That politics has from time to time crept into sports. Never policy of racial segregation formerly followed in South scribed the rigid racial division between the governing white minority population and the nonwhite majority population since the National Party won

Gradually, most countries between the two countries.



Competition-89

✓ Tick the Correct Answers Competition closes at 8 pm

Who clinched the Div cricket title? Orient SC | S Bima Victoria Which country became Davis Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group 4 champions? Bangladesh UAE Bahrain What is Pat Symcox's highest score in Test cricket? Who won the Paris Open

> Huber Del Piero Vialli

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ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

# England in Bourda soup

Guyana, Mar 1: England's hopes of taking a 2-1 lead in the six Test series against the West Indies evaporated on the Bourda pitch here Saturday when they collapsed to 87 for six in reply to the home side's first innings total of 352, reports AFP.

By the close England were still 66 runs short of avoiding the follow-on.

Mike Atherton's team, having battled back to square the series 1-1 in Trinidad, now need a miracle if they are to save the fourth Test.

The gamble of leaving seamer Andy Caddick out of the side and relying on playing only two front-line pace bowlers and two spinners, did not work although the tourists made better progress on Satur-day to dismiss the West Indies for 352 after they had resumed at 271 for three. But when England went into

reply on a deteriorating pitch, their batsmen failed miserably. Atherton, playing in his

50th Test as captain, lasted just 14 minutes before ending his 10th delivery to first slip for a duck. His dismissal was a landmark too for West Indies paceman Curtly Ambrose who. by taking his 325th Test wicket, drew level with Bob Willis in ninth place in the all-time list.

Surrey pair Alec Stewart and Mark Butcher hinted that they might be able to lead a recovery for 16 overs and they took England's total to 37.

But Butcher was lbw for 11 trying to whip Ian Bishop away off his legs and Stewart, who had slammed four boundaries in his 20, then poked hesitantly at a Courtney Walsh delivery which stayed low and the third umpire Peter Montfort confirmed that the edge had carried wicketkeeper David Williams.

At 41-3, England were in disarray, but Nasser Hussain and Graham Thorpe looked relatively comfortable until Hussain was given out to a controversial lbw decision off Walsh. Hussain had been at the

crease for 74 minutes for his 11. Thorpe was out trying to sweep leg-spinner Dinanath Ramnarine, offering an easy catch to wicketkeeper Williams off his glove.

Jack Russell, such a disappointment so far in this series with the bat, lasted only four Newcomer Ramnarine spun

a brutal leg-break a full foot and trapped the England wicketkeeper lbw, It left only Mark Ram-

prakash, England's last recognised batsman, still at the crease and unbeaten on 13 to try to salvage some pride today. Robert Croft was the other

not out England batsman. Earlier the last seven West Indian wickets fell for only 81

Shivnarine Chanderpaul. Friday's century hero, added only 18 to his total before he

return was 2 for 18 from 10.1 Stewart later refused to blame the pitch for England's collapse.

that much.' "The top of the pitch has been disturbed, especially form

one end, and a few deliveries have exploded from certain spots. But, overall, I wouldn't say the pitch has misbehaved and it certainly isn't dangerous," he said.



West Indies fast bowler Courtney Walsh (L) is delighted after getting the important wicket of Alec Stewart on the second day of the fourth Test against England at the Bourda ground in Guyana on Feb 28. — AP/UNB photo

bowled one of the best spells I

can remember, even from him,

and Walsh was also superb in

SCOREBOARD

second day's play in the fourth

Test between the West Indies

and England at Bourda Satur-

Scoreboard at stumps on the

**WEST INDIES:** First innings

Fall of wickets: 1-16; 2-38; 3-

90

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197; 4-295; 5-316; 6-320; 7-347;

**ENGLAND:** First innings

Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-37; 3-

To bat: D Headley, A Fraser,

Atherton c Lara b Ambrose

Butcher Ibw b Bishop

Hussain lbw b Walsh

Ramprakash not out

Croft not out

Tufnell

Walsh

Bishop

Adams

Hooper

Bowling

Ambrose

Ramnarine

Russell Ibw b Ramnarine

Extras (b-4, lb-2, nb-11)

41; 4-65; 5-73; 6-75

Total (for 6 wkts, 47 overs)

Stewart c D Williams b Walsh

Thorpe c D Williams b Ramnarine

his second spell."

(overnight 271-3)

Lara c Thorpe b Croft

Adams lbw b Tufnell

Walsh not out

8-349; 9-352.

