



(L) Manchester United's Christiano Ronaldo celebrates the third goal against Debrecen as the club's new owners the Glazier brothers (R) relish the action at Old Trafford on Tuesday.

PHOTOS: AFP

# United all glaze



AFP, Paris

Manchester United swept past Hungarian minnows Debrecen 3-0 in the first leg of their Champions League third round qualifier at Old Trafford Tuesday but neighbouring Everton's European dream came unstuck when Spanish side Villarreal emerged with a 2-1 win from Goodison Park.

United gave the Glazer family an early reward on their 790 million pound investment as goals from the strike force of Wayne Rooney, Ruud van Nistelrooy and Cristiano Ronaldo sealed a comfortable win against the Hungarian champions.

Despite many fans protesting as Joel, Avi and Bryan Glazer took their seats in the directors' box Sir Alex Ferguson's side all but booked the Red Devils' place in the lucrative group stages.

"The Glazers came into the dressing room after the game and

they had 20 minutes with the players," said Ferguson.

"They were congratulating them and it was good. They come from a good sporting background anyway.

"I am sure they will be reasonably equated with how the game is and they have an enthusiasm to learn more."

Debrecen, who sealed their place in the third qualifying round with an 8-0 demolition of Croatia's Hajduk Split, were comprehensively beaten.

Rooney opened the scoring on seven minutes when he beat goalkeeper Norbert Cseryanszki with a low drive from 18 yards following good build-up play by Ronaldo.

Van Nistelrooy looked close to his best as his link-up play with Rooney tore Debrecen apart. The pair combined four minutes into the second half for Van Nistelrooy to double United's lead.

Ronaldo completed the rout when Rooney squared for him to tap home from close range on 63 minutes.

Everton, however, failed to take advantage of the atmosphere gener-

ated by the Goodison crowd witnessing European Cup football for the first time since 1971.

Luciano Figueroa got the breakthrough for Villarreal after 27 minutes.

James Beattie equalised after 42 minutes, but the hosts hopes of building a first leg advantage were dashed when Josico headed what turned out to be the winner on the stroke of half-time.

"The second was a killer," said Everton manager David Moyes.

"I thought that if anything we looked as if would get the winner. That really took the wind out of our sails. It was a good performance but we couldn't quite get things to drop for us."

But Moyes remained confident his side could overturn the deficit in Spain.

"They scored two here so we have to believe that we can score two there. It's definitely not beyond us," he added.

Scottish champions Rangers, meanwhile, took a big step towards the money-spinning group stages with a 2-1 win over battling Cypriot

side Anorthosis Famagusta in Nicosia.

Nacho Novo scored first for Rangers after 65 minutes with Fernando Ricksen doubling their advantage six minutes later.

Nikolaus Froussos pulled one back for the hosts after 72 minutes.

Norwegian side Valerenga won 1-0 at home against Belgian side FC Bruges thanks to a 57th-minute goal from Steffen Iversen, as Polish side Wisla Krakow won 3-1 at home against Greek side Panathinaikos.

Meanwhile, a dramatic last-minute winner from Edu four minutes into injury time gave Real Betis a 1-0 win at home against French side Monaco.

With seconds left in added time, Xisco Munoz fed the Brazilian midfielder who slid past a diving Flavio Roma.

It was just reward for an exciting game that saw the Spanish side hit the crossbar three times and come close on several occasions.

## Mystery voice was Zidane's brother's!

PA, Sports

France's star playmaker Zinedine Zidane has revealed it was his brother who prompted him to come out of international retirement with Les Bleus.

The 33-year-old Real Madrid midfielder - who ended his international career after Euro 2004 - had said on Tuesday that a "mysterious voice" had persuaded him to come out of retirement and join up with the France team for the remainder of their World Cup qualifying campaign and beyond.

In France Football magazine, Zidane had described how a "magical and mystical" experience had persuaded him to reverse his decision, prompting suggestions there was a religious motivation behind his decision.

Zidane's vague comments triggered a wave of questioning in France where many experts hinted throughout the day that the talented player had experienced a religious encounter.

But Zidane has attempted to put a stop to the speculation by making a strongly-worded statement on his website.

"I want to respond to all the reactions following my interview in France Football," he said on www.zidane.fr.

