



PHOTO: AFP

**INNOVATIVE!** Real Madrid's Brazilian trio Ronaldo (C) Julio Baptista (L) and Roberto Carlos find a new style of celebration after Ronaldo's goal against Mallorca at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium in Madrid on Sunday.

U-17 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Mexico silence the samba

REUTERS, Lima

Mexico scored twice in two minutes to set up a stunning 3-0 victory over defending champions Brazil to capture the FIFA Under-17 World Championship on Sunday.

Tournament top scorer Carlos Vela put Mexico ahead with a low header in the 31st minute and Omar Esparza doubled the advantage soon after with a blinding right-foot volley.

Ever Guzman sealed the win in the 86th minute with a stunning solo effort.

The victory in the 16-team tournament was Mexico's first at any level in a FIFA world championship. Brazil have won the event on three previous occasions.

The Netherlands beat Turkey 2-1 for third place.

Romeo again!

AFP, London

Romeo, the three-year-old son of David and Victoria Beckham, has been rushed to hospital in Spain suffering from convulsions, for the second time in two months, The Sun newspaper reported Monday.

The England football captain and his ex-pop star wife rook their youngerson to hospital on Saturday when he was examined by doctors before being allowed home, the papers said.

In August Romeo was rushed to a British hospital in similar circumstances, according to the Sun.

In September he received stitches in his forehead after stumbling on an escalator during a shopping trip in Madrid with his grandmother, the best-selling British tabloid reported.

PREMIERSHIP

A lesson in Blues

Football

AFP, London

Reigning champions Chelsea took another confident stride towards retaining the Premiership title on Sunday when they crushed Liverpool 4-1 at Anfield to open up a nine-point gap.

Jose Mourinho's side look unstoppable after cantering to their eighth successive league triumph.

Elsewhere, Merseyside's misery was complete when Everton slumped to their sixth defeat of the season when a 2-0 loss at Manchester City kept them rooted to the foot of the table.

Arsenal are 11 points behind Chelsea after needing a fortunate own-goal at home to Birmingham to steal the three points in a 1-0 win.

But it was at Anfield where the destination of this year's title looked even more certain.

Frank Lampard set Chelsea on their way from the penalty spot before Steven Gerrard equalised with his first Premiership goal of the season.

Damien Duff restored the visitors' lead before Joe Cole and substitute Geremi completed Liverpool's misery after half-time as the Merseyside club conceded four at home in the league for the first time in 36 years.

The European champions, who now trail the Londoners by 17 points, have now failed to record a win in four games and enter the two-week international break firmly anchored in the bottom half of the table after suffering their heaviest defeat under Rafael Benitez.

Mourinho later hit out at his team's detractors who have criticised the club's style.

"It's eight matches, eight victories, 18 goals - I think it's time to respect my players, my team and Chelsea Football Club," Mourinho told Sky Sports.

SERIE A

Day of Juve, Maldini

Football

AFP, Rome

Serie A leaders Juventus maintained their 100 percent record with a 2-0 home win over title rivals Inter Milan on Sunday.

First-half goals from David Trezeguet and Pavel Nedved clinched another three points for the reigning champions whose sixth successive league victory saw them open up a five point lead over AC Milan and Fiorentina.

Inter, who won 1-0 in Turin last season, could have joined Juve at the top of the table had they defeated the title-holders but like the driving rain their hopes sank deep into the mud after a poor first 45 minutes.

Juventus' eighth consecutive victory in all competitions came at a high price, though, with Trezeguet, Lilian Thuram and Zlatan Ibrahimovic all being substituted because of injuries.

The hosts broke the deadlock in the 22nd minute after Esteban Cambiasso brought down Mauro Camoranesi on the edge of the 18-yard box.

Julio Cesar saved the resulting free-kick by Ibrahimovic but the ball bounced high into the air and Trezeguet was first to the rebound, sending an angled header into the unguarded far corner.

Juventus tightened their grip in the 33rd minute.

Walter Samuel brought down Ibrahimovic 20 yards from goal and Nedved curled the free-kick over the wall and past Julio Cesar's outstretched hand.

