

Showstopper Mahmud

Sport

UEFA

Real Madrid got just the club they

wanted to avoid when the

Champions League Last Sixteen

was drawn here Friday with Bayern

The Italian clubs could be

French champions Lyon face

Arsenal have improved dramat-

ically after losing two of their first

three matches and manager

Arsene Wenger believes they have

the mental strength to go all the

Arsenal went out to Valencia in

the 2001 quarter-finals and in

taking on debutants Celta Vigo,

they will seek to do better than their

last battle against opposition from the northwestern region of Galicia.

knocked out the Gunners a year ago to avenge a 2000 thrashing in

the UEFA Cup round of last 16.

Deportivo de la Coruna

Arsenal vice-chairman David

Primera Liga preview

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Spanish side Celta Vigo.

AFP, Nyon

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Real get a real draw

strangulate the Sylhetis. Khulna didn't fare any better in the low scoring game as they could notch up only 156 runs in their second innings after resuming on 129 for eight. But that poor total gave them an important 236 runs lead.

CHITTAGONG v RAJSHAHI

Middle order batsman Faisal Hossain missed a century by the barest of margins as he ran out of partners on 99. But his unbeaten effort gave his side Chittagong a significant 66-run first innings lead at the Comilla Stadium.

Rajshahi led by Test wicketkeeper Khaled Mashud, were struggling to save the match. Mashud was holding fort with 28 and Shahjada was batting on 15 runs when bails were drawn for the day with Rajshahi on 129 for six.

Beginning the morning on 191 for seven, Chittagong posted a commanding total of 300 largely due to a commendable batting performance by Faisal and tailender Yasin Arafat.

The right-handed Faisal belted nine boundaries and three over boundaries facing 176 balls while Arafat added 25 off 45 deliveries with three hits to the fence. Left-arm spinner Saifullah Khan starred with the ball finishing with 6 for 94 and Sohel Rana took 3-97.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecards on the third day of the fourday matches in the Mirzapore Tea Fifth National Cricket League at different venues yesterd Dhaka v Barisal Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium (DCS) BARISAL: First innings 193 all out in 92.2 overs (Shahin 55, Ali Arman 43

Mustadir 30; Rafique 4-60, Neey	amur 2-
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7 in 93 overs)	
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Jahangir lbw b Anisur	0
Sanwar b Anisur	14
Halim Shah st Shahin b Kamal	119
Mahmud c Faruque b Mustadir	51
Neeyamur b Kamaluddin	62
Anwarc Mustadir b Kamaluddin	0
Fahim b Mustadir	58
Rafique c Nayan b Kamal	6
Arafat not out	1
Extras: (b-8, nb-16, w-9)	33
Total: (All out in 115.3 overs)	374
Fall of wkts: 1-2, 2-18, 3-54, 4-54	1, 5-143,
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SCOREBOARD

FROM PAGE 13 Extras: (b-16, lb-10, nb-8) Total: (All out in 114.2 overs) 294 Fall of wkts: 1-89, 2-100, 3-119, 4-119, 5-177, 6-202, 7-205, 8-256, 9-279

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Scoreboard at tea on the first day of the first Test between South Africa and the West Indies at the Wanderers Stadium **W** 2 Bowler Friday: 0 M R 24.2 4 Vaas 77 SOUTH AFRICA: First inning

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Kumara lifts BAGC title

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Cameroon players are also adjust-

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FROM PAGE 13

Lalit Kumara of Sri Lanka won the Partex 19th Bangladesh Amateur Golf Championship by two two strokes over local hope Siddikur 0 17 Rahman at the Kurmitola Golf Club 145 course yesterday.

Kumara dashed the hopes of Siddik, who was at the top of the leaderboard for the first three rounds, after Siddik hooked his approach shot to the first green and Lalit's shot was on the green in regulation.

Siddik had a miserable day with his putter and kept falling behind

At the turn Lalit had a three-shot advantage and made it a four strokes difference after the 10th hole.

