Mourinho banned, Chelsea fined



AP, Nyon, Switzerland

Chelsea were fined 75,000 Swiss francs (\$62,810) and coach Jose Mourinho given a two-match touchline ban by UFFA on Thursday for bringing the game into disrepute.

The London club had alleged Barcelona coach Frank Rijkaard visited referee Anders Frisk during halftime of the first leg Champions League game at the Nou Camp on February 23.

Mourinho, also fined 20,000 Swiss francs (\$16,750), must now 'sit out' both legs of the quarterfinal against Bayern Munich.

Assistant Steve Clarke and security officer Les Miles have been reprimanded for their part in the affair -- meaning Clarke will be free to stand in for Mourinho.

Chelsea had also been charged for the team's late arrival on the pitch in the second half and Mourinho's failure to attend the

REUTERS. Berlin

R. Schmidt.

Hot tickets!

Fans around the

world bombarded the

2006 World Cup

website on Thursday

in the final hours of

demand already having outstripped

ticket sale that there would be more

applications than available tick-

ets.... demand in the last days has

been steadily rising." said organis-

ing committee vice-president Horst

period, where 812,000 tickets were

available, ends at midnight (2200

The initial two-month sales

Tickets will be allocated by

means of a lottery at the end of the

period, rather than on a "first come,

first served" basis, though fans'

"We knew before the start of the

initial ticket sales, with

post-match media conference. UEFA had accused Chelsea of "deliberately creating a poisoned and negative ambience.

In a statement the European governing body said: "Mourinho... will have to sit out the quarterfinal tie against Bayern Munich subject

English Premier League leaders Chelsea, who beat Barca 5-4 on aggregate, play Bayern in the first leg of their Champions League last-eight tie on April 6 with the return in Germany six days later.

Chelsea and Mourinho have three days in which to appeal but club chairman Bruce Buck, who attended the hearing, said that it was unlikely that they would.

He said that Chelsea were pleased with what he called a "full and fair hearing.

"We would like to put this incident behind us and we are not likely to appeal," he told Sky TV, but he said they nonetheless would wait until they had made a fuller examination of the written verdict.

chances of fully satisfying their

wishes remain slim because of the

the final on July 9 and the opening

game on June 9, likely to feature

hosts Germany, the only team

Organisers said tickets for a

number of group matches still

remained, although fans will not

know the participating teams until

a limited number of tickets in the first

sales window to follow a particular

team throughout the 32-nation

tournament. If the chosen team

does not qualify, or goes out of the

January 15, 2006, with any remain-

ing tickets offered from February 1

to April 15 in order of application.

tournament, refunds will be made.

Fans have been able to apply for

guaranteed to have qualified.

the draw on December 9.

Demand has been greatest for

heavy over subscription.

Owen is a 'midget'!

REUTERS, Newcastle

Azerbaijan's Brazilian coach Carlos Alberto delivered a stunning personal attack on Michael Owen on Wednesday after mistakenly believing the England striker had belittled his team.

The captain of Brazil's great 1970 World Cup winning team said he had read in a newspaper that Owen predicted he would score at least five goals against the Azeris after they lost 8-0 to Poland last weekend

The England striker who failed to score in a 2-0 World Cup qualifying win for Sven-Goran Eriksson's men. had made no such prediction.

"Who is Michael Owen?" asked the visibly riled Brazilian. "He plays for Real Madrid, but he's on the bench for every game.

"He didn't score one goal today. Mr Eriksson, who is a gentleman, needs to teach this short guy to respect everybody. He thinks he's the king. Who is he?

"I have a history in football. What is the history of this guy, to talk about Azerbaijan. He has to clean his tongue. "We like good footballers, but

first you must be a man, and he's not

a man. I'd like to see him here to talk

The Azeri coach referred to

Owen as "a midget" after the word

was proffered from the media as he

struggled to find a descriptive, and

said Owen should "clean

about the supposed comments from

have said he'd hoped he'd score a

out and score five goals against any

team, no. That's not Michael Owen.