Bowling

Headley

raser

Butcher

Croft

Campbell c Russell b Headley

Chanderpaul c Thorpe b Fraser

Williams c Thorpe b Fraser

Hooper c Hussain b Headley

D Williams c Croft b Headley

Ambrose c Headley b Tufnell

Ramnarine c Russell b Croft

Extras: (b-4, lb-14, nb-12)

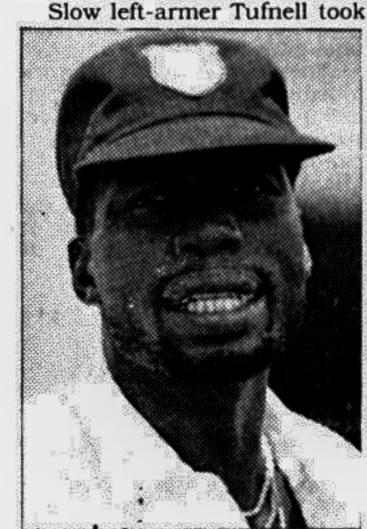
Total (All out, 128.1 overs)

Bishop c Butcher b Croft

edged Angus Fraser to first slip

Carl Hooper, who made 43, was out trying to pull Dean Headley but managing only to sky a catch to cover.

Headley took 2 for 25 from eight overs on Saturday, while spinners Phil Tufnell and Croft strangled the lower West Indies batsmen.



AMBROSE . . . 325th wkt 2 for seven from nine overs, seven of them maidens, while off-spinner Croft's second day

The England opener claimed

that the cratered, dusty Bourda surface was "no misbehaving

"Ramnarine the West Indies leg-spinner did well on his debut, but I thought Ambrose

VISHAKAPATNAM, India. Mar 1 (AP/Reuters): Powered by a 65-run knock by V V S Laxman, India's Board President's Eleven scored 223 for four wickets at close on the first day of the three-day match against Australia in this eastern coastal city.

Skipper Rahul Dravid elected to bat after winning the toss, but his team found it difficult to score against a disciplined attack.

To make matters for Dravid, he was caught and bowled by

The star leg-spinner also accounted for Laxman to finish with two for 58. The other wickets were shared by Paul Reiffel (1/28) and Kasprowicz

Shane Warne for six.

Barring Laxman's flamboyant play, the only other batsman who fared well was S Ramesh who scored 58 before falling to Kasprowicz.

AUSTRALIA: S Waugh (captain), I Healy, M Slater, M Waugh, G Blewett, R Ponting, G Robertson, S Warne, A Dale, I Reiffel, M Kasprowicz.

### **England** avoid follow-on

Sports Reporter

An extremely valuable half century by Mark Ramprakash helped England save the follow on against West Indies on the third day of the fourth Test at Georgetown Guyana yesterday.

Ramprakash was batting on 52 as England managed to cross the follow-on mark of 152 with the last wicket standing a little after lunch. By the time of writing this report England were 160 for nine.

Earlier, resuming on overnight 87 for six England lost the wickets of Robert Croft (24), Dean Headley and Angus Fraser — both for ducks — before the luncheon interval.

### Scott steers Queensland

SYDNEY, Mar 1: Queensland recovered from a disastrous top-order collapse to beat New South Wales by two wickets in Australia's domestic limitedover competition final today, reports Reuters. All-rounder Scott Prestwidge

steered the visitors to victory o with an unbeaten 42 at the Sydney Cricket Ground to add to his earlier haul of three

In reply to New South Wales 166 all out in 49.3 overs. Queensland scored 167 for eight with 13 balls to spare.

Prestwidge added 55 runs for the eighth wicket with pace bowler Andy Bichel, who scored 30 and also claimed three wick-

It was the biggest partnership of the match and helped the visitors to recover their poise after slumping to 40 for live at one stage.

While the recognised batsmen on both runs struggled on a lively pitch. Bichel scored freely, hitting one six and two fours in an innings lasting 41

It was Queensland's second domestic limited-over title in three years and their sixth in

Both sides were weakened by the absence of several senior players because of international duty, including New South Wales batsmen Mark Taylor and Steve Waugh and Queensland wicketkeeper Ian

### French Cup

### Monaco blank Marseille PARIS, Mar 1: Monaco

boosted their morale before meeting Manchester United in the European Cup quarterfinals with a 2-0 French Cup third round victory over Olympics Marseille on Saturday, reports Nigerian striker Victor

Ikpeba scored both goals in extra time, running onto a fine longball out of defence from Bosnia captain Muhamed Konjic to slot the ball under Marseille's German goalkeeper Andreas Koepke in the 99th minute for the first.