"I want to tell people that they interpreted things badly. I am appalled that some make such interpretations."

"I was clear, and if you read the article I am clearly talking about a person and not about religion."

"This was a personal and intimate thing up until now, that's why I did not want to tell the name of that person."

"But since people have interpreted my comments the wrong way, I can reveal that this person was my brother, that's all."

## Crucial 3rd Ashes

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slowdown and hopefully that means some of our guys will have batted for extended periods, which we need to do to win Test matches."

Vaughan may not want to slow things down -- his side set up their Edgbaston win by caning the Australian attack for 407 runs on the opening day -- but he will certainly hope for more runs himself.

Batting at three, he has barely contributed. Nor has the inexperienced Ian Bell, one slot lower in the order. Vaughan, who scored three hundreds and averaged more than 63 in the last Ashes, has made 32 runs in four innings to Bell's 41.

Australia have other bowling concerns apart from Lee and McGrath. With neither Jason Gillespie nor Michael Kasprovic at their best, the world champions could opt to play two leg spinners, Stuart MacGill supplementing Warne.

Warne has a special affinity with Old Trafford. He played his first Ashes Test at the ground, removing Mike Gatting with his first ball, although he conceded on Tuesday: "To do what I did with my first ever ball was just an absolute fluke, to be honest."

Eight years ago, he took six for 48 in the first innings at the ground to set up a big win for Australia.

MacGill, meanwhile, also likes English batsmen. In six Tests against them, he has taken 39 wickets at 24.72 apiece.

England look set to stick to the same team, although Matthew Hoggard, with only five wickets to date and struggling to swing the ball in the dry conditions, is becoming increasingly vulnerable to a challenge from uncapped seamer Chris Tremlett.

### PROBABLE TEAMS

**ENGLAND:** Marcus Trescothick, Andrew Strauss, Michael Vaughan (captain), Ian Bell, Kevin Pietersen, Andrew Flintoff, Geraint Jones, Ashley Giles, Matthew Hoggard, Steve Harmison, Simon Jones.

**AUSTRALIA:** Matthew Hayden, Justin Langer, Ricky Ponting (captain), Damien Martyn, Michael Clarke, Simon Katich, Adam Gilchrist, Shane Warne, Stuart MacGill or Brett Lee, Jason Gillespie, Michael Kasprovic.

## Football

AFP, Rome

Upstanding English doctor James Richardson Spensley would be turning in his grave if he could see the current plight of his beloved Genoa FC, the football club he founded more than a century ago.

Last month, Italy's second oldest team and nine-time league champions hit the lowest point in their history when they were demoted from Serie A to the third division (C1) after being found guilty of match-fixing.

Heaven knows what Spensley, an immensely proud man who died fighting for his country in World War I, would make of it all.

London-born Spensley went to work for English shipping companies in Italy's northern port city of Genoa, birthplace of legendary explorer Christopher Columbus.

A sports fanatic, he formed Genoa Football Club in 1896 so that expatriates could play against the crews of visiting British ships.

But while Spensley was an

enthusiastic footballer, he was not blessed with much talent, and after just two poor performances as goalkeeper he decided not to play for the team again.

Despite - or perhaps because of - his absence, Genoa became the first-ever Italian champions in 1898, and went on to win five of the next six Scudetti.

In 1912, Spensley hired fellow Englishman Willy Garbutt, a pipe-smoking, visionary coach whose innovative ideas and strict fitness regime helped Genoa win their seventh league title in 1915; the year Spensley himself died on the frontline in Mainz, Germany.

Genoa won the championship again in 1923 and 1924 - their last ever title success. Garbutt left in 1948 and by 1970 the club had slid into the then-amateur Serie C.

Long spells of mediocrity in Serie B were to follow, but on June 12 of this year, it seemed the glory days were back: Genoa beat an already relegated Venezia 3-2 to clinch promotion, ending their 10-year exile from Italy's top flight.

However, the champagne went flat pretty quickly when the Italian

football league opened an inquiry into the suspicious conduct of players and officials from both clubs.

The police, it transpired, had heard incriminating telephone conversations between Genoa president Enrico Preziosi and Venezia's director Michele Dal Cin before the game.

And a few days after the match Venezia's general manager Giuseppe Pagliara was stopped by police as he drove away from Preziosi's business offices. Inside his car they found a suitcase containing 250,000 euros in cash.

