

Inter-Continental Cup Real super-hot favourites

Football

AFP, Yokohama

Star-studded European champions Real Madrid are determined to avoid a repeat of their slip-up two years ago when they take on South American champions Olimpia in the Inter-Continental Cup here Tuesday.

Real came to Tokyo two years ago as hot favourites but conceded two goals in the first six minutes before eventually going down 2-1 to Argentina's Boca Juniors.

Real, whose challenge against the pride of Paraguay will be spearheaded by Brazilian striker Ronaldo and French superstar Zinedine Zidane, have won the world club title twice in 1960 and 1998 after being crowned European club champions nine times.

Olimpia, three-time winners of the Copa Libertadores, narrowly won the South American final against Brazilian opponents Sao Caetano in a penalty shoot-out, thus earning the chance to regain the world title they won in 1979

"Our goal this season is to win the Inter-Continental Cup," said Real coach Vincente Del Bosque.

We really want to win the Cup this time, because when we lost to Boca Juniors two years ago, our

performance was terrible. "Of course, it's important to win, but it's also important how well we can perform in a match.

'We'll challenge for our third Inter-Continental Cup. We'd like to play a fantastic game that we can carve our name Real Madrid into the world,' said Del Bosque.

Real skipper Fernando Ruiz Hierro appeared more cautious. "I don't think we are better in

every aspect than Olympia. They are good enough to qualify for the



Real Madrid superstars (L-R) Ronaldo, Roberto Carlos and Zinedine Zidane chat during a practice session at Yokohama yesterday.

Inter-Continental Cup, a game to the Cup for my people and bring it to decide the number one club in the our country. world

Olimpia coach Nery Alberto "I expect that we will have a tough Pumpido was furious after losing 3-0 90 minutes against them. The level in a practice match Thursday to of our team is a bit better, but we Yokohama FC, the side currently propping up the J-League second should never lose our concentration. we should do our best to beat Olymdivision. "We shouldn't forget our fighting

Ronaldo and team-mate Roberto spirit that brought us the Copa Carlos will be returning to the venue Libertadores." Pumpido said after of Brazil's World Cup victory over the match. "We've beaten big teams like

Madrid." he said.

ation in 1902.

7:15pm (10:15 GMT).

Both teams are hoping they can

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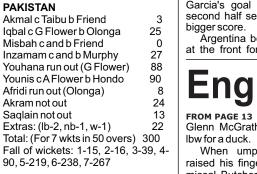
be crowned world champions in their

centenary season after their cre-

Germany on June 30 this year. "I cannot wait for long to return to Boca, Gremio and Flamengo, and it the Yokohama stadium. I hope to win was also a very tough match against the title at the place where we have a Sao Caetano in the final to win the very sweet memory," said Real left-Libertadores. I trust that my players back Carlos. will do very well also against Real

The Paraguayans accept that they start the match as underdogs but believe they have a chance of causing an upset.

"They are number one in the world," said Olympia skipper Julio Cesar Enciso. "But I think we have a chance to beat them. We came here to achieve our dream. I want to win



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Did not bat: Shoaib Akhtar, MRW sequel. 57 2

ers at bay. They held out for two-and-a-half ZIMBABWE: Alistair Campbell, Andy Flower, Grant Flower, Mark

> swinger into the pads to earn a late nod from umpire Bucknor. Immediately after tea, Hussain (61) was dropped by Damien Martyn at slip, off the menacing Warne

reprieve, edging the next ball from Gilchrist.

bat into the ground before walking off bitterly disappointed with umpire Koertzen's ruling SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at the end of third

Australia and England on the third day at the WACA Ground on Sunday ENGLAND: First innings 185 (R

second half after captain Karina Masotta left the pitch with an injury. Birthday girl, Cecelia Rognoni (26) had two unsuccessful shots on goal but gave a present of Argentina's fifth goal with sharp pass infield from the backline and a deflection in by Ines Arrondo for

Argentina's fifth goal. Mercedes Margalot did not play after she broke her nose on Saturday against China -- the second time she has broken her nose in 47 days.

