Serie A

Roma under Cruz control

Football

AFP, Rome

Julio Cruz overshadowed his more famous Argentinian countryman Gahriel Batistuta on Saturday as he hit a last minute winner to give Bologna a 2-1 win over AS Roma on the opening day of the new Italian season.

But there were no such problems for Milan giants AC and Inter who both got their campaigns off to

Roma, the champions two years ago and runners-up to Juventus last season, looked on course for the three points after Batistuta gave them a 43rd-minute lead from the penalty spot after Brazilian World Cup winner Cafu was brought down in the area.

But Cruz levelled for the home side just before the hour mark and then headed in the winner in the first minute of injury time.

Italian World Cup striker Francesco Totti started the match on the Roma bench and even though he came on late in the game, he was unable to rescue the points for Fabio Capello's shellshocked side at the start of a season which was kicking off two weeks later than scheduled because of a row over TV rights.

Inter Milan, without a title since 1989 and denied the championship on a dramatic final day last season, got off to a winning start at the San Siro with a 1-0 win against Torino.

Christian Vieri struck the only of the game in the 23rd minute with an accurate header from a Stephan Dalmat right wing cross while new signing Hernan Crespo, bought to replace Ronaldo, missed a chance late in the game to add to the scoreline.

Torino had to play the entire second half with ten men after

Ronaldo's rival

greatest football club, and when you

finally do it, your wife comes over

MILENE DOMINGUES

Ronaldo has found himself in, as he

settles into life at Real Madrid with

his wife, Milene Domingues, joining

months ago, when her husband was

busy trying to extricate himself from

Inter while she looked set to stav

with her Italian club Fiammamonza.

Madrid for for a Spanish record fee of US dollars 310,000 and the 22

year old is once again under the

spotlight, not least at home, where

Dominguez began playing the

game when she was 3 years old in

the streets of Sao Paolo along with

her brothers. She met Ronaldo

when she was showing off her ball

skills and became world champion

by juggling the ball 55,187 times in 9

hours and 6 minutes. She did this as

a way to recuperate from a serious

knee injury, so maybe her husband

has been learning from her, judging by his World Cup 2002 perfor-

there will be a bit of domestic rivalry.

especially on derby days.

That did not look the case a few

Now she has signed for Atletico

Atletico Madrid's womens team.

That is the situation superstar

at home!

and joins their rivals!



HAPPY FLYING! Bologna's Argentine striker Julio Ricardo Cruz celebrates after scoring the winning goal against AS Roma at Dall'Ara stadium in Bologna on September 14.

Gianluca Comotto was sent-off for a foul on Marco Matarazzi in the 42

Inter coach Hector Cuper said he was pleased with the Vieri-Crespo partnership in the match and was expecting big things from them this season.

"When they are in the area, the possibilities of scoring are considerably higher," said Cuper.

'They're also very strong in the air. I'm satisfied with Vieri's ninety minutes, I knew he could last the whole encounter and it was important to begin with a victory." Filippo Inzahqi struck twice to

help AC Milan to a 3-0 win at pro-

moted Modena. Brazilian superstar Rivaldo started the match on the bench for Milan although he did come on to make his debut with twenty minutes left after Dario Simic had made it 2-

Rivaldo even had the ball in the net late in the game but his delightful back-heel effort in injury time was ruled out by the referee.]

The Milanese dominated the match and were a class apart from Modena in terms of technique and tactics - factors which meant that they did not miss the skills of the absent Andrei Shevchenko, who

Inzahgi opened the scoring in the 18th minute before making sure

of the points in the dying moments. Champions Juventus begin the

defence of their crown on Sunday when they entertain Atalanta.

Dilkusha.

margin for losers.

President of Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) and Chief of Army Staff Major General Hasan Hashud Chowdhury gave away prizes among the winners as the chief quest.

AFP, London

Arsenal set a new record for scoring in consecutive matches in the top flight of English football as they

Henry's French international Edu added a third right at the end.

After six games, Arsenal have

Premiership start. Czech international striker Milan Baros made his case for a regular place in the Liverpool team with a brilliant double against Bolton in his

made sure of the points in a 3-2 victory with the winner two minutes from the end, sparing Liverpool the embarrassment of squandering a two-goal lead for the third straight

Chelsea went third after strolling to a 3-0 win over Newcastle at Stamford Bridge, with Eidur Gudjohnsen scoring twice.

two goals, and goalkeeper Paul Gerrard, with a string of saves, were the heroes as Everton claimed their first home win of the season. beating Middlesborough 2-1.

Fulham continued their impressive start to the season with a 3-0 win at Sunderland.

drive to become as much of a hero in west London as he is in Japan with his sixth goal of the season to set Fulham on their way.

