Sport

CHAMPS LEAGUE

record nine-time winners Real

Madrid kick-off the new Champions

League season on Tuesday as most

Few would be surprised to see

either Real Madrid's flamboyant

disciplined collection of talent in the

Real Madrid's purchase of David

Questions marks remain over the

defensive capabilities of Madrid,

tackling, defensive midfielder

Claude Makelele to Chelsea two

English Premiership side

Chelsea, who took their spending to

dollars) after being bankrolled by

Russian oil billionaire Roman

Real Madrid host Marseille, AC

Milan entertain Ajax, Chelsea visit

Sparta Prague and Manchester

United play at home to the Greeks of

Panathinaikos in the pick of the

In other matches, Scotland's

Rangers host VfB Stuttgart,

Partizan Belgrade meet FC Porto,

Besiktas of Turkey host Lazio and

FC Bruges are at home to Celta

Real have not signed a replacement

Abramovich, are also in action.

Beckham and AC Milan's buying of

exciting Brazilian Kaka in the pre-

people's bets to win the title.

AFP, Paris

week ago.

The Daily Star



AFP, Los Angeles

"We need to get this England and

Scotland thing out of the road," said

Ferguson, who is Scottish. "If we're

not too careful, we could be side-

TUESDAY

FIXTURES

Champions League first round

Group Phase fixtures on Tues-

Manchester United (ENG) v

Real Madrid (SPA) v Marseille

Partizan Belgrade (SEM) v FC Porto (POR)

Sparta Prague (CZE) v Chelsea

Besiktas (TUR) v Lazio (ITA)

AC Milan (ITA) v Ajax (NED)

FC Bruges (BEL) v Celta Vigo

Norwegian striker John Carew,

summer loan signing from

the penalty spot a minute from

Materazzi scored his second

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tracked.'

AFP, Paris

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Panathinaikos (GRE)

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Los Angeles police have arrested a suspect in the shooting death of Yetunde Price, the eldest sister of tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams, police said Monday.

Aaron Michael Hammer, 24, was being held without bail after his arrest late Sunday, Deputy Bill Spear of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department told AFP.

Price, 31, was shot early Sunday in the crime-ridden Compton suburb of Los Angeles, where the tennis stars grew up, authorities said.

Pak co assures

FROM PAGE 13 "Getting insurance for its team has been a problem for the UCBSA, but Glasgow Rangers (SCO) v VfB hopefully this...can now be worked

out," PCB chief executive Rameez Raja said on Monday. The UCBSA raised concerns over playing in Karachi and Peshawar, following advice from its foreign ministry and High Commission in Islamabad, and has sent a three-member delegation to

Pakistan to assess security arrangements. The delegation, which includes the director of the South African

police service, held discussions on Sunday with Karachi police officials. It also visited the National stadium in Karachi, where South Africa are scheduled to play a one-day practice game, the first one-day international on September 26 and then the third Test in October.

"So far the response we have got from the South African delegation is very positive, and they have voiced no concerns." Raia said

The South Africa tour includes three Tests and three ODIs

Zim versus FROM PAGE 13

October). CA CHAIRMAN'S XI: Jo Angel, Ryan Campbell, Adam Gilchrist, Brad Hogg, Michael Hussey, Justin Langer, Geoff Marsh, Shaun Marsh, Damien Martyn, Colin Miller, Brad Williams, Peter Worthington.

Tendulkar battles

FROM PAGE 13 Laxman, Yuvraj Singh, wicketkeeper Parthiv Patel, Zaheer,

Kumble, Harbhajan and Murali Kartik. "I think this is just the game we needed to prepare for the New

Zealand series," said Ganguly. goal in two matches as Inter beat "You tend to play your best when you are pitted against the best."

The Indian team has enjoyed a rare break from international cricket since the three-nation tournament in Bangladesh in April.

Tendulkar used the lay-off to undergo surgery in the United States on the ring finger of his left hand, which was damaged while attempting a catch against the West

Indies last year.



Albacete's Laurent Viaud (C) and Oscar Montiel (R) having a tough time in containing Barcelona superstar Ronaldinho at Carlos Belmonte stadium of Albacete on September 14.

