UEFA CUP RESULTS AT A GLANCE

AFP, Paris

April 5 and 19.

FA Cup

test

AFP, London

quarter-final clash.

Collated UEFA Cup quarter-final first leg results on Thursday: At Kaiserslautern

Kaiserslautern (Ger) 1 (Koch 31pen) PSV Eindhoven (Ned) 0 At Barcelona

Barcelona (Spa) 2 (Kluivert 12, 55) Celta Vigo (Spa) 1 (Coira 69) At Vitoria, Spain Alaves (Spa) 3 (Azkoitia 29, Eggen

79, Vucko 80) Rayo Vallecano (Spa) 0

mund, Germany on May 16.

Double-chasers

face giant-killers

and FA Cup double of 1993 can

they make the short journey to

bottom of the First Division

Tranmere Rovers for their FA Cup

major trophy in six years last

month when they beat First Divi-

sion Birmingham 5-4 in a dra-

League Cup Final after the match

Liverpool forward John Aldridge,

stand in Liverpool's way of a place

in the semi-finals of the world's

most famous knock-out competi

Tranmere are no pushovers, hav

ing been the scourge of Premier

ship sides in the FA Cup and

Paul Rideout inspired the giant

killers to claim their most amazing

scalp yet as they came back from

the dead to beat Premiership out-

fit Southampton 4-3 at Prenton

ties in the Rideout household

come Sunday - the forward's

eight-year-old son Jordan is

huge fan of Liverpool striker Mi

But there will be divided loyal-

Aldridge's heroes staged one of

The visitors led 3-0 at half-time

but Rideout, who in 1995 scored

the winner in Everton's 1-0 FA

Cup final victory against Man-

chester United, clawed Rovers

back level with a superb 20-

Fixtures (1500 GMT unless stated)

Sunday: Tranmere Rovers v Liver-

Richards Trophy

The five upcoming Test cricket

matches between the West Indies

the two teams at a hotel in

Georgetown on Thursday.

EUROPEAN

WEEKEND

Saturday: Arsenal v Blackburn

Rovers, Leicester v Wycombe

pool (1400 GMT), West Ham v

Tottenham (1600 GMT)

Park in the fifth round.

chael Owen.

in the last eight.

minute hat-trick.

AP, Georgetown

League Cup in recent seasons.

Tranmere, managed by former

But despite their lowly position

Former Everton marksman

finished 1-1 after extra-time.

The Anfield club won their first

Porto Patrick Kluivert put Barcelona FC Porto (Por) 0 Liverpool (Eng) 0 ahead at the Nou Camp, but Celta *Quarter-final second leg defender Pablo Coira pulled back matches on March 15 a crucial goal in the 69th minute. **Semi-finals to be played

Ten-man Celta Vigo hung on to make the second leg a potentially ***Final to be played in Dorttreacherous affair for the Catalans.

UEFA Cup

Football

return legs on March 15.

Celta Vigo 2-1 and Liverpool bat-

tled to a 0-0 draw at FC Porto in

the first leg of the UEFA Cup

quarter-finals on Thursday, leav-

ing themselves tough tasks in the

from Dutch international striker

Two almost identical goals

AFP, Paris

Liverpool produced a defiant display at Porto to set up a fascinating tie at Anfield next Thurs-

Porto's muscular Brazilian striker Jesus Pena continually threatened the Liverpool goal and Robbie Fowler blasted wide for the English side but the match ended scoreless.

In the other of the two all-Liverpool's chances of emulating Spanish ties - which will guarantee Arsenal's domestic League Cup Spain two clubs in the semi-final draw - minnows Alaves thrashed edge closer to reality Sunday when Rayo Vallecano 3-0.

In the early tie, German club Kaiserslautern carved out a 1-0 home win against Dutch outfit PSV Eindhoven with a 31st-minute penalty from defender Harry Koch, awarded after Olaf Marschall was pushed by Jan Heintze as he jumped for a cross.

matic penalty shoot-out in the The Germans hung on thanks to their reserve goalkeeper Roman Weidenfeller, who produced a string of saves.

In Barcelona, Brazilian star Rivaldo was absent on international duty but Dutchman Boudewijn

for Kluivert, who skilfully met his right-hand crosses, first with a powerful shot and then with a header for a 2-0 lead.

Celta Vigo had Brazilian Vagner sent off in the first half after earning two yellow cards in a minute for fouls on Mark Overmars and Guardiola.

