. Helsinki

Brazil beat Spain 1-0 to win the under-17 football World Championship in Helsinki on Saturday, taking home their third title after victories in 1997 and 1999 and reclaiming the trophy from defending champions France.

Spain came out strong at the start but could not stop Brazilian defender Leonardo scoring the game's only goal in the seventh minute and the South Americans never looked back.

Leonardo, a 17-year-old, scored three of Brazil's 15 goals in six games. His winning goal came after Joao's curling free kick hit the post. Leonardo slammed the rebound past Spain goalkeeper Mandaluniz. "In the South American qualifiers

we were the best team, but we

finished second," Brazil coach Paqueta said. "Today, the result was the most important thing."

Brazil easily outplayed and outpaced their European challengers for most of the match. When Brazil's attack found its rhythm, the Spanish defence looked rattled and disorganized, but when Spain attacked Brazil was able to coolly pull together its well-coordinated back line

Brazil had other chances on pal, including Abuda's shot in the 15th minute which hit the post, and with Brazil's dominating play the sole goal made the match appear to be more of a thriller than it really was for the crowd at Helsinki's Toeloe stadium

Throughout the first half the Brazilians played as if they had a five-goal lead, showing off fancy footwork and individual talents instead of playing as a team, and leaving the Spanish squad looking like extras on a movie set.

failed to break through Brazil's defence and remained goalless, with Jurado taking two shots that both just missed the mark and Xisco testing Brazil's keeper Bruno with a header from close range. In the second half, Spain dominated the pitch and had several

chances, but none that made it past Bruno as he impressed by letting in only one goal throughout the entire tournament, in Brazil's first match. Cesc, Spain's 16-year-old star,

CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals T

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.

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received the Golden Shoe award as the tournament's top goal scorer with five goals, tied with Carlos Hidalgo of Colombia, and the Golden Ball as the best player. "In Cesc, we have discovered a

Spain played a smarter game but

great talent for Spain," Spain coach Juan Santisteban said. In the third-place playoff, Argentina beat Colombia 5-4 in a dramatic penalty shootout after a 1-1 draw at the end of normal time.

## Serie A Sampdoria's fighting return

And Valencia, another traditional

score

#### AFP, Reggio Calabria, Italy

Newly-promoted Sampdoria battled back from being two goals down to earn a 2-2 draw away to Reggina on Saturday, the first match of the new Italian season

The home side appeared to be in control after goals from Francesco Cozza and David Di Michele had given the Calabrians a commanding nalf-time lead.

But Fabio Bazzani and Aimo Diana struck for Sampdoria in a nine-minute purple patch in the second half to snatch a point for the hard-working Genoans.

## Maradona to return to Italy AP, Rome

Italian viewers will able to watch

**Pompey rue deadlock** 

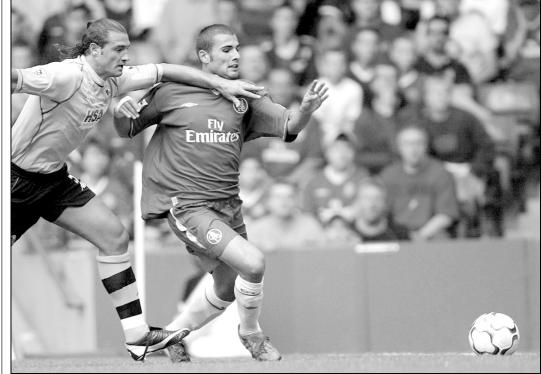
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Frank Lampard, Mutu rounded Blackburn keeper Brad Friedel before slotting the ball in.

But, on the stroke of half-time, Then Brazil striker Juninho made Romanian international Mutu, a it 2-1 with a powerful shot from 15.8 million pounds signing from inside the box. Italian side Parma, did level the

Played in by England midfielder cross made it all square again. Mark Viduka's lob in the 89th minute

however gave the visitors victory. Cole had a second in the 58th Newcastle, who went out of the



Football AFP. London

Portsmouth missed the chance to go top of the English Premier League as they were held to a goalless draw away to



LEARNING IT YOUNG: The Brazilian squad celebrates winning the FIFA Under-17 World Championship in Helsinki on August 30.

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Not as a player, but as a comnentator on a soccer talk show.

The Argentine great, who led Napoli to league titles in 1987 and 1990, will be a featured commentator on the show that will be broadcast each Friday night during the soccer season on Italian channel La7.

Maradona will participate via satellite from his home in Cuba most weeks, although he will also make several appearances in Italy, the show's main host Aldo Biscardi was quoted as saying in news reports Thursday.

Maradona will analyze midweek European play and size up Italian league matches for the weekend.

"He'll have an open slate," Biscardi told Gazzetta dello Sport. "For a champion like him, it's right to leave him the reigns."

"We've been friends for years and Diego accepted right away, with enthusiasm," La Repubblica quoted Biscardi as saying.

Maradona, who is said to be suffering from financial problems, will reportedly earn about euro5,000 (US\$5,400) per episode.

"I thank Aldo because he's giving me the chance to work," the former player told La Repubblica.

Biscardi has hosted a popular soccer talk show on Monday nights for years.

## Animal attacked wife!

#### AFP, Rio de Janeiro

The wife of Brazilian footballer Edmundo has made a complaint to police that he physically attacked her, the country's press reported on Saturday.

Adriana Sorrentino Borges de Souza reported the Vasco da Gama striker, nicknamed 'The Animal' for his often untamed lifestyle, to a police station in Rio de Janeiro suburb Barra de Tijuca.

She has requested a restraining order on her husband, barring him from the marital home.

The 32-year-old Edmundo, who could receive up to a year in prison if found guilty, refused to comment.

