SPORT

SA A get Eng in trouble

Cricket

AFP, Potchefstroom

England were in danger of defeat despite a fighting innings by captain Michael Vaughan on the second day of their three-day match against South Africa A at Sedgars Park on

England finished the day on 154 for seven in their second innings, an overall lead of 98, with Vaughan

After trailing by 56 on the first innings, they lost their first three second-innings wickets for three runs and were later 64 for five.

Vaughan and wicketkeeper Geraint Jones shared a stand of 45 to avoid total embarrassment for the tourists -- but they will go into the first Test against South Africa in Port Elizabeth Friday with concern over the form of some of their leading batsmen.

Marcus Trescothick, Mark Butcher, Graham Thorpe and Andrew Flintoff all failed for the second time in the match, while Andrew Strauss, who top-scored with 50 in the first innings, was out for nought.

On the credit side, England's bowlers did well in hot weather to prevent South Africa A from taking a bigger lead. Starting the day on 133 for two, the home side were bowled out for 281, losing their last five wickets for 20 runs.

Flintoff dismissed three of South

with three for 50, while Simon Jones ran through the tail, taking three for

Flintoff gained impressive pace and bounce. He caught home captain Ashwell Prince off his own bowling, then had top-scorer Martin van Jaarsveld caught at short leg for 71 before Jean-Paul Duminy was bowled off an inside edge.

Axed South African Test wicketkeeper Mark Boucher made a dogged unbeaten 26 off 74 balls and left-handed Albie Morkel slammed 47 off 48 balls.

England made a disastrous start when Trescothick was trapped leg before by left-arm swing bowler Charl Willoughby in the first over and Strauss was caught at short leg off Ethy Mbhalati in the second over.

Butcher, who missed the four-Test series against the West Indies because of injury, failed for the third time in as many innings on tour when he was out for a 10-ball duck, another Willoughby lbw victim.

Willoughby struck again when he bowled Thorpe for 11. Flintoff slammed five fours as he made 21 off 21 balls before he was bowled by

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of play on the second day of the three-day tour match between South Africa A and the touring England team at Sedgars Park on Sunday

ENGLAND: First innings 225 (Strauss 50, G Jones 41; Langeveldt

SA A: First innings (overnight 133-2)

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Duminy b Flintoff Bouchernotout Morkel cVaughan b Hoggard Thomas c Strauss b S Jones

Langeveldt lbw b Giles Mbhalati b S Jones Willoughby c Hoggard b S Jones Extras: (lb-7, nb-12, w-1) Total: (All out in 73 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-117, 3-169, 4-183, 5-187, 6-261, 7-275, 8-280, 9-

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ENGLAND: Second innings Trescothick lbw b Willoughby Strauss c Duminy b Mbhalati Butcher lbw b Willoughby Vaughan not out

Thorpe b Willoughby Flintoff b Morkel GJones c Boucher b Mbhalati Giles cVan Jaarsveld b Thomas Hoggard not out Extras: (lb-2, nb-4, w-1)

Total: (For 7 wkts in 44 overs) 154 Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-3, 3-3, 4-29, 5-64, 6-109, 7-125

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Bowler	0	M	R	W
Willoughby	10	1	47	3
Mbhalati	12	3	38	2
Langeveldt	8	3	15	0
Morkel	6	0	31	1
Thomas	6	1	15	1
Ontong	2	0	6	0

Malik cleared for 1st Test

Cricket

AFP, Perth

Pakistan off-spinner Shoaib Malik is clear to play in the first Test against Australia starting Thursday as the results of tests on his bowling action will not be known for at least a week, officials here said.

All-rounder Malik was cited for a suspect topspin action following a one-day series in Sri Lanka in October and was tested for two hours by human movement specialists at the University of Western Australia on

Although analysts said they should know the angle of his elbow extension within a few days, it was unlikely the report would be complete for at least a

Human movement specialist Daryl Foster, who conducted the test which saw highly reflective markers attached to the 24-year-old's body, said the report would go to the Pakistan Cricket Board who would then pass it on to the International Cricket Council.