Earlier on Sunday Paolo Maldini scored two goals in a match for the first time in his 20-year career to give AC Milan a 2-1 home win over struggling Reggina.

The 37-year-old captain showed he can attack as well as defend with two clinical finishes in the first 20 minutes before Simone Cavalli grabbed a late consolation goal for the Calabrians whose defeat was their fifth in six games.

AC Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti heaped praise on his priceless skipper.

"Paolo is an extraordinary lad - aside from the two goals he scored he had a great match.

"In spite of his continual knee problem he is still able to play out of his skin."

Fiorentina are level on 13 points with AC Milan after their 3-2 victory at home to Livorno with goals from Luca Toni, his sixth of the season, Martin Jorgensen and Gianpaolo Pazzini bringing their Tuscan rivals' unbeaten run to an end.

Livorno, who were 3-0 down before producing a late rally, were reduced to 10 men in the 17th minute when their captain Cristiano Lucarelli was sent off for abusing the referee.

Earlier in the day Lucarelli confirmed he had signed a contract extension that will tie him to the club till 2010.

Sampdoria joined Inter on 12 points after they thumped Messina 4-1 in Sicily where Emiliano Bonazzoli scored twice to take his league tally to six.

Palermo were held to a 2-2 draw by Empoli while Roma lost 3-2 at home to Siena who played with 10 men for the last 32 minutes following the dismissal of Simone Vergassola.

Croatian striker Sasa Bjelanovic grabbed a brace for Ascoli in their 3-1 victory against Parma and Lecce thrashed Cagliari 3-0 for their first victory of the campaign.

At the San Siro, evergreen Maldini showed off his dribbling skills to give AC Milan the lead in the fifth minute.

Cutting in from the left wing, he clipped the ball through the legs of Giacomo Tedesco before tucking the ball right-footed past Nicola Pavarini from an acute angle.

Maldini's second goal was largely down to poor marking, the former Italy international rising unmarked to powerfully head home an outswinging corner.

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PRIMERA LIGA

Made in Brazil

Football

REUTERS, Madrid

Real Madrid's Brazilian contingent overwhelmed Real Mallorca 4-0 in the Bernabeu on Sunday and helped move the team up to third in the Primera Liga.

England midfielder David Beckham put in another eye-catching performance, setting up three of the goals.

Brazilian striker Ronaldo scored the opener after 32 minutes and compatriot Roberto Carlos volleyed a spectacular second just before the break.

Roberto Carlos made it three with a free kick after 66 minutes and another Brazilian, Julio Baptista, added a fourth 13 minutes from time.

Mallorca, the league's bottom club, had defender Sergio Ballesteros sent off for a second yellow card offence in the 76th minute.

Celta Vigo missed out on the chance to return to the top of the

standings when they were held to a 1-1 draw in Cadiz earlier in the day.

Getafe remain top with 14 points after they beat Valencia 2-1 on Saturday, a point ahead of Celta in second.

Osasuna are fourth level on 12 points with Real but with fewer goals scored. Barcelona are fifth with nine points after coming from behind to draw 2-2 at home to Real Zaragoza on Saturday.

Mallorca, who had spoken of attacking Real before their visit to the Bernabeu, lived up to their promise early on.

Japan forward Yoshito Okubo and midfielder Alejandro Campano unsettled the home defence, the former having a goal ruled out for offside after 25 minutes.

But Real were always the more dangerous side with the midfield duo of Beckham and Baptista dictating terms.

Raul had a shot saved on the line before Beckham set Ronaldo free on the right flank in a swift counter-attack shortly after the half-hour.

The fantastic Brazilian cut in, made a stepover and thumped a left-footed shot inside the far post for his fifth goal of the season.

Beckham was instrumental in the second, swinging a corner to the waiting Roberto Carlos outside the penalty area, from where the Brazilian unleashed a first-time volley low into the corner.

France midfielder Zinedine Zidane made his first appearance after four weeks out with a groin strain when he was brought on for Guti in the 61st minute.

England's Jonathan Woodgate soon joined him on the pitch but it was Roberto Carlos who scored the third with a fierce free kick.

