PRIMERA LIGA

#### **Brazilians** save Real

REUTERS, Madrid

New signing Robinho electrified Real Madrid and set up the winning goal in a 2-1 victory at Cadiz in Sunday's opening game of their new season.

The 21-year-old Brazilian came on at 1-1 midway through the second half and helped fashion a wonderful winner for Raul with dazzling individual skill on the edge of the area.

Last season's runners-up Real had taken the lead against the run of play when Ronaldo received a Zinedine Zidane pass, evaded defender Ramon de Quintana and spectacularly sidefooted home from just outside the area in the fifth minute.

Cadiz got a deserved equaliser midway through the second half when Argentine striker Matias Pavoni hooked a volley past Iker Casillas.

Real grabbed victory five minutes from time when Raul poked home into the empty net after Robinho and Ronaldo combined to carve open the Cadiz defence.

Reigning champions Barcelona failed to get their title defence off to a winning start on Saturday when they were held to a 0-0 draw at promoted Alaves after an inspired performance by their former goalkeeper Roberto Bonano.

Unlike Cadiz, Celta Vigo celebrated their return to the Primera Liga with a 2-0 win at home to Malaga on Sunday.

## Massive fines Ponting, Katich

AFP, Nottingham

Australia captain Ricky Ponting and batsman Simon Katich were both fined Sunday for their part in two separate incidents during the fourth Test against England at Trent

Ponting was fined 75 per cent of his 12,500 Australian dollar (9,400 US dollars) match fee and Katich 50 per cent following a hearing conducted after England won by three wickets with more than a day to spare to go 2-1 up in the five Test

Ponting was in trouble after reacting angrily having being run out Saturday by substitute Gary Pratt's

And Katich was fined for dissent after being given out Ibw Sunday by Pakistan umpire Aleem Dar for 59.

#### Mollah made persona non grata

SPORTS REPORTER

Board vice-president Golam Rasul Mollah was declared persona non grata by a group of young cricket

"We have launched a campaign against him (Mollah) in the greater interest of the game. He won't be allowed to enter the BCB office and other cricket venues," said an irate organiser at a press conference yesterday at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

They said that Mollah used his forum to pollute the whole sports



Australia followed on in the fourth Ashes Test against England for the first time in 17 years.





This is a wonderful opportunity for the World team to beat Australia in the upcoming ICC Super Series on

# Robinho rocks



I GIVE UP, YOU'RE TOO HOT! Cadiz's Varela (R) puts his hands up as Real Madrid's latest signing Robinho goes past him at the Ramon de Carranza stadium on Sunday.

Football

REUTERS, Madrid

It took Brazilian forward Robinho a little less than 25 minutes to live up to the hype that had preceded his \$30-million (16.6 million pounds) move to Real Madrid.

Arriving in the Spanish capital on Friday, he completed his first training session on Saturday and then captured the hearts of Real Madrid fans with a spectacular matchwinning performance in the opening game of the season against Cadiz on Sunday

Stepping on to the pitch midway through the second half with the score at 1-1, the 21-year-old's first touch was a "sombrero" -- a cheeky flick over the head of an opposition

Thereafter, he added pace and dynamism to a Real side whose only previous plan of attack had been to give the ball to Ronaldo and hope.

Shortly after creating a fine shooting chance for Roberto Carlos, he set up Real's winning goal with a dazzling piece of individual skill.

Controlling a 30-metre pass from David Beckham with his chest, he swivelled across the edge of the area, left the ball to Ronaldo who burst into the box and unselfishly slipped a pass to Raul to poke into

Two minutes from time he left defenders sprawling in his wake when he unleashed his trademark step-over or "pedalada" before setting up a great chance for Ivan Helguera who hit the bar with his close-range shot.

"I'm really happy to have made my debut," Robinho told reporters. "Everything went very well and I felt very comfortable on the pitch. It was important to start off with a win.' Robinho's new team mates were

clearly impressed with what they saw. "All I ask is that he is given the

ball because he is spectacular when he gets it," said Helguera. "The team really noticed it when he came on. He opened up the opposition defence and gave us a lot more options up front. Brazilian full back Roberto Carlos

agreed with his fellow defender. "He's only just arrived and everyone has now seen what he is capable of doing," he said. "He's quick, skilful and has proved he has the talent to play at Real Madrid.'

The Spanish media were no less fulsome in their praise of the former Santos player. "And God Created Robinho," was the headline in sports

daily AS, while El Pais said Real had been transformed when he stepped on to the pitch.