The Catalans were cruising, but Kluivert, Overmars and Phillip Cocu all wasted chances and, against the run of play, Celta substitute Eduardo Berizzo raced through to the right of the penalty area and Coira, another substitute, got in ahead of the Barca defence to touch the ball in.

the most memorable comebacks in FA Cup history to book a place lence, and Liverpool players wore

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their places in the quarter-finals of

being 0-3 down.

Carew.

the Champions League on

Valencia, runners-up to Real

in their final group match next

ished the Austrians, who were

reduced to 10 men when Gilbert

Prilasnig was sent off after 35 min-

utes for a professional foul on

Former champions Manches-

ter United are likely to qualify with

Valencia after they stole a point

with a Paul Scholes goal in the

second minute of stoppage time in

pride after already being elimi-

nated, were on superb form and

only a great performance from

United goalkeeper Fabien Barthez

scored for the home side after 25

minutes and they looked set for

their first ever win over an English

side at the 10th attempt, until

reach the last eight when they face

Sturm Graz at Old Trafford next

week -- but if they were to some-

how lose by three clear goals,

United will almost certainly

Teenager Giorgios Seitaridis

The Greek side, playing just for

a 1-1 draw at Panathinaikos.

stopped them winning.

Scholes's late strike.

In the rainy conditions, Fowler blasted wide in the 20th minute wide after the ball fell to him from Barcelona beat fellow Spaniards

Barca, Liverpool labour

to the young England midfielder. On 67 minutes Pena finally slipped away from a crowd of markers and should have scored. Deco's pass put him in behind



PHOTO: AFP

Barcelona striker Patrick Kluivert (L), has Celta Vigo's Benny McCarthy in pursuit during their UEFA Cup quarterfinal first leg encounter at the Nou Camp on March 8.

first real opportunity four minutes later after Fowler's instant lay-off opening. Zenden masterfully filled his sent Michael Owen scampering in on goal. But Porto goalkeeper Zenden was twice the provider Sergei Ovchinnikov easily saved his shot on the run.

Liverpool's goalkeeper Sander action on 39 minutes when space Anderson Deco's pass found Chainho 20 yards out and his drive was beaten away by the Dutch-Porto started the second period

more aggresively and created an opening within minutes.

Capucho sent in a dangerous low ball from the left and a combination of Stephane Henchoz's excellent saving tackle and Westerveld's block kept Pena out.

Pena then found Cahinho with In Porto, the match between a clever pass and the midfielder two former European champions cut across Henchoz before drilling was preceded by a minute's si- a low shot that Westerveld held.

70 victims of the bridge tragedy Gerrard drive after a Markus Babclose to the northern Portuguese bel free-kick had been headed out Alonso.

The English side created their Babbel, but a hurried cross-shot skidded well wide from a clear-cut

> Porto found their last reserves and Deco saw a 25-yarder skim across the box and inches wide of Westerveld's far post.

In Vitoria, European novices | M Waugh c Dahiya b Patel Westerveld was finally called into Alaves and Rayo Vallecano were both in unchartered territory, but opened up down the middle and it was the Basque outfit who got off to a fighting start against their opponents from the suburbs of Madrid. Alaves' Jorge Azkoitia found

> the net in the 29th minute from a pass by Ivan Begona, which fooled Vallecano keeper Julen Lopetegui. The home side came close to

> getting a second just before half time when defender Geli came close but Lopetegui managed to keep it out.

Danish defender Dan Eggen grabbed Alaves' second goal with a header in the 79th minute and a minute later the home side gained Ovchinnikov next needed dive the third from Croatian internablack armbands in memory of the to touch away a fierce Steven tional striker Jurica Vucko following a pinpoint pass from Ivan

remarkable match of the night

when they were beaten 4-3 by

Deportivo Coruna in Spain after

building a 3-0 lead inside 55 min-

(29) and Laurent Leroy (43 and 55)

appeared to have given PSG the

opportunity to rise from the dead

in the group -- but it proved to be

mously with second-half substi-

tute Walter Pandiani scoring a hat-

trick inside 27 minutes and Diego

Tristan adding another for a fa-

It is only the second time in

Deportivo struck back veno-

just an illusion.

mous victory.

Goals from Augustine Okocha

Waugh, Ponting hit hundreds

AFP, New Delhi

Mark Waugh hit 164 and Ricky Ponting compiled back-to-back centuries as Australia warmed up for the second Test against India with an awesome batting display here on Thursday.

The tourists opted for batting practice ahead of the Calcutta Test from Sunday to pile up 461-7 in their second knock before the three-day match against the Board President's team ended in a draw.