Lalit had birdie on the 13th to extend his advantage to five shots pleased with their draw. Holders and with a birdie on the 14th Siddik AC Milan face Sparta Prague while closed the gap to four strokes. Juventus drew Deportivo La A double bogey by Lalit on the 17th to Siddik's par, further reduced the difference to two Coruna for the fourth year in a row. The Turin club has never lost a knock-out match to Deportivo. strokes. Both golfers bogeyed the 18th and Lalit clinched the presti-Real Sociedad and Monaco take on gious tournament. Lokomotiv Moscow.

In the ladies section of the tournament, J S Jung of Kurmitola Golf Club became the champion.

FINAL GROSS SCORES	
Name Gro	oss Scores
Lalit Kumara (SL)	289
Shahid Javed Khan (Pak)	291
Siddikur Rahman	291
KA Chandradasa (SL)	292
Mohd Soheil	293
Manav Das (Ind)	296
Vikrant Chapra (Ind)	297
Vaqas Ahmed (Pak)	303
Mohd Milon	307
Mehtab Dere (Ind)	310

Upbeat Pakistan FROM PAGE 13

because of injury.

Miandad said Pakistan had been playing well after rebuilding following their disappointing performance at the World Cup in South Africa earlier this year. In the past three months, they

have beaten Bangladesh 3-0 in Tests and 5-0 in one-dayers, beaten South Africa 1-0 in a Test series but lost the one-dayers 2-3, and cleaned out New Zealand in a oneday series

But Miandad was also aware that conditions on tour could favour the home side.

"I and the players understand that New Zealand have a good team and the conditions are differ-ent. The conditions always suit the New Zealanders.

The pitch in Hamilton for the first Test starting next Friday is expected to have a green top after wet weather hampered prepara-tions, but Miandad said he would rather wait and see. "Bijan is out of action so we have to

Miandad said he was confident his side could handle any conditions, adding that his two main fast bowlers, Shoaib Akhtar and Mohammad Sami, were in good form and would revel on green tops.

Sami has one five-wicket haul in

point and everything suddenly

turned over. **ÉHÂMPS** LEAGUE "But at one point it was a hopeless situation

He was confident they could maintain their form.

"We've got a talented, deter-mined and dedicated team and Arsene really wants to win this competition," he said.

Munich taking on the nine-times "This is an emotional rollercoaster. We lost at home 3-0 to English champions Manchester Inter Milan and nobody would United were drawn against Porto, Premiership leaders Chelsea face have thought we would win 5-1 away but we did. With these one-Bundesliga leaders Vfb Stuttgart, off games, anything can happen who shared wins with United in the there's no such thing as an easy group matches, and Arsenal face game.

> Chelsea beat Stuttgart in the 1998 European Cup Winners' Cup final in Stockholm and Chelsea interim chief Paul Smith relished the German challenge.

"They're a young team with a very attacking, energetic style of play so it will be a very open game," he said.

"The fact that it's an English team versus a German side always has another underlining dimension to it so we're really looking forward to this one."

He was confident of beating Stuttgart but felt Chelsea's rebuilding might leave the club too inexperienced to carry off the trophy at the Gelsenkirchen final in May.

"The fact that we were seeded and we avoided some of the legendary names like Milan, Juventus and Real Madrid ... it's ust a matter of time," he said.

"This year may be too early but certainly our long term ambition is to establish Chelsea as one of the European elite and our plans are moving very strongly.

"It's just good to be here if you United's football secretary look where we started," he said. "In Ken Merrit was playing the usual the 89th minute of the fourth game in the group stage we only had one game of trying not to be pleased

Deportivo coming again!

with the opposition. "I think any teams who got through to this stage are not

going to be easy," he said. "Porto are doing well in their own league. They're way ahead of

the other teams. But he felt United were finding

someone like Monaco. their feet in Europe. "It's a difficult draw," he said. "We're starting to play well. 'For the fans it's fantastic, watch-Our best game in Europe was the

ing all their stars." last one against Stuttgart, hope-fully that's a good omen. When The 1st leg matches are played on February 24/25 and the return matches on March 9/10. we start again in February we'll carry that form through with us."