And I'm sorry if there was a misun-

such prediction, released a state-

ment saying: "If he checks my pre-

match quotes he will realise that I

never said anything about scoring

five goals -- I would never be so

Pepsi inter-district volleyball tourna-

ment at the Bir Shreshtha Noor

Mohammed Stadium in Narail

the first semifinal yesterday while

Khulna edged Kushtia 3-2 in the

ousted Rajshahi in straight sets

while Khulna eliminated Chittagong

by the same margin in their respec-

Khulna Power Station became

champions in the Bangladesh

Power Development Board (PDB)

inter-office athletics competition,

which was held at the Rajarbagh

Power Station won the women's

office teams and seven PDB

Hassan Mahmud distributed prizes

as the chief quest. PDB chairman

Khwaja Golam Ahmed was also

Bandarban cricket

schools took part in the meet.

Mamtaz Begum of Ghorashal

A total of 588 athletes from 23

State Minister for Power Igbal

Police Lines in Dhaka yesterday.

PDB athletics

exciting second semi.

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individual title.

Dhaka blanked Rangpur 3-0 in

Earlier in the morning, Dhaka

Eriksson was utterly disbelieving

"That's not his style -- he might

"But that he would say he'd go

Owen, who said he had made no

to his face."

his striker.

derstanding.

disrespectful.

Beckham's shoes.'

lot of goals," he said.

later. on 16 points, one ahead of Poland

Stalemate

in Kuwait

World Cup finals.

who beat Northern Ireland 1-0 in

No joy for France, Spain

Beckham, under-fire for some poor recent international performances, insisted that the criticisms had not driven him on.

"It is not difficult to deal with criticism because if you choose not to listen to it you carry on with your life and football and carry on enjoy-

England coach Sven-Goran Eriksson admitted it had been a frustrating night.

"Football is hard work. It should be hard work and we won the game,"

support of Michael Owen who missed a hatful of chances and also picked up a booking which will rule him out of the match with Wales later

missed a lot of chances but you know who Michael Owen is and in the big games he puts the ball in the net," said Eriksson

of hero-to-villain David Trezeguet

being sent off for headbutting.

Israel's Walid Badier scored a late equalizer at Tel Aviv's Ramat Gan stadium to keep Group 4 wide France, who have only beaten

Cyprus and Faroe Islands so far, top the group on 10 points with Israel but Switzerland and the Republic of Ireland are just one point further back with a game in hand.

Trezeguet's 31st goal in 58 appearances put him ahead of legend Just Fontaine into second place behind the 41 of Michel Platini in France's all-time scoring list.

Five minutes after the break France got the breakthrough goal. Sylvain Wiltord crossed from the right to the far post and Trezeguet's downward header found the net after making the most of poor Israeli

Trezeguet was not on the pitch much longer however. He was sent off in the 57th minute for headbutting Tal Ben Haim moments after he suffered a late tackle from him. Ben Haim was given a yellow card.

Badier's equaliser came in the 83rd minute which had most of the 43,000 crowd celebrating. From an Adoram Keisi centre on the left, unmarked Badier headed home at the far post after keeper Fabien Barthez could only get his fingertips

Spain's 0-0 draw leaves them two points behind leaders Serbia and Montenegro in Group 7 but Luis Aragones's side still have home games to come against Lithuania, Bosnia Herzegovina and the

to the cross.

Netherlands top Group 1 by one point from the Czech Republic following their 2-0 home win over Armenia while the Czechs won 4-0 in Andorra and Ukraine lead Group 2 in the wake of a 1-0 home victory over Denmark

Turkey were the highest scorers of the night with a 5-2 victory in Georgia, also in Group 2.