Primera Liga

Raul rules but Deportivo atop

Football

AFP. Madrid

Spanish international striker Raul smashed through another record

Bernabau, it wasn't enough to claim pole position in the Primera Liga as Deportivo La Coruna won 2-1 at Seville kept their 100 percent record

Uruguayan striker Walter front seven minutes before the

league campaign from close range on 77 minutes. Deportivo lead Real by two

points with a maximum ninepoint haul to date. On Sunday, Ronaldinho pro-Pandiani put Javier Irureta's men in vided one of the few bright spots for Barcelona who struggled to

PHOTO: AFF

for Makelele, whose absence in the second leg of last season's semi-Serie A **Bayern's** threat to FIFA

AFP, Munich

Bayern Munich president Karl-Heinz Rummenigge has launched a scathing attack on FIFA and its president Sepp Blatter, warning football's governing body there could be a strike if players continue to return from international duty injured.

Bayern, missing several key players through injury, suffered a shock 3-2 reverse against VfL Wolfsburg at the weekend and Rummenigge insisted the German champions would stop releasing their stars for international duty if they returned to the Olympic Stadium carrying knocks.

"If FIFA do not want to sort out the problem then there will be a strike. Rummenigge told the German daily Bild. "No players will be released."

"International matches must be on Saturday so that players can

final against Juventus played a decisive role in the Italian club's world's most prestigious club competition must surely be boosted. victory. The resilience of Fernando SPARTAVS CHELSEA Hierro, who was let go by the club, Chelsea's new purchases mean-

will also be missed. President Florentino Perez might say players such as Luis Figo, Zinedine Zidane, Ronaldo, David Beckham, Raul and Roberto Carlos would make up for a shaky backline as long as they score lots of goals.

Certainly Madrid's stars warmed up for midweek action in goalscoring style on Saturday with a 7-2 blitzing of Real Valladolid. Madrid's game is also a homecoming for midfield maestro Zidane

who was brought up in the Riviera city of Marseille. "Playing Marseille is very special

for me," Zidane said. "I am a Marseille supporter as I come from there and I have family

and a lot of friends in the city. Nevertheless it's an important tie and I can't think about that too much. "Once I'm on the pitch. I'll forget my affection for the city and the club. To return to the Velodrome stadium in the return leg will be really spe-

AC MILAN VS AJAX AC Milan boss Carlo Ancelotti, whose side have won both of their

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Italian league matches to date, would surely disagree and assert the need for defensive rigour. Ancelotti's purchase of veteran Brazil international defender Cafu

from Roma to add to Paolo Maldini, Alessandro Nesta and rugged defensive midfielder Gennaro Gatusso shows his insistance on a solid backline.

Added to that the buying of attacking midfielder Kaka from Sao Paulo, just 21 but who proved his pedigree by scoring in Brazil's World Cup victory over Colombia last weekend, Milan's chances in the

Top guns all win Football

AFP, Rome Reigning champions Juventus came from behind to win 2-1 at Chievo on Sundav to ensure a fiveway tie at the top of Italy's Serie A after the second round of matches. French international David Roma coach Fabio Capello said

while are an unknown quantity at the

highest level and coach Claudio

Ranieri is demanding they combine

"I have built Chelsea for three

"Now we are born again, and we

must build to be like Real Madrid,

the Italians and Bavern Munich, for

sooner or later one of them arrives

at the Champions League final.

Chelsea have fanstastic players,

but we must work to be a team like

buys were Cameroon's Geremi from

Real Madrid, Damien Duff from

Blackburn, Argentina's Juan

Sebastian Veron from Manchester

United, Joe Cole from West Ham,

Adrian Mutu of Romania from

Parma and Inter Milan's Argentinian

much trouble in the Czech capital

but European losses to Israel's

Hapoel Tel Aviv and Switzerland's St

Gallen in recent seasons should

All the big names are there," Man-

chester United manager Alex Fer-

guson said. "There's a lot of quality."

eight for seven seasons in a row,

winning it in 1999. And with

Panathinaikos, Stuttgart and Rang-

ers also in Group E, United look

Panathinaikos visits Old Trafford

on Tuesday, but Ferguson hopes

the match is not overshadowed by

the two matches against Scottish

champion Rangers in October and

United have reached the last

prevent overconfidence.

