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Solskjaer was clean through on goa

by Everton defender David Weir.

when he was hauled back in the box

spot and sent-off Weir. Van

Nistelrooy stepped up and Everton

goalkeeper Richard Wright could do

Everton's misery was com-

pounded when Scholes rifled home

his second off the underside off the

crossbar into the top corner from 20

vards out in the first minute of added

time as the visitors' defence backed

Ferguson's side the lead in the 65th

minute but failed to make a proper

connection with a centre from

Nistelrooy volleyed over from point

blank range after Everton defender

David Unsworth's misdirected

United continued to press for-

ward, Scholes linking well with

Solskjaer before drilling his shot

wide after receiving a clever

backheeled pass from the Norway

Beckham himself then went

But it was not all one-way traffic.

close when his chip from the edge of

the box clipped the crossbar in the

United's France goalkeeper Fabien

Barthez showed fine nerve in com-

ing out to block Everton striker Kevin

Campbell, the pair colliding after the

United defence was caught out by a

And Everton's 16-year-old striker

header dropped into his path.

And barely two minutes later van

Solskjaer almost gave

away

Beckham.

forward.

78th minute.

swift counter-attack

nothing about his powerful strike.

Referee Mike Riley pointed to the

'Just 23 left now'

Football

INTERNET, Madrid

Real Madrid superstar Ronaldo was more than anything relieved after making a sensational debut for his new club on Sunday. After the match he reflected on the occasion and the two goals against Alaves.

Debut

"It was a fantastic day. I enjoyed myself a lot. I have noticed we can score a goal any time. To be honest, I did not know if I was to get on the field, though the manager probably had already made up his mind. I did the best training and said to him I was available. The muscle problem is now over. Now I just need to play for the full time of a game."

"It is the Media that creates the expectation, not us. We had a schedule and we have been working play very well and they do not usuaccording to it. The news appearing ally let the ball go out of their control. in the Media do not affect our work. I There was a time that we were in think people were more nervous trouble, but then Iker did a great job about my debut than I actually was to save the penalty". myself. I was a little nervous while I was sitting on the bench, because it

is harder when you see everything from there. My element is the pitch." "I had a great time. With just five minutes of play, I had to get to my feet to celebrate Zidane's goal. What

a goal! It was awesome. It is very

hard for a defender to stop Real

about this squad." Analysis "It has been a great encounter, because they have given us some

trouble. Alavé s is a team that can



RONALDO

Madrid, because we attack with six tricks in the future. I hope we keep on or seven players. I am very confident seeing matches like today's". The future "I do not know what people are going

to ask for now. I know I am capable of a lot more than that and I will try my best to display it on the field. The feeling I had at the end of the game is that I wanted to carry on playing, although my first five minutes were a bit difficult because it always takes a while until you get into the flow of the dame"

"I felt very glad. I know fans are happy, but now we have to carry on like that in every game for a long time. I said I would score 25 goals, so there are just 23 left now. However, the important thing is not my goal-scoring rate, but Madrid's victories. This squad is going to score many goals and I will enjoy many chances in every game. The season ahead is very long."

Goals

"I loved Zidane's goal, it was the most beautiful one today. As to the ones I scored, I prefer the first one. I think I am going to have a better time than in Italy, because here all the "Having Figo and Zidane as squads are more offensive. I wish I assistants is just a guarantee by could keep this rate, because that itself. I prefer not having scored from will make everyone really happy. I the last chance I had, because it dedicate my goals to all the fans in would have led to too much euphoria the stadium and to the whole Madrid on the stands. I am very satisfied family. I expect my contribution will with the two goals I scored and the make a better Real, though this is win we got because it was a tough going to be difficult". match. We will have time to see hat

Boban's fitting farewell

Football

AFP, Zagreb

Croatia's legendary captain Zvonimir Boban left professional football in style Monday, surrounded by top names in a World Star XI facing Croatia's 1998 World Cup squad in a gala match played a day before his 34th birthday.