Waugh, dismissed first ball in the first Test at Bombay last week, hit 17 boundaries and seven sixes to follow his 62 in the first innings.

Ponting, who made 102 in the first knock, returned unbeaten with the same score in the second as the Australians made full use of the run-laden wicket at the Ferozeshah Kotla ground.

Out-of-form opener Michael Slater, however, once again missed out when he was dismissed at his overnight score of 26, six less than his best of 32 on the tour. But captain Steve Waugh said

he was confident Slater will come good in the Calcutta Test. The match was called off soon

after Ponting reached his century to enable the Australians catch the evening flight to Calcutta. Australia made 451 and 461-7

in the two innings while the president's team, led by Indian captain Saurav Ganguly, managed only 221 in their lone stint at the crease. SCOREBOARD

Third and final day's scoreboard in the cricket match between Australia and the Indian Board President's XI team on Thursday:

AUSTRALIA: First innings 451 (S Waugh 109, R Ponting 102, M Waugh 62; S Singh 5-114)

BOARD PRESIDENT'S XI: First innings 221 (D Mongia 66; M Kasprowicz 3-68, C Miller 2-91, M Waugh 2-14) AUSTRALIA: Second innings

(overnight 53-1) Hayden c Dahiya b Hirwani Slater c Mongia b Hirwani Langer c Mongia b Hirwani 164 Martyn c sub b Hirwani Ponting not out

Haddin b Patel Miller c sub b Hirwani Kasprowicz not out Extras: (b-1, lb-6, nb-21, w-5)

Total: (For 7 wkts 93 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-50, 2-60, 3-90 4-232, 5-345, 6-384, 7-393

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22	3	113	2
15	1	68	0
38	3	168	5
3	0	10	0
10	0	61	0
5	0	34	0
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Ronaldo "clinically cured"

REUTERS, Milan

Inter Milan striker Ronaldo has fully recovered from ligament surgery and is ready to start the long road back to match fitness, the club says. Ronaldo spoke to club officials

from Paris after being examined by the surgeon who operated on his knee last year. "The professor told me I am

clinically cured, I'm alright," the club's website on Thursday quoted him as saying. "Now the important phase of work starts, wich I will

do in Brazil before returning to join the squad." Ronaldo tore a tendon in his

right knee last April.

SL stare

FROM PAGE 8 R W 0 M Bowler 34 13 96 Tuffey 1 106 6 55 0 35 Wiseman McMillan 3 11 **NEW ZEALAND:** First innings

Richardson b Sami Bell c Moin b Younis Sinclair not out Fleming not out Extras: (lb-4)

Total: (For 2 wkts in 27 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-1 OM R Bowler

the second phase, eight teams are Mushtag



Causing a commotion

Cricket

REUTERS, Georgetown brings a much-needed touch of but still sceptical. class to the team.

mate Michael Holding claims Hooper is a man who abandoned his team in their hour of need and is now being rewarded for selfish-

Guyanese are delighted that one of their countrymen has been made captain for the first time since Clive Lloyd's reign ended in 1984. Jamaicans this week jeered Hooper during the regional Busta

Cup final.

The appointment of the 34year-old right-handed batsman, announced one day after opponents South Africa had arrived in Guyana for a five-match series, has split West Indian cricket opinion almost exactly down the

And the storm had barely died down by Friday morning when the first Test in the five-match series was due to get under way at the Bourda ground.

Hooper, who retired in 1999 and resumed his career this year by playing for Guyana in the Busta Cup series, was named a mere week earlier after several days of stuttering by an apparently divided West Indies Cricket Board

Confirmation of his appointment was greeted with joy in Guyana but less enthusiasm else-

who ended his career with 249 in the 1970s. wickets from 60 Tests, dubbed the selectors "jokers" and said he compared with the action of the would refuse to perform his usual Packer rebels, including Holding television commentary role in and Lloyd, who turned their backs protest.

on West Indies cricket on numerous occasions," Holding fumed.

for Caribbean cricket lovers." Sir Garfield Sobers, the most games at Bourda. Sir Vivian Richards says that new respected figure in West Indies

But Richards' former team- see Hooper being a part of the rebuilding of West Indies cricket,"

> many defeats at the hands of lots was awash with rumours that of teams and Hooper was nowhere Guyanese could boycott the first around. How come all of a sudden Test if he were not eventually this is happening."

On the other hand, Richards quality the team had desperately party to any such plans.

our batting," he said.

"I feel that Carl has been a little bit of an under-achiever. I believe in front of my home crowd will point.

