

European scene

Football

AFP, Paris

They may have been on the ropes, but anyone expecting two of the giants of European football to collapse into a heap and throw in the towel were in for a rude awakening at the weekend.

In Spain, Barcelona crushed Tenerife 6-0 and kept coach Charly Rexach in his job while, in Germany, European champions Bayern Munich won their first league match since November beating title rivals Bayer Leverkusen 2-0 to keep up their hopes of hanging onto their Bundesliga crown.

Barcelona had gone into the match with struggling Tenerife in an unaccustomed ninth place in the table.

To make matters worse, they had also faced revelations that five of the squad had allegedly indulged in a "drunken orgy" with a number of women in a Madrid hotel the night before their defeat against Osasuna last week.

But Barcelona answered their critics in the most impressive way as Dutch international striker Patrick Kluivert hammered four goals to take his side into sixth place in the table.

Barca were then left in debt to city neighbours Espanyol who came from behind to see off previous leaders Real Madrid 2-1.

Raul hit his 11th of the season to give the defending champions the lead in the first minute, but Enrique de Lucas and Raul Tamudo grabbed the three points for fourth-bottom Espanyol against a Madrid side missing the talents of Zinedine Zidane who was out injured.

Celta Vigo lead on goal difference from Real after winning 1-0 at Real Mallorca.

BUNDESLIGA

In Germany, Bayern Munich followed Barcelona's comeback example as Brazilian striker Giovane Elber scored his ninth goal of the season and Stefan Effenberg converted a penalty in the 2-0 win over title pretenders Leverkusen in front of 43,000 fans at the Olympic Stadium.

Bayern, who hadn't won for seven league matches, knew that defeat would have left them 11

points off the pace - but the win keeps them in fourth spot, six points behind leaders Borussia Dortmund who drew 1-1 with Wolfsburg.

Interestingly, Bayern and Borussia meet at the Olympic Stadium next week. Kaiserslautern remain third after a 1-0 win at Cologne.

"It was a vital victory, because we're back in with a chance of the title," said Elber.

"I'm also happy with how we played. We were on fire and we played better football. If we can now defeat St. Pauli and Dortmund in our next games, we have a really good

chance of the title."

SERIE A

ons Fiorentina did their best to get their season back on track leading table toppers AS Roma 2-0 before settling for a point in a 2-2 draw.

Goals from Domenico Morfeo and Adriano left the cash-strapped home side looking good for a shock win but the defending champions showed true grit with second half goals from Antonio Cassano and Emerson preserving a wafer-thin one-point lead over Inter Milan and

Primera Liga's top six

Spanish league table after Sunday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

Celta Vigo	23	10	10	3	42	25	40
Real Madrid	23	11	7	5	40	26	40
Valencia	23	10	9	4	27	20	39
Alaves	23	12	3	8	23	19	39
Deportivo	23	11	4	8	35	30	37
Real Betis	23	10	7	6	25	21	37

Bundesliga's top six

German league table after weekend's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

Dortmund	20	13	4	3	34	14	43
Leverkusen	20	13	3	4	46	26	42
Kaiserslautern	20	13	2	5	41	25	41
Bayern	20	11	4	5	37	16	37
Bremen	20	11	3	6	33	23	36
Schalke 04	20	10	5	5	30	22	35

Serie A's top six

Italian league table after Sunday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):

AS Roma	21	12	8	1	33	14	44
Inter Milan	21	12	7	2	36	17	43
Juventus	21	12	7	2	41	15	43
Chievo	21	11	4	6	39	31	37
AC Milan	21	8	9	4	3	0	0
Bologna	21	9	5	7	22	22	32

French top six

French league table after Sunday's match (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

Lens	23	15	6	2	40	15	51
Lyon	23	13	4	6	45	24	43
PSG	24	9	12	3	31	1	7
Auxerre	22	10	9	3	29	20	39
Troyes	22	10	5	7	28	22	35
Lille	23	9	8	6	27	23	35

Hosts knock SA out  
Eagles battle into semis



AFP, Bamako

Hosts Mali sent South Africa crashing out of the African Nations Cup Sunday to reach the semi-finals of the competition as Nigeria booked their last-four place with a 1-0 win over Ghana.

