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NSW take lead

Cricket

REUTERS, Sydney

New South Wales staged a lower-order fightback against New Zealand's seam attack to take a firstinnings lead on the second day of the four-day tour match on Friday.

Resuming on 26 for one wicket in reply to the touring side's 213, the hosts reached 278 for eight at the close of play at Sydney Cricket

Dominic Thornely made 59 and Jason Krejza a handy 54 down the order as the home side recovered from 172 for six.

Fast bowler Brett Lee was on 28 and fellow tailender Maithew Nicholson made 23. Young pace duo Ian Butler and

James Franklin took three wickets each for the Kiwis. Lee and leg-spinner Stuart MacGill claimed seven wickets between them for New South Wales

as New Zealand opener Mathew Sinclair played a lone hand with a knock of 88 in their total of 213. · The Kiwis are resting their captain Stephen Fleming, who remains in New Zealand with a mysterious viral infection. Batsman Nathan Astle, who has a back complaint, and spinner Daniel Vettori, who has

the game. Australia host New Zealand in a two-Test series this month, with matches in Brisbane from November 18-22 and Adelaide from November 26-30.

"For my first game in a month I am pretty happy. There's still a lot of work to do," said Butler, who completed figures of three for 47 from 14

"There's not a lot of bounce out there and no sideways movement. But we are looking forward to some bounce in Brisbane.

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the four-day tour match between New South Wales and New Zealand at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Friday: NEW ZEALAND: First innings 213

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Butler	14	1	47	3
Wiseman	22	4	76	2
Styris	4	1	5	0
McMillan	4	3	2	0



New Zealand batsman Hamish Marshall ducks under a short ball during the tour match against New South Wales at the Sydney Cricket Ground on November 11.

Race for 2012 Games

Moscow doesn't mind tag

REUTERS, Moscow

Moscow deputy mayor Valery mind the fact that

the Russian capital is considered the rank outsider in the race to stage the 2012 Olympics. "Let all those who have labelled us total outsiders keep on talking," Shantsey, who heads Moscow's

Olympic bid committee, told Reuters in an interview. "The more they talk about it the

better it is for us because they'll be so much more disappointed at the Moscow is competing against

Paris, London, Madrid and New York for the right to host the Summer Games in 2012. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) will select the winning city next July.

Shantsey, however, would not be drawn into a debate over whether Moscow would bid again if it failed toget the nod.

'I don't even want to discuss believe that we will win. It's not over until the IOC announces the winner," he said.

"I'm an athlete myself and I know first-hand that you must play to the very end," added the deputy mayor, who plays centre forward on the Moscow government soccer team and heads the city's ice hockey

yourself to relax just a little bit and be satisfied with second place, you're going to lose. That's a fact. So I play to win.

Shantsev compared Moscow's position to that of Russian middledistance runner Yuri Borzakovsky, who snatched the men's 800 metres Olympic gold in Athens after timing a late surge to the line to perfection.

"Just look at Borzakovsky. All his opponents are happy when he trails last in a race," he said. "Then with 50 metres to go, he

makes his finishing spurt and even has time to look at his beaten rivals and wave them goodbye. That's why Idon't payattention to ratings."

But he acknowledged that Moscow needed to overcome major hurdles, such as dreadful traffic jams, a shortage of suitable hotels and inadequate airports, to have any

chance of winning. "In a sense, I'm glad that we have such a scenario because I must so many problems because if we get the Olympics we will deal with all of them," he said.

Being awarded the Olympics would kickstart the city's plans to sort out its problems because Russians had a tendency of doing things at the last minute, Shantsev

"We Russians can't just do things as we're told. We must find ourselves "In life, as in sports, if you allow in a deep hole, with our backs to the well, only then do we begin to realise that we must do something.

"Then we'll deal with them on a major scale. It won't be just a quick fix, as the deputy mayor I can guarantee that.

"I can even say with certainty that we'll address all major problems facing our city regardless of whether we get the Olympics or not. We must solve them in the near future in order for the city to function normally," he added.

