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the first half.

They took the lead with their one

attack of real quality, when Hasan

Salihamidzic made himself space and

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the defence for Makaav to slot in.

Figo gives up on England dream

AFP, Lisbon

Inter Milan's Portuguese midfielder Luis Figo said he has all but given up on a long-standing dream of playing in the English Premiership.

"England was a dream from my childhood. from when I started playing football because it has a football and league which always pleased me. But childhood dreams don't always come true," Figo said in an interview with sports daily A Bola Monday.

"I'm in the final phase of my career. I have to think much more of my family than merely of my personal objectives. I have this whole season to think," he added.

"I think it's time to listen to my family and try to do what is best for them. I have children and it is my obligation to think about their future.

Figo, 33, is married to Swedish model Helen Svedin. The couple have three young daughters.

The player signed with Inter from Spanish giants Real Madrid in August 2005 on a two-year contract after spending time at Sporting Lisbon and Barcelona.

He bowed out of international football after Portugal's fourth-place finish at the World Cup in Germany in July after earning 127 caps, the most of any national team player.

Italian champions Inter Milan face Sporting Lisbon on Monday in the Portuguese capital in a preseason friendly

Lyon prepare Juventus raid

INTERNET, undated

Lyon are ready to bid for the Juventus duo of David Trezeguet and Mauro Camoranesi, reports insist on Monday.

Juventus have reiterated that they do not intend to let the players leave after the mass exodus following the club's demotion to Serie B, but the French club are very keen.

Reports suggest that Lyon President Jean Michel Aulas has allocated 21-million-pound to offer Juventus in order to bring the experienced couple to France.

Aulas would offer Trezeguet a four-year contract at 3.9-millionpound per season, whereas a threeyear contract worth 2.5-millionpound per season is ready for the world champion.

The French club are now ready to make a move after netting 17 million pounds from Real Madrid for midfielder Mahamadou Diarra over the weekend



PHOTO: AFP Bordeaux midfielder Johan Micoud (L) vies with Lyon hardman Tiago during their French Ligue 1 match at the Chaban-Delmas stadium in Bordeaux on Sunday

Lyon edge Bordeaux

header from Chamakh.

with the rebound.

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giants' victory.

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to the World Cup final in Germany

this summer, opened his account

Walcott was included in Sven-

Goran Eriksson's World Cup

Arsenal. I didn't feel pressure --

you shouldn't at 17 -- but I was

Steven Gerrard criticised the

World cup in his forthcoming

book, saying the youngster had

Wenger leapt to Walcott's

been given has been harsh. It is a

lot of pressure for a very young

to criticise them when they do not

But Arsenal manager Arsene

"I think the criticism he has

"no right" to be in the squad.

England's new vice-captain

picked and it didn't affect me."

AFP, Paris

Lyon edged Bordeaux 2-1 on Sunday with a little help from some intuitive tactical tinkering from the cham-

pions manager Gerard Houllier. The five time titleholders were behind after just five minutes thanks to some moderate defending which left Julien Faubert free to head home Johan Micoud's perfectly delivered free kick from close range

Set-piece specialist Juninho went within a sliver of levelling tional Gregory Coupet dealt with further ahead four minutes after the two live chances for the home side, break with Mickael Pagis complete the first a shot from inside the box ing the good work late on. from Johan Micoud, the second a

"It's a relief to have scored this evening," said Ribery, nicknamed Down at the other end Rame 'Scarface' as his face bears the could only turn away a powerful legacy of a horrific car accident in 30m shot from Juninho with his youth.

Francois Clerc unable to do much Auxerre are still looking for their first win of the new campaign and Houllier then worked his magic, their cause was not helped here with Kanga Akale's 51st minute the former Liverpool boss bringing on new signing Kim Kallstrom for sending off for hitting Ronald Juninho and Karim Benzema for Zubar.