David Beckham's Real were the only club to come through the first-phase unbeaten while Bayern Munich, the 2001 cham-pions who failed to win a match Champions League Last Sixteen draw: last season, only reached the last 1ST LEG 16 by beating Anderlecht 1-0 with a controversial penalty in their Tuesday 24 February last group match.

But Bayern have a good record against Real and coach Ottmar Hitzfeld believes they have nothing to lose.

"The pressure is not on us," he said.

ter-finals in 2002 and the draw pits Bayern goalkeeper Oliver Khan against Ronaldo for the first time since the Brazilian beat him twice in the 2002 World Cup final.

matches against Real in 2000 but lost the semi-final 3-2 on aggregate thanks to Nicolas Anelka's goal for Real in Munich.

"Bayern was an option but we would have preferred another

"To play in Ferbruary is too early. We would have preferred quarters or semi-finals."

before the draw Bayern were the

Roma eveing

AFP, Rome

Barcelona will be looking to recover their winning ways on Saturday, after only taking one point from their last four games, with a win at their struggling neighbours Espanyol, who are marooned at the bottom with just eight points.

The pressure is on Barcelona coach Frank Rijkaard to reverse the slump after firstly losing 5-1 at Malaga last week, the Catalans worst defeat for nine years, and then going down at home to Real Madrid last Saturday, their first loss in the Nou Camp to their bitter rivals for 20 years.

However, Rijkaard did his best to increase the tension on his own by apparently telling an Italian newspaper that his teams lacked the killer nstinct.

"Barca lack determination, qualvandaw ning menta Dutch coach was quoted as saving in Roma are unbeaten in all com-

Fabio Capello's high-flying side

currently share first place with European champions AC Milan but have the chance to pull clear of their title rivals, who are not in league action this weekend.

Level on 30 points with Roma after 12 matches played, Milan are in Japan for Sunday's InterContinental Cup final against South American champions Boca Juniors.

Statistically, there is little to suggest that Modena, with only one victory away from home this season, can do Milan a favour and pull off a shock in the capital.

EIXTURES

Saturday: Udinese v Lecce

(1700 GMT), Perugia v

Sunday (all matches 1400

unless stated): Ancona v Lazio,

Bologna v Inter Milan, Brescia v

Empoli, Juventus v Parma,

Reggina v Chievo, Roma v

Sampdoria (1930)

AFP, Madrid Most clubs shudder at the prospect of visiting Real Madrid's Santiago Bernabeu stadium but, in recent years, Deportivo La Coruna have been undaunted and they are aiming again to provide some Real trouble on Sunday

Football

Deportivo spoiled Madrid's centenary celebrations two seasons ago when they beat Real 2-1 in the Bernabeu to win the 2002 Spanish Cup final, and honour was far from satisfied last season when the Galicians managed a 0-0 draw.

"Real Madrid no longer worry us. They are a very good side but we know we can meet them on equal erms " said Deportivo coach

If Deportivo can inflict Real's first

Irureta earlier this week

training on Thursday and left the session prematurely. Jose Maria Gutierrez is the natural

replacement for Beckham if his bruised joint fails to respond quickly enough to treatment.

team mate Ruben Gonzalez during

Another Real player facing a late fitness test is Spanish international Ivan Helguera, who is still recovering from a dose of 'flu.

Ruben or Raul Bravo could replace Helguera in the centre of the Real back four.

Valencia have a trip to the everratic but sometimes inspired Real Betis on Sunday but coach Rafa Benitez will not be thinking about his team until Saturday at least, after checking on the state of the damage in the wake of Thursday's postponed UEFA Cup game in Rotterdam

Betis, who have won only once at

home this season, will be without their suspended midfielder Daniel

Lembo and could also be missing

their speedy Spanish international

winger Joaquin Sanchez, who went

FIXTURES

Saturday (kick off GMT):

Espanyol v Barcelona (1830),

Villarreal v Real Sociedad

(2030), Celta Vigo v Atletico

Sunday: Real Betis v Valencia

(1600), Malaga v Real Mallorca

(1600), Racing Santander v

Osasuna (1600), Valladolid v

Murcia (1600), Real Zaragoza v

Albacete (1600), Athletic Bilbao

Real Madrid v Deportivo La

Coruna (1800), Athletic Bilbao v

Maccabi Haifa

down with 'flu on Thursday.

