Nalbandian stuns Federer

AFP,Shanghai

David Nalbandian pulled off an enormous upset on Sunday when he came from two sets down to win the Masters Cup against struggling world number one Roger Federer in a nailbiting five-set final. Nalbandian, seemingly out of it after losing two tie-breakers, outlasted the two-time defending champion to win 6-7, 6-7, 6-2, 6-1, 7-6 after four hours and 33 minutes.

He becomes the first Argentine to win a year-ending tournament since Guillermo Vilas won the 1974 Masters in Melbourne.

Federer, who had been out since October 2 with ankle trouble, took the first two sets before fading, calling the trainer in the fourth. But he rallied and was serving for the match at 6-5 before Nalbandian forced the tie-breaker

The victory completes a remarkable turn of events for the eighth seed, who was packing his things for a fishing trip just a few days ago before being called up for the injured Andy Roddick. It ends Federer's 35-match win-

ning streak and stops him one win short of equalling John McEnroe's 1984 record winning percentage of

Federer had looked back to his best as he blanked Gaston Gaudio 6-0, 6-0 in the semi-finals a day earlier.

But was broken in the first game before being taken to an opening-set tie-breaker, finding two aces and a big slice of luck as he took the lead

BD host

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"We need to win big to make the Sri Lankan trip easier. Skipper Sabuj and Jahir will lead our attack and I have confidence in the striking pair. But my biggest asset is the midfield, where Rana, Mobarak and Emon will be the key," Roxy said.

"Our main problem is that we have played only one practice match during the two and a half month preparation time. They fought well against our Under-20 team and if they can hold their nerve, we will win," the former national midfielder added.

The Sri Lankans, in the interim have trained hard and played around half a dozen warm-up matches in the huild-up qualifiers, including one against the SAFF Championship-bound national

The second leg match will be held

in Colombo on November 25. Meanwhile the Bangladesh Under-20 team left Dhaka yesterday enroute to Tehran, to play their AFC Youth Championship qualifying match against Iran. The first-leg will be held on November 23 and the return-leg will be in Dhaka on November 27.

Afridi whacks

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down in the extended two-and-a-halfhour morning session as Andrew Flintoff, Harmison and Hoggard bagged one wicket apiece.

England went wicketless in the

afternoon session as Yousuf and Inzamam applied themselves well to steady the innings after early losses. Both the batsmen played attacking cricket, never allowing their rivals to dominate them There was no hint of the mini

collapse in the morning session when Butt and Malik gave their team a 53run start.

Flintoff was in the limelight after teenager with a great scoring chance Harmison had broken the openinghowever he fluffed his shot into wicket stand by having Butt caught

behind.

straight to Kevin Pietersen at mid-

one-handed catch at short cover.

Casillas's side netting. Moments later Xavi broke free along The ace all-rounder then had a the edge of the area and drove an angled hand in the next two dismissals.

shot towards goal which sailed just past He first deceived Younis with a the outstretched palms of Casillas and slower delivery, the batsman flicking out of play.

Real were starting to get frustrated, wicket. He then held a firmly-struck and it was beginning to tell. drive from Malik to bring off a splendid When Ronaldinho sent Messi down the left flank and Eto'o was waiting for Malik and Butt each struck a six the ball in front of goal, a flick from over long-on off Giles before falling in Roberto Carlos left the Cameroonian

> tumbling to the ground. Ten minutes later Ronaldinho doubled Barcelona's lead after a mazy run down the left flank which left Casillas

> $gesturing in \, disbelief at \, his \, teammates.$ The Brazilian's dribbling proved too much for Real's players, three of whom he sailed past on his way to sending the easiest of shots past the apparently

> The goal appeared to briefly spur Real into action and Zinedine Zidane was given a chance to pivot into the Barcelona area and turn and shoot.

listless Casillas.

Barcelona were not finished how-

Eto'o went on a run with Ronaldinho in what appeared to be another sure goal but despite being in a decent position to shoot the Cameroonian selflessly crossed low for his Brazilian team-mate, with only a last gasp run into the area by Michel Salgado blocking the through

A brief moment of respite for Real came a minute later as Ronaldo scored for the hosts, only to be ruled for offside. Less than a minute later Ronaldinho

made Real pay again.