FROM PAGE 13 the Indian government has refused permission for bilateral tours owing to political tension between the

Pakistan failed to reach the final of the tri-series in Tangiers, Morocco in August and were twice humiliated

Pakistan play Australia in the first Test in Colombo from October 3-7 15 and October 19-23.



The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) yesterday announced a primary list of 23 players for the Asian Youth (Under-20) Football Championship finals, beginning in Qatar on October 15.

Asian U-20 finals BFF picks 23

booters SPORTS REPORTER

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National football coach George Kottan picked the selected booters following their performance in the Dhaka Leagues

Bangladesh play India in their opening group match on October 16. Their second match is against fancied Saudi Arabia on October 19. They will take on Japan in their final game on October 23.

Bangladesh advanced into the final round as Group 5 winners in Pakistan earlier this year.

The selected booters have been asked to report to manager Sayeed Hasan and assistant coach Hasanuzzaman Khan at the BFF office on September 20.

The players are: Aminul, Faisal, Pappu, Belal, Kollol, Munna, Uzzal, Shamsher, Jashim, Rony, Sohagh, Kaisar, Tariq, Arman, Ratan, Parvez, Shawkat, Dalim, Elilly, Nayan, Saiful, Liton and Akram.

Arambagh's 3rd in a row

BSS, Dhaka

Arambagh Krira Sangha clinched the Sheetal Women's Handball League title for the third successive time defeating Dilkusha Sporting Club 24-15 at the court adjacent to the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Arambagh collected full 18 points from six outings maintaining their all-win record. The winners scored 148 goals while conceded 38 throughout the league.

Dilkusha Sporting Club and Jatrabari Krira Chakra jointly became runners-up with 10 points each from six matches.

Arambagh led the first half 12-5 in yesterday's match against

Shahida struck the highest 12 goals for winners while Faru netted five and Dalia scored four. Hira scored 10 goals to reduce the

Premiership

Gunners reach a different plane

maintained their lead at the head of the Premiership on Saturday

Thierry Henry's fourth goal of the season, a minute before half-time. set the Gunners on their way to a 3-0 win at Charlton and meant they have now scored in 45 consecutive league games, surpassing the achievement of Manchester City in 1936-37.

colleague Sylvain Wiltord got the second in the 67th minute after a sweeping counter attack. Brazilian

Arsenal have now scored in every league match since their goalless draw with Newcastle on May 15 2001.

already opened up a six-point lead over arch rivals Manchester United, who lost at Leeds earlier in the day to continue their worst ever

first Premiership start. But it was Emile Heskey who

Captain Kevin Campbell, with

Junichi Inamoto continued his

Facing

neighbours.

by world champions Australia in Kenya in August-September.

and the remaining two Tests will be played in Sharjah from October 11-



innings. He ran his singles well. It

Scoreboard of the day-night match

between India and Zimbabwe in the

Champions Trophy cricket tourna-

ment at the Premadasa Stadium on

INDIA: 288 for six in 50 overs (Kaif

111 n.o, Dravid 71, Sehwag 48;

A. Flower c Ganguly b Tendulkar145

D. Marillier c Ganguly b Kumble 14

Extras:(b-6, lb-16, nb-4, w-6) 32

Total: (For eight wkts in 50 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-43, 3-127, 4-

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130, 5-201, 6-240, 7-263, 8-274.

A. Campbell c Yuvraj b Zaheer

D. Ebrahim Ibw b Zaheer

S. Carlisle b Tendulkar

G. Whittal c Dravid b Zaheer

was perfect," the fast bowler said.

SCOREBOARD

Saturday

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ZIMBABWÉ

G. Flower run out

S. Ervine b Zaheer

H. Streak not out

Zaheer

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Kumble

Harbhajan

Tendulkar

Ganguly

Kaif (Ind)

Players and officials of Armbagh Krira Sangha who clinched the Sheetal Women's Handball League title yesterday.

young batsmen whose arrival has

added depth to the batting as India

prepare for next year's World Cup in

on course for a semifinal berth from

the toughest pool which also

includes England, Kaif rates his 87

not out against hosts England in a

one-day tournament final in July as

Though his effort kept India firmly

South Africa

Mr Cool

MICC CHAMPIONS TROPHY
SRILANKA 2002

REUTERS, Colombo

India's Mohammad Kaif, who batted superbly under pressure in his side's narrow Champions Trophy victory over Zimbabwe, said he was always prepared for crunch situa-

Kaif, 21, hit his maiden international hundred by stroking 111 not out to lift India from 87 for five to 288 for six wickets which set up a 14-run

pare," Kaif told reporters after being named the man-of-the-match.

seven India were reeling at 87 for five in the 14th over, but he repaired the damage with in-form Rahul Dravid in a 117-run partnership before launching an assault in the final overs.

