

Sport

Blewett begins season with 175

ADELAIDE, Australia, Oct 20 (Reuters/Internet): Greg Blewett hammered 175 for South Australia against New South Wales on the opening day of the Sheffield Shield season on Tuesday.

Asian U-19 soccer Saudis beat Kuwaitis

CHIANG MAI, Thailand, Oct 20 (AFP): Under-19 Asian youth football championship results (second match) Monday (Group A) Saudi Arabia 1 (Saleh Al-Sagri 82) Kuwait 0.

Moya, Vicario top seeds for Hopman Cup

PERTH, Oct 20 (Reuters/Internet): Spain's two French Open champions, Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario and Carlos Moya, will be top seeds at the Hopman Cup in January, organisers of the mixed teams event said on Tuesday.

Warne hints he may miss Ashes series

LONDON, Oct 20 (Reuters/Internet): Leg-spinner Shane Warne said he has not bowled properly for six months and hinted he might miss the Ashes series against England.

"I have to face the ugly truth that I am losing my battle to be fit to face England in the first Ashes Test," Warne said in a column in Tuesday's Daily Mirror.

"For the first time I have to admit that I haven't bowled a proper leg-break for six months. It could be another three weeks before I try again."

Mushtaq, Zahid out Akram, Saqlain in

KARACHI, Pakistan, Oct 20 (AFP/Internet): Injuries to leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed and fast bowler Mohammad Zahid have ruled them out of Pakistan's decisive third Test against Australia, starting in Karachi on Thursday.

Mushtaq has a bruised knee and Zahid a groin injury. All-rounder Wasim Akram, out of the drawn second Test because of influenza, and off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq, who was abroad, have been recalled to the squad.

Pakistan skipper Amir Sohail bemoaned the injuries that have hit his side during the series, with Pakistan needing to win the final Test starting in Karachi on Thursday to draw level.

"We asked our two pacers whether they would survive for five days or not," Sohail said, but they did not. Sohail told reporters after the match.

Symonds takes Moody's place

SYDNEY, Oct 20 (AP/AFP): Hard-hitting batsman Andrew Symonds has been called up for Australia's cricket team for the Willis International Cup beginning in Bangladesh on Saturday.

The former Gloucestershire star, who chose Australia over England at the end of 1996, replaces injured Tom Moody. Moody suffered a knee injury last week.

Symonds scored four Sheffield Shield centuries last season after previously failing to live up to his promise in the competition. He once hit a record number of sixes for English county side Gloucestershire.

Symonds, who plays Sheffield Shield cricket for Queensland, was selected to tour Pakistan with England, but declined the opportunity in order to make a bid for Australian selection.

Free beer for Belgian fans

BRUSSELS, Oct 20 (Reuters/Internet): Fifteen thousand fans of Belgian first division Genk will each get a free litre of beer at the Cup Winners' Cup match against Real Mallorca on Thursday.

"It's a gesture to our fans, to reward them for travelling with the club," Genk's deputy manager Erik Gerits told Reuters on Tuesday.

Genk are playing the second round first leg game in Brussels' 50,000-capacity King Baudouin stadium instead of their own ground, which holds just 16,500.

Genk expects up to 25,000 fans but the free beer is being kept for the loyal ones who have already bought tickets.

The beer will only be poured after the game, Gerits said. "We don't want them staggering before the match," he said.



Leicester City forward Tony Cottee (C) takes a tumble in front of the Tottenham Hotspur goal during their English premiership clash at the Filbert Stadium on October 19. Leicester won 2-1.

All Roma cylinders ready to ignite

LONDON, Oct 20 (AP): Beat that. A week after making his debut on Italy's national team, Francesco Totti scored the winner deep into injury time as AS Roma, reduced to nine men because of expulsions, got two goals in the last five minutes to beat Serie A leaders Fiorentina. Totti's goal put his team into second place and set off wild celebrations in the Italian capital.

After that dramatic victory, Tuesday's UEFA Cup game against managerless Leeds seemed like a gentle stroll for Totti and his teammates.

"Any player dreams of scoring a decisive goal in the 94th minute," said Totti, the 22-year-old Roma captain. "Against the first place team. And with nine players to top it off. Just impossible."

But Totti said there was a new spirit within the Roma club, which hasn't won the Italian league title since 1983 and has just one European triumph, the Fairs (now UEFA Cup) back in 1961.

