#### **Deportivo bring Barca down**



AFP, Madrid

The old cliche of football being a game of two halves was never more appropriate then on Saturday, when Deportivo La Coruna beat Barcelona 2-1 and take over as the Spanish league leaders.

Both clubs have 14 points from seven games, but the Galician club go to the top of the Spanish First Division, albeit probably only for a day, because of their victory over their Catalan rivals.

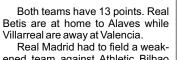
Barcelona dominated the first half but whatever Deportivo coach Javier Irureta said during the break should have been recorded and tapes sent to football coaches everywhere as the home side came the break and saw Fran connect at close range, with his left foot meeting a hopeful volley forward from Deportivo defender Enrique

Fran's second, again from his favourite left foot, came after Victor Sanchez crossed across the face of the goal and the Barcelona defenders had left the former Spanish international enough space to sneak in unmarked from outside the

Despite Deportivo's joy, the match had a poignant moment when the team stripped off after the final whistle to reveal T-shirts with slogans remembering their team mate Manuel Pablo.

The Spanish international defender will be out of action for the next six months after breaking his leg in last week's derby match against Celta Vigo.

Deportivo's victory opens the



ened team against Athletic Bilbao on Saturday but the goals from Raul Gonzalez and Santiago Solari gave them a 2-0 victory over the Basque visitors to calm a few nerves after their dismal domestic form since the start of the season. Six key players - including World

Player of the Year Zinedine Zidane were missing due to international commitments - and their absence showed during an unremarkable first half, but the defending Spanish champions moved up a gear after the break

Real Madrid ended the deadlock after 47 minutes when Spanish international defender Michel Salgado performed one of his typical marauding runs down the right wing and an unmarked Raul headed home.

The second goal came after 72 minutes when Solari dodged around two Athletic players before unleashing a shot from 30 metres out, which Athletic goalkeeper Inaki Lafuente could only palm into his own net.

Because of the absentees, Real Madrid coach Vicente Del Bosque gave official first team debuts to three players and picked out the teenage left back Raul Bravo - who was deputising for the Brazilian international Roberto Carlos - for special praise

It was a big leap forward for Raul Bravo, who last season was playing with Real Madrid's third team in the Spanish fourth division. "But he showed he can compete at this level," said Del Bosque.

"The three points were very important, not just because it means we'll climb up the table but because of the way we got them," added Del Bosque, with noticeable relief.

The defeat meant that Athletic's 100 per cent away record came to

"They deserved to win. We did well at times but we made too many errors and you can't do that against Real Madrid," said Athletic coach Jupp Hevnckes.

The German World Cup winner was standing on the sidelines at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium for the first time since his abrupt dismissal from Real Madrid in May 1998, only days after leading them to victory in the Champions' League.



UNFRIENDLY SUPPORTERS: Unidentified spectators fight on the field in the Stade de France during the friendly soccer match between France and

#### **Historic match** ends in fiasco

Football

AFP, Paris

A nitch invasion caused unprecedented scenes at the Stade de France here on Saturday at the friendly football international between France and Algeria.

Just 15 minutes before the end of the match with France leading 4-1, the match was interrupted after a minority of Algerian fans invaded the They quickly vacated the pitch

but, with CRS riot police on alert, they began to throw bottles and seating back down towards the turf. Minutes after the interruption, it

was decided to call the match off. The scenes appeared exuberant rather than violent but sports minister Marie-George Buffet and French football federation president Claude Simonet called for calm over the stadium's public address system.

"Go home peacefully and in ar friendly manner." Simonet said. The events are unprecedented since the inauguration of the stadium to the north of Paris in January

The historic, highly-charged game drew a capacity crowd of 80,000 spectators, including Prime Minister Lionel Jospin and Algerian pop stars in exile here, Khaled and

Cheb Mami. Vincent Candela, Emmanuel Petit, Thierry Henry and Robert Pires scored for and Djamel

Belmadi pulled one back for Algeria. It was the first match between the two sides since Algeria's independence from French rule in 1962.

#### Ecuador edge closer



Real Madrid ace Raul struggles with three players of Atletic Bilbao in at Madrid on October 6

out fighting and ended their visitors unbeaten record

Dutch international Patrick Kluivert got Barcelona's goal after 37 minutes, picking up a cross down the left wing from Luis Enrique Martinez, and firing it past Deportivo goalkeeper Francisco Molina from a narrow angle on the left edge of the

However, two second half goals from Fran Gonzalez - the only native Galician in the Deportivo team ended Barcelona's dreams of staying in pole position.

door for Real Betis or Villarreal to go to the top after Sunday's matches.

