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AFP, Paris

Brazilian striker Vava, one of only three men to have scored goals in two different World Cup finals, died in Rio on Saturday from a heart attack, aged 67.

Centre-forward Vava played 19 times for Brazil and earned his record by scoring in his country's World Cup final wins over Sweden in 1958 and Czechoslovakia in 1962.

Only countryman Pele and West Germany's Paul Breitner have managed to repeat the feat.

Vava rose to prominence playing in those world class Brazilian teams of 1958 and 1962 but he was always overshadowed by the more famous Pele, Didi and Garrincha.

He played his club football at Recife before helping Vasco da Gama to two championships in 1956 and 1958 and also played at the 1952 Olympics.

In the 1958 World Cup final, Vava scored twice in the 5-2 win over the Swedes and hit the net again in the 3-1 victory over the Czechs in Chile four years later.

He also played for Atletico Madrid in Spain before finally retiring in 1967. In later life, he suffered ill health and was struck down by a brain haemorrhage in December 2000.

Primera Liga Morientes saves Real



AFP, Madrid

Spanish international striker Fernando Morientes salvaged a point for Spanish league leaders Real Madrid as they drew 1-1 at Malaga on Saturday.

The draw extended the defending Spanish champions unbeaten streak in the league to nine matches and, despite dropping two points, they lead the league by three points with 39 points from 21 matches.

Morientes headed home the equaliser after 67 minutes, after Malaga had taken the lead on 24 minutes through Dely Valdes.

The normally prolific Panamanian striker broke a barren spell of two months by sidefooting the ball into an open goal after a swift Malaga counterattack.

Madrid's Brazilian defender Roberto Carlos was caught way out of position, in the Malaga half, and the former Real Madrid reserve Gerardo Garcia sent Dario Silva away down the right wing, leaving the Uruguayan the easy task slotting the ball across the face of the penalty box to Dely Valdes.

However, Roberto Carlos made up for his error by providing a pinpoint cross for Morientes to latch onto and get his ninth goal of the season.

Malaga showed little fear of Madrid's reputation and took the game to the visitors from the outset.

Dely Valdes had an early chance to put Malaga ahead after just three minutes but their emphasis on attack led to gaps at the back and six minutes later Morientes caught the Malaga defence too far forward and just sent the ball wide past his former colleague Pedro Contreras, who moved from Real Madrid to become the Malaga goalkeeper in the summer of 1999.

Behind Madrid, Alaves moved up to second place by beating near-neighbours Real Sociedad 2-1 on Saturday.

The defeat increases the pressure on Real Sociedad coach John Toshack - who was watching the game from the directors' box after being sent off last week - whose side remain second from bottom in the Spanish First Division and are staring at relegation for the first time since 1962.

The only negative note for Alaves was the booking of midfielder Pablo Gomez, who will miss Wednesday's vital match against Rayo Vallecano - when a victory could see Vitoria team return to the top of the Spanish First Division - having now clocked up five yellow cards.

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Hosts hold Liberia



AFP, Bamako

Liberia legend George Weah was left seething after a late equaliser from hosts Mali denied his side a winning start as the African Nations Cup kicked off here Saturday.

Weah had headed Liberia into a barely deserved lead on the stroke of half-time and the former world footballer of the year's goal looked like being enough to give the "Lone Star" victory.

But Liberia's hopes of taking all three points from the Group A game were dashed when Mali's France-based midfielder Seydou Keita fired home an 87th-minute leveller.

Keita's goal sparked joyful pandemonium amongst the 50,000 capacity crowd at the March 26 Stadium, with fans in the upper tiers letting off firecrackers in delight.

But the party mood was not shared by Liberia's veteran skipper Weah, who was fuming that his side conceded the late goal.

"I am very, very, disappointed," the former AC Milan and Paris St Germain star said afterwards. "I am a winner and I wanted to win."

"It would have been very good for us to win this match. It's much easier if you win your first game," said Weah, whose goal came from an Oliver Makor corner after a goalkkeeping blunder from Mahamadou Sidibe.

Mali coach Henri Kasperczak was satisfied with the result, particularly happy at the way his side came back into the game after going a goal down against the run of play.

"I am pleased because we would not have deserved to lose," the French-Polish trainer said. "We created more chances, but more importantly we kept our spirit after Liberia scored."

"We have a very young team and they could have lost heart. But we kept trying and got the goal," he said.

Despite Weah's fury at conceding the last-gasp equaliser, the draw was a fair result. The Liberians paid the price for opting to sit back and trying to defend their slender lead.