Birthday boy

Eddie Johnson celebrated his 21st

birthday a few hours early here

Wednesday with a goal and an

assist to spark the United States to a

2-0 World Cup qualifying victory

loss Sunday at Mexico, improved to

second in the six-team 2006 World

Cup North American zone football

The US squad, coming off a 2-1

boosts USA

AFP, Birmingham

over Guatemala

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

EUROPEAN

Collated World Cup qualifying results in Europe on Wednesday:

Group One

At Eindhoven, Netherlands Netherlands 2 (Castelen 3, van Nistelroov 34) Armenia 0 At Skopje

Macedonia 1 (Maznov 31) Romania 2 (Mitea 18, 58) **At Andorra**

Andorra 0 Czech Republic 4 (Jankulovski 31-pen, Baros 40, Lokvenc 53, Rosicky 90-pen)

Group Two

At Piraeus, Greece Greece 2 (Charisteas 34, Karagounis 85) Albania 0

Georgia 2 (Amisulashvili 14, lashvili 41) Turkey 5 (Seyhan 12, Tekke 20, 35, Avci 74. Sanli 89)

At Kiev Ukraine 1 (Voronin 68) Denmark 0

Group Three At Bratislava

At Tbilisi

Slovakia 1 (Karhan 8-pen) Portugal 1 (Postiga 62)

Latvia 4 (Bleidelis 34, Laizan 38-pen Verpakovskis 72, 90) Luxembourg 0

Estonia 1 (Terehhov 63) Russia (Archavine 17)

Group Four At Zurich

Switzerland 1 (Frei 88) Cyprus 0

Israel 1 (Badier 83) France 1 (Trezeguet **Group Five**

At Celje, Slovenia Slovenia 1 (Rodic 44) Belarus 1 (Kulcy

At Chisinau, Norway

Azerbaijan 0

Group Six At Newcastle, England England 2 (Gerrard 51, Beckham 62)

At Vienna Austria 1 (Aufhauser 87) Wales 0

At Warsaw Poland 1 (Zurawski 86) Northern Ireland 0

Group Seven

At Serravalle San Marino 1 (Selva 40) Belgium 2

(Simons 17-pen, Van Buyten 65) At Sarajevo Bosnia-Hercegovina 1 (Bolic 21)

Lithuania 1 (Tankevicius 71) At Belgrade

Serbia-Montenegro 0 Spain 0

Group Eight At Budapest

Hungary 1 (Rajczi 90) Bulgaria 1

Argentina stay

while the fourth-place squad plays Asia's fifth-place team for another

Mukti off

game winner.

Turkmenistan. We will have to pay the air fare to and from the capital as well as the first three days' hotel accommodation," told Ataur.

'We played another top Turkmenistan club Nisa last year and believe both clubs are of equal strength. Although we lost both matches to Nisa by 1-0, I am hopeful of a better result this time because we are taking a stronger squad," he

Muktijoddha will host East Bengal in Dhaka on May 11 and play the last match against Faisaly in

Amman on May 25. **SQUAD**

Saiful, Harry, Ghansah, Pappu, Arman, Amin Rana, Enamul, Biddyut, Moni and Kanchan.

28 Bawis

29 Pinbal

Croatia 3 (Prso 23, 35, Tudor 80) Malta 0

Brazil, who have never beaten Uruguay away in a competitive match, dominated the closing stages

"We could have won but we ended up with a draw because of a referee's mistake, and when they score that way, it hurts more," said Fossati

After a scoreless first half, Uruguay went ahead when Forlan tapped in the rebound from inside the penalty area after Brazil goalie Dida had failed to hold on to a longrange drive from Marcelo Zalaveta

the 48th minute. The goal set more than 50,000 Uruquayan fans thundering in the stands, but triggered furious attacks as Brazil repeatedly moved within

scoring range with a star-studded squad led by Ronaldhino. Emerson tied it 20 minutes after the first goal. After a corner kick, Lucio headed the ball close to the Uruguayan goal and Emerson

whirled and booted it in at a sharp

Romeo gets his Juliet

Pakistan's historic cricket tour of India, a sign of growing warmth between the rivals, has helped reunite cricketer Shoaib Malik with

telephone. Malik fell in love with Ayesha Siddiqui, from Hyderabad in south India, five years ago.

the Indian wife he married over the

The two secretly married in 2002, exchanging vows over the telephone amid political hostility between the two neighbouring countries and doubts whether their marriage would receive parental approval

Islamic Sharia laws recognise the exchange of marriage vows over the telephone.

"We first met at Shariah. Shoaib brought my hotel keys which I had forgotten at a coffee shop," said Ayesha, recalling their first meeting.