"No matter what, we must build a new ring road, widen most of our major highways, build another 200 overpasses and connecting roads, modernise our suburbs and so on."

Shantsev said other major cities around the world had had similar problems but learned to deal with them over time.

When I visited Japan in 1974 their traffic problem was much worse than ours is now, but when I was back in 1998 (for the Nagano Winter Olympics) I saw a totally different story," he recalled.

"They were able to solve all their problems but it took them 15 to 20 years. We have the finances to deal with our problems but we too must be patient. It will take time."

Lehmann has to do it

hotel on January 18 this year. The

committal hearing is set down for 10

Lehmann, respected as having one of the best cricketing brains in the country, said he is not looking forward to the court experience and that it will make for a difficult preparation for the Kiwi Test.

"It isn't a nice thing and will be a difficult preparation," Lehmann wrote in his Adelaide newspaper column on Thursday.

"It's something I'm not looking forward to but it has to be done. It is a responsibility I have to fulfil.

"Undoubtedly, Hookesy will be in my mind when I go out to bat in Brisbane "

Australian team coach John Buchanan admitted on Friday the court hearing was bad timing but did not believe his team's preparations would be compromised.

"He'll be up Monday afternoon or evening so that's not a major concern," he said.

We've got our two main sessions on the Tuesday and Wednesday and "Il be available for those."

But Buchanan felt Lehmann would feel better for the court experience, allowing him to put the initial phase of the prosecution behind him.

"It obviously was an important moment in his life, considering his association with David and so it will probably be very good for him to have all that cleared behind him before the summer season starts," Buchanan

Lehmann's manager Rick Olarenshaw said Friday Lehmann was hopeful he would not miss anything more than Australia's first full day in

"He's hoping he'll be straight in and out and he wouldn't have to be there on the Tuesday as well,"

Buchanan said he did not expect Lehmann, who tore his hamstring in the third Test against India in Nagpur, would need a fitness test when he

"All the medical reports are good on him and he's been working solidly," he said.

Proteas

Jaarsveld, Robert Robin Peterson, Zender de Bruyn and others who can take this opportunity to establish themselves.

South Africa start the tour with a three-day game against Board President's XI at Jaipur from November 14. The first Test will start at Kanpur on November 20, while the second one will be played at Kolkata from November 28

'McGrath also flexes'

Sydney Morning Herald columnist Peter Roebuck praised the ICC

"At last, offenders will be assisted and not merely thrown out of the game. Only the shamelessly sentimental will reject the report," he

Muralitharan has 532 test wickets, nine behind world record holder Warne. The Sri Lankan has twice been called for throwing in

Meanwhile, former Sri Lankan Test coach Bruce Yardley said he felt

vindicated by the International Cricket Conference's (ICC) proposed changes to cricket's chucking

Former Australian off-spinner Yardley, who first encouraged Muralitharan to bowl his "doosra". was Sri Lankan national coach in 1997-98, and has always been adamant that Murali was not a chucker.

"Now I feel vindicated and I'm very happy for Murali, "Yardley said. 'I always believed he was unfairly treated. I believed if they were going to target him, they had to target just about everyone else."

Yardley, who was himself called for chucking by Jamaican umpire Douglas Sang Hue in 1978, agreed with the ICC's finding that almost all bowlers have bent arms at some stage in their delivery.

"I've always believed that you can't bowl a cricket ball with a dead straight arm. You have to have some degree of flexion."

He said he had seen slow-motion replays of bowlers, including Sir Richard Hadlee and McGrath, and at times thought their arms were bent when they bowled their "effort" ball.

Robinho can't wait

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The agent of Santos midfielder Robinho says the youngster wants to move to Real Madrid as soon as

Wagner Ribeiro revealed to AS yesterday: "We are confident over the next few hours his mother will be released by her kidnappers. This isn't wishful thinking, but based on the good feedback I have received from the authorities.

"No longer does a good atmosphere exist for Robinho to stay in Brazil. He's not interested in waiting around. He wants to move to Madrid as soon as he can.

