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they work hard. You'll see a lot of the skills. You'll enjoy it.'

A crowd of approximately

50,000 is expected to watch

Beckham and his teammates

against Chivas. For Beckham

and Michael Owen, this is the

second trip to the United States

in six weeks. They played for

England's national team here in

small but loud audience of

about 1,000 who held signs and

screamed "Beckham!" as the

team ran laps early on and that

On his way off the field,

continued throughout the eve-

Beckham waved to the crowd.

But the day really was more

about saying hello than goodbye;

it was about connecting with the

each (city) is integrate with local

traditions and events, so things

change from territory to territory,'

said Michael Novack, director of

Real Madrid Television. "Here,

the (first) pitch at the stadium

"Basically, what we try to do in

At practice, Real Madrid had a

late May.

ning.

fans.

Still in love with Inter?

Football

MILAN

Real Madrid ace Ronaldo would openly accept a return to Inter, says new Nerazzurri signing Santiago Solari

The winger left the Spanish giants last week after receiving a glowing reference from the Brazilian forward.

"Ronaldo told me about the atmosphere here and said that I would fit in well," the Argentine stated. "He even added that he would happily return!

This is not the first time that Ronaldo has been associated with a move back to Inter following his exit in 2002. However, it seems highly unlikely

that Ronaldo could re-sign this summer even if there has been talk of an Adriano-Ronaldo swap deal.

Adriano meanwhile said on Friday he knew nothing about a possible move from Inter to Real. "A friend told me about it and

then I read about it in the Italian media," he told reporters in Rio de Janeiro after hearing of speculation that he could follow in the footsteps of Ronaldo.

"I was happy and surprised. It's nice to know that our (my) work is being recognised by the world's most important teams.

"But at the moment my wish is to stay with Inter and the club wants me to stay as well."

Adriano, who arrived in Italy as a 19-year-old, said that the departure of his former striking partner Christian Vieri, who has crossed town to AC Milan, would give him a more important role next season.

"His departure has increased my responsibility in the team," said Adriano. "He was an important player who took on this responsibility in decisive moments, but unfortunately we didn't win the title and now it has passed to me."

Inter owner Massimo Moratti also denied receiving an offer from Real Madrid for Adriano.

"I never received that offer from Real Madrid, so it's not true," Moratti told the club's official website, www.inter.it.

However, Moratti who is currently in negotiations to sign Udinese midfielder David Pizarro. has not ruled out a possible move for Real winger Luis Figo - but only after the club has resolved the futures of several current members of the Inter squad.

"It would be nice to have Figo," Moratti admitted. "But first we have to conclude

other transfers and evaluate the structure of the team." Internet Source

Get the Ronaldo mobile!

Football

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This is the either some of the best or this month some of the worst niche marketing ever: Siemens is doing a new limited Ronaldo (as in Ronaldo the Brazilian superstar) version of their CX65 cellphone that will reportedly only be sold at a couple of chains in the



distinctive style of the great man himself Only a limited number of Ronaldo

for a soccer bout between his Real Madrid team of Spain, and Chivas phones will be sold exclusively in Guadalajara, Mexico's most popular Axiom and Fono stores in the UAE

sports team. "He is such a hunk." said Julie The Ronaldo Limited Edition Ruben of the North Side, who CX65 mobile phone is a classy product of elegant design with a snagged last-minute tickets for brilliant, extra large, high quality color Saturday's exhibition game for screen, integrated camera for video girlfriend Melissa Knopf and herself.

Football

Real Madrid staged a late rally to

overcome Mexican side Chivas

minute when Francisco Palencia

gave Chivas a surprise lead, pounc-

ing on Jhonny Garcia's pass to

Real responded impressively

with goals from Alvaro Meija, Guti

score from close range.

REUTERS, Chicago

Asia.

CHICAGO



Real Madrid star David Beckham acknowledges the applause from fans following a friendly match against Chivas De Guadalajara at Soldier Field in Chicago, Illinois on Saturday.

