

# Woodgate's redemption night



AFP, Madrid

Real Madrid bounced back after Rosenborg had taken a shock lead to comprehensively beat the Norwegian side 4-1 in their Champions League group F match here on Wednesday.

Second half goals from Jonathon Woodgate, his first for Real, club captain Raul Gonzalez, Ivan Helguera and David Beckham answered the Rosenborg opener from Roar Strand.

The win means that Real move up to second in the group, behind Lyon who beat Olympiakos 2-1 to maintain their perfect record on Wednesday.

"The difference was sending Guti



PHOTO: AFP

Real Madrid's defender Jonathon Woodgate (L) heads the ball to score against Rosenborg at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on Wednesday.

(Jose Maria Gutierrez) on at half time. "We pushed further forward after that," said the smiling Real coach Wanderley Luxemburgo.

Guti came on for the injured Julio Baptista who was clearly struggling ith an injury picked up in the derby against Atletico on Saturday.

With Guti and Beckham dominating the midfield, it was an almost perfect second 45 minutes from the

finally showed the Real faithful why the club paid 13.4 million pounds from Newcastle United in the summer of 2004.

The central defender, who was injured for 17 months prior to his return, immediately went over to the bench and hugged the Real doctor Alfonso Del Corral in delight.

The Real fans then gave Woodgate a standing ovation as he left the field,

himself, with his first goal of the season for Real.

He proved conclusively again that he is one of the deadliest dead ball specialists in the game by scoring from 25 metres with one of his trademark, seemingly laser-guided, free kicks eight minutes from time.

Rosenborg had taken the lead, completely against the run of play, after 40 minutes, almost the only

tough on us. Now we have to try and get three points at home in two weeks time," said Rosenborg coach Per-Mathias Hogmo.

One positive omen for the Spaniards' is that every time Real have beaten Rosenborg in the Champions League, in the 1998 and 2000 competitions, they have gone on to win Europe's top club competition.

## CCL matches rescheduled

BDNEWS, Dhaka

The fourth round matches of the GrameenPhone Corporate Cricket League scheduled for October 22 and 23 have been rescheduled for inclement weather.

The fixture will be bodily shifted and the competition will resume on October 25.



## Did U Know?

In 1982 Niki Lauda won his third Formula One title when he beat his McLaren teammate Alain Prost by half a point. It was the narrowest margin of title victory ever.



**John Buchanan**  
(Australian cricket coach)

"I finished the Ashes physically and emotionally drained. Looking back, I ought not to have retreated into myself the way I did."

**Accepts that mistakes were made in the planning of their Ashes campaign.**

# Champs, Chelsea march on



REUTERS, London

Holders Liverpool and fellow English powerhouse Chelsea set a course for the Champions League knockout stage on Wednesday

Premier League rivals Chelsea and Liverpool, on seven points apiece, are favourites to qualify in Group G after the English champions crushed Real Betis 4-0 at Stamford Bridge and the European champions edged Anderlecht 1-0 in Brussels.

Meanwhile, Inter Milan's hopes of a third straight win were dashed by a 2-0 defeat away to 2004 champions Porto but they still lead Group H after Rangers only drew 0-0 at home to Armedia Bratislava.

Last season's losing finalists AC Milan had to settle for a 0-0 draw with PSV Eindhoven in a re-run of their semi-final with the Dutch side earlier this year.

They still lead Group E after a six-goal thriller ended 3-3 between Fenerbahce and Schalke 04 in Turkey.

Big-spending Chelsea were the night's most convincing winners after a wobbly start, with Jose Mourinho's

side ripping the Spaniards to shreds.

Ivory Coast striker Didier Drogba steered home the first, Portugal defender Ricardo Carvalho pounced on a goalkeeping blunder to make it 2-0 before the break and England's Joe Cole rifled in a superb third.

Though Argentine substitute Hernan Crespo headed the fourth, Chelsea's most impressive player was Ghanaian Michael Essien, utterly dominant in midfield.

France striker Djibril Cisse scored Liverpool's winner after 20 minutes, volleying home a Dietmar Hamann corner.