"Although Real Madrid's preference is to have first option, the player wants to complete the move immediately."

Benfica has first option on Robinho, but that agreement will expire at the end of November unless they cough up £4 million.

There are many Mutus'

AFP, London

Former Chelsea goalkeeper Mark Bosnich believes the London club should have stood by disgraced striker Adrian Mutu, who was sacked after he tested positive for

The 32-year-old Bosnich was sacked by Chelsea in December 2002 after he tested positive for

Since his departure from the club two years ago, Bosnich's career has been in freefall.

And he claims that since many other professional footballers have become trapped in a drugs culture, Chelsea should have given the Romania captain a second chance.

"Mutu held his hands up to his offence and Chelsea should have stood by him and helped him through rehabilitation," Bosnich told The Sun on Friday. "There's a lot of jealousy sur-rounding Chelsea because of all the

money they're spending and they would have won so many friends by giving Mutua second chance. "I'm so shocked by (Chelsea chief executive) Peter Kenyon's attitude.

He was a really good guy when I knew him at Manchester United but he seems to have changed com-



ADRIAN MUTU

"He was caught out negotiating with Sven-Goran Eriksson behind the FA's back but he was given a second chance and he should have taken the same attitude with Mutu."

The Mutu case has dominated the sports pages in England for the past few weeks, however Bosnich claims the Romanian is not alone in using illegal substances.

The Australian says a number of English Premiership players are users, and even goes as far to say that clubs would not hesitate in covering up any positive drugs tests.

When it came out that I was hooked (on cocaine) I was completely shocked by the number of people who came up to me and whispered, 'join the club'."

Bosnich added: "If certain clubs had any idea when the FA's drugs testers were visiting I reckon they'd tip their players off in advance."

Sharapova

FROM PAGE 13 end number one spot, and her victory over Zvonareva was an impressive start.

'Her groundstrokes were unbelievable," Zvonareva said of Mauresmo, who made just six unforced errors in the 54-minute

"She didn't really give me a chance to play."

Mauresmo continued the sizzling form that has seen her win two titles in the past two weeks, taking her total for the year to five, with four more runner-up finishes to boot.

Mauresmo said her brief ascension to the tennis summit had only made things easier for her on court. "The number one ranking was a

big step forward for me," she said. Since then, I feel more confident on court, and my game is there. I don't feel any more pressure."

Mauresmo is also trying to improve this week on her runner-up finish to Belgian Kim Clijsters in the Championships last year. Sharapova is in the tournament

for the first time, and was delighting in the atmosphere of the Staples Center, home of the National Basketball Association's Los Angeles Lakers.

I'm just so excited to be here, to be one of the top eight girls," she said.

Preview: Primera Liga

The Beckham question

Football

AFP, Madrid

SPORT

David Beckham is expected to return to action for Real Madrid against Albacete on Sunday after a six week absence due to broken ribs. But the big question is, will the England captain be in Real's starting

Real have not lost in their eight games since Beckham was sidelined following his crude challenge on Wales defender Ben Thatcher in a

World Cup qualifier last month. Madrid, who have edged their way up to second place in the Spanish first division, have also won their last three league games without Beckham's help.

"The medical officials say he should be ready to play but it is impossible to say at this stage whether he is likely to start or be on the bench," a Real Madrid spokespersontoldAFPonThursday.

Real coach Mariano Garcia

Remon may be unwilling to alter his midfield now that it is starting to click after its shaky start, with Jose Maria 'Guti' Gutierrez getting a deserved recall to the Spanish side on Thursday for his efforts to plug the gap left by Beckham.

However, malicious microbes may have solved Garcia Remon's dilemma for him as Zinedine Zidane suffered from a dose of gastroenteritis during the week, which caused the World Player of the

Year to miss training on Wednesday. An appearance against Albacete is vital for Beckham if he is to be considered for the England team that will face Spain, whose squad includes no less than five of his Real Madrid team mates, next WednesSantiago Bernabeu stadium. One man assured of his place for

both Real and England is Beckham's colleague Michael Owen, who has capitalised on his limited playing time so far by scoring in Real's last

three league games.