Foster said the process would take time but Malik would be free to bowl against Australia in the interim. The rules say until the report goes

through to the ICC he can still bowl in the Test match, "Foster said. "The report hasn't gone to the Pakistan board, I doubt whether it will

go there before the start of the (first) "It takes a couple of days to digitise

all the information and write the

report and send it to Pakistan. "Then they've got to send it to the ICC so if it gets there before Christmas it will be doing well." Earlier this year the university

carried out the same tests on Sri Lankan spinner Muttiah Muralitharan, clearing him to use his controversial "doosra" delivery. Whether Malik is allowed to bowl in

the second Test, starting in Melbourne on Boxing Day will depend on the report's findings and timing.

Even if Malik's topspinner is found to be flawed, he could still bowl offbreaks or play solely as a batsman.

He batted at number six in last week's the recent tour match against Western Australia and is expected to do the same against Australia.

Crucial cricket matches today

SPORTS REPORTER

The fifth round of the Green Delta Premier Division Cricket League ends today with three teams vying for the top position before the 12-team fray goes into an eight-day break.

Promotees Agrani Bank, the only unbeaten side, take on Abahani at BKSP while joint runners-ups Mohammedan Sporting Club and City Club lock horns at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium.

Agrani have won all four games including matches against big names like holders Victoria and Brothers Union, but will be under pressure to maintain their winning run against Abahani, who snapped Mohammedan's winning streak in the

A win will put Abahani level with Agrani, Victoria and Old DOHS on eight points each.

Mohammedan also have a chance to join the four at top if they can beat City Club, who have won their last two matches in a row after having a wretched start.

In the day's other match, Bangladesh Biman will look forward to record their third win in the competition when they meet lowly Young Pegasus at the Dhanmondi Cricket

Three lead **GM Chess**

SPORTS REPORTER

Uzbekistan Grand Master Iuldachev Saidali joined compatriot International MasterVakhidovTahir and local GM Ziaur Rahman atop the table of the Maan Bangladesh Grand Master Chess Tournament at the end of the sixth round vesterday

Zia and Tahir drew their board yesterday at the National Sports Council conference room but Saidali collected full point beating Pakistani IM Mahmood Lodhi. All three are on

Another Bangladesh GM Niaz Murshed, IM Reefat Bin Sattar and Vietnamese GMs Dao Thien Hai and Nguyen Ahn Dung, who split points tween them, were trailing the ders with four points each.

Niaz defeated Saifuddin Lavlu and Reefat beat Rahul Sangma of India.

In other sixth round ties, Nasir Ahmed drew with Mahtabuddin Ahmed Robin, Taibur Rahman beat Monir Hossain, Mahfuzur Rahman Emon beat Abu Sufian Shakil, Aminul Islam Palash beat Arman Monir, Shamima Akhter Liza beat Debaraj Chatterjee, Sohel Chow-dhury beat Shouvik Chakraborty of India and Rezaul Haque beat Rabiul Islam.

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Usha back on top

SPORTS REPORTER

Usha Krira Chakra retained solo lead in the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League with a 2-0 win ove Sonali Bank at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Rahul Kanti Roy put Usha ahead after 11 minutes while captain Moududur Rahman Shuva sealed Usha's fifth win in as many matches with a field goal in the 27th minute.

Usha stretched their collection to 15 points, two points clear of jointsecond Abahani and Moha-

Pepsi V-Day

The six-team meet that includes Nepal's Kathmandu Metropolitan

Citywill end on December 18. The visitors take on Bangladesh Police in today's opener at 3pm. Bangladesh Army face Air Force in the day's other match at 4.30pm. The teams are:

Group A: Kathmandu Metro, Bangladesh Navy, Bangladesh

Group B: Bangladesh Army, Titas

Club and Bangladesh Air Force.

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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

Remaining minutes | Primera Liga of Real-Sociedad on Jan 5

REUTERS, Madrid

Real Madrid will play the final seven minutes of their league match against Real Sociedad on January 5 after a bomb threat forced the evacuation of their Santiago Bernabeu stadium on Sunday.

About 70,000 people poured out of Real's stadium in central Madrid with the match level at 1-1 after Basque newspaper Gara received a warning from a caller claiming to represent ETA who said there was a bomb in the ground.