In the 119th minute, Ikpeba ran after another long ball out of defence, tricking Koepke into going for it outside the box. The ball sailed over Koepke

without the keeper or Ikpeba.

Touching it and the Nigerian stroked it home. Monaco at home to United on Wednesday in the first leg of their European Cup had lost their previous league match 1-0

at Bastia. "This victory is a plus before Manchester (United) when we have to face another great team," Ikpeba said. "It's a victory that's good for morale, but on Wednesday it's another

match, another world because

Marseille are not Manchester." Five times French Cup winners Monaco join Paris St Ger-main and Second Division Caen and Mulhouse, who all went through on Friday in the quarterfinals.

It was league leaders Mar-seille's third defeat in a row, including elimination from both domestic cup competitions in the space of 12 days. They lost their League Cup quarterfinal 3-2 at home to Auxerre on February 17.

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Saturday's answers

### Officers' club bridge

The monthly duplicate pairs bridge tournament of the Officers Club will be held at 6 pm today, reports UNB.

# BCCI Board XI | It is fairly simple

Pakistan Cricket Board has finally let their beleaguered fast bowler Wasim Akram off the hook. The former captain was dropped recently amid a controversy triggered by match-fixing allegations against him following Pakistan's poor performance at the four-nation Champions' Trophy in Sharjah last year. The great fast bowler of all time however repeatedly denied any wrongdoing. Another former Pakistan skipper Rameez Raja, who played many a match along with Akram, writes on the controversial issue in his column in Pakistan's leading newspaper, The News International.

There is still a lot of cloud cover Wasim over Akram's credibility as an honest player. Senator Iqbal Haider, a member of the standing committee of the Senate on bribery and match

fixing has in clear terms stated that the fast bowler has not at all been exonerated of such allegations. Certain quarters in the PCB, government officials and a majority of cricketers are convinced that he has been either directly or indirectly. involved in sinister activities. Khalid Mehmood, the newly appointed PCB president seems to want to go against the tide and bring him back in the team because of a lack of substantial evidence. There seems to be a tug of war of opinions which has made the picture quite blurred and murky at the

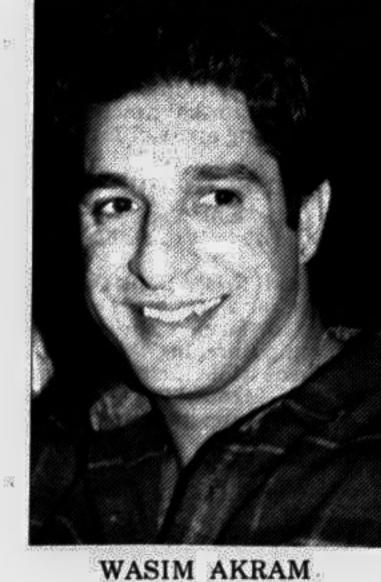
moment.

The PCB under Majid Khan were willing to give the benefit of the doubt to Wasim Akram, even when they were under tremendous public pressure to side line him, until sadly his father was kidnapped. This ghastly act did hurt him in many ways. Besides mentally jolting him, it created a platform of certainty for the general public and the cricket authorities to certify the earlier doubts of his alleged misdemeanour. The corridors of power had to be dragged into this controversy. The situation for them indeed has become a volatile one. They are in a quandary as how to tackle the issue. They do not want to twist the arms of "beleaguered national heroes" in public to ignite a negative chain reaction of opinions. On the other hand, they also do not wish to sit back and be mere spectators to see a crippling moral disease establish its roots in a "King's Sport". So many committees and subcommittees since then have been formed to iron out the issue but to no avail.

Hung decisions and delaying tactics is about all that they have been able to process so far. They say they are waiting for someone to come up with concrete evidence. The affidavit submitted by

Ata-ur-Rehman against Wasim is not being considered as valid where as Wasim's self-proclaimed defence is being considered good enough for him to take "the first available flight to South Africa", even though not being acquitted by the Senate committee. Strange! To clean the house and to provide a clear "policy aperture". I suggest that we go by the adage, "The conviction should prevail. Compromises should be avoided".

To rectify the fluid situation,



a barometer should be used to gauge the extent of the involvement of a player. This scale could easily be provided by a fellow player. A Test cricketer's greatest medal of honour is the respect of his co-player in the four walls of the dressing room. Words spoken in his awe are

like gold dust to him. For years on, a lot of time is spent by them together to create a niche for each other.