He might still be some way short of the club record of scoring in seven



DAVID BECKHAM

consecutive league games, a feat achieved twice by the legendary Ferenc Puskas, but Owen's fifth goal in six games overall on Sunday, when Real beat Malaga 2-0 in the league, was certainly welcome.

Real Madrid have 19 points from 10 games but are seven points adrift of arch rivals and league leaders Barcelona, who travel to Real Betis on Sunday Barcelona have not won at Betis

for five years but the Catalan club are unbeaten this season and will be cheered by the fact that coach Frank Rijkaard will have right back Sylvinho available again after six eeks out injured. The Brazilian's return has coin-

cided with the ankle injury last week

on the other flank, and allows Rijkaard to rejig his defence without having to call for reinforcements from the reserves.

"They've shown what a good team they are this season. They are great off the ball, running into space, providing pressure and then scor-

striker Ricardo Oliveira

"But we have the capability to beat them. The midfield is the important area. If you close them down quickly, mark them tight and take possession, then score goals I think it's possible to beat them," he

Betis are unbeaten in their last

coach Claudio Ranieri will be under huge pressure not to let that sorry record extend into double figures at

home to Real Zaragoza on Saturday. The reigning Spanish champions have slipped down to seventh and the job of the former Chelsea boss is on the line despite the public backing of club president Juan Soler earlier this week.

(1900), Numancia v Sevilla (1900), Osasuna v Real Sociedad (1900), Valencia v Real Zaragoza (1900). Deportivo La Coruna y Levante (2100) (1600), Real Madrid v Albacete (1800) Real Betis v Barcelona (2000)

suffered by his compatriot Belletti day in his own adopted home of the Preview: Premiership

A different kind of visit

Football

AFP, London

The last time Arsenal made the short trip to north London rivals Tottenham they came back with the

Premiership trophy. Six months on, the faltering champions need a positive result to keep their bid to retain the title for the first time under Arsene Wenger on track.

Since losing to Manchester United on October 24, Wenger's side have struggled to find anything like their best form and successive draws with lowly Southampton and Crystal Palace have allowed Chelsea to move into pole position in the Premiership table. Arsenal however can take comfort from the fact that their current

problems are but the most discreet of hiccups in comparison to those faced by Spurs, who continue to grapple with the fallout from last weekend's abrupt departure of Jacques Santini after only four months in charge. The Spurs board moved swiftly to install Martin Jol as the Frenchman's successor and he has

mitment to honouring the club's traditions in terms of the style of their football and a convincing midweek victory over Burnley in the League Cup.

reassured fans with both his com-

Even in their current fragile state however, Arsenal represent a considerably stiffer challenge and Spurs know they will have to improve on

Preview: Serie A

their recent form to produce a posi-Arsenal midfielder Robert Pires is

defeat by United has been over-People have said we were affected mentally by losing to Manchester United but I do not

think that was the case," Pires said.

convinced that the impact of the

"I think we were affected physically by playing two games a week. That gave us little time to recuperate. Now we have a couple of weeks when we only play at the weekends and that will help.
"I don't think we played that

badly at Crystal Palace. We didn't

play any better at Manchester City and we won there. It is how it goes sometimes. You can be sure of nothing - except that we have the determination to win the league again. "And although Chelsea have taken over at the top, it is not a great concern at this stage of the season. I

that pressure! Chelsea are also on derby duty on Saturday with Jose Mourinho's side facing west London neighbours Fulham, who have run into a vein of form after a shaky start to the sea-

don't know how Chelsea will handle

Manchester United head into Sunday's trip to Newcastle hoping Ruud van Nistelrooy's return from suspension will help them end a desperate scoring drought which has seen them find the net just 11 times in 12 league matches so far

this season. England defender Rio Ferdinand acknowledges the current situation

"I don't like looking at the league table when we are not in the top two," Ferdinand admitted. We want to be sitting at the top,

looking down on everybody else but

at the moment the championship

race is not looking pretty because we are not where we want to be. Defeats by Bolton, Fulham and Chelsea in three of their last four games have left Newcastle in shock and unless they start winning again their dreams of a return to Champions League football will

Sunday also sees Bryan Robson take charge of West Brom for the first time with the visit of his former club Middlesbrough to The Hawthorns.