Premiership

Chelsea resume normal service



Leaders Chelsea got back to winning ways in the Premier League with a 3-0 defeat of Newcastle United while Manchester United began life without Roy Keane by beating Charlton Athletic 3-1 at the Valley on Saturday.

Champions Chelsea were frustrated during a goalless first half at Stamford Bridge where midfielder Frank Lampard equalled the Premier league record of 149 consecutive

Second-half goals from Joe Cole, Hernan Crespo and Damien Duff secured victory following defeat by Manchester United two weeks ago and extends their lead at the top to

United responded to the sudden exit of skipper Keane on Friday with an impressive victory at Charlton to move up to third, 10 points behind Chelsea with a game in hand.

Alan Smith put the visitors ahead in the first half with his first goal since May and Ruud Van Nistelroov scored a late double after Darren Ambrose had equalised for Charlton. "It has been a difficult week for the

club," said United manager Alex Ferguson, "but it was vital we backed up our victory over Chelsea. 'Van Nistelrooy's finish was

unbelievable and his goal came at a vital time, just after they equalised."

European champions Liverpool cruised to a 3-0 victory over struggling Portsmouth at Anfield, despite a

penalty miss from Peter Crouch, but city rivals Everton fell back into the bottom three after a 4-0 humiliation at West Bromwich Albion

Sunderland stayed bottom after a 3-1 home defeat by Aston Villa, for whom former striker Kevin Phillips was on target, and Manchester City were held 0-0 at home by Blackburn Wigan Athletic's six-game win-

ning streak came to an end on Saturday with a 3-2 defeat by Arsenal in a rip-roaring clash at the JJB

Tottenham Hotspur face West Ham United and Middlesbrough play Fulham on Sunday while Bolton Wanderers can go second with victory over second-bottom Birmingham City on Monday.



Chelsea's Hernan Crespo in raptures after scoring a goal against Premiership opponents Newcastle at Stamford

Ruud shock

Keane exit a

REUTERS, London

Manchester United began the post-Roy Keane era on Saturday with a 3-1 defeat of Charlton Athletic that will offer comfort to their stunned fans.

Ruud Van Nistelrooy's superb late double took the focus away from the charismatic Irishman who left the club by mutual agreement on Friday after 12

The Dutch striker, however, said the sudden exit of Keane had made a huge impact on the dressing room.

"Yesterday we heard and it was a big shock, a sad day. It was impossible to get over it in such a short space of time," Van Nistelrooy told Sky Sports.

"But the game was here and we were all motivated to do well and to make sure we got a good victory, which we did.

"Roy will always be remembered as the greatest player that played for the club. His leadership and quality of play and his character will always be within us."

Replacing Keane will be manager Alex Ferguson's greatest challenge as he tries to close the gap on runaway league leaders Chelsea. Van Nistelrooy knows it will be a tough task.

on to Emerson's pass only to see his

angled shot blocked by Alexander

Roma regained the initiative with

Abbiati saved at Montella's feet

Mauro Camoranesi was allowed

before Juventus took the lead second

time to cross from the right to the back

post and Nedved rose above a static

Christian Panucci to plant a firm

Ibrahimovic outpaced Sammy

Kuffour before prodding past Doni in

the 56th minute and Trezeguet made it

3-0 with a firm header from Mauro

header into the opposite corner.

Rodrigo Taddei's shot parried by

Abbiati and Daniele De Rossi heading

narrowly over the bar.

before the break.

Ronaldinho's the best

Football

REUTERS, Madrid

Brazilian midfielder Ronaldinho hailed Barcelona's 3-0 demolition of arch-rivals Real Madrid in the Bernabeu on Saturday as a "perfect" performance.

"It was the kind of game you dream about, it was a perfect display," Ronaldinho told reporters.

Barcelona have moved to the top of the Primera Liga, four points ahead of third-placed Real. Barca have scored 21 goals in their last six games in all competitions and only conceded one.