Representatives of Madrid and Real Sociedad, a side from the Basque city of San Sebastian, agreed at a meeting at the Spanish Football Federation on Monday to play the remainder of the match at 6.00 pm on January 5.

Ticket holders from the original match will be able to watch the seven remaining minutes of play, including four minutes of injury

Real Madrid's team, including England captain David Beckham and Brazilian striker Ronaldo, were left standing around in the street in their soccer kit after the bomb scare. Hundreds of fans streamed across the pitch on their way to the exits. Tourists and fans took advantage of the opportunity for a photograph between the famous stadium's

B'DESH-INDIA FIRST TEST SCOREBOARD

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OMR Bowler 15 5 51 13.2 2 60 Pathan Zaheer 13 4 42 Kumble 12 3 44 Harbhaian Result: India won by an innings and 140 runs and lead the 2-Test series

Man-of-the-match: Irfan Pathan. Second Test: Dec 17-21, Chittagong.

Umpires: Jeremy Lloyds (England)

A pitch too good

Irfan Pathan, who finished with a match haul of 11, said that it was the best wicket he had bowled on in

Although the home side was on the receiving end of Irfan's venom, coach Day Whatmore took it on the

'It was brilliant wicket. Even on the fourth day there was good bounce when usually wickets in this part of the world die after two days," said the 50-year-old

who took a hattrick on this very ground a few years ago, also spoke highly of the pitch.

sultan of swing turned TV commen-

Gilly wary

the team's management maintain

agreed with the way Akhtar had been used so far, arguing that he puts everything he has into each delivery -- making him a formidable

But Gilchrist also noted the potential of Pakistan's batsmen to steal a match, despite their largely

"From what I've seen of their batting -- their batting has that flair where they can take it away from you in a short space of time," he said.

The Pakistanis rested on Monday although key off-spinner Shoaib Malik headed to the University of Western Australia to have his action tested by experts in human movement for any illegalities.

bled in Perth for their first training session at the Western Australian Cricket Association ground ahead of Thursday's first Test.

named their 12 players for the Test but slight question marks linger over the fitness of opener Matthew Hayden who has a hamstring strain. Hayden sat out the team's net

session on Monday but took part in some fielding drills where he seemed to move freely.

Australia is whether pace bowler Brett Lee will be brought into the attack on a lively Perthwicket. Local reports suggested it was

unlikely with the home side instead opting for an three-pronged pace attack of Glenn McGrath, Jason Gillespie, Michael Kasprowicz and leg-spinner Shane Warne in order to keep an extra batsman in case Akhtar or his fellow attack bowler Mohammad Sami take early wickets.

Scare spoils the end

Football

Real Madrid's Primera Liga match against Real Sociedad was abandoned on Sunday with the scores level at 1-1 after police received a warning that a bomb would explode at the stadium at

Close to 70,000 fans together with players and officials from both clubs evacuated the Bernabeu stadium a short time after Basque newspaper Gara had received the warning phone call in the name of the Basque separatistgroup ETA.

Police searched the stadium with sniffer dogs but no explosive device was found in the vicinity of the sta-

"The police have said they have completed their search and have not found anything," Real Madrid president Florentino Perez told reporters. "The best thing we can all do now is

to put this nightmare behind us." "The police said the threat was a credible one and that's why we decided to evacuate the stadium a quarter of an hour before the deadline. The evacuation plan worked to perfection."

Spanish football authorities will hold a meeting on Monday to decide if the remaining three minutes of the game will be played at a later date or if the result will be allowed to stand.

If the result remains at 1-1, Real will have dropped to fourth place in the standings, 11 points behind leaders Barcelona, who snatched a late 2-1 win at Albacete on Saturday.

Household names including David Beckham, Ronaldo, Roberto Carlos and Michael Owen were all on the pitch at the time the match against

the Basque side was abandoned.

The players left the stadium in their kit and had to wait in the street before being allowed to return when the police had given the all-clear.

ETA has targeted the Bernabeu stadium before.

In May 2002, an ETA car bomb exploded nearby hours before a European Champions League semifinal between Real Madrid and Barcelona and 17 people were treated for shock or slight injuries.