G P O P M H S S M K M P R Y Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN YOU SEE A LOCKSMITH COMMIT A CRIME, COULD IT MEAN YOU'RE THE KEY WITNESS? He is already serving a four-anda-half vear sentence, though he only spends nights in prison, for manslaughter after a road accident in 1995 which left three dead.

Blackburn's Lorenzo Amoruso (L) finds Chelsea's Adrian Mutu tough to handle at Stamford Bridge Stadium on August 30.

Victory wold have put Pompey top of the table, ahead of Manchester United and Arsenal who both play Sunday, but instead Wolves collected their first

Premiership point of the season. Elsewhere Aston Villa gained their first Premiership win of the season with a 3-1 victory over Midlands rivals Leicester, Fulham won 3-0 away to London rivals

to a 2-2 draw by Blackburn. Leeds beat Middlesbrough 3-2 in a see-saw match at the Riverside. Birmingham won 1-0 away to Newcastle and Bolton had a

goalless draw against Charlton. Earlier, in the Merseyside derby, Liverpool beat Everton 3-0 at Goodison Park. At Molineux, Portsmouth man-

ager Harry Redknapp was sent to the stands after an altercation with the fourth official.

Pompey striker Teddv Sheringham and Wolves forward Henri Camara both went close in a tight contest between the two pro-

But the result saw Portsmouth, last season's First Division champions, maintain their unbeaten start to the campaign.

At Stamford Bridge, Andy Cole gave Blackburn a first-minute lead away to big-spenders Chelsea after just 20 seconds. Matt Jansen's cross found the former Manchester United striker and he made no mistake from 12 yards.

Chelsea thought they had equaoffside

minute after Chelsea keeper Carlo Cudicini missed David Thompson's cross

But Chelsea hit back through Jimmy Floyd Hasselbain's 63rd minute penalty after Blackburn's Australian international Lucas Neill handled in the box.

Villa, who only had one win against Leicester in their last 17 games, ended talk of a hoodoo, when Lee Hendrie's cross was headed goalwards by Darius Vassell in the eighth minute although it was Leicester defender Ben Thatcher who got the last touch.

And two minutes later David O'Leary's team, who had just one point from their previous three games, doubled their lead when Colombian forward Juan Pablo Angel netted after Peter Whittingham's intelligent approach play.

Then, in the 16th minute Angel had his second when he netted from close range.

To make matters worse for Leicester they saw former England striker Les Ferdinand sent-off.

Ferdinand, booked for a foul on Olaf Mellberg, received a second yellow card after continuing to argue his case with the referee. Leicester's Muzzy Izzet pulled one back in the 53rd minute.

At the Riverside, Lamine Sakho, on-loan from French club Lens, scored his first goal for Leeds as they took the lead against Middlesbrough.

But Boro hit back with two goals are away to Manchester City. in three minutes. On the hour Szilard Nemeth levelled after good work from Gaizka Mendieta.

his last competitive race, in the 1988 Olympic final in Seoul where he won the bronze medal, but Moses said he was "in good shape" and "on the same diet I was on when I was competina".

"A lot of my friends who were athletes at my time are now coaching top-class athletes and they have encouraged me to return," he said.

The man who at his peak went unbeaten for 122 races over nine years insisted he would not fail spectacularly like multiple Olympic swimming gold medallist Mark Spitz, who flopped in his attempted comeback for the 1992 Olympics.

"I'll be running faster than 53 seconds, so the girls won't beat me.

"I think Spitz started too late, I don't know if he was serious or not. But for me I'm using it as a motivat-

Champions League on penalties to ing force for others.' Partizan Belgrade earlier in the He rejected suggestions that his week, suffered more misery when comeback was financially moti-David Dunn gave Birmingham a 1-0

vated.

PHOTO: AFP

win at St James' Park.

box for a penalty.

Goodison Park

several chances.

dames.

Gary Speed brought down

Dunn's 61st minute spot-kick

Earlier Michael Owen scored

Australia international Harry

Kewell added a third 10 minutes

from time as Everton's England

forward Wayne Rooney wasted

one goal in their previous three

38th minute when, played in by

Kewell he slipped the ball, under

Baros set up Liverpool's second

when he beat Everrton defender

Joseph Yobo, and pulled the ball

back for England star Owen who

The visitors wrapped up the

game 10 minutes from time when

Kewell calmly steered the ball into

an empty net after Owen's cross

Manchester United travel to

Southampton and leaders Arsenal

On Sunday, champions

slotted the ball home.

from the right.

home keeper Steve Simonsen.

Liverpool had just one point and

Owen opened the scoring in the

Liverpool's Czech striker Milan

Blackburn's Damien Johnson in the

was saved by Shay Given but the

twice as Liverpool beat Everton 3-0

in the Merseyside derby at

midfielder followed up the rebound.

"I have no money problems," he said before joking about his travel arrangements to get to his training track. "I have a bicycle so it's no problem to get there.

"Anyway, in 1976 my school had no track I learned by jumping fences.

The man who is 22 years older than the recently crowned world champion Felix Sanchez said he was now free of the disc problems that forced him to retire in 1988.

"I have the power mentally to succeed, the question is physical. It is the mind that drives the body," he said.

"Sanchez will make me look what I used to make others look. I will be rooting for him. Not from the viewpoint of looking at his backside but from the sidelines," Moses added

He will face intense competition to fill one of the US team places for Athens.

Despite the fact no-one has approached the world record set by Kevin Young in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics of 46.78sec - breaking Moses's mark - the Americans have youngsters like Bershawn Jackson coming through while veteran Joey Woody took silver behind Sanchez in the World Championships.

Moses is a member of the International Olympic Committee ethics committee and has been involved in the battle against doping

moted sides.

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