#### **STANDINGS**

Spanish First Division table after Saturday's match (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points)

Deportivo	7	4	2	1	14	8	14	
Barcelona	7	4	2	1	11	4	14	
Real Betis	6	4	1	1	10	4	13	
Villarreal	6	4	1	1	8	4	13	
Celta Vigo	6	3	3	0	11	3	12	
Alaves	6	3	2	1	7	3	11	

#### **Posh on David**



AFP, Rome

Victoria Beckham, the pop star wife of England midfielder David Beckham, on Sunday played down suggestions that her husband could move to Italy in the near future.

Spice Girl Victoria, appearing on RAI TV's hugely popular Sunday afternoon show Dom and Nika, was uncharacteristically diplomatic when asked if her husband would like to play in the Italian league.

She has previously annoyed Alex Ferguson, the manager of Beckham's club Manchester United, by expressing her admiration for all things Italian.

After performing her new single "Posh Spice" was shown film of Beckham's spectacular equalising

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goal against Greece that sealed England's qualification for the World Cup Finals on Saturday. "It was a great goal, wasn't it?" said Beckham to host Carlo Conti. "I am proud of him.'



By Eugene Sheffer

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Anticipating his next question she said: "You're going to ask about

him playing in Italy, aren't you? "I think at the moment he's very

happy where he is," said Beckham. Pressed by Conti, a Fiorentina fan, about a move to the Florence outfit - unlikely given the club's financial problems - she said: "I always get into trouble every time I say anything... But Italy is a wonder-

ful country.' Beckham has for years been linked with a move to Italy but has until now always remained loyal to United, the club he supported as a boy and joined as a youth trainee.

Both Beckham and his wife are interested in fashion with many speculating that Milan clubs AC or Inter would be his ideal destination although most recently Juventus of Turin have been linked with the England captain.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals T

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.

#### SA too good

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Man-of0-the-match: Shaun Pollock. Next match: India v South Africa, Oct 10.

#### penalty remains

The man convicted of stalking Martina Hingis won't get a new sentence or a new trial, but his attorney got a lecture. Circuit Judge Kevin Emas ruled Thursday that Dubravko Rajcevic will have to serve two years in jail for stalking and trespassing. He was convicted

Attorney Frank Abrams said a romance between the tennis star and Assistant State Attorney Christopher Calkin that became public just two days after Rajcevic was sentenced in June had begun while the case was still pending. He said it created a conflict of interest that should be grounds to throw out

romance had no impact on Rajcevic's case, then scolded Abrams for seeking publicity.

attacks upon the prosecution in general, and Mr. Calkin in particular leads one to wonder whether Mr. Abrams was less concerned with a sound defense and more concerned with a sound bite." Emas said.

ignored an order from police to stay away and returned to watch Hingis play at the 2000 Ericsson Open.

#### to host 2005 **World C'ships**

Australia may step in with a bid to host the 2005 World Athletic Championships following London's decision to pull out of the event. Simon Allatson, chief executive

of Athletics Australia, said Sunday three Australian cities could be

Melbourne, hosts to the 2006 Commonwealth Games

### No surprises in Tokyo



**INTERNET, Tokyo** 

Lleyton Hewitt and Monica Seles took all the suspense out of the Japan Open.

The top seeds did not drop a set this week as Hewitt extended his winning streak to 14 matches and Seles captured her 50th career title Sunday at the 870,000-dollar hardcourt tennis tournament.

Hewitt, the U.S. Open champion, beat fifth-seeded Michel Kratochvil of Switzerland, 6-4, 6-2, for his fourth tournament victory of the season. He has not lost a match since a third-round defeat to Younes El Aynaoui at the RCA Championships in August.

Seles needed just 64 minutes to dispatch second seed Tamarine Tanasugarn of Thailand, 6-3, 6-2, for her second title in as many events and third of the year.

"I'm very happy to get through today's match," said the American, who pocketed 27,000 dollars for winning her sixth event in Japan. "I wasn't sure how my foot (injured during Friday's semifinal) would react today, but it performed great. It was a fairly close match and I'm just happy to win it."

The former world No. 1, who won the Brazil Open two weeks ago, was told of reaching the 50-title mark by a television commentator.

chance to win my 50th career title coming into the match, but I'm really happy about it," she said.

