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WHEN SPARKS FLY: Greek referee Georges Kasnaferis tries to separate England captain David Beckham (2nd from left) and Spanish goalkeeper Iker Casillas after an incident involving striker Wayne Rooney (L) during their friendly in Madrid on November 17.

Hot head diplomacy!

Football

AFP, Madrid

England skipper David Beckham sprang to the defence of tempestuous teen striker Wayne Rooney, who came within an ace of a red card during Wednesday's 1-0 friendly defeat to Spain in which he was substituted before the break.

When he trudged off, the young star whose goals lit up Euro 2004 for England blotted his copybook further by throwing away the black armband which the team was wearing in honour of the memory of former England captain Emlun Hughes, who was buried on Wednesday.

Beckham said that Rooney would soon learn to "calm down" and revealed some senior players had spoken to the teen during the game to warn him of the need to keep his exuberant temperament under control.

which he feels are best for the players and for England. Eriksson himself said he felt sympathy for Rooney. "It's the frustration," said the Swede, while adding: "I've seen it before and probably I will see it again."

Racism rears its ugly head Not the right time

AFP, Madrid

Racist chanting aimed at black England players at a football friendly international in Spain sparked an angry reaction Thursday at the highest levels of both governments and calls for an inquiry by the game's governing bodies.

such as Football Against Racism in Europe and Spain's ECRA (Spanish coalition against racism, xenophobia and discrimination). "The RFEF intends to intensify (these) contacts to develop work under way since last season against racism in football," it added.

The kidnapping of Robinho's mother has temporarily suspended what was fast turning into an auction of Brazilian football's most exciting young talent. European clubs, with Real Madrid almost inevitably heading the pack, had been falling over themselves to sign the 20-year-old forward until his mother was snatched by two armed men who invaded a barbecue in the Santos neighbourhood of Praia Grande on November 6.

Robinho burst on to the scene as an 18-year-old during the 2002 season and, along with 17-year-old team mate Diego who is now with European champions Porto, inspired Santos to the first Brazilian championship title in their history.

Attack Germany attack!

AFP, Leipzig

Germany scored just twice in the Euro 2004 championships as the 2002 World Cup finalists crashed out at the group hurdle prompting coach Rudi Voller to step down.

Pires let off easy

AFP, Paris

France international Robert Pires has escaped with a fine after appearing on a television interview wearing his personal sponsor's clothing instead of the French federation's official clothing.

The knives are out

AFP, Guangzhou



Chinese football was left to reflect on a disastrous year on Thursday after an embarrassing early exit from World Cup qualifying added to problems in the corruption-plagued domestic league.

everything won't be destroyed and restart again from zero," said Haan. "You have to accept some things. It's not possible that you come from nothing without stopping somewhere and go straight to the top. Somewhere you will have obstacles."

China's press screamed for urgent reforms after the elimination, which comes with the newly launched Super League plagued by walk-out threats, corruption allegations and low attendance. "Chinese football kills itself," said the Beijing Youth Daily.



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ANOTHER FOUR YEARS: A young Chinese fan breaks down in tears after learning that national team failed to qualify for the 2006 FIFA World Cup despite thrashing Hong Kong 7-0 in a qualifier on November 17.

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