Chelsea should not have too

Makelele apart, Chelsea's main

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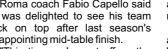
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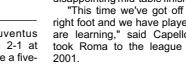
likely to advance again.

years," Ranieri said.

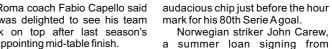
disappointing mid-table finish. "This time we've got off on the bench to score Roma's fifth from

2001 "We've made important changes and we're better prepared. This

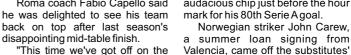




newly promoted Siena in a badseason Milan, Juve, Lazio and Inter tempered match in Tuscany



right foot and we have players who are learning," said Capello, who took Roma to the league title in



when he hit a hat-trick in Real Madrid's 7-2 demolition of Real Valladolid on Saturday.

He has now reached 158 goals for the club and has passed the mark set by Hungarian legend Ferenc Puskas to stand as the fourth highest scorer in Real's history.

"I knew nothing of passing the Puskas mark until I was told when I came off the pitch," said Raul.

"It makes me very proud because he was such a magnificent player. To go past it is a great thing for me and for Real Madrid.

"The only shame is that the result hurts my family, because my parents and my grandparents come from Valladolid and I have many relations still there."

Raul's next target will be Mexican Hugo Sanchez who found the net 164 times.

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break with his third goal in three games



RAUL

moved them into third place in the table alongside Real Madrid

and Valencia on seven points. The Brazilian World Cup winner was in imperious form and was unlucky not to get on the scoresheet after smashing a free-kick against the crossbar

midway through the first half. Dutchman Philip Cocu had opened the scoring for Barca after just 90 seconds with a fierce 30-yard left foot drive to grab his second goal of the season before skipper Luis Enrique found the net to make it 2-0 after 66 minutes.

That was the veteran's 99th career goal in La Liga.

Valencia moved into fourth But after another Uruguayan, place with a 1-0 win at home to Dario Silva, had levelled six minutes Malaga with the only goal of the after the restart. on came Diego game coming from Carlos Tristan to net his first goal of the new Marchena just before half-time.

recuperate and shake off minor beat Albacete 2-1 - a win that injuries. After all, we pay their wages.'

Rummenigge also hit out at FIFA president Blatter for wanting to make as much money as possible. "He is not interested in the clubs whatsoever," added Rummenigge. "He just wants to swell the coffers but we have had enough."

The comments from Rummenigge come in the wake of criticism from coach Ottmar Hitzfeld who wants international matches played earlier in the week after seeing Michael Ballack, Sebastian Deisler, Jens Jeremies and Claudio Pizarro return to the club injured following international duty.

No MU takeover bid?

AFP, London

Manchester United have told the Stock Exchange they have received no multi-million pound takeover approaches.

United issued the statement in response to a weekend press report of a potential 600 million pound bid from a trio of foreign billionaires.

"The board of Manchester United PLC notes weekend press reports about potential bidders for the company, "United said in a statement.

The board wishes to make it clear that it has had no approaches from any parties and therefore regards the reports as pure speculation."

Speculation over United's financial position increased in the wake of chief executive Peter Kenyon's move to Chelsea.

As chief executive he made United 400 million pounds (633 million dollars) in the last three years by tieing up deals with US sportswear makers Nike and mobile phone company Vodafone.

Sunday's report in The Observer claimed there are three separate individuals - one like new Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich from Russia, one from the Middle East and one European - preparing to launch 600 million pound bids for control of United.

Shares in United, priced at around 168p. are thought to be overvalued. But the scale of wealth available to individuals like Abramovich, reported by Forbes magazine this year to be worth 5.7 billion dollars, mean a takeover would not be beyond them.



Roma's latest recruit John Carew (R) scoring from the spot during the rout of Brescia at Rome's Olympic stadium on September 14.

Trezeguet scored the winner four minutes into the second-half with a sweetly struck right-foot shot after Nicola Legrottaglie's header had cancelled out Lorenzo D'Anna's

22nd minute penalty. Legrottaglie was returning to his former club for the first time since leaving to join Juve in a big money

move in the summer Juventus coach Marcello Lippi blamed the busy international fixture list for his side's lacklustre display

"It's difficult when you can't prepare properly with so many players away," he said.

"But after Chievo scored we woke up and we should have had the match wrapped up sooner given the amount of chances we created.