Some 40,000 fans cheered Boban into retirement at the Dinamo Zagreb stadium as the 1990 squads of Dinamo and former club AC Milan opened the event with a short match of 45 minutes.

Boban changed sides at the halftime and then scored two goals for AC Milan as they won 3-1.

The Milan delegation included former Dutch international Marco van Basten but he could not play due to injury.

The real spectacle followed as the Croatian squad which came third at the 1998 World Cup with Boban as captain entered the field to face the World Stars XI.

French striker Jean-Pierre Papin and Brazilian Leonardo scored as

the World Stars won 2-1. The Croatians thnked a tennis player for their goal as 2001 Wimbledon winner Goran Ivanisevic netted. Ivanisevic surprised the fans as

he replaced Boban in the second



ZVONIMIR BOBAN

half-time of the short match after which Boban was given a rousing send-off with fireworks and huge applause

"Thanks to everybody, my friends, family and my Croatia. All this time I was in some kind of emo-

tears. It was the end of a career one could only ask for," Boban said. Boban started his career in 1985

as a midfielder with Dinamo. In 1992 he signed for AC Milan and stayed with the club until 2001 before

finishing his career at Spain's Celta Viao. Commenting on his goal Ivanisevic said: "I got lucky, it is a beautiful feeling to be cheered by 40,000 people. Thanks, Boban, for inviting me.

Rivaldo, Fernardo Redondo, Oliver Bierhoff, Lotthar Matthaus, Dejan Savicevic, Daniele Massaro, Roberto Donadoni, Sebastiano Rossi, Paolo Maldini, Andrei Shevchenko, Mauro Tassoti, George Weah, Mark Viduka, Frank Rijkaard and Alessandro Costacurta were among those who

bade Boban farewell. The Croatian side, containing veterans such as loor Stimac. Davor Suker and Alen Boksic, was again led by their 1998 coach Miroslav Blazevic.

Ferencvaros (Hun) v VfB

SPORT

The draw for the second round of the UEFA Cup has produced some interesting encounters, as the bloated competition tightens up to a mere 64 teams.

Premiership Late Reds dazzle

Football

AFP, London

Manchester United scored three goals in the final five minutes to beat Everton 3-0 in their English Premiership match at Old Trafford on Monday.

England midfielder Paul Scholes scored twice and in between his strikes there was time for Dutch forward Ruud van Nistelrooy to add another from the penalty spot.

The result moved United into fourth place, six points behind leaders Arsenal. while Everton, who finished the match with 10 men. dropped to 12th.

England captain and United midfielder David Beckham said the result had been a reward for United's persistence

"We knew if we kept on going we'd get chances and we'd put them away," he told Sky Sports afterwards "We were a bit sluggish through

the whole game but in the last five minutes we carried on and finished it off

Asked if the result signalled the start of United's challenge to Arsenal, Beckham said: "Arsenal are a great team. It's up to us and we are only interested in what we are doing.

"It's early season still. You don't want anyone at the top to get far away from you but we just want to concentrate on us at the moment."

minutes it was a real threat.

United for 86 minutes and it looked

His team had held out until four

minutes from the finish when, fol-

lowing a Ryan Giggs cross, Scholes

Then supersub Ole Gunnar

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like being a nothing-each draw."

shot home from inside the box.

from the game

Arsenal

Liverpool

Man Utd

Fulham

Tottenham

Middlesbrough

United manager Alex Ferguson Wayne Rooney, a 74th minute admitted his side had been made to substitute, evaded several United work hard for their victory. defenders seven minutes from time "We had patience and possibly

only to shoot straight at Barthez. determination. That's one of the United went close on a number of best games I've seen for many a day occasions in the first half but could and it's the best Everton team I've not find the back of Wright's net. An early sign of United pressure

came when Giggs' cross was just taken away from van Nistelrooy by Weir

Everton had a chance of their own when Riley awarded the visitors a free-kick after Laurent Blanc wrong decision and when they had tugged striker Kevin Campbell's counter-attacked in the last 20 shirt.