Cameroon striker Samuel Eto'o opened the scoring with an opportunist's strike after 15 minutes and Ronaldinho notched two brilliant individual goals in the second half

Barcelona had silenced the stadium.

Eto'o was parked on the edge of the

area when Messi came running

through with the ball. The

Cameroonian simply let him run

through, took possession and ignored

the outstretched boot of Roberto

Carlos to shoot deftly past Iker Casillas

Real were getting a few sniffs at the

Barcelona goal, and just before the half

hour Robinho found space on the right

flank to waltz in and fire across only for

the ball to be blocked then collected by

However Barcelona always looked

more appealing up front, and Real

were never so pleased to hear the

whistle for half time, especially after

Eto'o, after turning Ivan Helguera

inside out, gave Real a pre-interval

fright with a well-taken shot from 15

A half-time pep talk from

Barely had the match restarted than

Barca set up camp on the edge of Real's

area with passes being exchanged with

precision between Ronaldinho, Eto'o

On that occasion it left the Argentine

yards which Casillas did well to parry.

Wanderley Luxemburgo hardly

changed the hosts fortunes.

Barca keeper Victor Valdes.

in the Madrid goal.

On 60 minutes, he carried the ball 40 metres, shrugging off two defenders before firing home. Sixteen minutes later, he raced past Sergio Ramos to finish inside the near post.

Ronaldinho, given a standing ovation by the home fans, said: "For me it was a very emotional moment and I will never forget it because it isn't often opposition fans applaud

"It isn't something that you expect to happen in your career. I didn't know that it had only happened here before with Maradona. Barca captain Carles Puyol said:

"Ronaldinho is the best player in the world. He showed it today but he has also demonstrated it in other games. "It is a surprising scoreline but

Ronaldinho's plays and the work of the rest of the team earned us the Sports daily Marca said

"Ronaldinho puts an end to the era of the 'galacticos'," while AS called the defeat a "humiliation."

Real defender Michel Salgado summed up the side's feelings after they were jeered off the field. "We are shattered. It's been a hard blow," he

"Barca were better up front, defended better and played better. We have to face the facts because we gave the fans nothing to cheer about.

"It's the worst game I've been involved in since I have been at the club. We will continue to fight for the league but it clearly won't be easy."

Real now have to pick themselves up to face Olympique Lyon in the Champions League on Wednesday.

Lyon humbled Real 3-0 back in September and a similar result in front of an unforgiving Bernabeu would crank up the pressure on Real coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo

Raul doubtful for Lvon clash

REUTERS, Madrid

Bridge on Saturday.

Real Madrid captain Raul is a doubt for the Champions League clash with Olympique Lyon after he had to come

Raul left the field midway through the second half of Real's 3-0 Primera Liga defeat to arch-rivals Barcelona at the Bernabeu after twisting his knee while shooting.

Real said the striker would have further tests on Monday.

Lyon, who visit the Bernabeu on Wednesday, lead Group F with 12 points from four games, while Real

Ton is for booters

"I want to let them know that this hundred was dedicated to them and I wish them all the best in the World Cup," Bravo said.

teammate Brian Lara had woken him at 4:00 am last Thursday to tell him the news that their national team had made the World Cup finals.

Bravo said his cricketing hero and

search of a century after his mentor Lara was out to a contentious caughtbehind decision before lunch for 45. "When Brian missed out I was the one who went on and I was thinking

and Tobago football team," he said. "I look up to him a lot. He shares his knowledge with all the young fellows in the team and it's up to us if we want to

take it from him. "It will make me strong and make me know what I have to work on and

what is expected of me and when I go into the nets I try to work on my game. "Brian told me about the balls !

leg-spinners bowl into my pads and he was teaching me the sweep shot and "The coaches told me (before he

went out to bat) to be more positive when I played my shots and make sure my eye contact was right onto the bat" Only the world record seventh-

wicket stand of 347 by Dennis Atkinson and Clairmont Depeiza against Australia in Bridgetown in 1954-55 ranks higher than the pair's epic effort

last two Tests following his 107 against South Africa in Antigua last May. "This one's the best. Batting against

the best team in the world, four class bowlers. I had to play for the team and that's why I was so determined to give it my best shot," Bravo said.