Though both families later accepted the alliance, the marriage The couple finally went public

during the current cricket tour by Pakistan, their first full series in India since 1999 Avesha's parents hosted a dinner in Hyderabad on Tuesday for

the entire Pakistan team to formally receive their son-in-law. Farookh Sultana, Malik's mother accompanying her son on the tour, expressed her delight.

"We're more than pleased. I wanted to get an Indian bride for him," she was quoted as saying by Hyderabad newspapers.

"Ayesha fits the bill more than anything we expected. We knew about them, but waited till the children were bold enough to inform us. We will have a formal wedding soon in India itself," she said.

Ties between India and Pakistan have been frosty for most of the nearly 60 years since Pakistan was created after the partition of the

The neighbours have fought

three wars, two of them over the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir, the issue almost triggering a fourth war in 2002. Ties have since warmed and a

cricket tour last year, the first by India to Pakistan for 14 years. reminded both sides how much they shared in terms of culture, history and outlook.

am glad my daughter fell for a bright and sweet boy. Ayesha hopes to join Malik in his

hometown, Sialkot, in August, family members said. Thousands of Pakistan fans

have used the opportunity of the cricket series to visit India, meeting long-lost relatives or visiting what had been ancestral homes.

many linked by marriage, but visa restrictions make travel difficult. Pakistan drew a keenly fought three-Test series 1-1 this week. A six-match one-day series starts on

Uninspiring England



Steven Gerrard and David Beckham scored as England edged a 2-0 victory over minnows Azerbaijan while other top sides France and Spain struggled in Wednesday's European

World Cup qualifiers. England were expected to put a hatful of goals past the former Soviet republic but it was not to be while 10man France could only draw 1-1 in Israel and Spain's travels to Serbia and Montenegro finished 0-0.

The old maxim there are no easy games in football was proved once again as Azerbaijan, 8-0 losers to Poland at the weekend, managed to hold England at bay till half-time at It took 51 minutes for midfielder

before Beckham beat the offside trap to seal victory 11 minutes England remain top of Group Six

Kuwait and Saudi Arabia battled to a

0-0 stalemate here on Wednesday

leaving South Korea in the Group A

driving seat in the race for the 2006

buoyed by impressive wins last

weekend with the Saudis, who are

bidding to qualify for their fourth

successive World Cup finals, beat-

ing the Koreans 2-0 and Kuwait

But on Wednesday, both sides

were left to rue their poor finishing

as the result left South Korea, who

beat Uzbekistan 2-1 in Seoul earlier

in the day, on top of the group with

The Saudis stay second with five

seeing off Uzbekistan 2-1.

six points from three games.

points, one ahead of Kuwait.

Mixed draws

youth soccer

Bangladesh have been drawn

against mighty Iran in the gualifiers

for next year's AFC Youth (Under-20)

Tehran on November 23 while the

The finals will be held in India in

Meanwhile, in the Under-17s

qualifiers Bangladesh have been

placed in a relatively easier Group-C

that features Bhutan and Sri Lanka.

The three-team qualifying round will

Singapore will host the U-17

be staged in Dhaka this November.

Independence

Yasir shot 30 points and Raja 29 to

inspire Josephites Club to a 96-79

win over Bangladesh Rifles in yes-

terday's Independence Day basket-

ball tournament at the Dhanmondi

39. Manjil top-scored with 21 for

The winners led the first half 46-

In the other match, Bangladesh

Navy came from a first half deficit

(26-25) to beat BKSP 68-44. Sulip

Partex squash on

Bishunath beat Masud Rana 9-5.

9-6, 9-6 while Swapan Parvez out-

played Mohammed Karim 9-1. 9-4.

9-4 in other Premier Division

Group, was present as special guest.

caged 20 points for the winners.

finals in November next year.

Day b'ball

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Basketball Gymnasium.

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The first match will be played in

teams

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Football Championship.

November 2006.