"It's one of those milestones in



**LLEYTON HEWITT** 

your career. While you are playing, I don't think you really think about it, because you just worry about the matches not necessarily the titles.

"I still play tennis because I love the game, not for how many titles I can win. But I'm very proud of the accomplishment and hopefully I can add a few more titles to that number before I retire."

Seles will have only one more chance this year -- next week in Shanghai -- to notch No. 51. She will not play in the WTA Tour

"I really didn't know that I had a Championship in Munich later this month as she has boycotted playing in Germany since the stabbing incident in 1993.

"I only have one more tournament this year and then I will be

Australia," she said. "I think it's been a great second season for me. In the beginning of the year, I was injured and out for five months. By not playing, my ranking fell, but

really good." Hewitt saved all five break points he faced and took home 115,000 dollars for his first tournament win in Japan. He has 11 career titles.

since I started back in July it's been

"I was able to get myself out of danger a couple of times today," he

"That's got a lot to do with having more confidence under my belt."

The 21-year-old Australian captured his first Grand Slam crown last month in New York and won both his singles matches to help his country beat Sweden two weeks later and reach the Davis Cup final for the third straight year.

Kratochvil was playing in his second final in three weeks, but remained without a career title. He was runner-up at the Shanghai

"Lleyton is so quick and he doesn't make any mistakes from the baseline," he said. "He is the hottest player in the world at the moment.'

#### **Dokic storms the Kremlin**

men's championship Sunday.

The Russian will battle another



**INTERNET, Moscow** 

Fifth-seeded Jelena Dokic beat eighth-seeded Elena Dementieva of Russia 6-3, 6-3 to win the women's title in the Kremlin Cup on Sunday, her third WTA Tour championship.

Dokic, an 18-year-old Yugoslav, jumped to a 3-0 lead in the first set and wasted a set point on Dementieva's serve before finally closing it out on a Dementieva error.

Dokic was in control throughout the second set, taking a 5-1 lead before wasting two match points. Dokic won her first title upsetting

fourth-seeded Amelie Mauresmo of

France in the final of the Italian

Open in May to reach the WTA's top 20 for the first time. She overpowered Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario in the final of the Toyota Princess Cup two weeks ago for her second title. Dementieva, the silver medalist at the Sydney Olympics, upset top-

quarterfinals Friday, but has yet to On the men's side, Yevgeny Kafelnikov continued to thrive on his home-court advantage.

seeded Martina Hingis in the

Kafelnikov, the top seed and four-time defending champion, won his 24th straight match at the 2.19 lars Kremlin Cup on Saturday, advancing to the final with a 6-1, 6-2 rout of No. 4 Tommy Haas



**JELENA DOKIC** 

four games of the match and never looked back. All week, the 27-yearold has pointed to his compatriots' support as the reason for his strong performances.

"It is one of the best matches I have played here," said Kafelnikov, who improved to 5-1 lifetime against Haas. "The situation was difficult for me because I was under extreme pressure from myself and the crowd. The only thing I could give them today was the victory.

Haas, who captured the AAPT Championships and Hamlet Cup titles earlier this year, failed to take

advantage of break-point opportunities in the opening game and never

German, Nicolas Kiefer, in the Kafelnikov, gunning for his 24th Kiefer took 76 minutes to get past career ATP title, took the opening

Slovakia's Dominik Hrbaty, 6-4, 6-3. Kiefer had played uninspired tennis in 2001, failing to advance past the quarterfinals in his 21 previous tournament appearances. But this week, the 24-year-old put himself in position to win a seventh career title

#### World Doubles In doubt

AP, New Delhi

Organisers of the World Doubles Championship are seeking postponement of the event next month because of tension created by an expected U.S.-led attack on

'We've asked the Association of Tennis Professionals to reschedule the championship," tournament spokesman S.M. Krishna said

The tournament is scheduled for November 7-11 in Bangalore.

Krishna said ATP chief executive Mark Miles was looking into the

Several sports events in India and Pakistan have been cancelled, but World Doubles organisers are seeking only a postponement to an unspecified date.

## Hingis stalker's

his client's conviction. Emas, however, ruled that the

'Mr. Abrams' unwarranted

Abrams was arrested when he

# Australia eager

AFP, Sydney

contenders.
They were Perth, in Western Australia, which was already planning a bid to stage the championships in 2007, Sydney, which staged last year's Olympics, and