Ribery, in reference to his rocky Fred in an attempt to break the early season relationship with the And the two new faces repaid Velodrome supporters since his the vote of confidence when they return after the World Cup, were at the heart of a fine counter reflected: "I've had some difficult attack from the halfway line climaxdays. But now, things are going fine ing in a low header from former with the fans Bordeaux player Sylvain Wiltord The relief was almost palpable flying past Rame to earn Lyon the at Parc des Princes where Paris spoils five minutes from time. Saint Germain bagged their first The win lifted Houllier's men into victory of the fledgling campaign, a second on goal difference from 1-0 affair over Lille with Portuguese Marseille, 3-0 winners over Auxerre international Pedro Pauleta producing the 60th minute winner. Franck Ribery, who had flirted Le Mans moved up into third with a move to champions Lyon after a 3-2 triumph over newly before committing his immediate promoted Valenciennes, but former future to Marseille, was at the heart Champions League finalists Monaco were held 1-1 away to of the slumbering south coast Rennes The terrier-like midfielder, who

Long lay-off for Pires REUTERS, Madrid

French midfielder Robert Pires will miss most of his first season at new club Villarreal after tearing the cruciate ligament in his left knee the second such injury to hit the Primera Liga side in a matter of days.

The former Arsenal player, who signed a two-year deal with Villarreal at the end of last season when his contract with the Londoners expired, sustained the injury during his side's game against Cadiz in the pre-season Ramon de Carranza trophy on Friday.

The 32-year-old winger, who won two league titles and two FA Cups with Arsenal, is the second Villarreal player to have sustained a cruciate ligament injury during the tournament

Vieri makes Juve offer **INTERNET**, undated

Christian Vieri has surprisingly

offered his services to demoted Italian giants and former club Juventus

The much-travelled striker, currently a free agent after recently rescinding his contract with Sampdoria, is apparently considering a return to the jersey he wore in 1996

The player's agent is due to contact the club on Monday afternoon to confirm his client's availability to play with Juventus even if it were to be in Serie B.

Juve sporting director Alessio Secco will reportedly listen to the player's plan, but has not guaranteed that the club will accept his offer

Vieri signed for Doria at the start of July, accepting a reduced 575,000-dollar salary in return for a one-year deal, but never joined the

His contract was finally cancelled

also appeared for Torino, Pisa, Ravenna, Venezia, Atalanta, Juventus, Atletico Madrid, Lazio, Inter and Milan, before a brief spell

Baraja out for 10 weeks

REUTERS. Madrid

Valencia's Spanish international midfielder Ruben Baraja will be out of action for around two and a half months after tearing a muscle in his right leg on Monday.

The Primera Liga side said that he 31-vear-old had felt a sharp pain

Lahm seals Bayern win

REUTERS, Berlin

Roy Makaay and Philipp Lahm earned below-par Bayern Munich a 2-1 win at promoted BUNDES Bochum on Sunday, giving the Bundesliga champions a share of the

from two matches. Makaay put the champions ahead two minutes before the break but Bochum equalised in the 52nd minute when Brazilian Fabio Junior slipped the ball past Oliver Kahn from 10

The goal stung Bayern into their best football of the game and Lahm drilled in the winner from the left side of the area with 25 minutes to go.

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directly to Madrid from Serbia to

start negotiations for the 29-year-

"Bayern were no better than us -just cleverer," said Bochum coach

the in-form midfielder's absence and Marcel Koller. "They punished our two mistakes brutally." they only threatened occasionally in

The result saw Bayern join Nuremberg and Werder Bremen as the only sides with six points from two

Nuremberg beat Borussia Moenchengladbach 1-0 on Friday and lead the league on goal difference. Werder Bremen, runners-up behind Bayern last season, won 2-1 at home early lead with a maximum six points to Bayer Leverkusen on Saturday. In Sunday's other game, VfB

good vision to beat Daniel van Buyten Stuttgart won 3-2 at Arminia Bielefeld outside the area and pass for Fabio despite finishing the game with nine Junior to beat Oliver Kahn with a neat men. Cacau got the winner with a rightfinish. foot screamer in the 82nd minute, his second goal of a frantic game.

when Andreas Ottl forced a good save Bayern coach Felix Magath left Owen Hargreaves out of his starting with a stinging drive from the left. lineup at the end of a week in which the club told him in no uncertain terms he opportunities before Lahm collected a would not be allowed to join

Willy Sagnol cross and struck from Manchester United. deep on the left. Bayern's play suffered as a result of

Ronaldo bid tied to CL

participate in European competition despite being found guilty last month of match-fixing, lead the Serbs 1-0 after the first leg at the

San Siro a fortnight ago. AC Milan will officially bid for Real The Gazzetta reports that the 10 Madrid's Brazilian striker Ronaldo if million euro (13 million dollar) windfall that Milan will receive if they they reach the group stages of the qualify for the Champions League's first phase will help finance the According to Monday's Gazzetta dello Sport, Milan officials will fly move for Ronaldo.

