

Asian U-18 TT qualifiers from Jan 26

BSS, Dhaka
The qualifying tournament of the south zone of Asian Junior (U-18) Table Tennis Championship will be held at the Suhrawardy Indoor Stadium in Mirpur from January 26 to 30.

Metro chess

SPORTS REPORTER
Four players were leading the points table with full points in the Metropolitan Selection Chess Tournament at the National Sports Council Auditorium yesterday.

At the end of the fifth round, Kazal Mahmud, Ghusuddin Ahmed Mithu, Hanif Mollah and Moniruzzaman were atop.

Magura soccer

OUR CORRESPONDENT
Satyapour Sabuj Sangha defeated Mohammadpur Ekdosh 2-1 in the Econo First Division Football League at the Magura Stadium yesterday.

Umar and Anotush scored one goal each for the winners while Zia reduced the margin for the losers.

Razzaq ready to join Pakistan

AFP, Karachi
Pakistan's hopes for success during next month's South African tour received a boost Sunday with all-rounder Abdul Razzaq announcing his availability after recovering from an wrist injury.

"I have recovered fully from my wrist fracture and the temporary plaster will be removed on Monday before I start bowling in the nets," Razzaq said.

Pakistan's squad for the two-Test and five-match one-day international series will be announced on Friday.

The team are due to arrive in Johannesburg on December 2 from Zimbabwe, where they are currently playing one-day series. They play their first one-day international at Durban on December 8.

Razzaq's left wrist was fractured when he was hit by a delivery from Australian pacer Brett Lee during the second Test in Sharjah last month.

"Missing international cricket has been more painful than the injury and I just can't wait to get back into action," said Razzaq, who also plays for English county Middlesex.

Razzaq, with 23 Tests and 114 one-day internationals under his belt, is a key player for Pakistan.

The chairman of Pakistan's selectors, Wasim Bari, said Razzaq had informed him of his availability.

Pakistan's top wicketkeeper Rashid Latif has also recovered from a neck injury after missing Pakistan's series against Zimbabwe.

Australia abase United States

Hockey

AFP, Perth
Australia ran out easy winners with a 4-0 victory over the United States in the third match in Pool B of the women's field hockey world cup here Sunday.

keeper. "In the second-half we made some good scoring opportunities but we did not finish them."
"Australia became slack in the second-half and that helped us," Belbin said.

England outplayed Ireland 3-1 in the second Pool B match.
Lucinda Wright set up England's first goal, breaking through the right midfield and angling a centre to Helen Grant at the top of the circle who dived to deflect the pass into goal to the left of Tara Browne in Ireland's goal (9th minute).

Aussies victors as usual

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England had slumped to 130 for seven.
Stewart, who endured a pair of ducks in the first Test, scored his 41st half-century in his 123rd Test.

from defeat as Andy Caddick strode to the crease, batting at No.11 because of back problems, rain again stopped play.
When play resumed Richard Dawson cracked McGrath for four fours before he edged to Adam Gilchrist for 4-41 off 17.2 overs.

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Trescothick lbw b Gillespie 0
Vaughan c McGrath b Warner 41
Butcher lbw b McGrath 4
Hussain b Bichel 10
Key c Lehmann b Bichel 1
Stewart lbw b Warner 57
White c Lee (sub) b McGrath 5
Dawson c Gilchrist b McGrath 19
Hoggard b McGrath 1
Harmison lbw b Warner 0
Caddick not out 6
Extras: (b-3, lb-4, nb-0) 15
Total: (All out in 59.2 overs) 159
Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-17, 3-36, 4-40, 5-114, 6-130, 7-130, 8-132, 9-134

Pakistan flay

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Saqlain Mushtaq to the side following an ankle injury. Shoaib Akhtar was rested.

McGrath did it miraculously!
AFP, Adelaide
Glenn McGrath's spectacular catch to dismiss English opener Michael Vaughan on the final day of the second Ashes cricket Test here on Sunday has been hailed as a miracle.

Sri Lankans get beaten by SA A
AFP, Potchefstroom
The touring Sri Lankans slumped to a disappointing defeat against South Africa A in a rain-hit match at the North West Stadium Saturday.

Pak-Zim first ODI scoreboard

Table with columns for Pakistan and Zimbabwe scores, batsmen, and bowlers.