But from 20 yards out Thomas Everton manager David Moyes Gravesen struck the ball over over said his team had deserved a point the crossbar.

Wright then reacted sharply to "We are devastated. We don't gather a Beckham centre which only feel as if we deserved that. We just missed Scholes' boot. thought we contained Manchester

And the former Arsenal shotstopper again showed good judgment when he advanced quickly off his line to collect Beckham's through ball intended for Giggs.

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Premiership's top six

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

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SECOND ROUND DRAW Fenerbahce

(Tur)vPanathinaikos (Gre) Malaga (Spa) v Amica Wroncki (Pol)

Lazio (Ita) v Red Star Belgrade (Yug)

Ipswich (Eng) v Slovan Liberec (Cze)

Stuttgart (Ger) Anorthosis (Cyp) v Boavista

(Por) Dinamo Zagreb (Cro) v Ful-

ham (Eng) Parma (Ita) v Wisla Krakow (Pol)

Anderlecht (Bel) v Midtjylland (Den) Slavia Prague (Cze) v Partizan

Belgrade (Yug)

Apoel Nicosia (Cyp) v Hertha Berlin (Ger) Alaves (Spa) v Besiktas (Tur)

Legia Warsaw (Pol) v Schalke

Things get interesting



UEFACUP

INTERNET, Nyon

granted.

Kalisha Hayward (R) before the start of their Premiership match against Everton at Old Trafford on October 7.

Elsewhere. Roberto Mancini's

new look Lazio team face a tricky tie

Parma, the only other Italian side left in the UEFA Cup, face slightly easier East European opposition in Wisla Krakow, but after just squeezing past CSKA Sofia in the first round, they will take nothing for

Other standout ties from today's draw include a Turkey v Greece clash as Fenerbache meet Panathinaikos, a potentially tricky game for Alaves, against Besiktas

against Red Star Belgrade. Lazio sold most of their star performers in the summer to alleviate crippling financial problems, but have made a solid start to this season. However, Red Star have already claimed one Italian scalp in the UEFA - knocking out Chievo Verona in the first round and will not fear a trip to Rome.

DON'T CRY. I LOVE YOU TOO! Manchester United superstars David Beckham (L) soothes an overwhelmed mascot, seen for years, we really had to perform well to win that game," he said. "There were some terrific passina movements but our finishina wasn't great, we got to the byline a few times and maybe made the

PHOTO: AFP



Sunderland fire Reid

Football

AFP, London

Peter Reid was sacked as manager of English Premiership side Sunderland on Monday, the northeast club confirmed.

Reid's position has been under threat since last season when Sunderland narrowly avoided relegation.

In the present campaign Sunderland have won only two of their nine league matches to lie just one place above the relegation zone and their position worsened last weekend with a 3-1 defeat against leaders Arsenal.

Former Leeds manager David O'Learv immediately declared his availability for Reid's job. telling Sky Sports he would "talk to anyone" in a bid to get back into management although he was "gutted" for Reid.

And his Elland Road predecessor George Graham, also linked with the Sunderland vacancy, said:

AEK president freed from jail

AFP, Athens

Makis Psomiadis, the president of AEK Athens, one of Greece's biggest clubs, who was handed a 12 year prison sentence last week, was Monday freed by a court of appeal here on health grounds.

The former newspaper owner had been found guilty of falsely accusing a Greek government minister of accepting bribes totalling 13 million euros (dollars).

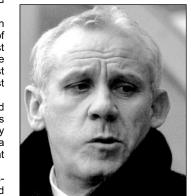
Psomiadis had to be taken to hospital with a bleeding problem hours after last Monday's judgement.

Last Wednesday AEK Athens held Real Madrid to a 3-3 draw in the Champions League.

"I am keen to talk to any club whose ambition matches my own." Neither man is currently manag-

ing a club Ex-England midfielder Reid had been in charge at Sunderland for seven years and guided the club to

described Reid's departure as "one



Football

goalscorer with 24 goals.

Footballers'Association.