The most wanted

"I could care less about the game. I just want to be able to stare at him."

dozens of the female persuasion drooling over Beckham, husband of the Spice Girls' Posh Spice and the world's highest-paid soccer player, raking in \$30 million a year.

But the rainbow-colored crowd of 54,432 who turned out for the Soldier Field match had just as much love for Beckham's teammates and other soccer superstars who'd brought international power-

Zinedine Zidane of France. Luis

worldwide

Maria Vazquez of Bridgeport arrived at Soldier Field with seven siblings in tow, including 4-year-old brother Osvaldo, 5-year-old sister Nancy and 9-year-old brother Christian, the three of whom were bedecked in Chivas team jerseys. "We're from Mexico. We had to

get tickets," Vazquez said. As the masses poured in, with a huge representation from countries

Drive at Roosevelt bottlenecked into a virtual parking lot and a sea of people snaked through the campus

"Who cares about Real Madrid? I hope they lose. We're from Guadalajara. We're supporting Chivas." said Salvador Herrera of the Northwest Side, who, with friend

Maradona can't pay his hospital bills!

make a commercial for Swiss Medical Group of Argentina, in order to pay the debt in the hospital where he stayed for nearly a month n 2004

It's about winning hearts

Football

AP, Chicago

The promotional tour started way before Real Madrid arrived at City Hall on Friday afternoon.

There was an autograph session at a sports bar in the morning. The team then headed to Wrigley Field, where midfielder Raul threw out the first pitch before the Cubs-Pirates game, and then came the visit with mayor Richard Daley.

Nine-time European club champions Real Madrid played Mexican power Chivas Guadalajara Saturday at Soldier Field, before heading to Carson, Calif., for Monday's match with Major League Soccer's Los Angeles Galaxy. Then, the team heads to Beijing, Tokyo and Bangkok.

At City Hall on Friday, Real Madrid presented the mayor with an autographed ball, a jersey with "Daley 05" on the back and a model of its stadium. It also invited Daley to Madrid.

players to mingle with officials. Emmanuel Oyin of the North Side, The routine in other cities will be proudly pointing out the scene to 4similar.

year-old son Emmanuel Jr. "I'm Beckham sees the United Nigerian. I've played soccer all my States as a relatively untapped market for soccer, one reason Alejandro and Adelina Arce drove why he thinks it's important to from Waukesha, Wis., so that their play well on Saturday.

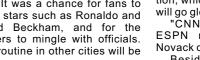
son, Alex, 9, could see his soccer hero "It's important to put on a good performance because there are "My favorite player is Ramon a lot of people paying a lot of Morales. He plays the middle, and

big stars one day." Internet Source

money to see us play," he said after an evening practice at Soldier Field. "It's only right that we should work hard. But you'll get that with this team because

"If we have a children's pro-

was a main example. ... It's all about union bridges between "We are really very excited for sport, team and the country." the opportunity to come to Along that line, the Real Chicago," Real Madrid director of Madrid brand continues to grow. sport Emilio Butragueno said. Within the next few weeks, the Daley welcomed the team, calling it a "great honor." franchise will launch a 24-hour "Soccer has grown, become English-language TV network that will be carried on satellite the No. 1 sport of young people and be integrated into cable in the United States," he said. systems, said Michael Novack, 'It's very popular in all the Victor Romeras, had purchased director of Real Madrid schools. tickets as soon as they went on sale. Television. And its Spanish sta-Friday was a day for promo-Fans paid \$40 to \$125 for legal tion, which is broadcast in Spain, tion. It was a chance for fans to tickets. Others willingly paid more. will go global. meet stars such as Ronaldo and 'CNN International meets "I would have spent whatever it David Beckham, and for the took to come with my son," said ESPN meets MTV" is how



Novack described the network. Besides shows about the team, programs will cover a wide range of topics.

"All leading up to the values that Real Madrid players exemleadership, effort, etc., plify Novack said.

