

Vaughan will remain Eng captain

Michael Vaughan is set to continue as England's Test and one-day captain when he eventually returns from a knee injury...



Samuel Eto'o (L) of Barcelona and Andriy Shevchenko of Milan are all geared up for an enticing semifinal clash.

Battle royale at San Siro



Barcelona take on AC Milan in the first leg of their Champions League semifinal...

Friday, a result that gave the Rossoneri renewed hope of catching Serie A leaders Juventus...

Carboni rolls back the years

Valencia's Amedeo Carboni continued to defy the march of time and become the first 41-year-old to play in the Spanish first division here on Sunday.

Premiership Rooney keeps United in hunt

Manchester United kept their slim Premiership title hopes alive on Saturday, two goals from England superstar Wayne Rooney securing a hard-fought 2-1 win at Tottenham...

King faces WC agony

England's World Cup hopes have suffered a blow with the news that Tottenham Hotspur defender Ledley King has broken a bone in his left foot.

Silvio dreams of Ronaldinho



Milan supremo Silvio Berlusconi admits he dreams of pairing Ronaldinho with his fellow Brazilian, Kaka, at San Siro.

Rijkaard wants to make history



Barcelona boss Frank Rijkaard insists his side could write themselves a chapter in history by beating Milan in the Champions League semifinal.



FRANK RIJKAARD

A lesson

FROM PAGE 12 Kyrgyzstan because the Kyrgyz coach knew his limitations and tried to use a way he could win.

New Zealand

Table with cricket statistics: SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 276, NEW ZEALAND: First innings 327, SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings (overnight 4-0).

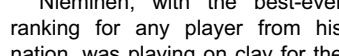
Asia confident of hosting 2011 World Cup



South Asian cricket chiefs said on Monday that they were "hugely" optimistic that a joint bid by India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh to host the 2011 World Cup would succeed.

At its eight regular Test venues, while Pakistan would use six venues. Sri Lanka would host all its matches at two venues in Colombo, and Bangladesh listed three venues but might use only one.

Federer battles to victory



Top seed Roger Federer fought through to victory as he opened his 2006 clay-court season, overcoming spirited defence from teenage Serbian Novak Djokovic 6-3, 2-6, 6-3 Monday to reach the second round of the Monte Carlo Masters.

Primera Liga

Valencia stay second



AFP, Madrid

Valencia hung onto second place in Spain with a convincing 4-0 win over Cup winners Espanyol on Sunday as their nearest challengers Real Madrid and Osasuna were both held to draws.

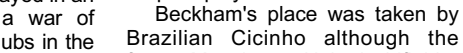
gesture by rarely threatening their hosts except with their wild tackling. Moises Hurtado brought down Valencia's David Villa and the Spanish international striker had no problem getting his 19th goal of the season from the resulting penalty after 39 minutes.

have seen the game this way. Osasuna took the lead through a Paco Punal's penalty after 30 minutes but Malaga never threw in the towel despite their lowly position and got a point when their Uruguayan striker Genige Morales found the net 10 minutes before the whistle, making the most of a defensive error by Cesar Crucega.

Valencia's premier marksman David Villa celebrates his strike against Espanyol during their Primera Liga match at the Mestalla in Valencia on Sunday.



Real coach denies Becks bust-up



Real Madrid coach Juan Ramon Lopez Caro has moved to dispel rumours of a growing rift with David Beckham.

CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Marvan out

FROM PAGE 12 would heal naturally with rest, but a scan a few days back revealed that there's no improvement, Simsek said.