positive. Dinesh played an excellent innings, he showed great determination. We both played together at junior level so we have a good understand-

Brave Bravo

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SERIE A

Juve surge past Roma

Football

Juventus opened up a five-point lead at the top of Italy's Serie A after crushing arch rivals Roma 4-1 at the Olympic

Pavel Nedved headed the titleholders in front in first-half stoppage time before a three-goal salvo in six minutes brought Roma's three-match winning run to an abrupt end.

Zlatan Ibrahimovic's clinical rightfooted strike gave Juve a two-goal cushion and two close range finishes from French striker David Trezeguet piled on the misery for sorry Roma. Juve's French defender Lilian

Thuram was then sent off for a profes-

sional foul on Vincenzo Montella and

Francesco Totti rammed home the resulting penalty that was of little consolation to the 2001 champions. Roma had dominated the first half but they failed to apply the finishing

touch to some promising moves. The end of the match was marred by clashes between Juve fans and police but order was quickly restored. Iuventus, who won their first nine matches, have 33 points from their 12 games played, followed by AC Milan on 28 and Fiorentina on 25. Fiorentina and AC Milan meet in Florence on

Roma remain in sixth position on

In Saturday's early match a headed goal in the 87th minute from Brazilian Felipe gave Udinese a 1-0 win at home to struggling Sicilian side Messina.

Ibrahimovic chose a well-known Italian phrase to express his joy after scoring Juve's crucial second goal.

The fixture is steeped in animosity since their infamous title scrap 25 vears ago and Ibrahimovic stoked up their rivalry by accusing Roma of being worse than Serie Astrugglers Ascoli.

Totti began the war of words by saying Juve coach Fabio Capello, who left Roma last year after insisting he could never work for the Turin club, was not a real man for going back on The home side suffused confidence

in a frantic opening with Montella firing two shots straight at Christian Abbiati in the first seven minutes. But they breathed a sigh of relief

moments later when Trezeguet raced

Camoranesi's right-wing cross. Trezeguet tapped in Ibrahimovic's cross as Roma's defence crumbled before Totti stemmed the tide from the penalty

The two teams became bitter rivals after the 1980-81 season when Juve snatched the championship away from Roma thanks largely to a contro-

SA will avenge it

Cricket

South African captain Graeme Smith on Sunday vowed to fight back after India ended his team's 20-match unbeaten streak just one win away from equalling the world record.

"We are a team that means busi-

ness," said Smith after India won the second one-dayer by six wickets at the Chinaswamy Stadium here on Saturday night to level the five-match series 1-1. Man-of-the-match Irfan Pathan

grabbed three wickets in his first four overs to restrict South Africa to 169-9 and then hit a valuable 37 as India cruised home in the 36th over of the daynight game. South Africa, who needed a win to

equal Australia's world record of 21 unbeaten matches in 2003, were caught flat-footed on the turning track, a far cry from the seaming wicket that helped the tourists win the first one-dayer at Hyderabad on Wednesday. Andrew Hall's 32 was the top score as

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wickets tumbled at regular intervals after Indian captain Rahul Dravid won the toss and elected to field on his home

After Pathan's early strikes, the Indian spinners choked the runs on a dry wicket with left-armer Murali Kartik conceding just 16 runs in his 10 overs and Harbhaian Singh and Virender Sehwag finishing with two wickets each.

Smith said losing the toss proved crucial for his team's defeat.

"Having lost the match, it will look like we're making excuses," he said.

"But I think the toss played a much bigger role than we had expected. The pitch was dry, the ball was holding, and t was difficult to hit through the line.

"It was very helpful to their spinners, and I thought it was a gutsy effort to get to 170. When we bowled, the ball went soft after six or seven overs, and we lost "I don't think India would have got

much more than 200 if they had batted first, and batting second I would have

versial refereeing decision.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard of the second one-day international between India and South Africa on Saturday:

SOUTH AFRICA: 169 for nine (Hall 32, Prince 30, Pollock 29, Kemp 28; Pathan 3-23, Sehwag 2-29, Harbhajan 2-33) INDIA

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Man-of-the-match: Irfan Pathan.