Windies win

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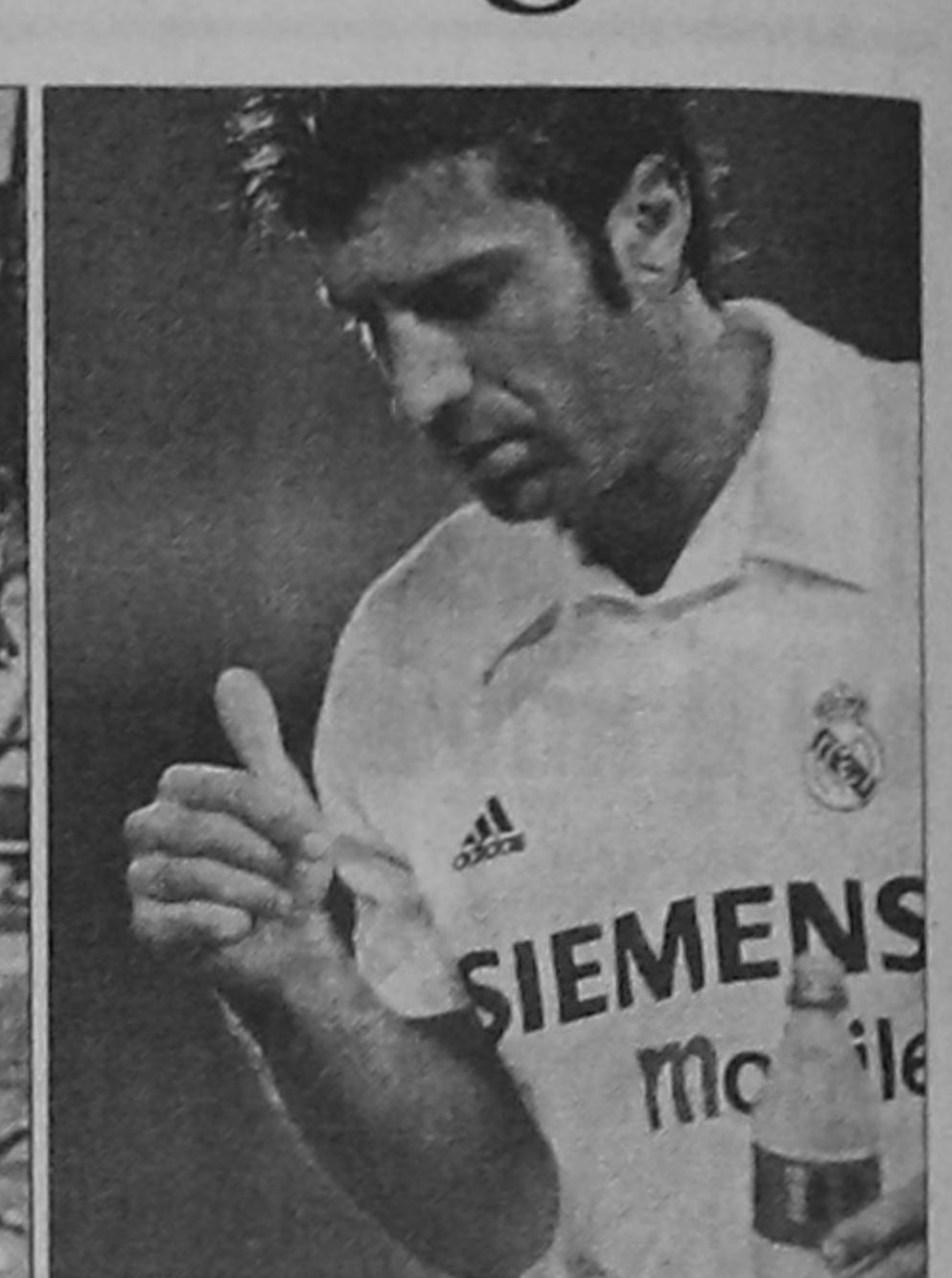
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Primera Liga Figo gets the treatment again

Football

AFP, Madrid
Real Madrid failed to break their 19-year hoodoo against Barcelona at the Nou Camp on Saturday walking away with a 0-0 draw from a match that descended into disgrace as former Barcelona playmaker Luis Figo was pelted with missiles.



A combo of photos showing Real Madrid superstar Luis Figo picking up a bottle that was thrown at him by the Barcelona fans during their derby at the Nou Camp on November 23.

However, before then the match had to be suspended midway through the second half when Figo had various objects rain on him while he was trying to take a corner.

"This was a disgrace to Spanish football," commented Real's director general Jorge Valdano, who has experienced his fair share of derby matches as both a Real player and coach.

Gabri Garcia was judged to be off-side, the Barcelona defender getting booked for protesting his innocence.

but they are still perilously close to the relegation zone.
Sevilla and Deportivo La Coruna also ended with honours even after their 1-1 draw on Saturday.

Referee Luis Medina Cantelejo decided to send both teams to the dressing room in the 68th minute while things calmed down.

The Portuguese winger and current FIFA World Player of the Year has become a hate figure at Barcelona following his move to their bitter rivals in July 2000, for what was then a world record transfer fee of \$59.3 million euros.

Rayo Vallecano and Real Sociedad also ended in a 0-0 draw.

TOP SIX
Spanish football league table after Saturday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

Serie A

Serginho makes the difference

Football

AFP, Rome
AC Milan beat city rivals Inter 1-0 in a fiercely-contested local derby to go top of the Italian first division on Saturday.

Before their final onslaught, Barcelona had the best chance to break the deadlock but Patrick Kluijvert had his goal disallowed just three minutes after half time when

Milan took control of the match in the 13th minute at a packed San Siro stadium.

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

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid and clues.

CRYPTOQUIP

Cryptoquip puzzle with letters and instructions.

Premiership

Top two tormented

Football

AFP, London
The English Premiership title race is wide open after leaders Arsenal and second-placed Liverpool both crashed to shock defeats Saturday.

for two clubs when he scored for Newcastle but that was scant consolation for the former England striker.

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

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