Ballesteros received his marching orders after fouling Brazilian forward Robinho 14 minutes from time, giving Beckham another set-piece opportunity.

The Englishman's shot struck the wall on its way into the area but Baptista steered it home from close range.

Portuguese player collapses

AFP, Lisbon

The 24-year-old captain of Portuguese side Uniao Leiria was hospitalized Sunday after he collapsed on the pitch just ten minutes into a premier league match against Vitoria Setubal.

Players surrounded Joao Paulo Andrade after he fell to the ground unconscious at the stadium in the port city of Setubal, 50 kilometres (30 miles) southeast of Lisbon.

He was stretched off the pitch and taken to a nearby hospital where he underwent tests and a scan, a hospital spokesman told the RTP station.

The player has regained consciousness and his life is not in danger, he added. The reasons for his collapse have not yet been determined.

Uniao Leiria team doctor Carlos Silva told reporters Andrade may have collapsed because of the intense heat in the city at the time of the match.

Sania

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Japan. I'm looking forward to a great week," said Mirza.

The 18-year-old, who won the Japan Open junior doubles title in 2003, will take on qualifier Vilmarie Castellvi of Puerto Rico, the 2-6,

7-6, 6-3 winner over American Ashley Harkleroad on Monday.

Last year, Mirza became the first woman from India to capture a WTA Tour title, winning the doubles on home turf at Hyderabad.

She became the first Indian woman to reach the third round in her grand slam debut at the Australian Open in January this year and posted her first singles title, again at Hyderabad, the following month.

In her US Open debut, Mirza reached the fourth round to move up to her highest ever ranking of 34th in the world last month.

Mirza, ranked 37th this week, said her successful results were "just a matter of time" and had happened sooner than she had expected.

"I got the opportunities and I just grabbed them with both hands. I played some good tennis when it really mattered," she said.

Mirza said her feet remained firmly on the ground despite being the most famous sportswoman in India.

"Everytime I step on court, I'm not thinking about making history. I'm there because I want to be there, give my best and play for my country.

"I just hope that five or six years from now, we will have a lot more women tennis players from India. It's really nice that people are taking an interest in tennis especially when we come from a cricketing country," she said.

Baseball to the rescue



AFP, Melbourne

Australia's chastened cricket team Monday summoned an American baseball coach to help rid them of the fielding fumbles that blighted their Ashes campaign against England.

The Australians are back in action this week against a World XI in three one-dayers here ahead of a six-day Test match in Sydney and are putting their Ashes lessons to use by recruiting senior American baseball coach Mike Young.

Young, who once managed the Australian national baseball team, has worked with the Australian one-day cricket team for five years.

He conducted fielding drills during the team's training Monday ahead of the first of three one-dayers against the world combination on Wednesday.

Young said national coach John Buchanan contacted him and asked him to help out for the series against the world team.

Australia once was unchallenged as the world's best fielding side, but its standards slipped alarmingly during the failed Ashes series, with Buchanan criticised for not concentrating enough on sharpening the team's ground fielding skills.

Cricket Australia is reviewing the national team operations in the wake of the 2-1 Ashes series loss to England and Young said he wanted to become a full-time fielding coach within the team set-up.

"I've made no bones about wanting to work more on a full-time basis with cricket, I gave up my baseball career to do this because I believe in it," Young

told the Australian Associated Press Monday.

"I want to do it with coaches around the country, too, not just with the Australian team.

"If they speak to me and say 'are you interested?' Absolutely, I'm interested.

"For the last three years, I've said I want to do this full-time -- it's my goal, my passion and I want to finish my career with it.

"These are the best players in the world and I enjoy working with these athletes," he said.

"It's just a matter of working at them on a day-in, day-out basis.

"There is no doubt in my mind, these guys are the best athletes in the world that I've seen as far as cricketers, it's just a matter of repetition and getting back and doing some of the things that we've worked on for three years."

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"When you are in a two-way contest someone has to win and someone has to lose, and it's just that England outplayed Australia," he said.