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SHOES: "BAREFOOT IN THE PARKA." Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals D

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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.

SCOREBOARD

Bowler

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quick succession.

Scoreboard at stumps on the opening day of the second Test between Pakistan and England at the Iqbal Stadium in Faisalabad on Sunday:

PAKISTAN: First innings Malik c Flintoff b Hoggard Butt c Jones b Harmison 26 Younis c Pietersen b Flintoff Yousuf c and b Bell 78 Inzamam not out Afridi not out

80 Extras: (b-5, lb-1, nb-9) 15 Total: (For 4 wkts in 81 overs) 300 Fall of wickets: 1-53, 2-63, 3-73, 4-201 To bat: Akmal, Akhtar, Kaneria, Naved Sami

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Toss: Pakistan. Umpires: Simon Taufel and Darrell

Barca teach

Mahmud had earlier decided not to feature in the first-class competition. CHITTAGONG-KHULNA Nafees Iqbal and Aftab Ahmed com-

after Ilyias Sunny had caught Khulna in

Earlier, Khulna captain Bashar

half to finish with 5-46 in 12.1 overs.

Chittagong on Sunday.

RAJSHAHI-BARISAL Mohammad Shahajada and Sumon Shaha picked up two wickets each as Barisal crawled to 181-7 after Raishahi

Another day for hosts

Former Bangladesh captain Khaled Mahmud playing 'on request of the team management' took one wicket.

pleted a satisfying day for Chittagong

Nafees was batting on 63 while his national team partner Aftab scored 47 not out as Chittagong raced to 120-1 in reply to Khulna's 192. Masumuddowla was the lone batsman out for the home side after scoring 25.

fought a lone battle after winning a good toss in the morning. Bashar, who missed the one-day game due to injury, clobbered nine boundaries in his fluent knock. But the rest including Tushar Imran, who scored fifties in the Corporate Cricket League final and their one-day fixture, failed miserably. Pacer Wasgarani Palash did the early damage picking up three wickets for 49 while Sunny ripped through the lower

National opener Shahriar Nafees, who is leading Barisal, scored only three on his National League debut before being dismissed by Sumon. Towhid Hossain was the top scorer

for the visitors with 46 off 124 balls while opener Imran Ahmed hit a quick-fire 33 Ali Arman was batting on 22 and Arafat

Salahuddin at 16. **SCORES IN BRIEF**

DHAKA-SYLHET **SYLHET:** First innings 225 all out in 76.5 overs (Moniruzzaman 39, Kapali 15, Rajin 68, Mabud 22, Ijaz 21, Rezaul 17,

extras 29; Shahadat 5-63, Munir 1-22, Mahmud 1-44, Ashraful 2-16). DHAKA: First innings 8-1 in 7.2 overs (Javed 5 not out, Mehrab 0, Sajjad 3 not

out; Rezaul 1-6).

CHITTAGONG-KHULNA KHULNA: First innings 192 all out in 57.1 overs (Sajjadul 27, Bashar 68, Hasanuzzaman 28 not out, extras 11: Tareq 1-43, Palash 3-49, Wasel 1-14,

CHITTAGONG: First innings 120-1 in

30 overs (Masum 25, Nafees 63 not out,

BARISAL: First innings 181-7 in 66

overs (Imran 33, Towhid 46, Arman 22

not out, Arafat 16 not out, extras 15;

Alamgir 1-50, Shahajada 2-30, Sumon

Aftab 32 not out; Ziaur 1-40)

RAJSHAHI-BARISAL



Chittagong spinner Ilyas Sunny who took five wickets against Khulna bowl on the first day of the four-day NCL match at the Divisional Stadium in

off with a knee injury on Saturday.

Bravo, born in the same village as Lara, felt an obligation to carry on in

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shouldn't play when the (Australian)

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Result: India won by 6 wickets. Next match: Chennai, Nov 22.