Netherlands took top position in Pool B of the women's World Cup here Sunday, beating Australia 3-1.

best.

Australia's defence played tentatively in the first five minutes, which allowed Dutch centre forward Donners to work possession into the circle and push a goal between the pads of Australia's goalkeeper

Eng burnt to Ashes

Glenn McGrath, who trapped him lbw for a duck. When umpire Rudi Koertzen

raised his finger to signal his dismissal, Butcher angrily smashed his bat into his stumps -- an act of petulance which could have a costly

Hussain and Robert Key staged a brave, but futile, rearguard action in a bid to keep the Australian bowl-

hours until the drinks break in the second session before the stubborn Key fell to a persistent McGrath, as the pace expert thudded an in-

But he did not profit from the

Warne to wicketkeeper Adam Apparently believing he did not hit the ball, Hussein slammed his

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Rachel Imison. half through the rest of the first quarter, with two passes across goal that neither Nikki Hudson noi Julie Towers could convert. had shots on goal with only Clarinde

but Sinnige saved.

Australia coach David Bell said Dobson had been "let down a bit" by other players Sunday, some of whom said they did not play their

into the second half.

Rehman goes

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Imison.

life ban imposed on him after a match fixing inquiry two years ago. "Yes, I have filed an appeal against the life ban in Lahore High court and hope to get justice,' Rehman, 27, told AFP.

Australia dominated possession

Katrina Powell and Sarah Taylor

Rehman, who played 13 Tests and 30 one-day games between 1992-1996, was banned for life from playing international cricket on the grounds of perjury after a match fixing inquiry conducted by Justice Malik Mohammad Qayyum between October 1998 to

Qayyum also recommended life 66 15 3 5 0 ul Haq and Akram Raza. Extras: (b-8, lb-5, w-1, nb-15) 29 Total: (For 8 wkts in 82.1 overs)223 Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-33, 3-34, 4-

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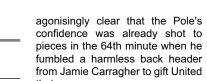
Premiership **Forlan punishes Liverpool**

Football

AFP, Liverpool

Diego Forlan capitalised on a nightmare afternoon for Liverpool goalkeeper Jerzy Dudek with a secondhalf double as Manchester United beat their bitter northwest rivals for the first time in three years here on Sunday.

Liverpool, who have lost three of their last four league games now have 29 points. Champions Arsenal are top with 35 points after their 3-1



their opener The ball trickled through the Polish international's legs to leave Forlan with a simple finish for his first goal for United away from Old Trafford.

Ferguson acknowledged that piece of good fortune had been central to the win. "I said last week that it seems the breaks are starting to turn our way," he said. "Without a question the

Liverpool's goal came after an 82nd minute goalmouth scramble ended with the ball breaking to Hyppia on the edge of the area. The Finn beat Barthez with a left foot shot through the crowd of players.

Despite the dramatic finale, it was a game of few chances, with both clubs fielding teams designed to stifle their opponents' dangermen.

Liverpool delegated Steven Gerrard to keep tabs on Ryan Giggs while United, wise to the threat of Michael Owen's pace, retained the

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer had the ball in the back of the net four minutes later but the Norwegian forward was judged to be fractionally offside before he unleashed a typically incisive finish.

A frantic burst of activity just before the half-hour mark could have yielded three goals in the space of three minutes.

First Liverpool fullback Diimi Traore unleashed a fierce left-foot drive that looked bound for the back of the net before Gary Neville bravely got into its path.

United hit back immediately with Solskiaer forcing Dudek to push

Argentina, Netherlands in semis Russia go level

Hockey

Russia's Marat Safin levelled the Davis Cup final at 2-2 here Sunday AFP, Perth after beating Sebastien Grosjean of Argentina and Netherlands have France 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 in 3hr 05min in won all five matches in their respecthe opening reverse singles to set tive pools and are almost assured of

Sport

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up a dramatic finale.