But it was Holding's comments he said. which caused most impact in

One reader's letter to the Stabrock News said: "Thanks for not coming to the first Test match. By the way, Mike - were you in-

A second said Holding's comments were "nothing but a piece of cheek that is on par with his notorious assertion that Test cricket should not be played in

Guyana. A third pointed out that Holding was among those who abandoned the West Indies to take part Former fast bowler Holding, in Kerry Packer's "cricket circus"

"How serious is Carl's crime on West Indies cricket and un-"Hooper has turned his back dermined the official game in the region?" he asked.

Many Guyanese fear a plot is

"For him to be brought back and brewing to strip their country of its made captain is a slap in the face right to stage Test cricket regularly due to the number of rain-ruined

The ground lies slightly below West Indies captain Carl Hooper cricket history, was less scathing sea level and is notoriously slow to dry out after the intense tropical "We are rebuilding and I can't downpours which regularly lash

> Georgetown. Rivalry also surfaced in the week preceding Hooper's ap-"West Indies have suffered pointment when the Caribbean

The Guyana Cricket Board had said Hooper would bring the to move quickly to deny it was

Hooper, meanwhile, was "We haven't seen many class booed in Jamaica during the Busta individuals recently, notably in Cup final and admitted he feared a hot reception in later Tests. "Being Guyanese and playing

this is Carl's second coming and I help. But what if we get to Trinibelieve he will be most valuable in dad and Barbados and the recepa team where we lack class at this tion is not as positive as it should be? I will have to pull through it,"

The West Indies come into the series on the back of a 5-0 drubbing by Australia last year and their preparation to face a team which has not lost in eight test outings has hardly been ideal.

Hooper is the fourth West Indies captain in five years and will lead his team on to the field just one day after meeting them.

Like eight other members of the squad, Hooper finished the Busta Cup final on Tuesday evening and spent most of Wednesday travelling from Jamaica to Guyana after the WICB's attempts to charter an Air Jamaica plane proved fruitless.

The final itself finished a day late after Guyana protested the match should have taken place in Georgetown, not Kingston.

"We would liked to have had a couple of days to relax, to get to meet the players or have a team meeting or two before we start the test match," Hooper admitted.

Bedi bashes Indians Bedi attacked the Indian se- coach, said India had not cashed

Cricket

REUTERS, New Delhi

Former India captain Bishan

Singh Bedi has accused the current team of lacking match fitness and commitment in their humili ating first Test defeat by Australia. Australia's 10-wicket victory in

Bombay last week in less than three days has left the hosts in disarray and world champions Australia one win away from claiming their first Indian Test series in 31 years. Australia extended their world

record of consecutive Test wins to 16 and Steve Waugh's men look poised to wrap up the series in the second match starting in Calcutta on Sunday. "Nothing went right for us right

from the beginning. Our boys were grossly match unfit, they hadn't had enough match grinding, Bedi, former Indian skipper and coach, told this news agency. Bedi said the attitude of the In-

dian players was poor and top players were paying the price for staying away from domestic matches.

Captain Saurav Ganguly skipped the Duleep Trophy (a zonal tournament) and played only one Ranji Trophy (national championship) game which his Bengal side lost.

In contrast, the Australian side was fully focused, Bedi said. "The only difference is the at-

titude of the two sides. I don't think the Australians are as superior as the margin of victory indicates. But they are far more committed," he said.

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lectors for replacing four bowlers in on their chances in Bombay and for the second Test. "When the added that the batsmen would batting has failed they change four have to play to their potential to bowlers. Where is the cricketing enable the bowlers to apply pres-

The former left-arm spinner dian wickets. said Indian slow bowlers had given a good account of them-Adam Gilchrist and Matthew Hayden superbly counter-attacked for individual centuries to set up Australia's win.

"It was not just the bowlers. Bad strategy, a lot of bad implementation. It was a blank performance. They just let the game go out of their hands," Bedi said.

He said Australia showed all the signs of a great team. "There are three world beaters - Glenn McGrath, Shane Warne and Steve Waugh himself. The rest rally around them. We have got great individuals but they don't form a team," Bedi said.

The Indian batting collapsed in both innings and their largely inexperienced bowling attack faded away after reducing Australia to 99 for five in their first innings

Only Sachin Tendulkar came away unscathed after fighting innings of 76 and 65 which helped India avoid an innings defeat.

poor batting and captaincy after ing after a series of dismal perscoring eight and one in his two formances, including last week's innings in the Test. His hopes of batting practice to the United States.

for the Calcutta Test evaporated as he managed only a shaky 40 for an the Mexicans an early dose of Indian Board President's XI team confidence, beating two Brazilian against Australia in New Delhi. Roger Binny, India's junior kick at the 6th minute.