"We are a competitive squad that can fight for the top," Totti said. "We will try to always play that way, with that character. If we continue like this, it will be tough for anyone to beat us."

The UEFA Cup is important for us, Leeds is a well-balanced team, but above all we need to try not to allow any goals.

Rome's defence will be strengthened by the return of Brazilian duo Aldair and Antonio Carlos Zago after missing the Fiorentina game.

After George Graham's departure to Tottenham last month, Leeds is still looking for a replacement manager. Coach David O'Leary, a highly respected former Irish

Weah won't quit Milan

MILAN, Oct 20 (Reuters/Internet): AC Milan's George Weah said on Tuesday he would rather sit on the bench than carry on playing on the left wing but a club spokesman denied the Liberian striker was so fed up he wanted to quit.

The former world-player-of-the-year told reporters before a training session that he was not happy that manager Alberto Zaccheroni was making him play out wide on the left.

Ortega Juve option

MILAN, Oct 20: Juventus have taken on an option on Sampdoria playmaker Ariel Ortega for next season, raising further speculation over Zinedine Zidane's future with the Italian champions, reports AFP.

Tyson

Tyson's hearing came one month after he was told to undergo the psychological tests to help the officials make their decision.

The doctors who examined Tyson tried to reassure the commissioners that the fighter most likely won't snap again in the ring, a conclusion they outlined in their report, released last week.

Tyson's advisers pushed for the earliest possible hearing so that Tyson could fight before the end of the year, probably Dec. 5 at the MGM Grand hotel-casino in Las Vegas.

The boxer owes the Internal Revenue Service \$13 million despite having made more than \$100 million in purses since his release from prison in 1995.

But there are more potential problems ahead for the boxer. He is still on probation for his rape conviction, and could be sent back to prison if convicted on the assault charges from the car accident.

"The bigger problem is he'll go to jail," Tyson spokesman Peter Seligman said. "Then none of this matters."

'Glowing ball'

LONDON, Oct 20: A new fluorescent yellow ball will be used over the winter months in English football league matches to make them more easily visible to players, spectators and officials.

The Mitre ultram-fluo flare balls are identical to existing balls in technical and physical construction but contain a fluorescent yellow pigment designed, the FA explained.

They will be used in all Division One, Two or Three games from November 20 up until February 27.

Trials with the new balls have already taken place at three league clubs — Luton, Swindon and Crystal Palace — in training sessions and friendly games, and officials say that they have been praised in "glowing terms."

Crucial Champions' League clashes

PARIS, Oct 20 (AFP): Both sides were expected to have a major say in the destination of this year's European Cup — but the hopes of Manchester United and Juventus hang by a thread going into Wednesday's programme.

United certainly looked the part in the league at the weekend, thrashing Wimbledon 5-1 to go second in the English Premiership. And the Red Devils might have been tempted to regard upcoming opponents Brondby as a Danish equivalent of the dons.

But things are not quite working out as expected in the group of death and the United camp know all about Brondby's capabilities following the Scandinavians' shock opening win over Bayern Munich.

United let slip a two-goal lead in their opening match against Barcelona at Old Trafford and then suffered a late Bayern equaliser in Munich last month to leave themselves with work to do.

However, they do have a spy with knowledge of the Danish camp as goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel used to play for Brondby.

The blond giant has been out for three weeks with a stomach muscle strain but said Monday he was ready to play.

United will still have to rotate their huge squad as England men Nicky Butt and David Beckham are suspended. Denis Irwin is doubtful with a heel injury and Ronny Johnsen is ruled out with an ankle ligament problem.

The importance of three points cannot be underestimated for United, who have been chasing the trophy for 30 years, because if Barcelona fail to win in Munich Alex Ferguson's men will go top.

Barcelona are without ineligible Dutch forward Patrick Kluitert, whose place goes to Mario Alberto Rosas. Bayern hope Markus Babel and Thomas Helmer can shake off injuries to make the starting line-up and bolster a defence that will be lacking the suspended Lothar Matthaus.

Violent Serie A

MILAN, Oct 20: Italian authorities were counting the cost of another weekend of soccer violence on Monday after hooligans went on the rampage in Genoa and Varese, reports AFP.

A mob of 20 fans ambushed Sampdoria's team bus in Genoa as they returned on Sunday night from their 4-1 thrashing by lowly Serie A side Piacenza.