However, they faced plenty of second-half pressure before handing Anderlecht a record 10th consecutive Champions League defeat and joining Chelsea with a four-point lead over Betis.

Inter were out of luck in Portugal, where defender Marco Materazzi conceded an own goal after 22 minutes and Porto's South African striker Benni McCarthy made it 2-0 at the second attempt after his free kick was blocked.

Inter are two points clear of Rangers and Armedia, whose match in Glasgow ended in boos from a disgruntled home crowd.

Inter's city rivals AC Milan completed a frustrating time for Italy's four clubs - none of which won this week after Juventus lost to Bayern Munich and Udinese drew with Werder Bremen.

Last season's beaten finalists were guilty of wasting a series of good chances and when they were on target they found PSV's Brazilian keeper Heurlho Gomes in sparkling form.

Milan's misery at failing to break down the team they defeated in the semi-finals last season was compounded by the loss of star striker Andrei Shevchenko.

The reigning European Footballer of the Year limped off in the 49th minute and was replaced by Filippo Inzaghi.

"We'll wait and see what the tests show us tomorrow," said Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti.

"Obviously he's a key player for us but last season we managed to win both of our matches against Manchester United without him."

Fenerbahce, whose Ghanaian midfielder Stephen Appiah struck a superb equaliser to earn them that 3-3 home draw, and PSV have four points each, while Schalke have two.

## HP Squad win in Lanka

BDNEWS, Dhaka

The Bangladesh High Performance Squad registered a five-wicket win over hosts Sri Lanka in Colombo in the fourth match of their tour on Thursday.

Batting first, the home side were bundled out for 127 in 38.2 overs with Udayatara top-scoring with 44 off 46 balls.

Spinner Saquib Al Hasan took three wickets for 20 and paceman Farhad Reza took 2-18.

In reply, the visitors reached 128-5 in 22.1 overs.

Farhad Reza made a match-winning 54 off 58 balls with 11 boundaries and Saquib hammered 48 off 56 balls with six boundaries. The two added 88 runs for the fourth wicket.

# A rape charge of fantasy!

BBC SPORT

Manchester United footballer Cristiano Ronaldo's agent has strongly denied a claim that the player raped a woman in a London hotel.

The Portuguese international was released on Wednesday night after being questioned about a claim that a woman was sexually assaulted on 2 October.

Jorge Mendes said in a statement that the allegation was the "product of imagination and fantasy".

Police confirmed a man in his 20s had been released pending more inquiries.

Mr Mendes said the accusation was "totally and categorically repudiated" and that "investigations will demonstrate, these charges are not based on any credible facts".

Ronaldo, 20, voluntarily went to a police station in Manchester and was arrested by officers from the Metropolitan Police's specialist Sapphire team.

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RESULTS AT A GLANCE

AFP, Paris

Collated results of Wednesday's third round of group stage matches in the European Champions League:

Group E

At Istanbul

Fenerbahce (TUR) 3 (Luciano 13, Nobre 72, Appiah 78) Schalke 04 (GER) 3 (Lincoln 58, 61, Kuranyi 76)

At Milan, Italy

AC Milan (ITA) 0 PSV Eindhoven (NED) 0

Group F

At Lyon, France

Lyon (FRA) 2 (Juninho 4, Govou 88) Olympiakos (GRE) 1 (Kafes 84)

At Madrid

Real Madrid (ESP) 4 (Woodgate 48, Raul 52, Helguera 68, Beckham 82) Rosenborg (NOR) 1 (Strand 40)

Group G

At Brussels

Anderlecht (BEL) 0 Liverpool (ENG) 1 (Cisse 20)

At London

Chelsea (ENG) 4 (Drogba 24, Ricardo Carvalho 44, J. Cole 59, Crespo 64) Betis Seville (ESP) 0

Group H

At Oporto, Portugal

FC Porto (POR) 2 (Materazzi 22-og, McCarthy 35) Inter Milan (ITA) 0

At Glasgow

Rangers (SCO) 0 Armedia Bratislava (SVK) 0

# Real lose Baptista too

REUTERS, Madrid

Real Madrid forward Julio Baptista will be out of action for up to five weeks after injuring his knee in Wednesday's 4-1 Champions League victory over Rosenborg.