Juventus striker David Trezeguet

has been named player of the year

by his fellow professionals in Italy

after finishing last season as leading

The France international. whose

tally helped Juve win the Serie A

title, was also voted foreign player of

the year at Monday night's award

ceremony organised by the Italian

up his second award of the day.

Luigi Del Neri meanwhile picked

The Chievo boss was voted

coach of the year to add to the

Panchina d'oro (golden bench)

honour he received earlier in the

Chievo to fifth place in the Italian

Del Neri guided newly-promoted

AFP, Rome

promotion to the top flight in 1999. Manchester United manager

Alex Ferguson, speaking after his team's 3-0 win over Everton,

of the saddest things I have heard for a long time. "He (Reid) resurrected that club."

Sunderland chairman Bob Murray paid tribute to Reid's work but said the club's position meant they had to make a change now. "Sunderland is totally unrecog-

nisable now to when Peter Reid walked through the door at Roker Park in 1995 "In taking this difficult decision its

hard to realise that it has had to come to this, but the club must always come first.

"Nearly a quarter of the season has gone and we are at the wrong end of the table and cant wait any longer for performances to improve

"We've invested more than 22 million pounds in the plaving side in the last nine months but unfortunately results have not changed for the better since last season.

"I have enjoyed a close professional relationship with Peter and the Board and I would like to thank him for his significant contribution and efforts for the club in the last seven years.

season for the Verona club.

mances for Juventus.

on loan at Bologna.

referee

best Italian player, while interna-

was named best defender and

Parma's under-21 international

Matteo Brighi picked up the best

young player award for his displays

Italian legend Roberto Baggio

was also honoured, voted by the

fans as the most loved footballer.

PETER REID

Trezeguet last

season's best

Sofia (Bul) PAOK Salonika (Gre) v Grasshoppers (Swi) Djurgardens IF (Swe) v Bor-

Sturm Graz (Aut) v Levski

deaux (Fra) Viktoria Zizkov (Cze) v Real Betis (Spa) Leeds United (Eng) v Hapoel Tel Aviv (Isr)

Austria Vienna (Aut) v FC Porto (Por)

Sparta Prague (Cze) v Denizlispor (Tur) National Bucharest (Rom) v

Paris St-Germain (Fra) Celtic (Sco) v Blackburn Rovers (Eng) Vitesse Arnhem (Ned) v

Werder Bremen (Ger) Celta Vigo (Spa) v FK Viking (Nor)

* First leg to be played on October 31, second leg on November 14

Cisse's tribute

AFP, London

Senegal captain Aliou Cisse dedicated his performance and Birmingham City's first away victory of the season, against West Ham on Saturday, to 11 of his relatives killed in a ferry disaster last month.

Cisse lost his sister, uncles and cousins when the MS Joola was sunk in a storm off the Gambian coast on September 26. However, no-one at Birmingham

knew about Cisse's plight until he First Division, a finish that gave told manager Steve Bruce and his them a UEFA Cup spot in a fairytale team-mates after the match at Upton Park Other winners included Inter

"It has been a very sad time for Milan striker Christian Vieri, voted me," Cisse told Monday's edition of the Birmingham Evening Mail.

tional team-mate Gianluigi Buffon "I had 11 members of my family was honoured as the best goalon that boat. I have lost my sister, keeper for his outstanding perforuncles and cousins. I dedicate our win and my performance to their AC Milan's Alessandro Nesta, memory. who played for Lazio last season,

Cisse flew home Monday after being granted indefinite compassionate leave by his newlypromoted English Premiership side. He was praised by Bruce for "his

mmense courage and mental Pierluigi Collina, who took strength" in playing in Birmingham's charge of the World Cup Final this 2-1 win at Upton Park. year, won the prize for the best

Midfielder Cisse collected his fifth booking of the season against West Ham and is now suspended for the derby against West Brom on October 19.