His batting performance boosted the Indian side, often slammed for caving in under pressure, especially when Sachin Tendulkar is dismissed cheaply as he was on Saturday for seven.

number seven, I will have fewer overs to face," Kaif said. "So I've been practising a whole lot of shots in the nets.

balls and it paid off." Kaif led India's Under-19 side to years ago and is among a set of

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S. Styris c Gilchrist b McGrath C. Harris b Lee J. Oram b McGrath D. Vettori Ibw b Lee K. Mills not out D. Tuffey c Warne b Lee S. Bond st Gilchrist b Warne Extras: (b-4, lb-3, nb-2, w-2)

Total: (All out in 26.2 overs) M g **R** 37 Gillespie 29 38 6 0 Lee Watson 19 0 Warne 0.2 Result: Australia won by 164 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Glenn McGrath (Aus) Toss: Australia Umpires: Russel Tiffin (Zim) and Dave Orchard (Rsa) TV umpire: Asoka de Silva (Sri)

Match-referee: Clive Lloyd (WIs)

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MOHAMMAD KAIF

Kaif's effort under pressure saw

"The Lord's innings was he best,"

India pull off victory chasing a target

he said. "England is quite good at

home and beating them was spe-

Zimbabwe captain Heath Streak

praised the youngster, who took

only 37 balls to move from 50-100.

a better innings.

of 326.

"It is a matter of how you pre-

When Kaif walked in at number

"I have always known, batting at

"It was a good wicket to bat on. I concentrated on hitting the loose

the World Cup in Sri Lanka two

. "Kaif played a composed Kournikova McGrath

beaten REUTERS, Shanghai Anna Kournikova's hopes of ending her

able defeat.

By Eugene Sheffer

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2 Quiz

seven-year search for a WTA singles title have been crushed by Anna Smashnova in the Shanghai Open final. While the top-seeded Israeli collected her sixth career title with a comfortable 6-2, 6-3 victory, Kournikova was left to reflect on

another missed opportunity, having lost he three previous finals. The Russian, better known for her morous looks than her ability on court, could not cope with her 26-year-old opponent's explosive serve and booming

groundstrokes as she slipped to a predict-

Toss: India Umpires: Asoka de Silva (Sri) and Rudi Koertzen (Rsa) TV umpire: Steve Bucknor (WIs)

Match-referee: Wasim Raja (Pak)

Result: India won by 14 runs.

Man of the match: Mohammad

Sirai soccer

CU CORRESPONDENT Chittagong Eden Star Club moved

into the semifinals outplaying Zornapara Ekadosh 2-0 in the Siraj Mohanagari Kishore Football League at the Dampara Police Lines ground in the port city of

Chittagong yesterday. Mohammad Yasin Arafat scored two goals for the winners in the 10th and 30th minutes of the first half.

Blue Star Club will face Amra Tarun today for the second semifinal



President and Managing Director of Arab Bangladesh Bank Limited (ABBL) Abu Haniff Khan (3rd from L) shakes hands with Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Assistant Director Shafiqul Haque (2nd from R) following an agreement at the bank's head office in Dhaka yesterday under which the ABBL will sponsor the under-17 cricket tournament in all divisional headquarters of the country.

CRYPTOQUIP

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PZOWQLPZSLRVX GL Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A FEW IRKED INSTRUCTORS COMPLAINED THAT THE NEW MATH BOOK WAS FULL OF PROBLEMS.

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

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals L The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for

Barthez facing investigation AFP, London Manchester United goalkeeper Fabien Barthez could be in trouble

with the authorities following an incident during his side's 1-0 English Premiership defeat against Leeds at Elland Road on Saturday. Barthez, 31, seemingly frustrated by Harry Kewell's winning

66th minute header, picked up the plastic drinks bottle at the back of his goal and kicked it. But such was the force of the France international's kick that the bottle went through the back of the net before striking a disabled sup-

A West Yorkshire police spokesman said: "We have been made aware of an incident and we will be

Rio Ferdinand's return to Leeds

after his summer transfer to

Manchester United added to security fears in what is, historically, a Police made eleven arrests as fiahting broke out between opposing fans and two officers were

INTERNET, Madrid It's always the way isn't it? You spend your entire summer trying to manufacture a move to the world's

