

Primera Liga
Deportivo bring Barca down

the break and saw Fran connect at close range, with his left foot meeting a hopeful volley forward from Deportivo defender Enrique Romero.
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 area.
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.



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

out fighting and ended their visitors unbeaten record.
Dutch international Patrick Kluijvert 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 box.
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.
The first came five minutes after

Both teams have 13 points. Real Betis are at home to Alaves while Villarreal are away at Valencia.
Real Madrid had to field a weakened 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 absences, 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 an end.
"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 Heynckes.
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 Algeria on October 6.

Historic match ends in fiasco

ter 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 a friendly manner," Simonet said.
The events are unprecedented since the inauguration of the stadium to the north of Paris in January 1998.
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

2002 FIFA WORLD CUP KOREA JAPAN
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No surprises in 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.
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 Championship in Munich later this month as she has boycotted playing in Germany since the stabbing incident in 1993.
"Only have one more tournament this year and then I will be done until 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 since I started back in July it's been 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.
"I was able to get myself out of danger a couple of times today," he said.
"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 Open last month.
"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."



LLEYTON HEWITT

Dokic storms the Kremlin

The Russian will battle another German, Nicolas Pietrangeli, in the men's championship Sunday.
Kafelnikov, gunning for his 24th career ATP title, took the opening

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-seeded Martina Hingis in the quarterfinals Friday, but has yet to win her first title.
On the men's side, Yevgeny Kafelnikov continued to thrive on his home-court advantage.
Kafelnikov, the top seed and four-time defending champion, won his 24th straight match at the 2.19 million dollars Kremlin Cup on Saturday, advancing to the final with a 6-1, 6-2 rout of No. 4 Tommy Haas of Germany.



JELENA DOKIC

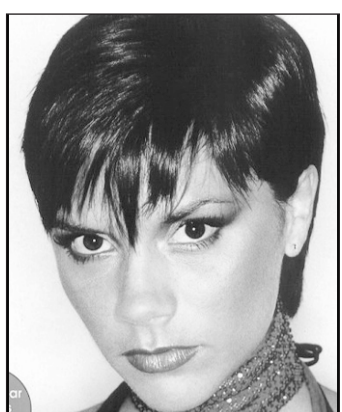
advantage of break-point opportunities in the opening game and never recovered.
Kiefer took 76 minutes to get past Slovakia's Dominik Hrbaty, 6-4, 6-3.
Kiefer had played advanced tennis in 2001, failing to advance past the quarterfinals in his 21 previous tournament appearances. But this week, the 24-year-old put himself in position to win a seventh career title.
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 Afghanistan.
"We've asked the Association of Tennis Professionals to reschedule the championship," tournament spokesman S.M. Krishna said Friday.
The tournament is scheduled for November 7-11 in Bangalore.
Krishna said ATP chief executive Mark Miles was looking into the request.
Several sports events in India and Pakistan have been cancelled, but World Doubles organisers are seeking only a postponement to an unspecified date.

Standings

Table with 7 columns: Team, P, W, D, L, GF, GA, PTS. Rows include Deportivo, Barcelona, Real Betis, Villarreal, Celta Vigo, Alaves.

Posh on David

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."
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 wonderful 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.



VICTORIA BECKHAM

Hingis stalker's penalty remains

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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 his client's conviction.
Emas, however, ruled that the romance had no impact on Rajcevic's case, then scolded Abrams for seeking publicity.
"Mr. Abrams' unwarranted attacks upon the prosecution in general, and Mr. Calkin in particular, leads one to wonder whether Mr. Kallis was less concerned with a sound defense and more concerned with a sound bite," Emas said.
Abrams was arrested when he ignored an order from police to stay away and returned to watch Hingis play at the 2000 Ericsson Open.

SA too good

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Bowler O M R W
Pollock 10 1 19 2
Nel 10 2 24 1
Kallis 6 1 25 1
Ntini 10 3 25 2
Henderson 7 0 37 0
Klusener 7 0 26 1
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Gibbs c D Otieno b C Otieno 20
McKenzie not out 49
Rhodes not out 6
Extras: (b-2, w-5, nb-7) 14
Total: (For 3 wkts in 33.4 overs) 160
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Result: South Africa won by 7 wickets.
Man-of-the-match: Shaun Pollock.
Next match: India v South Africa, Oct 10.

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Australia eager 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 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 Melbourne, hosts to the 2006 Commonwealth Games.