

Inter-Continental Cup Real super-hot favourites

Football

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.

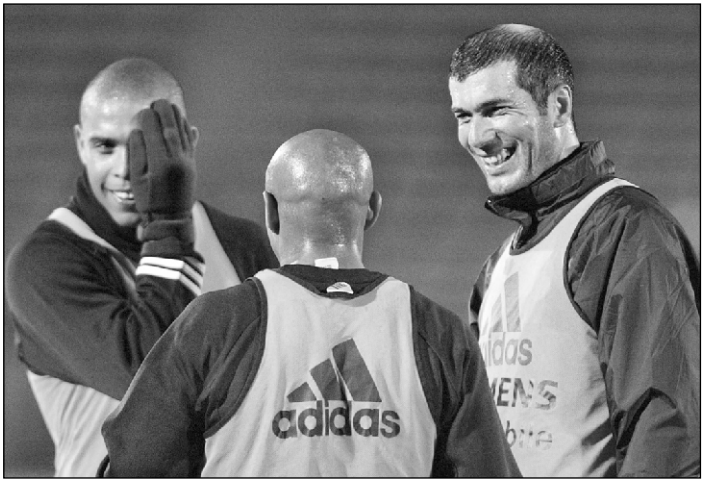


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Real Madrid superstars (L-R) Ronaldo, Roberto Carlos and Zinedine Zidane chat during a practice session at Yokohama yesterday.

Inter-Continental Cup, a game to decide the number one club in the world. "I expect that we will have a tough 90 minutes against them. The level of our team is a bit better, but we should never lose our concentration, we should do our best to beat Olympia."

Real, whose challenge against the pride of Paraguay will be spear-headed 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.

Russia go level with France

AFP, Paris

Russia's Marat Safin levelled the Davis Cup final at 2-2 here Sunday after beating Sebastian Grosjean of France 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 in 3hr 05min in the opening reverse singles to set up a dramatic finale.

Again Pakistan

Table with 5 columns: Bowler, O, M, R, W. Lists bowlers like Akmal, Iqbal, Misbah, Inzamam, Youhana, and Yousis with their respective figures.

Argentina, Netherlands in semis

Hockey

AFP, Perth

Argentina and Netherlands have won all five matches in their respective pools and are almost assured of semifinal places in the women's hockey World Cup with only two matches to play in the Pools.

Rachel Imison. Australia dominated possession and field position in Netherlands' half through the rest of the first quarter, with two passes across goal that neither Nikki Hudson nor Julie Towers could convert.

Hussain not a quitter!

AFP, Perth

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.

Lanka pull

FROM PAGE 13 Fall of wickets: 1-40, 2-73, 3-213 Did not bat: R Arnold, H Tillakaratne, C Vaas, D Fernando, C Gamage, P Nissanka

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Eng burnt to Ashes

FROM PAGE 13 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 sequel.

Rehman goes

FROM PAGE 13 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.

Premiership

Forlan punishes Liverpool

Football

AFP, Liverpool

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

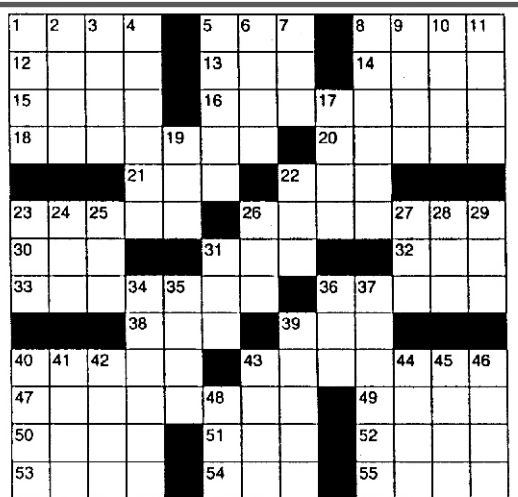
agonisingly clear that the Pole's confidence was already shot to pieces in the 64th minute when he fumbled a harmless back header from Jamie Carragher to gift United their opener.

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

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.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS: 1 Volcanic outflow, 5 Corpulent, 8 Mather-horn, 12 Black-birds of puzzle-dom, 13 'Eureka!', 14 Stench, 15 Shrilk bark, 16 Love of rock music, 18 Sondheim's "Todd", 20 Super-market section, 21 Jazz fancier, 22 Switch positions, 23 Thurber's dreamer, 26 Singer Spears, 30 Bullying bravo, 31 Oktoberfest prop, 32 Put to work, 33 Misleading nonsense.



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