AFP, Madrid on Saturday as the reigning cham-

evel for only the second time in ites to drop back into the Second Division next year. Valencia's Spanish interna-

tional Vicente Rodriguez opened

to his feet. minutes, his second goal coming

end of the game. Barcelona put behind them the internal discord that seemed to be rampant after the shock midweek Spanish Cup exit to Third Division Novelda and channeled their energies into beating Athletic

to Bevan "It's one of the most memorable innings I've played in one-day cricket. There's probably two or three up there with that innings but

Bevan enjoyed Wednesday's hitout against the Windies, making 53 off 60 balls in his first long stint at this level since that innings against New Zealand. In his past 12 matches in South

The practice match went

Primera Liga

Champs, Barca sail

pions ran out comfortable 3-0 Huelva, playing at the highest their history, already look favour-

the scoring after just nine minutes. when he blasted home a free kick from Salva Ballesta that had fallen Norwegian international John Carew then put an end to his goalscoring drought, which stretched

FROM PAGE 13 you go out and take your opportunity

His last really long bat was the 102 not out off 95 balls at the MCG in February when Australia scored their only win over New Zealand all

summer.

Africa, the home series against Pakistan and the tournament in Nairobi he has faced an average of only 15 balls a game as he's been either not needed at all or has come

Australia's way as they made 265 for four in 48.5 overs to surpass the West Indies' 261-5.



Football

Recreativo Huelva may be Spain's oldest club but their relative inexperience in the Spanish First Division was exposed by Valencia

back to February 6, by finding the net twice within the space of four

two minutes into injury time at the

Bilbao in their own San Mames

Unbeatable "Normally I go in with five overs to go and try to score at a run a ball, or if I go in and we need to win the match, then I try to make sure I see Australia home. If you get a long bat,

and enjoy it."

It's an innings that's been lauded far and wide and one that's special

that's one of my highlights."

in for only a handful of overs at the

The Basques' goalkeeper Inaki Lafuente was under constant bombardment but his heroics saved Athletic from an even more

conclusive defeat. Luis Enrique Martinez, who announced his international retirement after the World Cup, showed that he could still command a place in the Spanish side if he wanted with a well taken goal after 21 minutes when the Athletic defenders were caught napping. Barcelona's Dutch international forward Patrick Kluivert then produced a defence-splitting cross which Juan Riquelme latched onto to score his first goal in the league

following his summer move from Boca Juniors in his native Argentina. Athletic rarely looked like scoring and after two straight losses their fans must be wondering

whether their membership of a very priviledged club is about to come to an end. Athletic, along with Real Madrid and Barcelona, are the only clubs that have been ever-present in the

Spanish first divsion since it was

Two goals in less than two

formed in 1928.

11 minutes.

minutes by Deportivo La Coruna's own Dutch striker Roy Makaay gave the Galicians a 2-1 win at Deportivo had been smarting for two weeks following their 4-2 drubbing at home by Real Betis in the opening game of the season

Osasuna. and the misery looked likely to continue after Manuel Vidrio put

the Pamplona club ahead after just

target after 74 minutes, heading

home his first goal. Shortly after-

wards he found the net again after

Osasuna goalkeeper Juan Carlos

Unzue could only parry away a

shot by Sergio Gonzalez.

However, Makaay finally hit the

"We controlled the game and the team has exorcised any ghosts that were there after the Betis match," said Deportivo coach Javier Irureta.

Osasuna ended the game with

ten men after their captain

Franciaco Punal was sent off for

his second bookable offence six minutes from the whistle. Malaga continued their promising start to the season with a second victory, running out 2-1 victors

The visitors from Madrid

opened the scoring on 38 minutes

with Bosnian international Elvir Bolic slotting the ball between the legs of Malaga goalkeeper Pedro Contreras. However, the Costa Del Sol side hit back with two goals in four

minutes early in the second half

from Dely Valdes and Kiki

The farce started before a ball

had been kicked with the kick-off

Musampa. The eagerly-anticipated match between Real Betis and Real Madrid was abandoned after floodlight failure at Betis' Estadio Manuel Ruiz de Lopera.

delayed for 16 minutes after the floodlights were flickering on and The same problem caused the referee Juan Antonio Fernandez Marin to briefly halt the game just 10 minutes into the first half.

was about to blow his whistle for half time, with Betis leading 1-0 after a goal from Jesus Capitan. The referee then gave Betis officials ten minutes to get the floodlights working but groundstaff were unable to guarantee that the

equipment would work without any

from the Spanish football federa-

Betis can expect a hefty fine

further blackouts.

tion for the incident

The floodlights then failed

completely as Fernandez Marin



Action from yesterday's DSA Cup football tournament encounter between Khulna Newsprint Mills Club and Platinium Jubilee Jute Mills Club at the Khulna Stadium. Platinium defeated Newsprint.