In an unexpected twist Yevgeny

oust Paul-Henri Mathieu in the final

singles rubber to claim the trophy for

Russia for the first time and deny

defending champions France a

tenth title, was to give way to young-

ster Mikhail Youzhny for the final

Again Pakistan

AFP.Paris

match.

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semifinal places in the women's hockey World Cup with only two Kafelnikov, who had been hoping to matches to play in the Pools. Australia and Spain from Pool B and South Korea, China or Germany from Pool A. are the other

semifinals contenders Argentina continued their undefeated run, winning 5-0 over Scotland in the only Pool B match

here Sunday. Three first half goals to Claudia Burkart, Mariana Oliva Gonzalez

and Luciana Aymar and Agustina Garcia's goal 5 minutes into the second half set Argentina up for a Argentina became directionless at the front for 10 minutes in the

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ENGLAND: Second innings (over-4 8 0 61 September 1999. 23

> ban on former captain Salim Malik and fined leading players Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Saeed Anwar, Mushtaq Ahmed, Inzamam-Akram was also censured and

> inquiry recommended he should never captain Pakistan again Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) implemented the recommendations During his first testimony Rehman alleged Wasim gave him

300,000 rupees (around 5,000 Result: Australia won by an dollars) for bowling below his standards during a one-day game in innings and 48 runs and take New Zealand on the 1993-94 tour. He twice changed his statements and was penalised on charges of Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West perjury. Rehman has said he intends to

horns for reasons best known to himself BANGLADESH: Khaled Mashud (captain), Al-Shahriar, Ehsanul . Haque, Habibul Bashar, Mohammad Ashraful, Sanwar Hossain, Alok Kapali, Mohammed Rafique, Naimur Rahman, Taposh Baishya and Monjurul Islam.

The Daily Star

Hussain not a quitter!

AFP, Perth and field position in Netherlands'

> England captain Nasser Hussain Sunday dispelled any thoughts he might resign in the wake of his side's drubbing by Australia in the Ashes series.

Sinnige in Netherlands' goal to beat "I am not going to walk away from Femke Kooijman shocked this England team in a bruised and Australia's supporters to silence battered state," he said after with Netherlands' second goal Australia won the third Test at the eleven minutes from the end of the WACA Ground by an innings and 48 first half, a deflection on a free hit outside the circle to the right to beat runs to establish a 3-nil lead and put

the series beyond doubt. Karen Smith earned Australia's first penalty corner, carrying into the Lanka pull circle to draw the Dutch infringe ment, then struck the corner herself FROM PAGE 13 getting a deflection off a Dutch defender's stick into goal for

Fall of wickets: 1-40, 2-73, 3-213 Did not bat: R Arnold, H Tillakaratne, Australia's first goal, eight minutes C Vaas, D Fernando, C Gamage, P Nissanka

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Ka Result: Sri Lanka won by 7 wick-Man-of-the-match: Marvan Atapattu.

Umpires: Brian Jerling (South Africa) and Russell Tiffin (Zimbabwe).

Next match: Dec 4, Kimberley

Ehsanul takes FROM PAGE 13 Ehsanul last played international cricket for Bangladesh in the first Test against Sri Lanka in September

omission.

might be dropped.

this year. He scored only seven in that match before being dropped. He came back into the reckoning with a century in the recent Challenge Trophy tournament.

The inclusion of Ehsanul, though

predictable, still took everybody by

surprise since it was expected that

Al-Shahriar would be the likely

Earlier, chief selector Aliul Islam

went on record to say that country's

top batsman Habibul Bashar and

experienced opener Al-Shahriar

But he pulled puled back his

win over Aston Villa on Saturday

Forlan, the Uruquavan striker struck twice in the space of three minutes to put United's injuryravaged side on course for a win that moves them within six points of leaders Arsenal, who visit Old Trafford next Saturday.

Sami Hyypia pulled a goal back for the home side nine minutes from time to ensure a nail-biting finale. But with the help of an astonish-

ing save by Fabien Barthez from a Dietmar Hamann shot that was bound for the top corner, United held on for a victory that had their manager Alex Ferguson wearing his brightest smile of the season.