ETA had warned of that attack in a call to Gara.

On Sunday Real took the lead just before the break when Brazilian striker Ronaldo cracked home with his left foot after controlling a Michel Salgado cross with his chest. Sociedad levelled the match mid-

way through the second half when Turkish striker Nihat Kahveci smashed home with an acrobatic

Catalans Espanyol moved into second place in the league after giving an assured performance in their 2-1 victory at home to struggling Real

Argentine defender Mauricio Pochettino gave Espanyol the lead when he headed in from a corner in the first half and midfielder Oscar Serrano made it 2-0 eight minutes later when he smashed in after Ivan de la Pena had hit the bar after a brilliant

Earlier Valencia had put their European woes behind them to notch their fourth Primera Liga win in a row with a 1-0 victory at home to basementside Numancia.

Centre-half Carlos Marchena scored the winner on 21 minutes when he headed in from point-blank range at the far post after Numancia

keeper had palmed a Vicente free kick

Carlo Ancelotti's Milan went ahead

in the 16th minute when Andrea

Pirlo's penalty was pushed out by

Fiorentina keeper Cristiano Lupatelli

but Dutchman Seedorf reacted

Brazilian Kaka fed Argentine striker

Hernan Crespo who slipped the ball

past the advancing Lupatelli and

Fiorentina defender Giorgio

Chiellini's attempt to clear ended up

finish at the end of a flowing move led

by Kaka and then Crespo, looking back

Eight minutes after the break Shevchenko made it 3-0, with a cool

Milan doubled their lead when

quickly to head home the loose ball.

The win put Claudio Ranieri's side -- who exited the Champions League midweek -- into third spot in the table,

10 points behind Barca. Sociedad, who beat Real Madrid 4-1 at the end of last season, dominated the first half at the Bernabeu, but they sparked into life on the halfhour.

Ronaldo had looked certain to score when Sociedad keeper Asier Riesgo found himself stranded outside his area after he raced to clear the ball, but the Brazilian rushed his shot and fired the ball over the bar.

He made no mistake, though, when he was given another chance two minutes later after Salgado had clipped a fine cross into the heart of the area.

Controlling the ball with his chest he took a step back as the ball dropped and then fired home with his left foot.

Real had several good chances to extend their lead at the start of the second half, Zinedine Zidane forcing a fine save from Asier Riesgo when he shot on the half-volley and Beckham going close with a free kick.

But it was Sociedad who found the net midway through the half when striker Darko Kovacevic nodded the ball down to Nihat who smashed home with a spectacular right-foot finish.

TOP SIX

Spanish football league standings after Sunday's matches (played, won, drawn lost, goals for, goals against, points):

	Barcelona	15	12	2	1	32	9	
	Espanyol	15	9	2	4	18	9	
	Valencia	15	8	4	3	23	11	B
	Real	14	8	2	4	21	9	E
ķ	Sevilla	15	7	4	4	18	17	1
	Real Betis	15	6	6	3	20	18	1

Beckhams attacked!

AFP, London

A controversial waxwork nativity scene starring Britain's celebrity couple David and Victoria Beckham, as holy couple Mary and Joseph, has been mauled in an attack, the Madame Tussaud's museum said Monday.

The figures of the famous England captain footballer and former member of pop group the Spice Girls were pummelled in the face Sunday by a visitor to the London exhibit, according to an account in The Sun tabloid. The attacker, described as a man

in his 20s, punched the two Beckhams but reportedly left the other wax figures, which include actors Samuel Jackson and Hugh Grant as shepherds, and Australian pop star Kylie Minogue as an angel,

unscathed. "There was some damage caused to the figures of David and Victoria by a member of the public earlier today," a museum spokeswoman

said in a terse statement late Sunday. "The figures have been removed and the scene has been closed." The London attraction has not revealed details on the extent of the

damage and on the circumstances A Scotland Yard spokesman said there was no record of the police

being contacted in relation to the Religious authorities have criticised the Madame Tussaud nativity scene, which also featured figures of US President George W. Bush, British Prime Minister Tony Blair, and Queen

playing the three wise men. Only baby Jesus seems not to be have been doubled by any living

Magura soccer

The match between Shaheed Mintu

Sangha and Mohammadpur

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Smriti Football League ended as a

goalless draw at the Magura

Government college playground

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Hockey camp

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

A 15-day long hockey camp for

under-16 players began at the

About 25 players are participat-

Deputy Commissioner of

Gaibandha Tapon Chandra

Majumder inaugurated the camp.