Roared on by the home crowd on a beautiful sunny afternoon in the

capital, the Malian team spent long periods of the second half camped in Liberian territory.

Mali started more impressively, but the Liberian Lone Star gradually fought their way into the match and Frank Seator went close just before Weah broke the deadlock.

It was a tense, lively opening match rather than a classic with neither team able to retain possession for long during the opening half in which Mali came closest after a slip by Liberian goalkeeper Louis Crayton.

He failed to hold a shot from outside the penalty area and just beat Mamadou Bagayoko, another France-based Malian, to the loose ball.

While never a bruising battle, Libyan referee Abdelkarim Shelmani showed four yellow cards - two to each team - and the rhythm of the first half was disrupted by niggling fouls.

The result illustrated that home advantage is not often a major factor in the biennial African championship with South Africa the only hosts to win their opening match in the previous five tournaments.

Group A action resumes on Monday when the Nigerian Super Eagles, one of the favourites for the gold medals in the 23-day event, tackle the Desert Warriors of Algeria.

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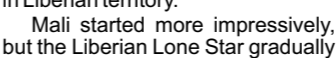
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Premiership MU's eight in eight



AFP, London

Premiership leaders Manchester United recorded their eighth consecutive league victory on Saturday with a 2-1 win at home to Blackburn Rovers.

United captain Roy Keane netted the decisive goal nine minutes from time after Craig Hignett had cancelled out Holland international striker Ruud van Nistelrooy's opener.

In a compelling match at Old Trafford, van Nistelrooy became the first player to score in eight consecutive Premiership matches with his 45th minute penalty.

His strike also put him level with United's all-time consecutive goals league record, held by the late Liam Whelan.

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French Cup Div Three Lusitanos dump Bordeaux



AFP, Paris

Struggling French Third Division side Lusitanos pulled off one of many shocks in the last 32 of the French Cup on Saturday when they beat First Division high-fliers Bordeaux 2-0.

Also left red-faced were league leaders Lens who were knocked out 1-0 by Marseille while Lyon, second in the First Division, were beaten 2-0 by second-division Chateauroux.

Fourth division Libourne-Saint-Seurin also got in on the giant-killing act when they beat First Division Metz 2-1 to follow up their second round dismissal of Lille.

Lusitanos, from the Marne Valley in eastern France, belied their humble origins and status to achieve their famous win.

The club, currently in 15th place in the Third Division, were founded in 1966 by a group of expatriate Portuguese workers and survive on a budget of just 100,000 euros (88,000-dollars) a year.

But all of that was put to one side on Saturday as Bordeaux, league champions just two seasons ago and boasting the country's top scorer Paqueta in their line-up as well as French World Cup striker Christophe Dugary, were swept aside.

Doudou Kamata opened the scoring for Lusitanos in the 19th minute when he pounced on a mistake by Pierre Planus to score past Ulrich Rame in the Bordeaux goal.

The Third Division side then wrapped up the match in the fourth minute of injury when substitute Pimenta scored the second to send Lusitanos into the last sixteen of the competition.

Serie A Torino's brilliant comeback



AFP, Brescia

Torino continued their climb away from the Italian First Division relegation zone Saturday, coming from behind to record a 2-1 victory over fellow strugglers Brescia.

Late goals from substitute Marco Ferrante and Simone Vergassola secured the points for Giancarlo Camolese's outfit after Argentinian Andres Yllana had given Brescia the lead.

It proved a thrilling second half after the first period had provided little in the way of goalmouth action with Torino goalkeeper Luca Bucci's save from Luca Toni the highlight.

Premiership's top six

English Premiership table after Saturday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):

Man Utd	23	14	3	6	56	33	45
Newcastle	23	13	4	6	42	29	43
Leeds	22	11	8	3	34	20	41
Arsenal	21	11	7	3	42	25	40
Liverpool	23	11	7	5	32	24	40
Chelsea	22	8	10	4	35	22	34