"It's nice when you can win and entertain, but sometimes you just have to do what you can to get the victory. It's not an easy place to come to, so to go back to Turin with three points is satisfying."

Earlier in the day Roma and Inter Milan secured victories to join Lazio and AC Milan on six points.

Inspirational captain Francesco Totti scored twice as Roma thumped Brescia 5-0, while Inter ground out a 1-0 win at Siena, Marco Materazzi's header ensuring all three points.

want to be the main players, but they'll have to take Roma into account."

Inter coach Hector Cuper admitted his side's performance wasn't pretty but saluted his players for taking home three valuable points. "We played how we had to play today and fought like Siena did, said the Argentinian.

"We were under pressure for the first 15 minutes and after that we were on top. We understand that we can't always play the way we want to, that we can't always play in the same way.

Roma took the lead in the 11th minute at the Olympic stadium with a goal involving all three strikers.

Totti's intelligent reverse pass found Antonio Cassano free on the right and his neat cut-back was swept into the net by Vincenzo Montella.

Five minutes later Roma doubled their advantage through Chivu. Totti was brought down just outside the penalty box and Chivu curled the resulting free-kick past Luca Castellazzi off the underside of the crossbar.

Brescia fell further behind in the 23rd minute when Totti exchanged passes with Cassano before slotting the ball low inside the far post. Totti doubled his tally with an

The injury, however, did not prevent him from scoring a record 673 runs during the World Cup in February-March where India reached the final before losing to Ricky Ponting's Australia.

Two interested spectators at the rani Cup match will be New Zealand's stand-in coach Ashley Ross and his video analyst Zach Hitchcock.

The duo are flying in ahead of the rest of the squad, which arrives on September 23, specifically to watch the match.

SL cricket FROM PAGE 13

currently headed by Colombobased businessman Thilanga Sumathipala, is one of the richest sporting bodies in the country.

Army athletes

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The former Everton defender

netted the decisive goal in the 29th

minute, meeting Andy van der

Meyde's right-wing free-kick with a

powerful header which deflected

the Ennio Tardini stadium. Mark

Bresciano's brilliant individual goal

put the home side on their way

before further goals from Adriano

amd Alberto Gilardino killed off the

and Marco Cassetti gave Lecce a

3-1 win at home to Ancona in the

battle of the newly promoted teams

at the Via del Mare stadium, while

David Pizarro's late spot-kick gave

In the day's other early match

On Saturday Milan and Lazio

Empoli were held to a 1-1 draw at

secured hard-fought 2-1 victories

against Bologna and Sampdoria

Inzaghi gave European champions

Milan the three points at the San

Siro, while Demetrio Albertini's

penalty saw Lazio edge newly

promoted Sampdoria in Genoa.

A late individual effort by Filippo

Udinese a 1-0 win at Modena.

home to Reggina.

respectively.

Late goals from Mirko Vucinic

the net.

visitors

BKSP's Taznil Akram brought glory for the country's lone sports institute in the men's 400 metres.

A total of 525 athletes from across the country are taking part in the annual three-day gathering of local track and field stars

Heavy security FROM PAGE 13

off Leandro Cufre on its way into great help to the police and the Parma defeated Perugia 3-0 at organisers.

"They have previously provided their equipment for cricket matches against England, Australia and New Zealand," officials said.

Meanwhile, match organisers have announced that entry into the road leading up to the stadium would be permitted only to those having tickets which go on sale from Tuesday.

Rawalpindi does not enjoy a good reputation when it comes to holding cricket matches. In 1992, the first ever game staged at Rawalpindi Stadium between Pakistan and Sri Lanka was marred by crowd trouble that prompted the

police to use tear gas. Similarly the same happened in a match against England while the last time when New Zealand toured in May 2002, there were again

unruly scenes outside the venue. But the organisers claim they are determined this time not to let that happen again as they bid to salvage Rawalpindi's reputation of being a trouble spot.

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By Eugene Sheffer CRYPTOQUIP QG KSAKHS ZCS RQMMQWM LAVKHSYSHJ XWLHAYFSR, Q MXSUU YFSJ'CS UYCQK-VQWQWM Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A WOMAN IS WALKING IN BULKY WOODEN SHOES, I'D SAY SHE'S LUMBERING AROUND. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals G The Cryploquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for 52 Carnival city 53 Expert

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