Both sides went into the match

Gerrard to break the deadlock

The Swede also came to the

"I think Michael played well. He

France meanwhile paid the price



North Korea face possible disciplinary action after an angry confrontation with the referee sparked ugly

a World Cup qualifying match, Asia's football chief said on

"definitely" be sanctioned and the rest of the team could face action "There will be definitely some disciplinary action for the player who

screaming North Korean players after he rejected a handball penalty

appeal in the final minutes. The match was held up for five sending off Nam. Kousa and the two assistant referees were then trapped on the pitch for more than 20 minutes after

before finally restoring order and

the game as tens of thousands of spectators remained in the Kim II-Sung stadium, hurling bottles and Thousands of angry fans later gathered outside the stadium, preventing the Iranian team from

leaving, before eventually being dispersed by hundreds of police. However, Velappan said security arrangements were "reasonable" for the game.

"The security was reasonable apart from the players' discipline,' he said, adding that the AFC was waiting to see the match officials' reports before deciding whether to take any further action.

"We are waiting for the match commissioner's and referee's report. This matter will naturally go to FIFA for action.'

The incident has heightened security fears for the visit to Pyongyang of arch-rivals Japan in

Muralitharan gets all clear

Cricket

REUTERS, Colombo

Sri Lanka spinner Muttiah Muralitharan has been given the all clear to resume bowling and start the second stage of his rehabilitation from shoulder injury.

Muralitharan will travel to England on Monday to start preon April 17.

"The shoulder is feeling great and although it feels stiff in the morning it is now completely pain free when I bowl," Muralitharan told

SLC appeals suspension

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's cricket governing body

tioned the Court of Appeal late Wednesday seeking the lifting of its Minister Jeevan Kumaratunga a week ago, Sumathipala said.

ACA to probe Kenya crisis

Association (ACA) is to arrive here this week to investigate the chaos that has enveloped the governing of the sport in Kenya, local officials said Wednesday.

by the ACA's Zimbabwean president Peter Chingoka, is to arrive in Nairobi on Friday to meet the two rival parties involved in a bitter dispute over the running of Kenyan

Sri Lanka Cricket's Melbourne-

based surgeon Dr. David Young

declared himself satisfied with the

shoulder after a consultation earlier

this week. Muralitharan underwent surgery on it in August and February. The off-spinner, desperate to return after the longest injury layoff of his career, immediately returned to the nets at his club Tamil Union and now bowls between 20-40 deliveries per day to gradually build-

up strength in the shoulder. Sri Lanka are due to tour India immediately after their rearranged two-Test tour to New Zealand but Muralitharan will not be ready for a full international return in time for the five-match one-day series.

Muralitharan will stay with Lancashire for the first half of the season, returning to Sri Lanka in time for a two-Test series with West Indies starting on July 15.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer **ACROSS** 50 Cohort of 1 Run off at Barbara mande expanse

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MFRRT JFV QFEK Yesterday's Cryptoquip: ASSUMING A GIRL MISPLACED HER SHOPPING BAG, IT COULD BE

SEEN AS A TOTE-ALL LOSS. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals Z

another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the

The lottery will take place from Some 5.4 million ticket applica-Pepsi v'ball April 15 and successful applicants tions had already been made, over should have tickets by early May. six times as many as the number Any unsold tickets will be available **SPORTS REPORTER** available. About 1.5 million had for sale from May 1 to November 15. been submitted in the previous A further lottery-based sale will Defending champions Dhaka will seven days alone take place from December 1 to take on Khulna in the final of the

WI duo ends ties

Cricket

REUTERS, Georgetown Ramnaresh Sarwan and Chris Gayle became available to play for the West Indies when they

cancelled personal sponsorship

contracts on Wednesday. But their decision came too late to enable them to be selected in the first Test against South Africa, which started in Georgetown on Thursday. "Sarwan and Gayle have

cancelled their contracts with Cable

and Wireless (C&W), which means

they will be eligible for selection

again," the chief executive of the West Indies Cricket Board, Roger Brathwaite, told Reuters.

the first Test. "They will not play in the match,

we will pick the team from the cur-

Sarwan and Gayle were part of a

group of seven players, including

regular West Indies captain Brian

Lara, who were unavailable for

selection because of a potential

rent squad," Brathwaite said.