"He took no more than a second to sow panic amongst the opposition defence," Santiago Segurola said in his match report.

"Step-overs to the right, stepovers to the left, he gave a ceaseless exhibition of skill and movement for which there was no antidote."

Barcelona-based daily Sport simply described the young Brazilian's debut as "The Robinho Revolution.' 'Robinho changed the game.'

Cadiz coach Victor Esparrago told a news conference. "He's a player with magic and talent -- he unsettles opposing teams. The presence of so many of his

countrymen -- a record for the club -will help the newcomer to adjust, team doctor Alfonso del Corral said. In addition to striker Ronaldo Madrid's roster includes Roberto Carlos and forward Julio Baptista, another new arrival.

Right-back Cicinho will become the next Brazilian to join in January, his Sao Paulo team said on Aug. 23. Madrid said it had acquired an option to sign the player at an unspecified time.

#### SERIE A

## Adriano kicks off with three



REUTERS. Milan

Brazilian Adriano hit an opening day hat-trick to help Inter Milan beat Treviso 3-0 and champions Juventus also made a winning start with a David Trezeguet header earning a 1-0 win over Chievo Verona on Sunday.

The biggest surprise was AC Milan being held to a 1-1 draw at promoted Ascoli, and there was a confident 3-0 win at Reggina for AS

Portuguese winger Luis Figo, signed from Real Madrid during the close season, was the centre of attention at the San Siro as he made his full debut for Inter but it was the more familiar face of Adriano that provided the joy for the home fans hoping to end their 16-year title wait.

The powerful Brazilian opened the scoring by chasing a ball 40 metres out to the touchline before

cutting inside and unleashing a fierce drive into the near post.

Serbian Dejan Stankovic set up the second in the 68th minute with a well weighted ball into the area which Adriano brought down with ease and slotted home.

Chilean substitute David Pizarro took most of the credit for Inter's third goal with a tricky solo run into the area before a short pass to the Brazilian who screwed the ball home through a crowded area.

Juventus had little trouble against Chievo after French forward Trezeguet put them ahead in the 36th minute with a fine glancing header from a Gianluca Zambrotta cross.

Much of the post-match discussion is likely to focus on Alessandro Del Piero who started the new campaign on the bench and did not feature as a substitute. Milan twice went close through

free kicks from Shevchenko but fell behind in the 58th minute when Dida pushed out a header and Cudini reacted quickly to beat the Brazilian keeper.

Five minutes later, though, Milan were level when Shevchenko picked the ball up on the turn and burst goalwards before rattling

home a powerful drive. The Ukrainian then missed a glorious chance to win the game, shooting over the bar from close range, and last season's Champions League runners-up had to make do with a point.

Roma had a dreadful season last term but looked more confident with goals from Brazilian Mancini, Italy midfielder Daniele De Rossi and an injury-time strike from debutant Democratic Republic of Congo forward Shabani Nonda easing

them to a 3-0 win at Reggina. Udinese, who are in the Champions League for the first time this season, beat a determined Empoli 1-0 thanks to a goal from Ghana's Sulley Muntari

Macedonian striker Goran Pandev scored the only goal in Lazio's 1-0 win over Messina

## India swallow Zimbabwe

FROM PAGE 12 Anthony Ireland to Charles Coventry behind square leg.

India were looking insecure on 55-2 and the struggle for quick runs continued. Rahul Dravid was out for 14, clean bowled by off spinner Prosper Utseya and at 95-3 they were managing a rate of only 3.5 an

Mohammad Kaif was holding the fort, but just when he had decided he had better increase the pace he was caught and bowled for 65 by Gavin Ewing, scoring just seven fours. It was his 13th half century.

Yuvraj and Mahendra Dhoni then forced the pace together, starting with the former hitting the first six of the innings off Utseya.

As their partnership for the fifth wicket gathered pace, the runs came more freely and they put on 103 runs before Dhoni went for 56, his maiden half century. Yuvraj's 53 was his 18th half century.

