

Streak may sue ZCU
Players issue ultimatum

Cricket
AFP/CRICINFO, Harare
Aged captain Heath Streak has threatened to sue the Zimbabwe Cricket Union for what he sees as his unjustified removal from the national captaincy.

first class cricket and the other who has been doing TV commentaries. This would mean one black and one of Asian descent standing down, thus leaving him open to allegations of racism, which have been widespread in the local press.

"We've given the delegation a mandate of 4pm on Wednesday, and if they don't come up with the goods we're out of here," the Guardian quoted a senior player as saying.

England look at history

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year's Test from their batsmen to avoid the ignominy of a series clean sweep to a side that has twice suffered a similar fate at their hands in 1984 and 1986.

selection panels over the last four years. West Indies are looking for a spark in their middle order batting and Powell could be the short term answer to counter England's highly-disciplined, if not overly menacing attack of which Steve Harmison, Matthew Hoggard, Simon Jones and Andrew Flintoff have been the protagonists.

Manikganj cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT
Notun Basti Ekadosh defeated MWTC Club by 6 runs in the Shaheed Zia memorial cricket tournament at the Muljan High School playground in Manikganj yesterday.

In King Henry's court

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Up until that stage, Jerzy Dudek was to turn into action only once - to turn Ljungberg's shot from a tight angle round the post.

close range. Whatever Wenger said to his players at half-time, it did the trick. The side that emerged for the second half was unrecognisable from the lacklustre outfit that had huffed and puffed through the opening 45 minutes.

Mattau arrives

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Zimbabwe A. As part of the plan to utilise the services of experts before the tour to the Caribbean in May, the Bangladesh Cricket Board has also hired American baseball coach Mike Young, who has worked with the all-conquering Australians for many years.

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By Eugene Sheffer
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Yesterday's Cryptiquip: FROM THE LADDER SHE SAW TWO HANDSOME MEN BELOW, BUT SHE REFUSED TO FALL FOR THEM.
Today's Cryptiquip Clue: B equals L



CHILDREN SANS HATRED: Former president of the Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) football club, Daniel Hechter (C), poses in the western Paris suburb of Clairefontaine on April 8 with some of 22 children involved on a trip organized by the Peres Center For Peace. Eleven Palestinian and 11 Israeli children are participating in a football internship.

Premiership preview
Chelsea full of confidence

Football
AFP, London
Fresh from plotting Arsenal's downfall in the Champions League, Claudio Ranieri will Saturday turn his attentions to turning the screw on the Gunners in the Premiership title race.

club captain Marcel Desailly to the team after the French defender missed the midweek win over Arsenal through suspension.

"I don't think we're going to get anywhere with them. There is no future for Zimbabwe cricket." If the senior players carry out their threat, Zimbabwe will be forced to field a virtual second-string side for their series against Sri Lanka.

Mathematically, third-placed Manchester United could also still overhaul Arsenal.

Abahani post

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Shatabdi cricketers never looked threatening apart from openers Mosharrif and Arif who reached 25 and 23. It was five run outs that eventually cost Shatabdi in the end.

Top players

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Dhaka leagues. How many needy cricketers can the CCL accommodate?" asked Bashar.

Serie A preview

AC Milan remain on course for the Serie A title but their humiliating exit from European competition has planted seeds of self-doubt ahead of Saturday's home tie against strugglers Empoli.

Scudetto at any cost

Title-holders Juventus, whose grip on the Scudetto is all but lost after last week's 3-2 defeat at Inter Milan, face a Lazio team that has already upset them twice this season, in the league and the Italian Cup.

Inter have a problem

minute of injury time when Remco Van der Schaaf fouled Olivier Bernard. Laurent Robert's free-kick was met by Jenas who headed home from close range.

UEFA CUP

Newcastle put one foot in the semi-finals of the UEFA Cup with a 1-1 draw at PSV Eindhoven on Thursday but hopes of an all-British final suffered a setback when Celtic were held at home 1-1 by Villarreal.

Becks can't take a joke!

Football
INTERNET SOURCE
David Beckham reportedly stared in rage at a dressing room poster taunting him about his claimed fling with Rebecca Loos and finally lost his cool last week.

taunts as harmless and even morale-boosting. But for normally even-tempered Becks, who has struggled to join in the Real stars' "superstard" lifestyle, it was a prank too far.

"I didn't do it!" he stormed at shocked team-mates. "It's false. It's a rumour." Then the 28-year-old Real Madrid star tore down the poster and launched into an impassioned defence, saying he would never be unfaithful to wife Victoria and branding the allegations against him as an act of revenge.

Although the popular striker normally enjoys joking with players, and has joined them on nights out, he silenced the boisterous locker room by swearing his devotion to Victoria.

Real point to prove

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Primera Liga preview

Real lead the Spanish first division with 67 points from 31 outings, and seven matches remain this season, but Valencia are hot on their heels just one point in arrears.

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RESULTS AT A GLANCE
UEFA Cup quarter-final first leg results on Thursday:
At Glasgow Celtic (SCO) 1 (Larsson 64) Villarreal (SPA) 1 (Moreno Josico 9)
At Marseille Marseille (FRA) 1 (Drogba 46) Inter Milan (ITA) 0
At Eindhoven PSV Eindhoven (NED) 1 (Kezman 15) Newcastle (ENG) 1 (Jenas 45)
At Bordeaux Bordeaux (FRA) 1 (Riera 18) Valencia (SPA) 2 (Baraja 75, Rufete 87)
2nd legs: Wednesday April 14