EKUSHEY

- 12:00 Eksuhey Middy
- 12:30 Deshjure
- 1:00 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
- 1:30 Documentary Programmed: Japan Video Tropic
- 1:50 Classic Cartoons
- 2:10 Nazrul Gitee
- 2:40 Drishti
- 3:00pmEksuhey Headlines
- 3:05 Drama Serial: Augn Laga Shondha
- 3:30 Pother Pachile
- 4:00 Radhune Rannaghor
- 4:30 Wildlife on One
- 5:00 Circus Circus
- 5:30 Drishti
- 5:50 Aikjer Potrikay
- 6:00 Eksuhey Headlines
- 6:05 Classic Cartoons
- 6:30 Deshjure Chalcitro
- 6:55 Eksuhey Headlines
- 7:00 Toyota World of Wildlife
- 7:30 Eksuhey News
- 8:00 Drama : Bondhon
- 8:30 Bangla film: Akorma
- 9:00 Eksuhey News (English)
- 9:05 Bangla film: Akorma
- 10:00 News: Simulcast from BTV
- 10:30 Bangla film: Akorma
- 11:00 Eksuhey Nightly News

CHANNEL-i

- Morning
- 6:30 Onnodhara
- 7:00 Business Show
- 7:35 Special on Shahid Asad Day
- 8:00 Din Protidin
- 8:25 Drama Serial: Graham
- 9:00 Amar Chobi
- 10:10 Music Plus
- 11:30 Onnodhara
- 12:00 Business Show
- 12:35 Special on Shahid Asad Day
- 1:35 Dram Serial: Graham
- 2:00 Amar Chobi
- 2:50 Bengali Movie: Professor Evening
- 6:10 Music Plus
- 7:15 Channel i News
- 7:30 Lekhok Pathok Prokashok
- 8:00 Roving Eye
- 8:30 Ispahani i Tele-quiz (question)
- 8:35 Kora Alaap
- 9:00 Channel i News
- 9:20 Shonbadpotre Bangladesh
- 9:30 Ispahani i Tele-quiz (results)
- 9:45 Perfect Show
- 10:30 Channel i News
- 10:50 Bengali Movie: Jiner Badsha

ATN BANGLA

- 5:30 Islamic Prog.
- 7:00 New Singer competition prog: "Nabin Boron"
- 8:00 ATN Bangla News
- 8:25 Musical Prog:
- 9:00 Musical prog: Gan Sudu Gan
- 9:35 Musical Prog: Sokina
- 10:10 Drama Serial: Jebon Jadir Jowar Vata
- 10:50 Boliwood Topten
- 11:20 Bangla film: Baroma
- 12:00 ATN Bangla News
- 6:07 Children prog: Shapla Saluk Gold Medal
- Prolijogita
- 7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
- 7:35 Musical prog.
- 8:10 Reporting Programme: Ghotonar Napathe
- 8:45 Magazine prog: Sutorang
- 9:20 Drama serial : Dour
- 10:00 ATN Bangla News
- 10:35 Drama serial: Bondhon
- 11:15 Bengali film : Bondinee
- 11:30 ATN Bangla News

BBC WORLD

- 6:00 BBC News
- 6:30 Asia Today Correspondent
- 7:00 BBC News
- 7:30 Asia Today Inc Asia Business Report
- 8:00 BBC News
- 8:30 Asia Today Correspondent
- 9:00 BBC News
- 9:30 Asia Today Inc Asia Business Report
- 10:00 BBC News
- 10:30 Hardtalk
- 11:00 BBC News
- 11:30 World Business Report
- 12:00 BBC News
- 12:30 World Business Report
- 1:00 BBC News

1:30 World Business

- Report Sport Today
- 2:00 BBC News
- 2:30 TBA
- 3:00 BBC News
- 3:30 Correspondent
- 4:00 BBC News
- 4:30 East Asia Today Sport Today
- 5:00 BBC News
- 5:30 Hardtalk

STAR GOLD

- 7:00 Umrao Jaan (Rekha, Faroque Sheikh)
- 10:30 Geet Gata Chal
- 11:00 Geet Bahar
- 11:30 Mr Sampat (Molital)
- 3:00 Geet Bahar
- 3:30 Jane Anjane (Shammi Kapoor, Leena, Chandavarkar)
- 6:30 Geet Bahar
- 7:30 Monday Magic Farar (Dev Anand, Geeta Bali)
- 11:00 Amul Bollywood News
- 11:30 Naya Zamana (Dharmendra, Hema Malini)
- 12:30 Naya Zamana (Dharmendra, Hema Malini)
- 3:00 Geet Bahar
- 3:30 Jane Anjane (Shammi Kapoor, Leena, Chandavarkar)

STAR PLUS

- 6:30 Kundali
- 6:30 Star Geetmala
- 7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain
- 8:00 Aatma
- 9:00 Hit Filmlein Hit Sangeet
- 9:30 Fox Kids Daily
- 10:30 Pal