They put the rate up to four in the 46th over as Taibu brought back the seamers Streak and Blignaut. It was Streak who lent the

Zimbabwe innings an ounce of decency, his 18 not out rescuing a situation where the top-order batsmen had crumbled to 35-7. The 10th wicket stand of 22 runs

between Streak and Utseya, who

scored 11 before handing Harbhajan his wicket, was the highest of the day for the home side

In the next match of the triangular tournament here on Wednesday, Zimbabwe come up against New Zealand, whose coach John Bracewell has had to return home following the death of his mother-in-

#### **SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard of the third match of the triangular series one-day international between India and Zimbabwe in Harare on Monday:

INDIA Ganguly c Coventry b Ireland Rao c Taibu b Streak Kaif c and b Ewing Dravid b Utseya Yuvrai not out Dhoni c Mahwire b Ireland Agarkar c Streak b Ireland Yadav not out Extras: (lb-6, w-11, nb-1) Total: (For 6 wkts in 50 overs) 226 Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-55, 3-95, 4-121, 5-224, 6-225 Did not bat: Pathan, Harbhajan,

Nehra М Bowler 0 10 Streak

0 Utseya 10 0 Ewing

ZIMBABWE Taylor b Pathar

Carlisle Ibw b Pathan Sibanda (sub) c and b Agarkar Mazakadsa Ibw b Agarkar Taibu c Ganguli b Pathan 18 Streak not out Coventry b Pathan 0 Blignaut Ibw b Agarkar Ewing b Pathan Mahwire b Agarkar Utseya c Ganguly b Harbhajan Extras: (w-8, nb-1) Total: (All out in 24.3 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-17, 3-17, 4-29, 5-30, 6-30, 7-35, 8-43, 9-43

**Bowler** O M 10 Pathan 0 11 Nehra 3 18 Agarkar 2 0 Harbhaian 2.3 9 Result: India win by 161 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Irfan Pathan.

Toss: Zimbabwe.

#### Owen in **England!**

LONDON

Real Madrid striker Michael Owen is jetting into England today for talks

The Times says Owen may have to wait until late on Wednesdav before his future is resolved. Liverpool have yet to make an offer for the Real Madrid striker but he clings to the hope that his former club will take him back to Anfield in a permanent deal.

Freddie Shepherd, the Newcastle chairman, is also scheduled to meet Owen and Tony Stephens, his adviser, today. Newcastle submitted a bid of about £16 million for Owen last week, an offer that Real accepted. It was thought that Liverpool would offer only £8 million - the sum Real paid them for Owen 12 months ago - but Newcastle may have forced the price

- INTERNET SOURCE

#### United still clean

**PREMIERSHIP** 

Manchester United won its third straight English Premier League game Sunday, with Wayne Rooney and Ruud van Nistelrooy scoring in the second half of a 2-0 victory at Newcastle.

Rooney scored in the 66th minute, charging into the area and driving a loose ball behind Newcastle goalkeeper Shay Given. Van Nistelrooy scored during injury time off a pass by

Manchester United has not allowed a goal through three games, but still trails first-place Chelsea, which has won its four games also without giving up a goal. Newcastle is winless in four games and has yet to score.

Rooney's goal came after defender Jean-Alain Boumsong allowed the ball to bounce past him. The Englishman pounced and beat the flat-footed Given. "I saw it in the air and I knew it was

going to be a difficult bounce," Rooney said. "So I just took a gamble and I'm lucky enough it paid off. A minute into injury time, Van

Nistelrooy scored his third of the sea-

"The second goal was a great example for any young person who wants to get to the top," Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson, referring to Rooney. "That was a fantastic

Manchester City is in second place with 10 points, while Charlton has nine. Newcastle, Sunderland and Portsmouth are the only teams without

Earlier, Charlton stayed perfect by defeating Middlesbrough 3-0 behind goals by Dennis Rommedahl, Chris Perry and Darren Bent.

### Tapash

Other players have also com plained that they have not received proper' service from Close on different problems. It seems that the Australian physio has been ignoring his tasks and had he given not paid heed to

ahead of the series. He has also been branded as 'idle' by the members of the team when he should have been the busiest one.

Mashrafee's complaints, the team

would have not lost their best bowler

Tanash was ignored for the three one-davers due to injury but coach Day Whatmore confirmed that he has

"We are considering Tapash as an extra player, not a replacement. He had some problems but he is now okay," Whatmore said.

The 51-year-old Sri Lankan born Aussie, however, was dismissive about the big defeat to a local eleven on the previous day. Lack of partnerships and poor

batting in the slog overs apart from numerous dropped catches saw Bangladesh lose badly but Whatmore found something positive out of it. "We batted pretty well to get to a total of 235. The second part of the

game was not quite good and we did

not bowl in the right spot. We learned a little about power-play," he said referring to Avishka Gunawardene and Upul Thiranga's hurricane centuries in an unbroken opening stand. "The result was not good but it was a good exercise. We haven't played a game since the camp started seven

or eight weeks ago. And also, with the new rules coming in, we needed to play that game."