Real Madrid have made no secret of the fact they would like to sign Kaka from Milan, but Ronaldo's

Kaka is one of Milan's most prized assets and the club have repeatedly stated that the player is staying put.

Ronaldo, who joined Real Madrid from Inter Milan four years ago, was a World Cup winner with Brazil in 1994 and 2002.

In 1994 he was a non-playing squad member, but he scored both goals in the 2002 final victory over Germany. Ronaldo has won three FIFA

2002

World Player of the Year award old former Inter Milan forward if the three times, in 1996, 1997 and Brazil international team-mate is club overcome Red Star Belgrade in unlikely to be part of any eventual Tuesday's third round qualifier. deal, the paper said. Milan, who have been allowed to

Diego makes his mark

and I need to play at a high level

over a longer period.

AFP, Bremen

German title hopefuls Werder Bremen appear to have found a worthy successor to French plavmaker Johan Micoud with Brazilian interna-

tional Diego having an immediate impact since arriving in the summer

Bremen paid a club record six million euros to capture the 21year-old Diego from FC Porto but it looks like money well spent after the Brazilian produced two stellar displays in his first two matches of the 2006/07 campaign

Diego scored on his debut in a 4-2 win over Hannover and then masterminded a 2-1 comeback win over Bayer Leverkusen on Saturday.

Kicker magazine pencilled

allowed to express myself," Diego declared. "There is a long way to go yet

"After the poor World Cup (Brazil crashed out at the quarterfinal) there will be a new beginning with Brazil and I want to stake my claim at Bremen.



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in August and rumours suggested he may retire from the game completely. Vieri turned 33 in July and has

at Monaco that ended with a knee injury which ruled him out of Germany 2006.

team for pre-season training.

Trezeauet still seems verv unsure of his future, but may accept to stay in Turin if the Bianconeri were to offer him an extension to his contract until 2010 with a 4.2million-pound yearly wage.

Camoranesi's position is even more complicated as the Argentineborn ace does not intend to play in Serie B with Valencia apparently his preferred destination.

However, sporting director Alessio Secco has insisted that the former Verona player will see out his contract which expires in 2009.

"The player won't be moving from Turin," he said. "I speak to him every day and I'm relaxed about the situation."

Meanwhile, Jonathan Zebina is close to completing a one-year loan move from Juventus to Fiorentina.

The Viola will also have the option to buy the French international full-back outright for 2.5 million pounds next summer.

Magpies takeover talks continue

AFP, Newcastle

Jersey-based investment company World Cup squad. The Belgravia Group confirmed that they are looking into a potential Saturday in Arsenal's first comtakeover of Premiership club petitive match at their new Newcastle United Emirates Stadium in front of 60,023 fans.

The company released a statement to the Stock Exchange on Monday morning stating: "The Belgravia Group ('Belgravia') confirms that it is examining the potential opportunity of acquiring Newcastle United plc, which may or may not lead to an offer for the company being made by Belgravia."

According to newspaper reports the group have held talks with former club chairman Sir John Hall, who controls 28.8 percent of the quoted club. His son Douglas owns 12 percent of the company with Magpies chairman Freddy Shepherd owning a 28 percent stake

A spokesman for the group said they saw the possible acquisition of Newcastle as "an attractive opportunity", adding: "It is at an early stage and nothing is finalised."

shortly after only for his explosive 25m freekick to hit the crossbar with Bordeaux keeper Ulrich Rame beaten

Referee Stephane Bre then dished out three yellow cards in the space of seconds to Lyon's Fred for a suspect challenge on Marc Planus, with Bordeaux duo Marouane Chamakh and Rio Mavuba the next names entered in his book

After a sluggish start Lyon found their momentum and were finally rewarded for their aggressive pursuit of an equaliser when former Chelsea star Tiago's shot from outside the box was deflected past Bordeaux skipper Rame by Fred in the 27th minute.

AFP, London

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made his Arsenal debut having

been controversially included and

then overlooked in England's

Walcott was a substitute on

The Gunners were losing 1-0

"There were no nerves, not at

to Aston Villa when the 17-year-

old came on in the 73rd minute --

and he set up Gilberto's equaliser

all, although I did go to the toilet

just before I came on so there

might have been a bit there,

Walcott said, according to

London's Evening Standard

of the ball, the confidence came to

waiting a long time, but I have

been so patient and I have to

thank the boss for playing me. He

just told me to go and do the stuff

that got me in the squad. I will play

anywhere -- left, right or up front.