The Brazilian, who was substituted at half time against the Norwegians, has strained the ligaments in his left knee, Real said on their website.

Baptista will miss Real's return trip to face Rosenborg in two weeks time and up to five Primera Liga matches.

After a low-key start to his first season at the Bernabeu Baptista has impressed in recent games after coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo moved him from the left flank to a more central role.

He joins countryman Ronaldo on the sidelines, after Real's leading scorer twisted ankle ligaments in the side's 3-0 win over Atletico Madrid last weekend.

## Youthful WI

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runs in the three one-dayers with scores of 0, 5 and 0, though King said he expected the 36-year-old to find his form again.

"Hopefully he's saving them (runs) all up for us against Australia," King said.

"I think he's copped some pretty harsh criticism in the press and people forget what he's done.

"He's one innings away from being the class player again that we all know that he is."

**TEAM**

Shivnarine Chanderpaul (captain), Tino Best, Dwayne Bravo, Corey Collymore, Fidel Edwards, Chris Gayle, Wavell Hinds, Brian Lara, Jermaine Lawson, Daren Powell, Dinesh Ramdin, Marlon Samuels, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Devon Smith, Dwayne Smith.

**SCHEDULE**

Oct 27-30	3-day	Queensland
Nov 3-7	1st Test	Brisbane
Nov 11-13	3-day	Victoria
Nov 17-21	2nd Test	Hobart
Nov 25-29	3rd Test	Adelaide

# NZ-SA twenty20 today



AFP, Johannesburg

Herschelle Gibbs, set to make a comeback as an opening batsman, has challenged some of his star teammates to regain their best form for South Africa's first 20-overs international, against New Zealand at the Wanderers Stadium Friday.

Gibbs, back from injury, said he expected good performances from the five South Africans who played for the unsuccessful World XI one-day and Test teams against Australia.

He said: "I think that the guys who went to the Super Series will want to do well because they have a point to prove. I think their reputations took a bit of a knock."

South Africa started their preparations for Friday's match without captain Graeme Smith, wicketkeeper Mark Boucher and all-rounders Jacques Kallis and Shaun Pollock, who were due to arrive back from Australia Wednesday afternoon.

Fast bowler Makhaya Ntini, who played in the Super Series one-day games, returned earlier.

Gibbs said new coach Mickey Arthur had suggested he might open the batting after a stint in the middle order last season. "I'll be happy to move back up the order. Some of my best cricket has been as an opener. I won't necessarily open, but I would like to be in the top three."

But it will be a gamble for South Africa if Gibbs opens Friday in a form of the game which does not allow much time for a batsman to settle in. A knee

injury kept Gibbs out of the Afro-Asia Cup in August and forced him to withdraw from the World XI one-day team.

He admitted that he was short of match practice but said he had felt in good form in net practices with the Cape Cobras franchise team and in individual sessions with national high performance manager Gary Kirsten.

While it will be South Africa's first 20-overs international, most of the team have played the shortened game in domestic cricket, while South Africa were comfortable winners in a one-day international in the West Indies last season which was reduced by rain to 20 overs aside.

New Zealand will provide stern opposition, however, after starting their tour with two convincing wins over South Africa A. Skipper Stephen Fleming and Craig McMillan hit centuries in the warm-up games, while fast bowler Shane Bond was in excellent form.

The 20-overs match will be a pipe-opener for a series of five conventional 50-overs internationals starting in Bloemfontein Sunday.

United Cricket Board chief executive Gerald Majola said that despite the popularity of domestic 20-overs games, his board believed they should be restricted to "one-offs" at international level.

"We don't believe they should be part of the International Cricket Council calendar but should be kept as a domestic product. In our case, it is the only domestic competition that generates income for the franchises."

New Zealand's only previous 20-overs international was against

Australia in Auckland in February, when Ricky Ponting's unbeaten 98 off 55 balls inspired Australia to a 44-run win.