There will be children's programs and lifestyle shows.

gram with values such as effort and sacrifice and talent, anyone can watch that not just a Real Madrid fan," Novack said

They mobbed the Museum Campus -- those with tickets and those without -- for the man who bends it like Beckham. That would be Britain's David Beckham himself, one of the world's most popular athletes, in Chicago

on non-stars

house flavor to Chicago.

and Roberto Soldado.

Figo of Portugal. Brazil's Ronaldo. Real Madrid, holder of nine European Cup titles, boasts five of the world's nine richest soccer players and 500 million adoring fans

Football Ruben and Knopf were among

Real prevail

XINHUA, Buenos Aires

Diego Armando Maradona will

life. It's in my blood. where soccer is king, Lake Shore he's cool," said Alex. "I've been playing soccer since I was 6.... I'm going to be just as good as all these

latest technology and housed in

United Arab Emirates

The special specialities of the phone mainly seems to come from the engraved Ronaldo signature on back (there are probably special Ronaldo wallpapers, too), but they're also throwing in an autographed Ronaldo photograph and mini soccer ball for your trouble.

For the millions of die-hard fans of the star striker this is a chance to own a mobile phone packed with the

England to tour in **March 2006**

Cricket

PTI. Mumba

England would make a full tour of India for three Tests and seven one-day internationals in March-April of 2006, a top Indian Cricket Board official said on Saturday.

England would be visiting India by February-end after finishing their engagements in Pakistan to play three Tests and seven One-day internationals. The programme has been fixed for March-April, 2006 after India's tour of Pakistan and participation in the Asia Cup, also to be held in Pakistan, BCCI Secretary SK Nair said on Saturday.

The programme for England's visit was finalised during the ICC meetings held in June, he added.

England last visited India in 2001-02.

for suspect Nair also said that India were scheduled to visit the West Indies on a action full tour after the home series against England. The visit would be in June CRICINFO, Colmobo 2006, but the final details are yet to be worked out, Nair said. West Indies bowler Jermaine Lawson

The BCCI Secretary also said that has been reported for a suspect India would host the ICC Cham-pions bowling action, the ICC confirmed on Trophy in October-November, 2006. Sunday.

SCHEDULE

India's international programme after the forthcoming tri-series in Sri Lanka: August-September (2005): Triseries in Zimbabwe featuring India, and photography and 11MB capacity of storage space. It will be the first and only CX65 phone to be elegantly cased in a 'black, matt finish.

the 2006 football season Internet Source

Earlier this year, Siemens acquired the personality rights of the star striker for a period of two years whereby the football star will advertise for the company in commercials and advertisements until the end of

New Zealand and Zimbabwe and a Test

October: Seven-match ODI series

against Sri Lanka at home (under

series against the hosts.

against South Africa at home.

negotiation)

Pakistan

Indies

Sri Lanka at home

pions Trophy in India.

Lawson reported

Lawson's action was called into

question by the match officials after

the first Test against Sri Lanka in

Colombo, and they immediately

reported him

FROM PAGE 12 chances, McGrath makes it clear England can afford no loss of form

from the Durham fast bowler -- or anvone else "In South Africa (last winter) I

thought England had a far better team and should have beaten them easily -- but Harmy didn't perform as well as I thought he would," he said. "Matthew Hoggard bowled pretty

Russel lose plot

FROM PAGE 12

Although Mashiur's reflex parried a November: Five-match ODI series close range header by Parvez Babu from the line during a corner, the December: Three-Test series against nervous keeper completely lost a centre by Parvez and Emily reacted January-February (2006): Three-Test fast to boot down the ball and shoot and five-ODI series against Pakistan in home with four minutes remaining on the clock.

Just before the match entered the five-minute injury time, Mashiur let in another cross by Parvez to substitute Tapu whose placing shot was handled by a desperate Russel skipper Egir Mohammed on the goalline.