As long as I'm on the pitch, I'm

"But once I had the first touch

"I was so up for it. I have been

newspaper on Monday

happy.

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11 minutes later.

After the break France interna-Toifilou Maoulida put Marseille

Theo up for it

in May.

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Teenage starlet

Theo Walcott

insisted he felt

no nerves and

was "up for it"

when he finally

In Sunday's early game Toulouse beat Nice 1-0, with shot to prominence helping France defender Jeremy Mathieu bagging the winner on the stroke of half for the season with Marseille's time.

in the rear part of his leg during training and that subsequent tests revealed that he had torn the mus-

Valencia will attempt to overturn a 1-0 first-leg deficit against Austrian side Salzburg in the Champions League third qualifying round on Tuesday.

They will also be without new signing Asier del Horno, who is recovering from a similar injury to that sustained by Baraja, and centre-back Roberto Ayala who is embroiled in a contract dispute with the club.

Boca, **Estudiantes** continue winning

REUTERS, Buenos Aires Boca Juniors and Estudiantes won again at the weekend to keep up their 100 percent records after three even play is harsh. He is very games of the Argentine Apertura young, but people want him to be

championship. Defender Matias Silvestre scored the only goal as defending champions Boca ended Independiente's flying start to the season with a 1-0 win at the Bombonera stadium. Independiente had scored seven goals on their way to winning their first two games under new coach Jorge Burruchaga Estudiantes, coached by former Argentina captain Diego Simeone.

condemned hapless Colon to their ninth successive defeat as they won 2-0 with two goals from striker Mariano Pavone. Pavone won and converted a penalty in the 26th minute and scored with an angled shot from Jose Ernesto Sosa's pass in the

81st. The visitors played the second half with 10 men after striker Jose Sand was dismissed for insulting the

> referee five minutes before half time. Racing Club enjoyed a 3-1 win over River Plate, who had Marcelo Gallardo and Cristian Nasuti sent off in the last three minutes. Striker Gonzalo Bergessio gave Racing an early lead before Ariel Ortega equalised with his first goal for River since rejoining them at the

start of the season Facundo Sava put Racing back in front before half time and midfielder Adrian Bastia made it 3-1 midway through the second half.

Diego into the team of the week for the second successive week and he lapped up the plaudits.

"I do not want to forget the successful times with Johan Micoud but in Diego we appear to have found a younger heir to the throne," said sporting director Klaus Allofs.

Croatian international Ivan Klasnic has also been impressed by the new arrival.

"He seems to get better with every minute," said Klasnic. "I hope he carries on that form in the next game.'

Diego, capped 14 times by Brazil, is happy with life at Bremen and has now set the lofty goal of becoming a regular in the Brazilian national team

"I am very happy with the way things are going here. I feel good on the pitch and I am glad that I am

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IAZSQ SU DZFQLAZ Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU ARE STRUCK BY SOME MIFFED TORTOISES, I SUPPOSE THOSE WOULD BE TURTLE WHACKS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals L

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.

Eriksson given him a taste of competitive international action. "I never said he should definitely go to the World Cup -- I just Southampton in The Championship, England's second tier, with his last competitive match being in January. "It was a brilliant experience for me training with world-class players but I just want to concentrate on Arsenal now," Walcott like that.

"Sven decided to take him and "Dealing with the pressure and then he did not decide to play him watching how players prepared -- that is an issue for him and not for big games helped, but now it's for me. gone I just want to think about

for that. He will also get much better -- he is a very good listener. He was a little bit happy for having been there -- but also frustrated for not having played.

player who will always bring something to the team when he plays and I have always felt that."

Dinamo Zagreb at the Emirates Stadium in the second leg of their Champions League qualifier on Wednesday.

"I can accept players being first leg criticised if they play badly -- but

squad and made his England a star in England.' debut as a substitute in their Wenger believes Walcott could warm-up match against Hungary have done a good job had Eriksson had only seen him in training and Walcott had played just 23 times for his former club

> said that I would be happy if he did go," the Gunners boss insisted. "Was he ready? He is playing

against Aston Villa -- and that is no harder than playing against Costa Rica or Ecuador or a side

"Theo should not be criticised decision to take Walcott to the

"He is, though, the sort of

Arsenal take on Croatian side

The Gunners lead 3-0 from the