Boro when Robson managed at the Riverside. But he will put emotion to one side for 90 minutes with Albion

desperate for points to boost their chances of Premiership survival.

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(1500 GMT unless stated) Saturday: Birmingham v Everton (1715

GMT), Bolton v Aston Villa, Charlton v Norwich, Fulham v Chelsea, Liverpool v Crystal Palace, Man City v Blackburn, Southampton v Portsmouth (1200 GMT). Tottenham v Arsenal (1200 GMT) Sunday: Newcastle v Man Utd (1605

GMT), West Brom v Middlesbrough (1400

climbed to fifth despite being held

by Sicilian rivals Palermo the fol-

Inter Milan, who have drawn

Atalanta, anchored to the

nine of their 11 matches, travel

south to Sardinia to face Cagliari.

bottom on six points and still

looking for their first win since

being promoted, meet local

rivals Brescia in the Lombardy

Roma, whose defeat to

Udinese left them worryingly

close to the relegation zone, visit

Despite their lowly position,

Reggina pulled off the biggest

shock of the season last Saturday

when they ended Juventus'

unbeaten record with a 2-1 win in

In-form Livorno, who have

taken 10 points out of the last 12,

visit Fiorentina in a Tuscan derby.

second from bottom Reggina.

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Calabria.

GMT)

Zemen has another chance

Football

leaders Juventus

There will be no love lost at the Via Del Mare stadium on Sunday when dark horses Lecce entertain Serie A

with the team he has been trying to bring to book since 1998. Six years ago, when Zeman was in charge of Roma, he urged the Italian authorities to drive doping out of football and accused

Juventus of giving drugs to their

"I thought that such changes

The match in Puglia brings Lecce

coach Zdenek Zeman face to face

players to speed up muscle growth. "Italian football must move away from the pharmacies," said Zeman in an interview with Espresso magazine entitled 'Football has the second half strike, defending same illness as the Tour de France'. champions Milan were held to a He then pointed a finger at two of

Juventus' players, Alessandro Del Piero - who still plays for the Turin club - and Gianluca Vialli. "I was surprised by the size of Vialli's thighs and the sudden bulking up of Del Piero," he added. midweek because of a left thigh

only occurred after years of working with weights." His outburst prompted an investigation and led to a judicial inquiry

which is still ongoing.

Last month prosecutors demanded Juventus club doctor Riccardo Agricola and general manager Antonio Giraudo be jailed for supplying illegal substances to the club's players between 1994 and 1998.

three Italian league titles and the European Cup. Fourth-placed Lecce are Serie A's leading scorers with 24 goals, while Juventus have the meanest defence having leaked a miserly

During that period Juventus won

On Wednesday, Juventus increased their advantage over second-placed AC Milan to six points. While Juve beat Fiorentina 1-0 in Turin thanks to Ruben Olivera's

goalless draw at Brescia. This Sunday, Milan host Siena at the San Siro where Andriy Shevchenko is expected to return to the starting line-up, having missed the trip to Lombardy in

Third-placed Udinese, who chalked up their fourth victory in a row when they won 3-0 at Roma on Wednesday, host Messina, who

ing," analysed Betis' Brazilian

"They have players even beyond the normal level in this league, guys like Ronaldinho, Samuel Eto'o and Xavi Hernandez.

seven league games.

By contrast, Valencia have not won in their last nine outings and

FIXTURES

Saturday (kick off GMT): Athletic Bilbao v Villarreal (1900), Espanyol v Racing Santander (1900), Getafe v Malaga Sunday: Real Mallorca v Atletico Madrid

sport in more than a century. The much-hyped teen played every game for United, but often saw little action and spent crucial time watch-

more that I just want to get out there and play.