PSV, coached by former England boss Bobby Robson, lost at Benfica in their last tie and have selection problems as defenders Stan Valck and Ernest Faber, as well as Romanian midfielder Ovidiu Stinga, are out with injury and defender Andre Ooijer is doubtful.

Kaiserslautern, the only unbeaten side in the group, are like PSV, hoping to overturn poor league form.

Advertisement for The Daily Star - Standard Chartered Cricket Quiz '98. Includes the text 'WILLS INTERNATIONAL CUP CRICKET' and 'Take part in the country's greatest cricket bonanza!'. It lists prizes such as 'Round 1 prizes: Dhaka-Bangkok-Dhaka air tickets for two (1st prize) Dhaka-Calcutta-Dhaka air tickets for two (2nd prize) Dinner at Sonargang Hotel for two (3rd prize)'. It also lists 'Cash Line', 'Moneybuilder', and 'Utility Services'.

Advertisement for 'HOW TO PARTICIPATE' in the Cricket Quiz '98. It lists 15 rules for participants, including: 'Only the residents of Bangladesh are eligible to participate in The Daily Star - Standard Chartered Cricket Quiz '98.', 'All entries must be submitted in the original form printed in The Daily Star.', 'Participants will put a tick (✓) mark in the box alongside their chosen answer to each question.', 'A participant may send more than one entry.', 'Entry forms should be completed with a ballpoint pen.', 'Name, address, father's name and other particulars of participants must be clearly written.', 'Each entry form must also bear the signature of the participant and date.', 'Incomplete entry forms will not be accepted.', 'Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "Cricket Quiz '98" along with the Round number.', 'Envelopes must be hand-delivered or posted to The Daily Star, House No: 11, Road No: 3, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka 1205.', 'Entries will be placed in a sealed box for the draw to be held on the notified date in presence of invited guests and quiz participants, if any.', 'Winners will be decided on the basis of the correct entries drawn out from the box.', 'By entering the quiz contest, each participant will agree to be bound by the rules, and guidelines which may be issued by the Standard Chartered Bank and The Daily Star.', 'Any decision of the Standard Chartered and The Daily Star in the conduct of the quiz contest including the answers selected as correct shall be deemed final and binding on all participants and shall not be called in question and/or challenged in any manner.', 'Standard Chartered Bank and The Daily Star, in their absolute discretion, reserve the right to amend, modify or substitute any of the above rules and/or change or reschedule any and all dates of the quiz contest under any circumstances.'

Table titled 'FIXTURE OF THE ROUNDS' with columns: ROUND, STARTS, ENDS, ANSWERS MUST REACH BY, LUCKY DRAW FOR PRIZES.

A quiz form titled 'The Daily Star - Standard Chartered Cricket Quiz '98 Round One' ending on Oct 21, '98. It includes a section for 'Tick (✓) the correct answers' with 5 multiple-choice questions about cricket. Below the questions are fields for 'Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms)', 'Age', 'Father's Name', 'Occupation', 'Address', 'Telephone (if any)', 'Signature', and 'Date'. At the bottom, it says 'Write with a ballpoint pen in clear BLOCK letters. Cut along the dotted line and mail to OR drop in the Quiz Box at The Daily Star.'

A crossword puzzle by Eugene Sheffer. It includes a grid and a list of clues. The clues are: ACROSS 1: Hulot's color; 2: Devotee, and then; 3: Scone-eater's quaff; 4: Magazine ad card; 5: Paddock parent; 6: Coffee vessel; 7: Ornamental flowers; 8: Comes in pieces; 9: Tennis situation; 10: Word form meaning "distant"; 11: Straight flush, e.g.; 12: G.I. mail; 13: City of energy; 14: "On Golden..."; 15: Dracon...; 16: Sometimes; 17: Island feast; 18: Monad; 19: Neighbor-hoods; 20: Three-paneled artwork; 21: Verifiable; 22: Year-end; 23: Oil grp.; 24: Irem's field: abbr.; 25: Acclimate; 26: Column slab; 27: Stars and; 28: Uncontrollable; 29: Miami's county; 30: Plumbing woe; 31: Palette selections; 32: German physicist; 33: Lennon's lady; 34: Bottom line; 35: Before season; 36: Run, as.

Yesterday's answer: 37 Uncontrollable; 38 Miami's county; 39 Plumbing woe; 40 Palette selections; 43 German physicist; 44 Lennon's lady; 45 Bottom line; 46 Before season.