On that occasion, the New Zealand team wore beige kit from the 1980s and some of the players sported unusual hairstyles. This time, though, they will be turning out in their regular black uniforms and treating the game as a no-frills international contest.

New Zealand won their most recent one-day series against South Africa by five matches to one in New Zealand last year but South Africa have generally held the advantage when they have played the Kiwis at home.

A notable exception was New Zealand's upset win at the Wanderers during the 2003 World Cup, a result which contributed to South Africa's early exit from the tournament.

**SQUADS**

**SOUTH AFRICA** (from): Graeme Smith (captain), Jacques Kallis (vice-captain), Nicky Boje, Mark Boucher, AB de Villiers, Boeta Dippenaar, Herschelle Gibbs, Andrew Hall, Justin Kemp, Charl Langeveldt, Albie Morkel, Andre Nel, Makhaya Ntini, Shaun Pollock, Ashwell Prince.

**NEW ZEALAND** (from): Stephen Fleming (captain), Daniel Vettori (vice-captain), Andre Adams, Nathan Astle, Shane Bond, James Franklin, Hamish Marshall, James Marshall, Brendon McCullum, Craig McMillan, Kyle Mills, Jacob Oram, Jeetan Patel, Scott Styris, Lou Vincent.

## Salahuddin

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"We have discussed the resignation of our honourable vice-president and the chairman of the NTMC. He has the right to do anything but we think we should reach a decision that will serve football in the end," told Sultan.

When asked whether the resignation was accepted, the BFF chief opined that he alone was not responsible to do that.

"It has to go through a process."

When asked whether it has anything to do with Amirul Islam Babu's recent actions, he said that 'it could be many things'.

"It's an organisation where we respect every one. Salahuddin is a jewel in our crown but maybe he has taken this decision after being hurt for any reason. We would request him on behalf of the nation to stay with us for the greater interest of football."

"I was authorised by the executive committee to select the officials after it failed to do so. Now it needs any rational changes, we can think about it. All decisions in an organisation like this is open all the time," Sultan added.

**PCB finds**

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Pakistan favour preparation of such pitches now. We are looking to have good Test pitches that last for five days and offer encouragement to batsmen and bowlers," he said on Wednesday.

Pakistan has also called back its forgotten leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed to the league of 25 probables, PCB said Wednesday.

A training camp would start in Lahore from Friday until November 2, where Mushtaq and other four probable spinners vie for their chances, the PCB said.

**PROBABLES**

Inzamamul Haq, Salman Butt, Shoaib Malik, Younis Khan, Mohammad Yousuf, Hasan Raza, Abdul Razaq, Kamran Akmal, Danish Kaneria, Umar Gul, Mohammad Sami, Navedul Hasan, Shabbir Ahmed, Shoaib Akhtar, Mohammad Asif, Imran Tahir, Mushtaq Ahmed, Asim Kamal, Shahid Afridi, Bazid Khan, Shahid Nazir, Faisal Iqbal, Mansoor Aamjad, Imran Farhat, Arshad Khan.

# Lyon remain team

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minutes and were left spellbound as Brazilian dead ball specialist Juninho stepped forward to bend a marvellous right-footer round the wall and into the top left-hand corner of the net.

French international striker Gouvou should have made it 2-0 shortly after as he stormed through the middle, but he dallied long enough on the ball to allow a defender to get back in time to deflect his shot over the bar.

The Greeks weathered the early storm and started to pose a threat of their own coming closest after 27 minutes when skipper Pedrag Djordjevic found himself in space 18 yards out.

But he struck his shot too close to goalkeeper Gregory Coupet who made a comfortable save.

Lyon's new Brazilian striker Fred immediately had a golden opportunity at the other end but his angled shot from 10 metres out lacked power and hardly troubled Antonio Nikopolidis in the Olympiakos goal.

But it was the home side who once again finished the half the stronger with Fred and Govou beating the visiting defence for pace time and time again.

The runaway leaders of the French first division found it hard to sustain the pressure into the second half as the more

studied play of the Olympiakos midfield slowed the action down.