BBC honours

ing in the programme being con-ducted by the District Sports

Gaibandha Stadium yesterday.

Nirnanduali Sporting club take

OUR CORRESPONDENT

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AFP, London

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Football

REUTERS, Milan ACMilan crushed Fiorentina 6-0 at the

San Siro on Sunday with Andriv Shevchenko and Clarence Seedorf scoring two goals each. The Italian champions still remain four points behind leaders Juventus,

who won 1-0 at Bologna. Ukrainian Shevchenko, widely tipped to be named European Footballer of the Year on Monday, took his season tally to 11 goals as Milan

turned in their best performance of

Juventus needed a superbly struck 86th minute free-kick from the winner of last year's Golden Ball, Czech Pavel Nedved, to win at Bologna and maintain their advantage over Milan before the two teams meet at the Delle Alpi stadium on Saturday.

Inter Milan drew for a remarkable 12th time in 15 games with a late Christian Vieri strike giving them a 2-2 draw away to lowly Siena, who had defender Stefano Argilli sent off in the 57th minute. Brazilian Adriano, who had

opened the scoring, missed a 59th

minute penalty and Tore Andre Flo's

87th minute header looked to have

given Siena a 2-1 win until Vieri struck

Leaders Chelsea maintained their

five-point lead over champions

Arsenal at the top of the

Premiership by twice pulling level

at Highbury on Sunday to rescue a

2-2 draw in a combative London

their lead over second-placed

Everton to four points while

Arsenal remained in third but with

Thierry Henry gave the hosts the

Henry then reclaimed the lead

for Arsenal with an impudent free-

kick on the half hour, catching

goalkeeper Peter Cech off guard to

squeeze the ball just inside the post

Gudjohnsen then popped up at the

far post within a minute of the start

Mourinho told Sky Sports: "If you

said to me before the game we

would get a draw I would have said

that's not a bad result. It means we

keep the same distance over

Arsenal and it's not bad to get a

pointed," the Blues' Portuguese

"But now I feel a little bit disap-

draw against such a great side.

Afterwards Chelsea boss Jose

of the second half to make it 2-2.

Icelandic striker Eidur

lead after 73 seconds only for John

Terry to head home 15 minutes

their title ambitions still intact.

later to draw the sides level.

from 25 yards.

chiefadded.

The result saw Chelsea stretch

Premiership

Football

AFP, London

fifth came after a smart exchange with Crespo and then Seedorf tapped in a Massimo Ambrosini pass to make it 6-0 in the 83rd minute.

three refereeing decisions which proved to be decisive.

AS Roma also left it late -- a penalty challenges from Juve's French deep in injury time from Brazilian defenders Jonathan Zebina and Lilian Mancini giving them a 1-0 win away to Thuram.

> Capuano challenged Juve's Swedish striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic for a header.

Earlier Nedved had a struck the ost with a header while Mourad

Inter's latest point leaves them well out of the title running in fifth place and once again they paid for their poor

talian league table after Sunday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goal for, goals against, points):

Juventus	15	12	2	1	28	7	38
Milan		10	4	1	27	9	34
Udinese	15	8	4	3	22	13	28
Cagliari	15	6	4	5	24	25	22
Inter	15	3	12	0	32	24	21

Double Olympic gold medallist Kelly Holmes added to her list of honours in 2004 when she was named the BBC Sports Personality

Sunday. Holmes, 34, won both the 800m and 1500m titles at the Athens Olympics in August, striking gold in spectacular style after a career

of the Year at a ceremony here

The award, restricted to British sportsmen and women, is voted for by members of the public. Holmes received the award from another English middle-distance great Sebastian Coe.