Demotion to Serie C1 followed swiftly, and after a second appeal proved unsuccessful on Monday, Genoa fans decided to stage a protest.

What started out as a peaceful demonstration ended in violence, with cars set alight and police pelted with missiles.

Genoa are still protesting their innocence and will next take their case to a civil court. It's all a long way from Spensley and his Victorian values.

# Jackson, Shaheen sizzle



AFP, Helsinki

Bershawn Jackson lived up to his nickname of 'Batman' here on Tuesday as he flew past his rivals to take the 400 metres hurdles title at the World Athletics Championships.

The 22-year-old declared afterwards he would like to become the heir to the greatest athlete in the event's history Ed Moses, who was on hand to greet him, but another Moses of the biblical variety would have been better employed earlier.

The heavens opened and produced such a deluge that the championships were halted for almost two hours.

Appropriately enough it was at the water jump on the last lap of the 3,000m steeplechase where Qatar's Saif Saaeed Shaheen made his decisive break from his former Kenyan compatriot Ezekiel Kemboi to easily retain his title.

While Jackson announced

himself as the new kid on the block, two years after being disqualified in the first round of the last championships, two champions lost their crowns.

Defending 400 metres hurdles champion Felix Sanchez pulled up clutching his right hamstring in the final but there is no doubt the 27-year-old will be back.

Having gone against doctor's advice to race here -- he has a broken bone in his right foot -- the Olympic champion did well to even get to the final.

However, Maria Mutola's fourth place in the 800m final may have signified the end of the road for the three-time world champion, who now has just the Commonwealth Games crown to defend after losing her Olympic title last year.

The 32-year-old Mozambiquean saw her world title go to the 25-year-old Cuban Yulia Catalayud, who in two successive Olympic finals had not been in the same class as her beaten rival.

For Jackson, though, it was a

case of at last coming of age, though, at 22 and only three years out of high school it seems a bit premature.

"I am now a great athlete. Last year I had a lot of technical problems but they've been resolved," said Jackson, who always competes in a headband inscribed 'Richard Jackson RIP', in honour of the uncle who inspired him to take up the event.

However, there was only one target now for Jackson.

"I want to be like Edwin Moses. Tonight was the first time I've ever met him. That's the man I want to be," said the American.

For Shaheen, victory was some consolation for having missed out on the Olympics last year when the Kenyan National Olympic Committee forbade him to race with the Africans still raging over his switch of allegiance to Qatar.

"I regard it as a consolation prize (the world title) because I knew coming here that I was missing something and that was the Olympic title," said the 22-year-old world record holder.

## Sacchi wants Owen to stay

REUTERS, Madrid

Real Madrid are hoping unsettled England striker Michael Owen will stay at the club, director of football Arago Sacchi said.

"I hope he remains here and if he does he will have the respect of the whole club because he is a magnificent lad," the former AC Milan and Italy coach told sports daily AS on Wednesday.

Owen has admitted speaking to three or four Premier League sides about a possible move following Real's decision to sign Brazilian forwards Robinho and Julio Baptista.

Real have said that Newcastle United and another English club have shown "a serious interest in the player".

Sacchi said the club did not plan to sign any more players during the close season and expressed his confidence in English defender Jonathan Woodgate.

Woodgate is in the final stages of recovery from a thigh injury that has kept him on the sidelines since joining a year ago.

## Game of musical chairs set to start in India

PTI, Mumbai

Indian cricket captaincy is once again likely to witness a game of musical chairs when the national selectors meet here on Friday to choose the man to lead the team on the tour of Zimbabwe starting later this month.

With incumbent Rahul Dravid not able to return triumphant from Sri Lanka, there is already a clamour for giving the most important job in Indian sport back to his predecessor Sourav Ganguly whose success percentage at the helm has been well-chronicled.

David replaced Ganguly as the national captain after the left-hander's poor run with the bat against Pakistan in the last home series and his run-in with cricket officialdom resulting in him being banned for six ODI's which later got reduced to four.

The Bengal stylist returned to top level cricket after serving out his sentence with a half century against hosts and eventual champions Sri Lanka to put to rest the talk that he is past his best, at least for the time being.