And the Greeks came close to equalising after 55 minutes when Yiannakis Okkas should have made more of a curling free-kick from the right which he tamely headed over.

Diarra headed the ball into the Olympiakos net in the following action from a free-kick, but his effort was disallowed for offside against his own defender Kris.

Five minutes later Portuguese midfielder Tiago hit a tremendous dipping shot from 25 metres out forcing Nikopolidis to tip the ball over his crossbar, but it was the visitors who were enjoying most of the possession at this stage.

# Parag, Emon, Sagar share lead

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Fide Master Mehdi Hasan Parag, Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Emon and Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar were jointly leading the Prime Bank Eighth International Rating Chess Tournament table with 5.5 points after the sixth round at the Chess Federation hall-room on Thursday.

Syed Ejaz Hossain, Sohel Chowdhury, Mahtabuddin Ahmed and Khorsheed Islam were in second position with five points each.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Gravy vessel

5 — Mahal

8 Rosary component

12 "Judith" composer

13 Way back when

14 Exceptional

15 TV's Dennis the Menace

17 On the briny

18 See 49-Down

19 Honey's earlier state

21 Gymnast Korbut

24 Fresh

25 Sunrise

28 In the thick of

30 Tin Man's need

33 Citric quaff

34 Rapture

35 Praiseful recitation

36 Two, in Tijuana

37 Relaxation

38 Leading man

39 Article in News-week

41 Lend a hand

43 Ivanhoe's love

46 Immigrants' island

50 Met

51 "Games the People Play"

54 Benevolent

55 "Caught ya!"

56 Partner

57 Mayo

58 Deterioration

59 Purchases

DOWN

1 Mexican peninsula

2 Exan format

3 Writer Seton

4 Achilles, e.g.

5 Creosote source

6 Rep. Carta

7 Magna king

8 Pair

9 "Million Dollar Baby" star

10 Vicinity

11 Cherished

16 "Thimble Theatre" surname

20 Remnants

22 Festive

23 Menonite sect

25 Papa

26 Big bother

27 Pres. Bartlet's workplace

29 "Got it!"

31 Cretan peak

32 Moon vehicle

34 Has- — (ex-star)

38 Poise

40 Filp call

42 "— Misérables"

43 Croupier's tool

44 First (Abbr.)

45 Admitting a draft

47 Waikiki winding

48 — bitty

49 With 18-Across, 1971 Tom Jones song

52 Discoverer's call

53 Nosh

Solution time: 21 mins.

LAMP STIP B.L.T.P.

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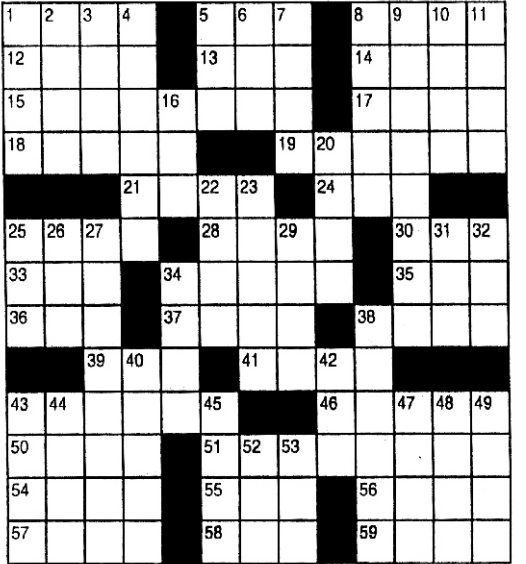
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ELLS GUS REED



**CRYPTOQUIP**

K G T H N W F T D S C G W M Q Y T C

G L C T C F L Y L K T P N L H W P Y I .

I D E F D E Y P C L I W K ' C

Q D W M Q K G N D E Q G K G T N D D S .

**Yesterday's Cryptquip:** IF A TOMBSTONE IS ABOUT TO FALL OVER AND HIT YOU, YOU MIGHT SAY YOU'RE IN GRAVE DANGER.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: D equals O

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.