Waugh tees off on complacency

Cricket

FOX SPORTS, St Andrews (Scotland)

Former Australian cricket captain Steve Waugh has warned England not to get comfortable resting on its Ashes-winning laurels.

Waugh was commenting after playing four rounds with Australian golfer Nick O'Hern in the Dunhill Links Championship here on Sunday.

Playing off a handicap of eight, Waugh joined England Ashes-winning trio Michael Vaughan, Paul Collingwood and Andrew Strauss, and former great Ian Botham as the only cricketers in the 5 million dollar pro-amateur tournament which features numerous stars of stage and sport.

Waugh showed his golfing prowess by contributing to more than a dozen net birds over the four days on the Old Course.

The event was won by Scotland's Colin Montgomerie. The O'Hern and Waugh pairing finished tied for 12th.

Before flying home to Sydney, Waugh sounded a warning to England cricketing fans.

"I don't believe for a moment Australia are on the wane.

"It's just that they didn't play as well as they had liked and the next six months will be a real challenge to see how Australia copes following this recent series.



STEVE WAUGH

"But I wouldn't write Australia off just yet.

"And for England to judge itself as a great team they have to win both home and away against every side and that is something England must set themselves the task to achieve.

"At the moment they are pretty entitled to say they are, at least, close to being the No 1 cricketing nation, if not No 1.

"Of course, both sides will be a lot different but if England do beat Australia on Australian soil then they will be entitled to say they have got one over Australia, but it will be a tough ask."

Waugh, who captained Australia to 41 Test wins in 57 matches, admitted he expected bigger victory celebrations than those that took place in London the day after England claimed the Ashes at The Oval.

"It was a great series for cricket in general and whilst the celebrations were big, I actually was expecting more because they have waited so long, and besides they have been so gracious in the past," he said.

"They are entitled to gloat as they have waited for so long to have their moment in the sun."

Pele, Maradona

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Sport runs in the Montu household. One of his three sons Turjo is a Dhaka Wanderers player, his second son Shohel represents BRTC while the eldest Tuhin is a member of the Rangpur DSA team. Not to be outdone daughters Smriti and Priti are regarded as the promising athletes in the country. Both have received a number of national awards.

Mirpur shine

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Former sports minister and AL joint secretary Obaidul Kader, Shiekh Hasina's political secretary Saber Hossain Chowdhury, former Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) general secretary Harunur Rashid, BFF vice-presidents Monir Ahmed and Kazi Salauddin, former national footballers Golam Sarwar Tipu, Badal Roy, Dewan Shaful Arefin Tutul, Khorshed Babul, Rumman Wali Bin Sabbir and tournament committee chairman Noor-E-Alam Chowdhury Liton were present.

Samrat of Mirpur was adjudged man of the final while Pintu Das of Shyampur was named the best player of the tournament. Motijheel Thana received the discipline team trophy.

The tournament committee picked up 92 players for further training.

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

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<b>13</b> Incarnation of a Hindu deity	<b>52</b> Chopping spree?	<b>7</b> Makes an assertion	<b>30</b> Russian spacecraft
<b>14</b> Prayer	<b>54</b> Hand-some youth	<b>8</b> Succumb to gravity	<b>31</b> Pigs' digs
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<b>27</b> The gang	<b>2</b> Speaker of baseball		<b>47</b> Stromboli spillage
<b>29</b> Mid-May honorees			<b>48</b> Lone Star State sch.
<b>32</b> "Don't forget"			<b>49</b> Stiller or Stein
<b>35</b> From the top			<b>51</b> Literary collection
<b>36</b> Container weight			<b>53</b> Pubotation
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<b>40</b> Take out of context?			

**Solution time: 27 mins.**

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**CRYPTOQUIP**

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**Yesterday's Cryptquip:** I GUESS TYPICAL SPORTS STADIUMS NEVER GET VERY HOT. LOTS OF FANS CIRCULATE IN THEM.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: U equals F

The Cryptquip 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.



PHOTO: AFP

**POINT MADE:** Liverpool's Manager Raphael Benitez (L) is understandably dejected while his Chelsea counterpart Jose Mourinho is over the moon after a Chelsea goal at Anfield on Sunday.