Mali downed World Cup qualifiers South Africa 2-0 after second-half goals from Bassala Toure and Dramane Coulibaly in a tense quarter-final in Kayes, 650km from the capital.

The tournament hosts opened the scoring when Toure's low shot from the edge of the penalty area beat South African 'keeper Hans Vonk.

The Malians wrapped up the win in injury time when Coulibaly was on hand to round off a sweeping move, crashing a volley into the roof of the net from close range.

Mali will now play the winner of Monday's quarter-final between Cameroon and Egypt in Thursday's semis.

Mali midfielder Djibril Sidibe said the team now believed they could win the tournament.

"We were delighted to beat a team like South Africa. They did not make it easy for us," said the Monaco player.

"There's no pressure on us. When we started this tournament we set ourselves the target of reaching the quarter-finals. Now that we have gone past that stage, I believe we can go all the way and win it."

South Africa, winners of the 1996 edition of the biennial tournament, second in 1998 and third in 2000, had no answer to the pace, power and imagination of the turbo-charged Malians.

Disappointed South African coach Carlos Queiroz said: "We should have won this game especially when we started to frustrate the Malian team in the second half."

"But unfortunately for us that was when their goal came. We were then forced to counter attack which was normal, that was when they got their second goal. Today was not our game."

At Bamako's March 26 stadium later Sunday, Nigeria booked their place in the semis thanks to a thunderous goal 10 minutes from time by midfielder Garba Lawal.

Lawal's 80th-minute winner set up a semi-final between Nigeria and the winner of Monday's quarter-final between Senegal and Democratic Republic of Congo.

"I saw the ball coming and all I thought about was making sure I hit the target - luckily it went in the net," the Holland-based Lawal said afterwards.

"It was difficult - when Nigeria play the Black Stars of Ghana it's

always difficult. But we kept calm and got through and that's what matters."

"We don't know about the semi-finals - we have to wait and see who we get tomorrow," he added.

Team-mate Finidi George said the Nigerians were now ready to face anyone in the last four, and would not be drawn on who he would prefer to meet.

"It doesn't really matter (who we play)," the Ipswich Town midfielder told reporters.

"If you want to win the title sooner or later you have to start playing the tougher teams. In the semi-finals all the teams are going to be good."

"All I can say is that we're ready to take on anyone."

Ghana coach Fred Osum-Duodo had no complaints with the defeat and bemoaned the fact his side had been unable to convert a couple of early half chances.

"We had one or two chances when we put their defence under

pressure in the first half. If we had scored I think that we would have held on to win," he said.

Lawal's stunning goal sealed what until then had been a subdued encounter between two of the fiercest rivals in African football.

The game had begun in sombre fashion, with the players holding a moment's silence shortly before kick-off to respect the hundreds killed in last week's Lagos explosion disaster. Nigeria's players donned black armbands for the game.

Nigeria narrowly had the better of a cat-and-mouse first half interrupted for several minutes when the Super Eagles' goalkeeper Ike Shorunmu was knocked unconscious in a 34th-minute collision with defender Isaac Okoronkwo.

Shorunmu, who was replaced by the inexperienced Murphy Akanji, was later said to have been concussed in the incident but his condition was not serious.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	42 Female prophets of old	2 Woman Revlon rival	19 Entrepreneur Griffin
1 Pleased	45 Vintage calculator	4 FDR's middle name	22 Painter of ballerinas
5 Dog tags	49 Program dance	5 From overseas	24 CSA soldier
8 Lovers' quarrel	51 Mrs., in Madrid	6 Atl. state	25 Biblical priest
12 Boisterous	52 Food staple	7 Mop	26 Sound-track check
13 Kitten's comment	53 Come together	8 Apia citizen	27 Mischief-vous patron
14 "For — know ..."	54 Oklahoma city	9 Theater patron	29 Young fellow
15 Pedestal occupant	55 Runs up the phone bill	10 Old man of Oberammergau	30 Apr. addressee
16 Leap-frogger's need	56 Dobbin's dinner	11 Requiring a runoff	33 Impale
18 Energetic worker	57 Apportion	12 That's tasty!"	36 Consent
20 Kept afloat			38 Garland
21 Dweeb			40 AL and NL comprise this
23 Periodical			42 Agile
24 Lois Lane, e.g.			43 Hipbones
28 — me tangere			44 Audible breath
31 Right angle			46 Ice cream holder
32 Gamblers' mecca			47 Monad
34 Anvil locale			48 "Smooth Operator" singer
35 Prejudice			50 Meadow
37 Cads			
39 Sweet potato			
41 Read bar codes			