They also in turn become

each others best "marketing agents". Any observation that eventually catches on with the public is first established in the dressing room. Inzamam's lazy and lethargic approach in running between the wickets was voiced in the changing room before it became apparent for everyone to notice it when they saw him getting run out every now and then. Betting allegations and match fixing became a ginnie only when the players themselves took the lid off it to take the world by storm. A consistent and an un-wavering policy has to be established to pluck all such weeds out of our cricket system. Players should be given the confidence to come forward and register their views to the PCB regarding betting allegations and match fixing. Their words should be given weightage and be considered good enough to help form a line of action. Past reports of managers

and captains should be consulted if an element of bias is seen being established by a certain player because of a long personal grudge. Video recordings of all those

games which have been thought to be "sold out" should be seen by cricket experts to give their opinion on the matter. It is an open secret now that certain players have privately confessed of being "naughty" at times with their buddies in the team. How can any one let such statements be swept under the carpet? We must remember that no concrete evidence has ever been furnished against a sportsman to dishonour him in the court of law. The more there is a delay in sorting matters in a fair way, the more will be the impact of a dented image of Pakistan cricket. - Courtesy: The News International

# Hosts post second win

16th minute capitalising on a



RAWALPINDI. Mar 1: India's Ramandeep Singh missed a penaltystroke here today to give Pakistan their second vic

tory in the eight-game hockey

Pakistan won 2-1.

Test series, reports AP.

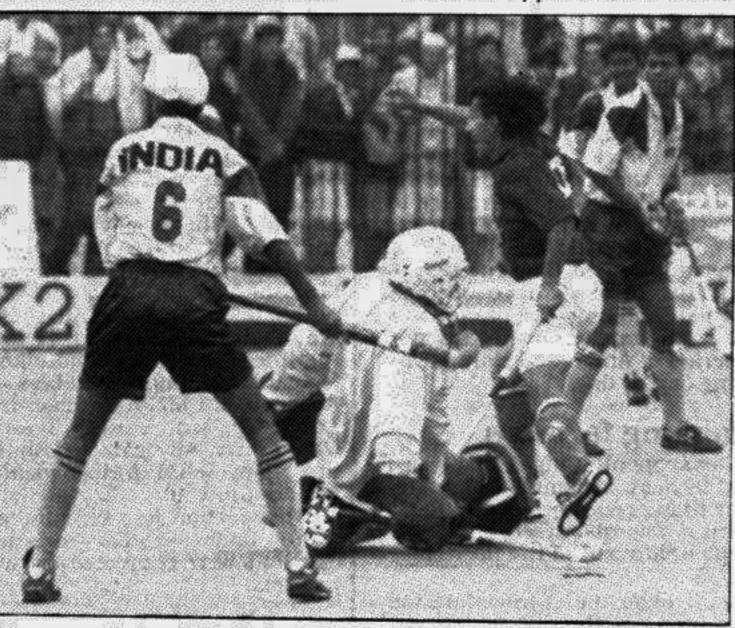
Centre-forward Kamran Ashraf put the hosts ahead in

fine cross by Shahbaz Ahmed from the right flank. Sohail Abbas scored the second goal in the 39th minute off a hard push from Pakistan's

third short corner. India's lone goal came from

experienced skipper and centre forward Dhanraj Pillai in the

43rd minute. Indians appeared set to tie



Kamran Ashraf (3rd from L) of Pakistan is ecstatic after scoring a goal against India during the first of the eightmatch series at Peshawar on Feb 28. Pakistan won 4-1. - AP/UNB photo

the match in the 50th minute but Pakistan goalkeeper Ahmad Alam made a fine save off Ramandeep's push from the spot. The 10,000 home fans cheered Alam.

His counterpart M Sommayya said that India should have won the match. "We made good moves but the

finishing touch was not there,' he said. But he warned Pakistan of a tough time in the next two games to be played in Pakistan.

The last four games of the series will be played in India. Shahbaz Ahmed, the veteran Pakistan forward, made a brilliant move in the ninth minute of play beating off three Indian players. A fine safe by goalkeeper Lazarus Barla kept the

score down. The third Test will be played in Lahore on March 5 with the last in Karachi on March 7.