And now with David's lack of success in the Emerald Isle, where the team managed to beat only a second-string West Indies squad twice out of five matches it played, Ganguly's case for a recall seems to have gathered strength.

Sources in the Indian Cricket Board said coach Greg Chappell would not attend the meeting to pick the captain.

But Chappell would take part in the discussions the next day (August 13) with the captain when the selectors meet here to choose the rest of the squad for the tri-series and two-Test series in Zimbabwe, they said.

## Benning gives

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was not ready to resign before completing his second first-class ton. The right-hander clubbed 19 fours and three massive sixes before being run out.

Left-arm spinner Enamul Haque took two wickets amidst the Benning thunder. But the home side continued to prosper with former England leg spinner Ian Salisbury (59) and wicketkeeper Hood (57) adding 105 runs for the unbroken sixth wicket.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

**SURREY:** First innings 336/5 in 74 overs (Clinton 56, Benning 124, Butcher 5, Hodd 57 not out, Salisbury 59 not out, extras 22, Russel 1-32, Shahadat 1-89, Enamul 2-107).

# Indians blame bad batting

REUTERS, Colombo



India's captain and coach p

ointed bad batting and low confidence as the reasons for their lack of wins in the Indian Oil Cup triangular series here on Tuesday.

India won just two of the five matches they played in the tournament and lost Tuesday's final by 18 runs after collapsing from 186-2 to 229-8 in the face of fine spin bowling and electric fielding from Sri Lanka.

"With 112 required from 108 balls with eight wickets in hand I thought we were in a position where we should have won the game," coach Greg Chappell told reporters afterwards.

"Sri Lanka bowled and fielded very well and were committed right throughout the series -- they deserved the win."

"The bowlers fought back well and in the end restricting them to 281-9 was a good effort I thought as they were heading for more than 300."

"But Sri Lanka applied the pressure in the field and what it boils down to is that we lost wickets at vital times."

"Sometimes you can get a team with a little bit more confidence and that can be the difference -- I just think the Indian team is a little down in confidence at the moment."

"I think there have been a number of positives -- the bowlers have improved throughout the tournament and our energy and effort in the field improved," said Chappell.

"We would have probably have said before the series that our batting was our strength but it has cost us dearly," he added.

Rahul Dravid agreed that his team lacked Sri Lanka's confidence and identified his run out for 69 as key.

"My run out and Yuvraj's dismissal in quick succession was probably the turning point as we needed to carry on for at least another six overs or so to set a really good platform for the middle order," Dravid told journalists.

"We have to give credit to them -- Chandana and Murali bowled really well," he added.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the day-night final between Sri Lanka and India in the Indian Oil Cup triangular one-day series at the Premadasa Stadium in Colombo on Tuesday:

**SRI LANKA:** 281 for 9 in 50 overs (Jayawardene 83, Jayasuriya 67,

Arnold 64; Nehra 6-59)

<b>INDIA</b>				
Ganguly lbw b Dilshan	26			
Sehwag b Vaas	48			
Dravid run out	69			
Yuvraj c Lokuhettige b Chandana	42			
Kaif c Atapattu b Vaas	31			
Dhoni lbw b Chandana	7			
Pathan b Muralitharan	1			
Harbhajan run out	0			
Zaheer c sub (Tharana) b Muralitharan	5			
Kumble not out	9			
Nehra not out	9			
Extras: (b-7, lb-1, nb-1, w-7)	16			
Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs)	263			
Fall of wickets: 1-62, 2-102, 3-186, 4-205, 5-216, 6-219, 7-223, 8-229, 9-246				

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Vaas	10	1	38	2
Maharroof	6	0	48	0
Lokuhettige	5	0	41	0
Dilshan	7	0	42	1
Muralitharan	10	0	35	2
Jayasuriya	0.1	0	1	0
Chandana	9.5	0	38	2
Arnold	2	0	12	0

**Result: Sri Lanka won by 18 runs and lift the Indian Oil Cup.**  
**Man-of-the-match: Mahela Jayawardene.**  
**Player-of-the-series: Jayawardene.**

## Lee out

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Alcott said then he thought the injury may have been related to a grazed knee Lee sustained while fielding during last month's first Test at Lord's where Australia won by 239 runs.

Having Lee in the team at Old Trafford would be a huge boost to the Australia side who could be without Glenn McGrath for the second time in as many Tests.