Solution time: 21 mins.

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptquip: MY BROTHER SAW A CRIME IN THE FABRIC FACTORY AND WAS HELD AS A MATERIAL WITNESS.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: Y equals R

The Cryptquip 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.

TV GUIDE

BTV

3:10	News Headlines
3:15	Deshler Gaan
3:20	Open University
3:45	Shukhi Poribar
4:00	Khabar
4:05	Pushlithatha
4:20	Cartoon: Godzilla
5:00	News Headlines
5:10	Shobar Jonno Shiksha
5:35	Drama Series: Family Trip
6:00	Khabar
6:10	Sangeeta
6:35	Programme from Chittagong station
7:00	News Headlines
7:05	Pran Taranga
8:00	News in Bengali
8:25	Ekush Amar Ohonkar
8:35	Drama Serial: Shei Shob Manush
9:00	News Headlines
9:05	Shera Golper Natok
10:00	News at Ten
10:25	Mithskriya
11:30	Khabar / The News
12:00pm	Ekushey TV
12:30	Chandike
1:00	Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
1:30	Documentary programmed : Japan Video Tropic
1:50	Classic Cartoons
2:10	Surer Prodeep
2:40	Drishit
3:00	Ekushey Headlines
3:05	Drama Serial
3:30	Amader Kotha
4:00	Surer Prodeep
4:30	Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
5:00	Circus Circus
5:30	Drishit
5:50	Ajker Potrikay
6:00	Ekushey Headlines
6:05	Classic Cartoons
6:30	Chandike
6:55	Ekushey Headlines
7:00	Deho Tore
7:30	Ekushey News
8:30	Drama serial : Shat Char Dui
9:00	Ekushey News
9:05	Drama : Bhranti
10:00	News : Simulcast from BTV
10:30	Digonti
11:00	Ekushey Late Night News
11:30	Ekushey Business
12:00	Ekushey Headlines

HBO

6:30am	The Chamber
8:45	Havana
11:45	Mother
1:45pm	Death Wish II
3:30	Clueless
5:30	Dangerous Liaisons
8:00	Crocodile
10:00	Battlefield Earth
12:30am	Eye For An Eye
2:30	Mother
4:30	Blankman
7:00am	Action : Mission To Mars
9:00	Comedy : Benny And Joon
11:00	Comedy : Big Bully
12:45pm	Thriller : The Crush
2:30	Comedy : Celcil B. Demented
4:15	Comedy : Chapter Zero
6:15	Comedy : Just A Little Harmless Sex
7:45	Thriller : Motel
9:30	Drama : He Got Game
11:45	Comedy : Hostile Hostages
STAR GOLD	
7:00am	Bidaai (Jeeentra, Leena Chandavarkar)
10:30	Bollywood News
11:00	Geet Bahar
11:30	Farar (Dev Anand, Geeta Bai)
3:00pm	Bollywood News
4:00	Navrang (Mahipal, Sandhya)
7:00	Geet Bahar
7:30	Mangal Masti Kismet (Biswajeet, Babita)
11:00	Bollywood News
11:30	Karz Chukana Hai (Govinda, Juhi Chawla)
STAR WORLD	
6:30am	3" Rock From The Sun
7:00	The Oprah Winfrey Show
8:00	MacGyver
9:00	That 70's Show
9:30	Dharma & Greg
10:00	Chicago Hope
11:00	The Oprah Winfrey Show
12:00pm	Everybody Loves Raymond
12:30	Frasier
1:00	Caroline In The City
1:30	The Bold & The Beautiful
2:00	Mork & Mindy
2:30	Happy Days
3:00	Baywatch
4:00	The Simpsons
4:30	3" Rock From The Sun
5:00	Star News Asia
5:30	Friends