TEAMS PAKISTAN: Tahir Zaman (goalkeeper). Danish Kaleem, Naveed Alam, Mohammad Usman, Imran Yusuf, Mohammad Waseem, Rahim Khan, Kamran Ashraf, Shahbaz Ahmed Sr. Mohammad Shahbaz, Sohail Abbas, Asif Ahmed, Ali Raza.

INDIA: A B Subbjah, Dilip Tirkey, Lazarus Barla, Baljit Singh, Mukesh Kumar, Ramandeep Singh, Sukhbir Singh, Harbajan Singh, Thrimul Valan, Sabu Varkey, Dhanraj Pillai (captain), Samir Dad, Rajesh Chahan.

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer **ACROSS** soldier DOWN 11 Disorder 1 Nothing, to 37 Terrier type 1 Florence 16 Stick with Novotna 38 Massage a kick 5 Use cables 40 Lambda 20 Erstwhile ingale's 9 Sandwich follower trademark acom 41 Mountain 2 October 22 Ready to 12 Copies stone rumble 13 One side 43 Ballroom 3 "Ship of 23 Sign of Fools" ship of the favorites healing Urals 47 Com-4 Inuit 24 Future 14 Idolater's phalarope emotion 48 Standard 25 Card 51 "Lilac time" 6 Dos 15 Pudd'n-26 Sale price, Passos locale Wilson's 52 Hodgetrilogy creator 7 CLXVII 27 Emanation podge 53 "... - saw sextupled 29 Aye 17 Section of L.A.? Elba" 8 Locale canceler 18 Jimmy 54 Japanese 30 Ram's for ants? Carter's 9 Symbol of honorific ma'am hometown 55 Droop quality 35 Away from 19 Rings 56 Take a WSW 10 Truant. 21 Treasure break **CRYPTOQUIP** GI-style 37 — squash Solution time: 22 mins. 39 Macaroni SJOCI OS'R MVGSFOC 22 State of 40 Jongg

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> Today's Cryptoquip clue: H equals G 45 Belligerent The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one segment

NITELY SAY AN ICICLE IS A STIFF UPPER DRIP.

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.

### At this stage, Japan's excit-Kiev in the Champions League ing young midfield star Hidetoshi Nakata started to on Wednesday, failed to create any more chances despite encome more into other match. Ronaldo of Inter Milan leaves a Napoli defender off joying a one-man advantage for spraying pinpoint passes across the lush turf at a venue which is the last half hour after Bari midfielder Diego de Ascentis now Japan's largest stadium. was sent off for his second

(The Professor does) was the sporting community around the world as strong and united as against the apartheid Africa. The word apartheid means "separateness" in the Afrikaans language and it de-

the 1948 elections. cut off sporting links with South Africa, always a great cricketing nation. The anger was not restricted to non-white countries. Anti-apartheid demonstrators damaged the pitch at Wellington on February 21, 1964, but failed to prevent the start of the first Test between New Zealand and South Africa. It was the last series

Today South Africa is back with a bang. But, without the stigma of segregation by colour.

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

on March 6, 1998

tennis tournament? Who is the manager of Chelsea

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UNDATED, Mar 1 (Reuters/ AP): Soccer action in Europe

Arjuna Ranatunga (Sri Lankan cricket captain) "Yes they call me 'Aiyya' (elder brother). It has helped us to stay like a family. I am not a 'Sir' man. I don't like being called 'Sir'. I prefer to be an elder brother or a friend. Being called 'Aiyya' is better than

On his teammates who treat him as an elder brother. Dynasty Cup

Jo jolts ROK TOKYO, Mar 1: Japan snatched a goal two minutes from time to ay to beat South Korea 2-1 f. the first game at Yokohama' International Stadium, the likely venue for the 2002 World Cup final, reports

Reuters. Dimir ve striker Shoji Jo was the match-winner, scoring with an accurate header which he guided inside the near post from a corner by Hiroshi Nanami just as the game seconed likely to end in a draw.

A sell-out crowd braved unseasonably cold and wet weather to see his imperial highness Prince Takamado, the Emperor's cousin, opens the stadium before the start of the four-nation Dynasty Cup competition.

Japan warmed up the home crowd with a goal after 18 minutes. Centre-forward Masashi Nakayama rose above a static defence to score with a powerful header which gave goalkeeper Seo Dong-Myung no chance. Four minutes later South Korea were level, Lee Sang-Yoon

made a run down the right and

cut inside before firing in a shot from an acute angle.