## Nafees, Tapash

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for the limited overs matches.

It was learnt that there was a long discussion on the opening spot of Nafees Iqbal who had a miserable tour of England and also faded dramatically after starting the A team's mission with a hundred against the British Universities. Now the onus is on the A side's skipper Shahriar Nafees Ahmed who would open the innings with the experienced Javed Omar. Shahriar Nafees enhanced his credentials with a catchy 75 against Australia in the NatWest series and has been in reasonable form on the A tour.

Bangladesh cricket's biggest enigma Alok Kapali, only had to show some signs of consistency for the A side and could have booked a ticket for Sri Lanka. Instead he has managed just one fifty on the tour till date and that did his dwindling prospects no favour.

## Amritola chess title Zia's

SPORTS REPORTER

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman clinched the title of the Fifth Amritola Dey International Rating Chess beating Mohammad Javed in the last round on Wednesday in Barisal.

Zia finished with 8.5 points to secure the title for the third time while Mohammad Ali bagged 7.5 points to become runner-up.

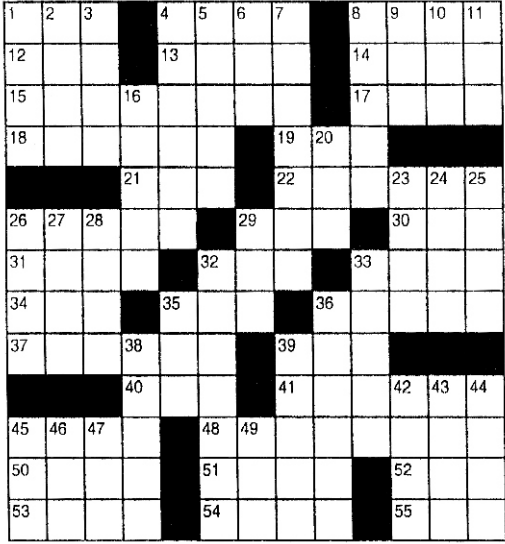
International Women's Master Rani Hamid was adjudged the best woman player in the competition while Indian Pallabi Roy and Mohona Sen were jointly adjudged best players in the Under-14 section.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

<b>ACROSS</b>	37 James Clavell novel	2 Toyota sub-compact	23 Manicurist's need
1 Unprecedented	39 Will Smith biopic	3 19-Across's coat	24 Famous cookie-maker
4 Pith helmet	40 Literary collection	4 Subway riders' needs	25 Shafts of light
8 Part of Batman's costume	41 California vulture	5 Zinc — mo's style	26 Resorts international?
12 Geste, in a sense	45 Satch-mo's style	6 Slammer	27 Destr
13 The yoke s on them	48 HBO rival	7 Swallows	28 As well
14 Vicinity	50 Sheltered	8 Bit	29 Bishop's balltwick
15 Offensive	51 Exhausted	9 Part	32 Rulers
17 Disarray	52 Geese in flight	10 Director	33 PC
18 Sounded the hour	53 Honey bunch	11 Part of UNLV	34 Cleared the streets
19 Farm female	54 Fax	16 One who's beside himself?	38 Stares
21 Inseparable	55 Conclusion	20 "Explain yourself"	39 Eventual oak
22 Rosh Hashanah trumpet	1 Egg container	42 Jackknife, for one	43 Portent
26 Lark flock	29 Hogs' hangout	44 Sax player's sliver	45 Poke
30 "— Little Teapot"	31 Stack	46 Hearty quaff	47 Wye
32 Moines precursor	33 Stratagem	48 Follower	49 Waste not a second
34 Ninny	35 "See ya"		
36 Fourth estate			

Solution time: 25 mins.

C O M B W A S H D O M	G N E A E F F E E O L E	R V A N A N O P A L R E T	E X I T A N T L E U E D
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N A V E S S E T T L E	A B E C A B I T W H E L	Z E E A G E E E L A M	E L L R O M P R E N O



### CRYPTOQUIP

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R U A I G Z O U Z U R T S J , O J K

H T E Q O S J K Z U E R H ' A J C J J P

P T L J H Z T P H B C T K K

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** AFTER HE STUPIDLY SWALLOWED A WHIP, THE POOR FELLOW REALLY GOT A TONGUE-LASHING.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals V

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.