

## Sport

## England's retaliation

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Flower's brother, Zimbabwean captain Andy, for eight.

Stuart Carlisle scored two before becoming Ealham's third victim in the 27th over, followed two balls later by Guy Whittall for a duck.

Murray Goodwin (15) etched his name into the record books in dubious fashion in the 29th over when he became Ealham's fifth lbw victim.

With fellow medium pacer Mark Alleyne removing Alistair Campbell for 28 in the 20th over, Zimbabwe lost six wickets for 27 runs in 9.5 overs.

John Rennie, who made 23, and Heath Streak, who top-scored with 35 not out, then shared an eighth-wicket stand of 62 to spare some of Zimbabwe's blushes.

An opening partnership of 128 - the highest for any wicket in limited overs matches between England and Zimbabwe - between captain Nasser Hussain and Nick Knight all but wrapped up the England's win.

Hussain's 64 came off 77 balls with seven fours and two sixes, with Knight facing 94 deliveries and hitting eight fours in his undefeated 72.

Zimbabwe had injury added to insult when wicketkeeper Andy Flower left the field at the end of the 11th over with a dislocated finger.

Alistair Campbell took over behind the stumps, but Flower returned to field in the outfield and he will be fit for Zimbabwe's match against South Africa in Durban on Wednesday.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the triangular series one-day international between England and Zimbabwe at the Diamond Oval on Sunday:

## ZIMBABWE

	O	M	R	W
Johnson c Hussain b Caddick	11	28	28	0
G Flower lbw b Ealham	28	28	28	0
Campbell c Solanki b Alleyne	28	28	28	0
Goodwin lbw b Ealham	15	28	28	0
A Flower lbw b Ealham	8	28	28	0
Carlisle lbw b Ealham	2	28	28	0
G Whittall lbw b Ealham	0	28	28	0
Streak not out	35	28	28	0
Rennie c Hussain b Gough	23	28	28	0
Olonga b Gough	0	28	28	0
Extras: (b-4, lb-1, w-6)	11	28	28	0
Total: (for 9 wickets in 50 overs)	161	28	28	0
Fall c. wickets: 1-15; 2-71; 3-73; 4-92; 5-96; 6-97; 7-98; 8-160; 9-161.				
Did not bat: Andrew Whittall				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Gough	10	2	31	2
Cadr	10	2	21	1
Wh	10	1	44	0
Alleyne	10	0	46	1
Ealham	10	3	15	5
<b>ENGLAND</b>				
Hussain c Rennie b Olonga	64			
Knight not out	72			
Hick b Streak	2			
Solanki not out	16			
Extras: (b-4, lb-1, nb-1, w-2)	8			
Total: (for 2 wickets in 31.1 overs)	162			
Fall of wickets: 1-128; 2-140.				
Did not bat: Darren Maddy, Mark Alleyne, Craig White.				
Mark Ealham, Chris Read, Darren Gough, Andrew Caddick.				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Bowling	8	0	52	1
Rennie	7	0	27	0
Streak	7.1	0	26	1
A Whittall	4	1	25	0
G Whittall	5	0	27	0
Result: England won by eight wickets.				
Man-of-the-match: Mark Ealham.				

## Belgian "Golden Boot" Staelens'

OSTENDE, Belgium, Jan 31: Belgian international Lorenzo Staelens on Wednesday received the Belgian "Golden Boot" award for being the most outstanding player in the Belgian league for 1999, reports AFP.

Captain of the Belgian team, Staelens has 63 caps for the national side, but this was his first time receiving his country's highest footballing award.

The 35-year-old defender, who plays for first division side Anderlecht, was voted the top player for 1999 in a poll organised by the daily *Het Laatste Nieuws* newspaper among coaches, journalists and sporting persons.

He came in ahead of teammate and Czech striker Jan Koller, and Belgian forward Toni Brogno, who plays for first division side Westerlo.

Anelka's home caught fire

MADRID, Jan 31: (AFP): Struggling Real Madrid striker Nicolas Anelka's troubles continued when fire broke out in his luxury home leading to a confrontation with journalists, the French international's brother Didier revealed on Friday.

The blaze started when the boiler caught fire in the garage causing minimal damage at the Anelka home in the Madrid suburb of La Moraleja.

While filming the incident an altercation broke out between two journalists and the Anelka brothers leaving the reporter and the cameraman nursing minor injuries and damaged equipment.

The journalists have taken legal action claiming assault, damage and theft.

Firemen soon had the fire under control, however, the television crew from *Antena 3* were not far behind.

"I didn't know the extent of the damage and these two journalists came into our home uninvited and started filming," Didier told AFP.

"I lost my temper and demanded they leave which they did. Once outside they found a suitable spot and resumed filming," he added.

The two men, Juan Jose Dominguez and Jose Angel Sanchez had their own version of events, claiming Nicolas Anelka came out of the house fuming and demanded the film. A scuffle ...

... fell suffering minor injuries to his wrist and nose.



Inter Milan's Roberto Baggio is euphoric after scoring against Roma in Serie A on January 30. —Internet photo

## Serie A

## Baggio does it again

ROME, Jan 31: Roberto Baggio revived Inter Milan's title challenge by scoring a superb winner in the 2-1 victory over AS Roma at the San Siro on Sunday, reports Reuters.