"That was Manchester United back to our best." the Scot declared. Liverpool boss Gerard Houllier has been under intense pressure to drop Dudek after a string of errors in recent weeks but he has resisted calls to give England under-21 international Chris Kirkland an extended run in the first team.

Houllier's rationale had been that dropping Dudek would destroy his confidence. But it became

defining moment of the match although at the start of the second half things were starting to turn in our favour."

Ferguson also underlined the importance of Barthez's save. "I iverpool don't lie down. They are always going to come back at you and we needed our goalkeeper to perform at the highest level and

that's what Fabien did today." Liverpool were still coming to terms with the trauma of Dudek's blunder when Forlan claimed his second, courtesy of a trademark Ryan Giggs burst through the heart of the home side's defence.

Giggs latched on to a Paul Scholes pass and found Forlan in space just inside the box from where the Uruguayan beat Dudek at his near post with a ferocious drive

Ironically, Forlan was only playing after Juan Sebastian Veron went down with flu -- adding to a list of sidelined stars already featuring David Beckham, Roy Keane, Nicky Butt, Rio Ferdinand and Laurent Blanc

TOP SIX English Premiership table after Sunday's Manchester United-Liverpool match (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

Arsenal 16 11 2 3 36 17 35 Liverpool 16 9 4 3 27 15 31 Chelsea 16 8 6 2 28 13 30 Man Utd 15 8 5 3 25 16 29 Everton 15 9 2 4 18 15 29 16 7 3 6 19 13 24 Boro

> equally guick Mikael Silvestre in the centre of defence. The result was stalemate until

Dudek's extraordinary error threw the doors open. Liverpool's Czech striker Milan Baros had set the tone for the first half when he drew a good save from Barthez with a 20-yard drive in the second minute.

But for all their domination in terms of possession and territorial domination, Liverpool failed to carve out any clear cut chances and it was the visitors who went closest to breaking the deadlock in the opening period.

away a 25-yard effort.

A minute later it was the United fans who were breathing a sigh of relief as the lively Vladimir Smicer created some space from himself on the edge of their box and curled a shot inches wide of Barthez's upriaht.

On Saturday, Thierry Henry piled the pressure on Arsenal's Premiership title rivals with another stunning strike and a late penalty as the Gunners sunk Aston Villa.

Second-half goals from French defenders William Gallas and Marcel Desailly and a Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink effort one minute from the end gave Chelsea a 3-0 win over Sunderland.

The win moves Chelsea up to third place, a point behind Liverpool.

Robert Pires' 17th-minute goal had given Arsenal the edge in a tightly fought first half at Highbury. But it was Henry who put them in control after he was fouled on the edge of the area four minutes after the break.

The French striker, who scored a brilliant hat-trick against Roma in the Champions League in midweek, stepped up and curled a perfect 25yard effort into the top corner.

Thomas Hitzlsperger banged in an equally impressive strike from similar range with the outside of his left foot to get Villa back into the game but Henry's penalty eight minutes from time ensured there was no nervous finale for the Highbury faithful.

Manchester City got back to winning ways and moved away from the relegation zone with a 2-0 win over struggling Bolton at Maine Road.

Birmingham and Tottenham shared the points in a niggly battle at St Andrews that ended 1-1. Teddy Sheringham had put the visitors ahead 10 minutes after the break after Spurs' first meaningful attack of the game.

American goalkeeper Brad Friedel. back in the side less than two weeks after knee surgery, was Blackburn's hero in their 2-1 win over Fulham.

West Brom leapfrogged Bolton and Sunderland to escape from the relegation zone with a welldeserved 1-0 win over a listless Middlesbrough that was secured by transfer-listed Danny Dichio's 72nd-minute goal.

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U M W H U L U D H E V N K. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IN ORDER TO DIET SUCCESSFULLY, IT'S A VERY SIMPLE CASE OF MIND OVER PLATTER.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals N The Cryptoquip 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.