Pick of the second round ties is a and a reward for Viking Stavangar return to Glasgow for Graeme conquerors of Chelsea - with a tie Souness. The former Rangers star against Spanish league leaders will take his Blackburn side north of Celta Vigo. The games will be the border for a game with Celtic. played on 31 October/ 14 Novem-The match-up will be a key test of Celtic's strength as they attempt to beat an English Premiership side.

Give peace a chance

Football

AFP, Tel Aviv

In red and green shirts, the six footballers from the Israeli-Palestinian "peace team" run out with gusto for their latest match, as their trainers grin that sport really can bring peoples together.

On the terraces, a few hundred people have turned up late Sunday for the match organised by the Peres Centre for Peace -- headed by Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres -- to try to bridge the gap after

The peace team, comprising

"You're talking rubbish, they were here long before you were

But then Samy whispers conspir-

"We just came because Viko Haddad trains my son," he said, referring to the Israeli coach for the peace team who shares the duties with a Palestinian.

a Palestinian named Hossam calmly watches as the peace team racks up a four to one lead against the ex-pros.

Hossam is a member of the Issawiveh football team from Israeliannexed east Jerusalem, About 50 children have come from the Arab district of the holy city to watch the match.

When Peres, accompanied by visiting EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana, expresses his wish for peace at the start of the match, Hossam remains aloof.

"I'm in favour of a real peace, but Peres talks a lot and does nothing. He does what Sharon tells him to,"

against the "Peace Team" of the Peres Center for Peace, that consists of

Israeli and Palestinian players.

he said, referring to the right-wing Israeli prime minister, Ariel Sharon.

This is the first time, he says, he has come to Tel Aviv since the start of the Palestinian uprising, or intifada, two years ago. "I came with my hand on my

heart, but I'm scared. I don't know if I'll be able to come back Sometimes the soldiers don't treat us well at the checkpoints," he says. Outside the hall, an impressive array of security guards finish processing the late-comers through two entry points fitted with metal detectors. Behind them police

officers fan out. The former commander of the armv's southern sector. General Yom Tov Samia, who as former athlete has come to join the blue

team playing against the peace team, admits "it is difficult to escape from the reality around us." The reality is that almost all the Palestinian players come from east Jerusalem, as those from the West Bank are living under strict army curfew

The Palestinian coach of the peace team, Khadr Abayed, says that in the original plan there would have been players coming from Bethlehem and Ramallah in the northern Palestinian territory.

"But they could not make it because of the closure" of the West Bank, says Abayed, a former player on the Palestinian team.

The Palestinians were also unable to attend the peace team's weekly training sessions in the Israeli city of Beersheva in the Neaev.

What is more, being the trainer of a mixed team is no easy matter.

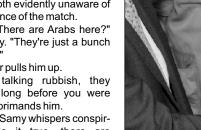
"We were often asked how we could go and play with the Jews when we live under a curfew' imposed by the Israeli army, said Abayed.

At the end of the match, a young woman announces the final seven to two victory for the peace team.

Peres gets up to go, ahead of a trip the next day to Mauritania and France to represent the Israeli government. The Palestinian kids hurry for a bus to whisk them back to east Jerusalem

PHOTO: AFF

A few hours later the Israeli army launched a massive raid into the southern Gaza Strip, in which 13 Palestinian were killed.



says the boy. "They're just a bunch of terrorists. His father pulls him up.

born," he reprimands him. atorially: "Is it true, there are

Palestinians here? No one tells us anything.

HOPE THIS WORKS! Javier Solana (L), the European Union's foreign policy chief, shakes hands with former Israeli international Rifat Turk, with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres (C) looking on in Tel Aviv on October 6. Turk is an Israeli Arab from Jaffa and was part of an Israeli veteran team playing At the other end of the bleachers

two years of fighting. Palestinians and Israel students from Ben Gurion university in the Negev desert, play their match against the former Israeli professional footballers, after Peres

makes a speech barely audible due

to the gymnasium's poor acoustics and the shouting of a hundred rowdy kids.

In the stand, Israeli Samy Salha

is watching with his nine-year-old son Ravi, both evidently unaware of the significance of the match.

"What? There are Arabs here?"