After some early adjustment woes, Adu has been able to contribute to United's bid for a fourth MLS 'I didn't think it was going to be easy being one of the youngest," he said. "I thought it was going to be tough to adjust to my own team-

than I expected. "I was able to concentrate on playing and becoming part of the team. It wasn't always good, but

from the halfway point going for-ward I started playing my game." Adu credited coach Peter Nowak Nigel Pearson, appointed as Robson's assistant, was captain of

in matches. groomed me, found ways of getting me into position where I could

succeed. From that, I started to build up a lot of confidence. I sat down and I thought, 'It's the same game. If I play like it's my team and there's no tomorrow, then I should be fine.' I started playing like that and my teammates started

succeed and where the team could

"Even when I lost the ball I started fighting to get it back. That played a big part because my teammates started trusting me and giving me the ball. My confidence level started

moment.'

A taste of FROM PAGE 13 Pathan, Zaheer Khan, Harbajan

The Prince of Calcutta's Team India mates were followed by Pakistan cricket captain Inzamamul-Haq and his son.

stylised setting.

As Sachin and Inzamam, in Tshirts blue and green, paused to cut the red ribbon, shouts of "Sachin, Sachin" and "Inzy, Inzy" rent the November air, highlighting the Food Pavilion camaraderie before the Eden Gardens conflict. The cricketers headed for Prince of Cal, the lounge on the fourth floor to, well, lounge around. In black jumper and denims, Rahul Dravid was a top draw, along with teen heartthrob Irfan in white sweatshirt, among autograph hunters and camera phone-flashing fans in the 2,500 sq ft-

escorted his guests to the multicuisine restaurant on the second floor, where a lunch buffet of soup, salad, dahi vada, fried rice, naan, dal makhni, kadai paneer, fish fry, garlic chicken, mutton kosha and desserts had been laid out. A quick lunch later, the cricketers zipped off for nets. If they were bowled over on Thursday, the city gets a chance to check out One Day (24-hour coffee shop), Over Boundary (non-veg multi-cuisine), Maharaj (vegetarian Indian) and Prince of Cal (lounge bar) from Friday.

Just after 2 pm, host Sourav

日外自己には Sunday's fixtures (all 1400 GMT kickoff):

who has helped spark D.C. United into the Major League Soccer final, says he is confident but not nervous entering Sunday's MLS final here

against Kansas City. United edged New England 4-3 after penalty kicks to reach the final, a game that helped Adu's attitude

Freddy Adu, the 15-year-old forward

after a strong rookie season in the United States league "It was great. At 15, not everybody gets the chance to play in a game like that," Adu said. "You learn a lot from it. I just hope the confidence level

will carry me through the final. "Luckily for me, I'm getting to experience this in my first year. It's giving me a lot of experience and hopefully I'll carry that forward through the rest of my career. I get to experience what it's like in a cham-

pionship game. United won three of the first four MLS titles but has not been in the

final since 1999. Kansas City's only crown came in 2000 but the Wizrds' were this year's winningest MLS club with 20 victories. They could complete the American double, having claimed the US Open Cup title in September.

Adu began the season as Freddy Phenom, the youngest player in a US



FREDDY ADU

ing and learning. "I'm not nervous," Adu said. "It's

There were certainly some problems, but they were solved quicker

mates, but that wasn't the case.

with helping make his transition smoother, even if it meant less time "There were a lot of people giving Peter a lot of crap about, 'Why isn't Freddy playing?' To be honest, I wasn't ready to play," Adu said. "He

trusting me that much more with the ball.

growing. That really was a defining

Singh, Rahul Dravid, V.V.S. Laxman and Ajit Agarkar.

AC Milan v Siena, Atalanta v Brescia,

Cagliari v Inter Milan, Fiorentina v Livomo, Lazio v Bologna, Lecce v Juventus, Palermo v Sampdoria, Parma v Chievo, Reggina v Roma, Udinese v