The result leapfrogged Inter into third spot, ahead of Roma and neighbours AC Milan on goal difference and five behind leaders Juventus who were held 1-1 at home by lowly Cagliari.

Second-placed Lazio shrugged off their indifferent start to the new year, which saw them pick up just five points from four matches, to cut Juve's lead at the top to a single point with a 3-1 home win over Bari.

Ukrainian Andrei Shevchenko scored a hat-trick in seven minutes in the 11th minute through the second half as Milan won 3-0 at Perugia. It was the former Dynamo Kiev striker's second hat-trick of the season.

Francesco Di Francesco squandered an excellent opening and Angelo Peruzzi saved from Tommasi before Roma's veteran Brazilian defender Aldair equalised in the 33rd minute. He outjumped Laurent Blanc to head powerfully into the roof of the net.

But nine minutes later Baggio settled the match with his third goal in three matches.

When Antonioli saved at point-blank range from Francesco Moriero the rebound looked beyond Baggio's reach but without hesitation he hooked the ball over his shoulder, over Cafu's head and into the unguarded net.

Francesco Totti was unlucky not to salvage a point for Roma in the 80th minute when his

shot hit the post and was cleared by Dario Simic.

After several penalty appeals had been turned down in recent matches even the usually

reserved coach Sven Goran Eriksson wondered aloud what it would take for Lazio to earn a spot kick.

The Swede was given his answer after just 45 seconds at the Olympic Stadium.

Marcelo Salas was fouled in Lazio's first attack and Sinisa Mihajlovic converted Lazio's first goal in three matches.

Chilean Salas, playing his first match for four weeks, added Lazio's second in the 39th minute, shooting into an open goal after Francesco Mancini had patted Fabrizio Ravanelli's finish.

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Like Lazio, Juve made the perfect start with a first minute goal from Filippo Inzaghi.

But the Turin side failed to capitalise and had only themselves to blame when the best defence in the league allowed Giovanni Susic a free header for a 13th minute equaliser.

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Both sides finished the tie at 10 men after Leicester defender Steve Walsh was sent off for elbowing Sutton on Sunday.

Speaking on French television, the FIFA chief said the sport's world governing body would present its plan in March for a new harmonised soccer calendar which could take effect from 2004.

The plan, which has been in the works for over a year, would be called "Big Bang," said Blatter's closest aide, former France captain Michel Platini.

Platini confirmed the plan would include a break for all soccer players worldwide in December while January would be devoted to preparation.

Club soccer would stop between June 15 and July 15 to allow national team competitions to take place.

Blatter also said that while there were no plans to change the rules in the near future, he suggested using more linesmen to help referees decide if a goal was valid or not.

He said there was a need to improve refereeing "for referees will safeguard the game into the next century."

"We could use linesmen like in tennis to check the goal lines and decide if a goal is in or out," added Blatter, who said he was against using video to assist referees.

The FIFA chief also repeated his support for African bids to stage the 2006 World Cup.

"I said we needed more solidarity and if one of the bids gives all guarantees, it is only logical that we should go round the globe," said Blatter, who supported African bids last week at the African Nations Cup in Ghana and Nigeria.

"Africa must have its chance to host the World Cup," he added.

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## Primera Liga

## Valladolid floor leaders

BARCELONA, Jan 31 (Reuters/Internet): A second-half hat-trick by Valladolid striker Victor Fernandez

sent Spanish league leaders Deportivo Coruna tumbling to an embarrassing 4-1 defeat on Sunday.

Real Zaragoza took advantage of some appalling defending to make it four defeats in six matches for Javier Irureta's faltering side, who have seen their eight-point lead at the top of the table cut to two.

Real Zaragoza climbed to second on the back of their 2-1 win at home to Sevilla. Barcelona trail on goal difference after their 1-1 draw with Espanyol on Saturday.

Real Madrid also continued their revival with an impressive 3-1 win at home to Athletic Bilbao.

Real, with goals from Jose Maria Gutierrez, Fernando Morientes and Raul Gonzalez,

M'singh cricket

MYMENSINGH, Jan 31: Mukul Fouz defeated Sabuj County Nabin Club by three wickets in the Mymensingh Premier Division Cricket League here on Sunday, reports UNB.

Mukul Fouz scored 113 in 34 overs in reply to a paltry 110-run of the losers.

for Valladolid, completing his hat-trick by turning in a cross at the near post in the 89th minute.

Real moved up to fifth in the table, still seven points behind the leaders but with a game in hand.

Valladolid, with Japanese international Shoji Jo in the starting line-up for the first time, made a confident start against the leaders, pushing forward in numbers at every opportunity.

Jo missed a chance to make it 2-0 early in the second half, heading well wide from Caminero's cross, but was not long coming as Deportivo continued to leave gaping holes in their defence.

Victor, picking up a long ball through the centre, headed his marker before producing a brilliant lob to beat Soriano.

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Victor added seven minutes later, hitting a neat sweep from Jo to finish off a sweeping breakaway move.

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