Oarsman Matthew Pinsent, who recently announced his retirement after winning a fourth successive gold medal at Athens, came second and England cricket all-rounder Andrew Flintoff was third after a year in which he played a starring role in the team's rise to second in the Test world rankings.

Teenage boxer Amir Khan, who won a surprise silver medal at Athens, and Manchester United and England footballer Wayne Rooney were also short-listed.

ICC likely to

BBC ONLINE, undated

International Cricket Council (ICC) is poised to announce a move from Lord's, its headquarters since 1909. The British government failed to honour assurances of tax conces-

A spokesman told BBC Sport a decision on the move could be made without a full meeting of the executive board. Dubai is considered the favoured

destination for the new HQ, having offered tax-free status, along with Malaysia.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Australian. Pakistan legend Wasim Akram,

"It was superb and ideal for seam bowling. And any batsman with a sound technique could have made good runs on this surface," told the

FROM PAGE 13

he is fit and injury-free. Langer said earlier this week he

mediocre form so far.

The Australian team also assem-

The Australians have already

The other question mark for

His players were ceratinly furious after Henry's second goal when referee Graham Poll allowed the France forward to strike a quicklyto his best, fired home superbly after being put through by a long pass from Shevchenko's second and Milan's

Bologna defied their lowly position with an aggressive display against Juventus but they were left furning at

Twice striker Giacomo Cipriani felt he should have had a penalty in the second half after he went down under

Chelsea cheerless with derby draw

taken free-kick while Cech was still organising his wall. Chelsea's Arjen Robben was booked for carrying on his protests before play resumed and his tightlipped manager preferred to gloss over the free-kick. "The second goal is better to forget... I don't want to speak about it because If I speak about it maybe I have to go

spend some money instead of on Christmas gifts. "I have a lot of respect for Mr Poll, he's a good referee and one of the best in the world.

"It was a great game and we

cannot blame ourselves because

to the FA for a visit and maybe

of the quality of the game. We can be proud of being involved in such a fantastic Premiership." Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger, who was without several experienced players including suspended skipper Patrick Vieira and influential midfielder Fredrik Ljungberg, who suffered a recur-

disappointed by the result. 'It's frustrating when you are twice in the lead and then you go back, it's difficult to take. "We suffered only on set-

rence of the migraine that trou-

bled him earlier in the week, was

pieces but we suffered a lot," the Frenchman added. "We are too small as a unit at the moment. "But I feel this team has shown a fantastic spirit and has a great future. Apart from Robert (Pires)

all our midfield were under 20

years old." Looking ahead, Wenger said it was too soon to declare the Premiership a two-horse race between Chelsea and Arsenal.

match remaining referee Tiziano Piero blew for a foul on the edge of the area as Bologna defender Ciro

Then with four minutes of the

It was a harsh decision and after lengthy protests, Nedved blasted a right-foot drive past Gianluca Pagliuca to give Juventus a vital vic-

Meghni forced a great save out of Juventus keeper Gianluig Buffon.

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Lecce	15	5	6	4	30	26	21

"There is a long way to go. With

Everton and Manchester United,

Wenger sprung an early shock

by allowing goalkeeper Manuel

Almunia to keep his place in

goal in place of Jens Lehmann

after the Spaniard made several

handling errors in Arsenal's 5-1

Champions League win over

who were caught cold inside two

But on Sunday it was Chelsea

A long ball from Cesc

Fabregas was headed out by

Henry to Jose Antonio Reyes on

the right flank and the Spaniard

nodded the ball back to the

France striker on the edge of the

invitation, swivelling before

firing a blistering left foot shot

past Cech from 20 yards to notch

his 14th Premiership goal of the

sively-assembled side were

dominating possession and the

visitors finally drew level after

TOP SIX

English Premiership table after Sunday's

matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals

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However, Mourinho's expen-

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Boro

Henry needed no second

Rosenborg in midweek.

it will be interesting to the end.

largely made up of near-misses.

leave Lord's

World cricket's governing body the

sions that may have persuaded the ICC to stay put. Offers are being considered from Ireland, Switzerland, Malaysia and Dubai, all of whom have offered tax exemptions and subsidised office

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