The Moroccan not only conceded a penalty but also received his marching order as a relieved Brothers captain Sujan converted the spotkick to bail out the Gopibagh

Red Cards: Biplab, Egir (Russel) Yellow cards: Sujan (Brothers) and Deen Mohammed (Russel) TEAMS

BROTHERS: Tarek, Siraji, Sujan, Jewel, Parvez, Abul, Hicham (Monwar), Pranotosh, Liton Khokon), Victor (Tapu) and Emily. RUSSEL KC: Biplab, Aminul, Deen Mohammed, Jahirul, Yusuf Khan, Nayan (Mashiur), Rachid, Egir, Tanvir, Majid and Bulbul (Sharif). Referee: Mansoor Azad.

vith a blistering stril the penalty area.

Soldado added the third seconds Guadalajara 3-1 in Chicago, in the before the final whistle. opening match of their six-game

Meijer headed the 77th minute

equalizer from David Beckham's

free kick and three minutes from

time midfielder Guti found the net

"It was a very good game for us friendly tour of the United States and and very important," Beckham said. "Chivas worked verv hard and that After a lackluster first half, the was what we needed." match burst into life in the 73rd

Madrid's next match is against Los Angeles Galaxy on Monday before they continue the tour in Beijing, Tokyo and Bangkok.

The Spanish league kicks off at the end of August.

English confidence

well, and that helped them out. They won't get away with one or two key guys not performing this series. If that happens then I think we'll win and win well.

"They still rely on a few guys too heavily -- the openers, for example -- and for them to have any chance in the series they have to all perform in this series.'

The Aussies have plans in place for England's opening pair Marcus Trescothick and Andrew Strauss. McGrath, mindful of his initial task to try to part the pair, appears to

be confident in his work. "We hadn't seen a great deal of Straussy, so it was good in the onedayers to get a bit more of a look at him and how he plays and think up a few more plans. We're pretty happy

there," he said. Tres is always the same. He doesn't really move his feet but he's got a pretty decent eye -- so our plans won't be too different to them to what they've been in the past."

Early wickets are high on Australia's agenda, and particularly McGrath's. "The times when we've bowled well to the openers and taken early wickets, it's really put pressure on their middle order," he said.

"There's only been the one decent partnership (in the NatWest one-day matches). That was up at Headingley when they put on 100 runs, and then Vaughany came in and looked confident from the start.

"But before they had been four and five for 80. To me the opening partnership is a massive key to England doing well, so if we can get early wickets I think it opens up their middle order.

"To me body language is the biggest key, and that is one thing Australia does so well," he stressed.

The agreement includes a 10-

year medical coverage for the legendary player and his family, according to information released Friday by local business daily El Cronista

Maradona made the commercial a month ago for the Argentine group, owner of the clinic and Maternidad Suizo-Argentina where he received attention for a cardiorespiratory crisis in April and May last year.

The former Argentine striker has reappeared in public life after a problem related to drug use and overweight, and several de-tox attempts in special clinics.

Among the proposals offered to Maradona, is his debut this month as an anchorman in a television program and a documentary on his life that will be directed by Bosnian

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filmaker Emir Kusturica.

Biggies divided

FROM PAGE 12 The management is also thinking to release a few players.

"We have yet to get used to this culture but it will take some time. he said adding that the new system would be more suitable for a professional league.

Managers of Brothers Union, Abahani and Muktijoddha Sangsad believe that no club will release their players at this stage and they are not interested at all.

Brothers manager Amer Khan said, "We are not thinking to recruit or release any booters. So we didn't approach the others. Also, no club has shown interest in any of our players.

He thought that a transfer in the middle of the league was not at all ideal with the clubs not having professional set-up.

Abahani manager Satyajit Das Rupu questioned the necessity of the new transfer system. "Would teams like Mohammedan or Brothers agree to release their players? It would not be right

to make a comment now. I will give my reaction after seeing what happens," Rupu said. Muktijoddha manager Abdus

Sattar said they will stay out of the market. "We are happy with our reserve bench," he said



PHOTO: REUTERS Argentine soccer legend Diego Maradona shows off his trickery during a friendly beach football match in Cesenatico, central Italy on July 12.

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KRRIU LVKV USRLMZT Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE PENCIL MANUFACTURING COMPANY FOREMAN GOT FIRED. HE COULDN'T GET THE LEAD OUT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals O

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



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