#### School soccer

FROM PAGE 12 Big Bowl where all 60 participating metropolis teams took part in a march-past.

On the opening day a friendly match was held between defending champions Dulaipar High School and last vear runners-up Residential Model School. Dulaipar managed a solitary goal victory. The main competition kick off today at the five different venues.

#### Russel-2, YMC-2 FROM PAGE 12 placing shot after receiving the ball from Baten.

After the lemon break Majid equalised for Russel in the second minute when he headed home off a Tanveer cross. Ripon Khan again stunned the

giants as his sudden blistering right-footer left the opponent custodian Biplob hapless but Majid spated Russel's blushes with a 79th minute goal.

## Call for Hayden's head

#### Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Ailing Australia must make bold selection decisions and axe out-ofform opener Matthew Hayden for the make-or-break fifth Test in order to retain the Ashes, newspapers said Monday.

The Australian press honed in on one of the key players in Australia's golden era of cricket and called for Hayden to be dropped for The Oval Test -- which Australia must win to avoid relinquishing the Ashes for the first time in 18 years.

England clinched victory by three wickets in the fourth Trent Bridge Test Sunday with a day to spare and now have a 2-1 lead in the series heading into the final Test starting on September 8. Australian media were unani-

mous in calling for the sacking of 33year-old Hayden, who has averaged just 22.50 in a mediocre return of 180 runs from eight innings in the series and dropped several crucial

Newspapers called for selectors to go outside the touring squad and chose Michael Hussey to open the innings with Justin Langer to revital-

There were also calls for another long-term incumbent batsman Damien Martyn (168 runs at 21) to be dropped, and a push for the inclusion of bowling all-rounder Shane Watson and for Stuart MacGill to partner Shane Warne in a

twin leg-spin attack. "Harsh assessments need to be made, and players who have not contributed must make way," The Australian said.

"Opener Matthew Hayden .... so badly bereft of form and confidence that he has to be replaced at the top of the order and his inability to change his method of batting has cost his team," the paper's Andrew Ramsey said.

The Sydney Morning Herald's Peter Roebuck wrote: "Hayden looks out of sorts. Alas, the time has come to withdraw him from the firing line. Michael Hussey is the man to take his place. "Hussey has been in fine form

the Ashes to be lost over trifles?" Hussey starred in the one-day matches before the Tests and has been in great form for Durham in the

and will improve the fielding. Never

mind that he is not in the squad. Are

English county championship. Roebuck said MacGill must also play. "Since pace is not working, the

expectations for sustained periods. He

could justifiably also complain that key

decisions went against Australia in

But fewer and fewer people are

istening to the world champions,

perhaps because they are beginning

They did not when the tour began.

0 Australian series success. Ponting

said his bowlers knew how to deal with

the likes of Marcus Trescothick and

Andrew Strauss, and that Andrew

Flintoff was the only Englishman with a

their bowlers have quickly decoded

the touring side's top order. Vaughan

has set cleverly tailored fields and the

Australians have repeatedly fallen into

Australia's batting enforcer. Flintoff

calls for the ball whenever he reaches

the crease. Gilchrist is averaging

22.57 in the series, compared to his

England's key weapon, a skill first

developed by Pakistan in the early

1990s. The Australians, having not

met an attack to equal England's in

recent times, admit they have not

Reverse swing has been

overall Test average of 52.98.

Consider Adam Gilchrist,

England said nothing in reply but

chance of getting in his line-up.

McGrath confidently predicted a 5-

to sound like whingeing Poms.

Nottingham

has been forced to bowl long spells and might appreciate the support. "MacGill's selection upsets the balance of the side, but Shane

Watson has made a fine impression at Hampshire." Ramsey said Australia must summon Watson for the fifth Test. This would allow them to play MacGill on a pitch which experts

believe will offer pace and bounce to

the spinners "Watson is not in (England allrounder Andrew) Flintoff's class, and there are voices within the Australian dressing room who support the inclusion of one-day all-rounder

Andrew Symonds for the final match. "But Watson offers a seam option which will give the bowling attack -- presuming McGrath, Shane Warne and Brett Lee are all fit -- a balanced look and sufficient variation." Ramsev said.

News Limited's Robert Craddock said skipper Ricky Ponting's blowup over England's use of substitute fieldsmen said much about his frustration at seeing the Ashes slipping away and being run out.

The substitute issue just pushed him over the edge." Craddock said. "It gave England a precious psychological boost. They loved it."