By Eugene Sheffer

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sure on Australia on the slow In-

"I don't see Gilchrist and Hayden play another innings as they selves, barring the period when did in Bombay and getting away playing such shots," the former

Test all-rounder added. Romario saves

Brazil

REUTERS, Guadalajara

A last-second strike by Brazil's veteran goalscorer Romario on Wednesday sealed a 3-3 draw with an inspired Mexico determined to bury its recent lackluster show-

Romario notched his second goal of the night in the dying seconds of injury time to save Brazil from what appeared certain defeat in the international friendly match after Jesus Arellano put Mexico ahead at the end of regulation

Playing before 75,000 packed into Guadalajara's Jalisco stadium, Mexico put on one of its best performances in recent years and did Ganguly came under fire for much to quiet the criticism com-2-0 World Cup qualifier loss away

> Captain Claudio Suarez gave defenders to head home a corner

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CRYPTOQUIP

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ZXMQXXI UXPPXI, "CXPO!" Yesterday's Cryptoquip: PET SHOP CONTEST: WIN A CANARY, WITH NO PERCHES NECESSARY.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals S

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.

and South Africa will be played for the Sir Vivian Richards Trophy to honour the former West Indies CHAMPIONS captain and batting legend. The trophy was named after Richards at a ceremony officially launching the Test series between REUTERS, London

SCHEDULES

AFP

SERIE A (1400 GMT) unless stated Saturday: Vicenza v Napoli, Atalanta v AC Milan (1930 GMT) Sunday: Bologna v Lazio, Inter-Milan v Verona, Juventus v Reggina, Lecce v Udinese, Perugia v Fiorentina, AS Roma v Brescia, Parma v Bari (1930 GMT)

BUNDESLIGA

Friday: Bayer Leverkusen v Werder Bremen

Saturday: Hertha Berlin v Hansa Rostock, VII. Bochum v Cologne. Vfl. Wolfsburg v Unterhaching, SC Freiburg v Borussia Dortmund. Bayern Munich v Energie Cottbus, Eintracht Frankfurt v Schalke 04 Sunday: Kaiserslautern v 1860 Munich, Hamburg SV v VfB Stutt-

PRIMERA LIGA

Saturday (kickoff 2000GMT unless stated): Athletic Bilbao v Villareal, Deportivo Coruna v Numancia (1945), Valencia v Osasuna Sunday (kickoff 1600GMT unless stated): Alaves v Rayo Vallecano, Barcelona v Real Mallorca (1900), Malaga v Real Zaragoza, Racing Santander v Las Palmas, Real Madrid v Real Sociedad, Real Oviedo v Espanyol, Valladolid v Celta Vigo

Valencia, Galatasaray get the pass Sturm would qualify alongside

Valencia in United's place. Valencia top the group with nine points, the same number as Alex Ferguson's side, but the Spaniards are top as they have the better head-to-head record against United. Sturm have six

points and Panathinaikos have Galatasaray, who last year became the first Turkish side ever to win a European competition when they beat Arsenal to lift the UEFA Cup, made more history, albeit a little more modestly, on Wednes-

Valencia and Galatasaray secured day. Their 2-0 win over AC Milan in Istanbul means they have become Wednesday although Deportivo the first Turkish side to qualify for Coruna stole their thunder on the the last eight of the Champions night with an astonishing 4-3 vic- League -- although they did reach tory over Paris St Germain after the semifinals of the old European

Cup in 1989.

Goals from Gheorghe Hagi (19) Madrid in last season's European and Mario Jardel (86) gave Galata-Cup final, thrashed Sturm Graz 5-0 saray the points and they were away to ensure they cannot finish well worth their victory over Milower than second in Group A -- lan, champions of Europe five even if they lose to Panathinaikos times in the past.

Galatasaray cannot finish lower than second in the group even if Goals from substitute Diego they lose their final match at Paris

Going into the final round of

Champions League history that a side has won a match after trailing 0-3 -- the previous occasion being in December 1993 when Werder Bremen beat Anderlecht 5-3. As

accompany Galatasaray into the The only other teams definitely through to the quarter-finals are Real Madrid and Leeds United from group D.

long as Deportivo avoid defeat

against Milan next week they will



PHOTO AFP Galatasaray's Romanian maestro Georghe Hagi (C) evading the tackle of AC Milan's Federico Giunti during their European Champions' League game at Istanbul on March 7.