6:00	JAG
6:55	Asianews Update
7:00	The Pretender
8:00	law & Order
9:00	Friends
9:30	JAG
10:30	The Pretender
11:30	Law & Order
STAR PLUS	
6:30am	Star Geetmala
7:30	Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:00	Aatma
9:00	Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
9:30	Fox Kids-Daily
10:10	Hit Geet
10:27	Kya Film Kya Geet
10:30	Small Wonder
11:00	Main
11:30	Meri Saahil
12:00pm	Shanti
12:30	Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
1:00	Hum Saath Aath Hain
1:30	Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
2:00	Sanskriti
2:30	Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
3:00	Shagun
3:27	Film Toppers
3:30	Kasautii Zindagii Kay
4:00	Kabhi Sauten Kabhi Saheli
4:30	Kaashin Kissii Roz
5:00	Meri Saheli
5:30	Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
6:00	Small Wonder
6:30	Fox Kids Daily
7:20	Aaj Ki Baat
7:30	Film Toppers
8:00	Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:30	Kalash
9:00	Kasautii Zindagii Kay
9:30	Kamzor Kaddi Kaun
10:30	Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
11:00	Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30	Kaashin Kissii Roz
12:00am	Film Toppers
12:05	Aaj Ki Baat
STAR VIJAY	
6:27am	Udaya Geetham
6:30	Samarpnam
8:00	Mudhal Vanakkam
9:30	Star Hits
10:00	NGC
11:00	Vijay Talkies
11:30	Om Namah Shivaya
12:00pm	Bommaigal
12:30	Kavyanjali
1:00	Kudumbam Oru Kovil
1:30	Saat Baje Hindi
8:00	Star Khel
8:30	Tonight At 8
9:00	Star Samachar
9:30	Star News English
10:00	Star Business News
10:30	Star Newshour
11:30	Star News English
12:00am	Sports Tonight

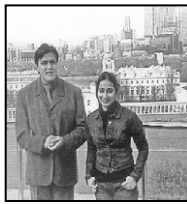
TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



EKUSHEY: 8:30p.m. *Shat Char Dui, Episode 5:* Nitu and Charsho Kuri plays interesting games in the hostel stairs. It is Nitu's birthday. For the first time someone's birthday is being celebrated at the hostel. Everyone gathers at the hall room, they sing, dance and acts a play. Nitu is ready for her birthday wish.



STAR WORLD: 7:00 & 10:30p.m. *The Pretender.* A very young boy named Jarod is brought to *The Centre*, an organisation shrouded in secretive and suspicious activity. With a uniquely high IQ, Jarod becomes a human experiment. He becomes a Pretender. In tonight's episode Jarod fills in for a radio talk show host who disappeared after a violent confrontation with a threatening caller.



EKSUEHY: 10:30p.m. *Digonto.* This magazine show has completely been shot in England. And the participants of the show are Bangladeshis who lives in England. The show tells us about their lives. There are many segments of the show. In the segment *Shei Mukh* there will be an interview of Omar Elahi the actor of the films 'Megher Onek Rong' and 'Rajar Holo Sajai'.

3:30	Movie (Kalakkal Sevai)
6:30	Vijay Talkies
7:00	Navarasa Nithya
7:30	Payanam
8:00	Vijay Sethigal
8:30	Kavyanjali
9:00	Nadhi Enge Pogiradhu
9:30	Marumagal
10:00	Kudumbam Oru Kovil
10:30	Agni Sakshi
11:00	Om Namah Shivaya
11:30	Vijay Sethigal
STAR NEWS	
6:30am	News Hour
7:30	Breakfast News Hindi English
8:00	Breakfast News Hindi English
8:30	Breakfast News Hindi English
9:00	Breakfast News Hindi English
9:30	Star News English
10:00	Star News Hindi
10:30	Star News English
11:00	Star News