Madrid (2030)

vVillarreal (1600),

Celta Vigo (SPA) v Arsenal (ENG) Bayern Munich (GER) v Real Madrid (ESP) Sparta Prague (CZE) v AC Milan (ITA)

2ND LEG

Tuesday 9 March

Chelsea v Stuttgart

Lyon v Real Sociedad

Wednesday 10 March

Manchester United v Porto

Juventus v Deportivo La Coruna

The Daily Star

most dangerous likely oppo-

And with good reason, as the

Spaniards have won just one of 18

previous ties in Germany, at Leverkusen three seasons ago.

But Bayern executive Karl Hopfner would have picked

THE DRAV

Deportivo La Coruna (SPA) v Juventus

nents.

Holders Lokomotiv Moscow (RUS) v AS Monaco (FRA)

Real beat Bayern in the quar-Wednesday 25 February Vfb Stuttgart (GER) v Chelsea (ENG) Porto (POR) v Manchester United (ENG) Real Sociedad (SPA) v Lyon (FRA)

Bayern won three out of four

team because they're strong," said former Real star-turned executive Emilio Butragueno.

Arsenal v Celta Vigo Real Madrid v Bayern Munich Real keeper Iker Casillas said

AC Milan v Sparta Praque Monaco v Lokomotiv Moscow

> Serie A preview summit

Roma entertain Modena at the Olympic stadium here on Sunday looking for a sixth consecutive league win and sole ownership of top spot in Serie A.

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	Ganga	2	0	12	0	Barthelemy.
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and Amirul Islam Babu (manager).

10 tests, made on debut in Auckland when New Zealand were heavily defeated on the last tour three years ago.

Pakistan drew the three-Test series 1-1 and lost the one-day series 3-2.

The second Test in the series starts on December 26 to be fol-lowed by five one-day matches in January.

Ponting punishes

FROM PAGE 13

Laxman at second slip leaving Australia at 200 for three. That brought skipper Waugh into bat to a huge roar in his final Adelaide Test in his farewell series.

Waugh crashed left-arm pace-man Pathan for successive fours, but his 68-minute innings came to an end when he was bowled by Nehra after being set up with two short-pitched balls and then get-ting a full-length delivery.

Australia surprised at the start of the day by leaving out left-arm paceman Nathan Bracken to make room for fast bowler Brad Williams in the eleven.

Andy Bichel was expected to lose his place but was kept in the team despite his woeful return of 1-130 in the first innings of the Brisbane Test on the strength of his form over the last 18 months in the national team.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the second Test between Australia and India at the Adelaide Oval on

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Rudi Koertzen (RSA)

Match referee: Mike Procter (RSA)

home defeat of the season, and bring the reigning Spanish champions down to earth after their historic 2-1 win over Barcelona last Saturday, then it will blow the Spanish title race wide open.

Real have 33 points from their 15 games and have a two point advantage over second-placed Valencia. with Deportivo one point further back in third despite having the best defensive record in the Spanish first division.

"We know that Deportivo are always a handful but we have two games to the end of the year and we aim to win both of them and end 2003 as leaders," said Real goalkeeperIkerCasillas on Thursday.

Real have a question mark over the fitness of David Beckham after the England captain slightly injured his right knee on Thursday.

Beckham was tackled hard by Sevilla (2000)

Premiership preview **Manchester brace for derby**

Football

AFP, London

It is not the kind of thing any selfrespecting Manchester City fan would admit to in public.

But at some point over the last decade, every one of them must have found themselves wishing that their infuriatingly inconsistent team had a leader in the mould of Roy Keane

The Manchester United skipper is a hate figure for the blue half of Manchester, not altogether unreasonably given that it was against City, in April 2001, that he committed his most infamous foul -- a studs-first lunge at Alfie Haaland which Keane later admitted was pre-meditated.