The players made their decision less than 12 hours before the first ball was scheduled to be bowled in

with C&W dispute between the West Indies' main sponsor Digicell and the

Gavle. Dwavne Smith, Dwayne Bravo,

no knowledge of an impending strike. "We have had no communication with the West Indies Players' Association about a strike," he told a news conference. "We have full confidence that the selected 11 will

discussion with the players' association and we sent off another proposal to them today. Hopefully we will receive a positive response. West Indies media liaison officer

for the first Test only."

going into the four-Test series. "South Africa play a very tough style of cricket and it is one we can learn from," said King. "We hope a

few diamonds will emerge from the

plavers' personal contracts with The seven were Lara, Sarwan,

Ravi Rampaul and Fidel Edwards. Earlier, Brathwaite said he had

take the field." He added: "We are in constant

Imran Khan told Reuters: "The situation is that we will go into the first Test with the current 13-man squad, but that squad was chosen

West Indies coach Bennett King painted his team as the underdogs

OUR CORRESPONDENT Bonorupa XI defeated New Gulshan XI by five wickets in the DSA Cup

> Cricket League at the Bandarban stadium vesterday. Having shot out New Gulshan for 126, Bonorupa raced to the target

> > The Partex Open squash tournament got underway at the Gulshan Club yesterday with favourite Ram Jagadish defeating Dilu 9-4, 9-3, 9-5 in a Premier Division match.

matches About 104 players are taking part in six divisions SM Abdul Mannan, president of Gulshan Club, declared the meet Ayesha's mother Farissa said: "I open. Rubel Aziz, director of Partex

FROM PAGE 16 **BARISAL-KHULNA** Thousands of families have relatives on either side of the border, Sonnet 1 n.o., extras 17, Ashraful 3-

Barisal: 384 and 269-8 declared in 59.2 overs (Imran 5, Hannan 17, Raqibul 88, Shahin 29, Proshenjit 70, Towhid 5, Nadif 29, rajan 8,

Manzarul 2-53, Jamal 3-78).

Barisal floor

Khulna: 226 and 167 all out in 49 overs (Sadat 11, Shafiul 9, Shahagir 42, Tushar 0, Rana 41, Jamal 22, Bashar 11, Rzzak 0, Russel 9, Manjurul 1, Ashraful 0 n.o., extras 12, Anisur 1-20, Sonnet 3-54, Nadif 5-58, Tariqul 1-7).

North Korea in hot waters retreated from the pack of players

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

crowd scenes during

Thursday. Asian Football Confederation general secretary Peter Velappan said defender Nam Song-chol, who was sent off after the melee in Wednesday's 2-0 loss to Iran, will

was sent off and possibly the whole team for confronting the referee," Velappan told AFP. Syrian referee Mohammed Kousa was pushed and shoved by

minutes, with the crowd hurling bottles from the stands, as Kousa

season training with Lancashire and now hopes to regain full fitness by the end of April and possibly play a one-day match against Glamorgan

has lodged an appeal against its suspension by the government over alleged financial irregularities, cricket chief Thilanga Sumathipala said on Thursday. Sri Lanka Ćricket (SLC) peti-

suspension slapped by Sports A date for the hearing has yet to be announced

A team from the African Cricket The four-strong delegation, led

qualifying table. But the Americans, 2-1 in qualifyng, missed overtaking the Mexicans for first when Mexico escaped Panama with a 1-1 draw after playing shorthanded the last 33 minutes, remaining unbeaten at 2-0 with one drawn. The Mexicans owned a 1-0 halftime lead at Panama City on Ramon

red card in the 57th minute and 10man Mexico could not keep the Luis Tejada equalized for Panama in the 73rd minute but the hosts could not break through the stubborn Mexico defense for the

Morales' goal in the 26th minute. But

Mexico's Pavel Pardo was given a

The top three teams after 10 round-robin matches advance to next year's showdown in Germany

FROM PAGE 16 the game in Ashgabat "Making the trip to Balkanbat will cost us extra three to four thousand dollars as we will have to overstay in

Aminul (captain), Titumir, Titu, Belal.

SYWOK DFAP NYW T

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for

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

remained under wraps as Malik and Cricket Ayesha, working at a school in Saudi Arabia, were mostly forced to REUTERS, Hyderabad