Lazio 45.

heated up over the weekend as the Serie A saw Juventus and Inter Milan return to winning form while Real Madrid regained top slot in Spain and in England and Holland, there seem to be no stopping Manchester United and Ajax. ITALY: A brilliant goal by Chile's Ivan Zamorano and a late penalty by Ronaldo lifted

Inter Milan to a 2-0 win over Napoli on Saturday and kept them four points behind leaders Juventus Juventus bounced back from last week's humiliating loss to defeat Bari while Lazio - playing the last 30 minutes with 10 men - were held to a 0-0 draw

by Atalanta Bergamo. Juventus

have 51 points, Inter 47 and

Inter, starting Nigerian star

Nwankwo Kanu for the first time since a career-saving heart operation last year, had struggled all night to break down a well-organised Napoli defence at Milan's San Siro Stadium. But seconds after Zamorano replaced a fatigued Kanu in the 63rd minute, the Chilean inter-

slotting home a Francesco Moriero cross with a perfect flick of his right heel. Napoli lost Argentine captain Fabian Ayala who was sent off for dissent after the incident and Inter lost no time capitalis-

national broke the stalemate by

Brazil's Ronaldo, who had hardly been involved in the match, was hauled down in the area in the 73rd minute while trying to latch onto a fine cross by Ayala's Argentina teammate.

ing on the advantage.

Javier Zanetti. Ronaldo converted the penalty for his 15th league goal this season.

The victory was vital for the title hopes of Inter as they took second place from Lazio, who had thrashed the Milan side 3-0 last week. Juve, routed 3-0 by Fiorentina last Sunday, again

but showed their character by taking full advantage of a 19thminute own goal by Bari's Moroccan stopper Negrouz. Italy's Filippo Inzaghi deserved some credit for the score. lofting an elegant lob that

looked like a certain goal before

lacked their usual brilliance

the defender's intervention. Juventus, who face Dynamo

European soccer scene

bookable offence. Lazio, who beat Inter 3-0 last Sunday and are enjoying one of their most successful runs in recent years, wasted a golden opportunity to keep pace with

Juventus at lowly Atalanta. SPAIN: Real Madrid climbed back to the top of the First Division league table on Saturday with a convincing 2-0 win over Mallorca.

But their lead could last just

two days, with Barcelona playing at Racing Santander on Monday. Real Madrid have 50 points from 27 games with Barcelona one point adrift, but with two games in hand. Brazilian Roberto Carlos opened the scoring for the Spanish champions after just

10 minutes, dampening the spirits of the island side who made the Spanish Cup final on Wednesday. Yugoslav striker Predrad Mijatovic cemented Real's lead in the 33rd minute, Jaime Sanchez Fernandez received a yellow card before he was car-

ried off in the 63rd minute after a hard fall. Atletico Madrid lost ground

on the top two, drawing 2-2 against Espanyol. Atletico found themselves 2-0 down a minute into the second half after Miguel Angel Benitez scored his second goal. Atletico are four points behind

ENGLAND: Phil Neville

scored in the 31st minute to give

leaders Manchester United a 1-

0 win Saturday at Chelsea and a

nearly insurmountable lead

Barcelona.

atop the Premier league. United's victory gave them 59 points with 10 games to play, 12 points ahead of Arsenal and Liverpool. Liverpool was to play later Saturday at Aston Villa and Arsenal plays at West Ham

on Monday. Chelsea stayed in fourth with 45 points but could be overtaken by Blackburn, who were to play Leicester on Saturday. The game was the third at the helm for new player-manager Gianluca Vialli and his second loss after beating Arse-

nal in his debut to reach the League Cup final. **HOLLAND:** Ajax Amsterdam continued their march towards the league championship Saturday, brushing aside lowly NEC Nijmegen 3-0.

after a three-goal burst from Ajax half-way through the first Centre back Sunday Oliseh beat two defenders on the edge of the NEC box then opened the

The result was beyond doubt

scoring with a low drive. The knockout blows were two rapid-fire goals from Georgian ace Shota Arveladze. Ajax (20-2-1) have now won all 22 of their fixtures with NEC

The reappearance as a sub-

over the years.

in hand.

star Dani will encourage Ajax with Tuesday's UEFA Cup quarterfinal clash with Spartak Moscow looming. Second-placed PSV Eindhoven (13-8-1) had no fixture this weekend and now trails

Ajax by 15 points with a game

stitute of injured Portuguese



balance during one of his marauding runs in a Serie A match at the San Siro on Feb 28. Inter won 2-0. - AP/UNB photo