But even the most died-in-thewool City fan must realise that their side could do with a bit of the raw will to win that has made the Irishman a revered icon at Old Trafford.

Now however there is a growing belief around the City of Manchester stadium that, in Joey Barton, the club have finally unearthed a midfield talent capable of crossing

swords with the likes of Keane and any other. living to tell the tale.

An England under-21 international, Barton has established himself in Kevin Keegan's side this season at the expense of a number of seasoned internationals and his commitment to the cause has made him as popular with the City fans as Keane is with their United counterparts.

Barton admits that a close study of Keane's commanding performances have been part of his apprenticeship as a player with aspirations to joining the officer class of midfielders.

But in true Keano-style, he insists that will not prevent him from giving the Irishman his best shot when the pair go head-tohead in the lunchtime clash at Old Trafford on Saturday

"He has been the player I've watched most in the United side because he plays in the same area as me," Barton said. "He has been one of the best in Europe but I hope to give him a hard time.

Bolton at Stamford Bridge. Keane has been kept on a tight rein by Sir Alex Ferguson this season, the United manager anxabout the imminent loss of a star ious to prolong the career of the player, although in their case it is player he values more highly than the African Nations Cup that is

La Gazzetta dello Sport on Thursday. petitions and have the best attack "We have almost always created and defence in Italy. They have more opportunities than our rivals scored 28 goals and conceded only only for them to put more away than four in 12 league games and hold a us," added Rijkaard. 100 per cent record at home.

For the moment though, the Barca players, if not their fans, seem to be behind Rijkaard.

"We have been losing the ball too often and falling short of expectations but that is the fault of the players not the coach," said Barca defender Giovanni van Bronckhorst earlier this week.

Another worry for Rijkaard ahead of the local derby is that he will probably be without his suspended defender Carles Puyol.

Late appeals to have the influential Spanish international right back's ban lifted appear to have fallen on deaf ears at the Spanish football federation.

A derby however is exactly the

kind of environment in which the

United captain's (generally) con-

trolled aggression can be deployed

to the greatest effect and Keane is

certain to return after being rested

when his team-mates beat

Stuttgart in the Champions League

be playing his third game in eight

days. But the England centreback

is painfully aware that the encoun-

ter with City could be his last for

Ferdinand is due to appear

before a Football Association

disciplinary panel next week to

answer charges of missing a doping

test back in September. A ban, of

three months or more, seems

With Arsenal not in action until

Sunday, United could go briefly to

the top of the league if they beat

City, although Chelsea will have

the chance to restore their lead

later in the day when they entertain

Like United, Bolton are fretting

Rio Ferdinand, in contrast, will

on Tuesday.

some time.

inevitable.

Modena (1930) Note: AC Milan's match at home to Siena has been postponed until January 28 as they are competing in the InterContinental Cup final in Yokohama this weekend.

threatening to deprive them of Jay Jay Okocha. Nigeria have asked for the midfielder to be released on

December 19, four weeks before the tournament kicks off Liverpool can finally haul themselves into fourth place -- the minimum required for a Champi-

ons League spot and for Gerard Houllier to keep his job -- by beating Southampton at Anfield.

Charlton are in a similar position but face a trickier assignment away to Middlesbrough, who have not conceded a goal in six games.

FIXTURES

(1500 GMT unless stated)

Saturday: Chelsea v Bolton, Leicester v Birmingham (1200GMT), Liverpool v Southampton, Man Utd v Man City (1230 GMT) Middlesbrough v Charlton (1500 GMT), Newcastle v Tottenham, Portsmouth v Everton

Sunday: Arsenal v Blackburn (1400 GMT), Aston Villa Wolverhampton (1200 GMT), Leeds v Fulham (1605 GMT)

ETZYO Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A BUNCH O PRISONERS STAGED A PLAY THAT'S A BIG HI I'D SAY IT'S A CELL-OUT. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals L

Friday: CRYPTOQUIP VPHR QTHEVYG KTR HEVN QATRVYG ТЕО RVDBBM ΖΥΤΕ, ΡY TBVDTAA PHR RME KTAAF

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.