## Beginning of Aussie

Buchanan was once regarded as an innovative. off-the-wall thinker. When you win, encouraging poetry reading and quoting from the ancient texts of Chinese warlords is regarded as blue-sky brilliance. When you lose. it tends to attract derision from friend and foe alike

simply run out after six years at the helm. For those six years, he has had the luxury of running a team built on It is tempting to suggest Skippy the Kangaroo could have got away with

Perhaps Buchanan's luck has

Glenn McGrath and Shane Warne were in their prime. McGrath, on the cusp of becoming the most successful fast bowler of all time after passing 500 Test wickets, is

captaining or coaching Australia while

The 35-year-old missed the second Test with an ankle injury, the fourth with a swollen elbow and is doubtful for the fifth starting on September 8.

suddenly looking physically fallible.

Warne, the greatest spinner of all time, has remained as iconic as ever despite his advancing age, with 28 wickets at 19.67 apiece for the series and a collection of batting scores to shame most of his top-order col-

Edgbaston, played a key role in the Old Trafford escape and his four second-innings wickets on Sunday took the Trent Bridge encounter to the wire, even after Australia were forced to follow on for the first time in 17 years. Without McGrath's miserly bowling

He almost saved Australia at

isolated. Jason Gillespie's dramatic decline, which led to his omission at Trent Bridge, has made things worse. Ponting continues to bemoan his

It is an attitude smacking of arrogance. Arrogance is the preserve of world champions but it cannot disat the other end, however, he has been

bothered to study the threat.

guise the end of eras, when they Talk, as Warne said before Trent Bridge, is cheap. Action counts. For

the first time in a decade, things have

gone dreadfully quiet in the Australian

#### **Cute h'ball**

**SPORTS REPORTER** 

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club won their respective matches in the Cute Premier Division Handball League

at outer stadium yesterday. Defending champions Rifles registered a massive 36-13 victory over Victoria while Mariner recorded a huge 35-8 victory over Surjadoy

#### India accept to play Test at Karachi

REUTERS, Karachi

India have accepted Pakistan's proposal to play a Test match in the volatile southern city of Karachi early next year.

"They have accepted our proposed itinerary which includes a Test and onedayer in Karachi. They are now waiting approval from their government to give us a formal yes," Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman Shaharyar Khan told teuters on Monday.

India are scheduled to make their

second Test tour of Pakistan in two years starting in January. They are scheduled to play three Tests and five one-day nternationals. The Pakistan board has struggled to convince visiting teams to play a Test in

hit by sectarian violence and terrorist attacks in the last few years England who are due to tour Pakistan from Oct 26, have refused to

play a Test in Karachi for security rea-

sons but have agreed to a one-dayer.

the port city of Karachi which has been

## ageing team's inability to perform to England take Ashes lead

Hoggard 3-70)

FROM PAGE 12 attack minus fast bowler Glenn McGrath, missing from this match

with a right elbow injury. And with Australia captain Ricky Ponting attacking England, whose first innings featured Flintoff's maiden Ashes hundred of 102, took 19 runs off

SCOREBOARD Final scoreboard on the fourth day of the fourth Ashes Test between

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Kasprowicz's first two overs

England and Australia at Trent Bridge on Sunday: **ENGLAND:** First innings 477 (Flintoff

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Ponting 48, Warne 45; Harmison 3-

93, Hoggard 2-72, Flintoff 2-83,

AUSTRALIA: First innings (Lee 47, Katich 45, Clarke 36; S Jones 5-44, Hoggard not out Extras: (lb-4, w-5) Total: (For 7 wkts in 31.5 overs)129 AUSTRALIA: Second innings 387 Fall of wickets: 1-32, 2-36, 3-57, 4-(Langer 61, Katich 59, Clarke 56, 57, 5-103, 6-111, 7-116

Did not bat: Harmison, S Jones R W **Bowler** 0 0 Lee 19 Kasprowicz Warne 13.5 Result: England won by 3 wickets and take 2-1 lead in the 5-Test

Man-of-the-match: Andrew Fifth Test: The Oval, Sept 8-12.

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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.

# **CRYPTOOUIP** GN L AGZA OYAUUF NLGFO

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I SUPPOSE SEVERAL RESIDE TOGETHER IN A PANDAMINIUM. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals S

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

#### **Kumar Sangakkara** (Sri Lankan wicketkeeper) "England have exposed the world champions' weak areas and it is up to others to make the most of them.