

## 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 nail-biting 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 winning streak and stops him one win short of equalling John McEnroe's 1984 record winning percentage of 96.5.

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

## 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," Roxysaid.

"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 build-up to the qualifiers, including one against the SAFF Championship-bound national team.

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-half-hour 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 53-run start.

Flintoff was in the limelight after Harmison had broken the opening-wicket stand by having Butt caught behind.

The ace all-rounder then had a hand in the next two dismissals. He first deceived Younis with a slower delivery, the batsman flicking straight to Kevin Pietersen at mid-wicket. He then held a firmly-struck drive from Malik to bring off a splendid one-handed catch at short cover.

Malik and Butt each struck a six over long-on off Giles before falling in quick succession.

## SCOREBOARD

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

<b>PAKISTAN:</b> First innings				
Malik c Flintoff b Hoggard	27			
Butt c Jones b Harmison	26			
Younis c Pietersen b Flintoff	7			
Yousuf c and b Bell	78			
Inzamam not out	80			
Afridi not out	67			
Extras: (b-5, lb-1, nb-9)	15			
Total: (For 4 wks in 81 overs)	300			
Fall of wickets: 1-53, 2-63, 3-73, 4-201				
To bat: Akmal, Akhtar, Kaneria, Naved, Sami				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Hoggard	16	0	69	1
Flintoff	21	1	53	1
Giles	10	0	55	0
Harmison	17	4	37	1
Udal	11	1	49	0
Bell	6	1	31	1

**ENGLAND:** Vaughan, Trescothick, Strauss, Bell, Pietersen, Flintoff, Jones, Giles, Hoggard, Udall, Harmison  
Toss: Pakistan.

**Umpires:** Simon Taufel and Darrell Hair.

## PREMIERSHIP

# Chelsea resume normal service

Football

REUTERS, London

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 appearances.

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

nine points.

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 Nistelrooy 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 Rovers.

Wigan Athletic's six-game winning streak came to an end on Saturday with a 3-2 defeat by Arsenal in a rip-roaring clash at the JJB Stadium.

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.

# 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 opportunistic strike after 15 minutes and Ronaldinho notched two brilliant individual goals in the second half.

On 60 minutes, he carried the ball 40 metres, shuffling 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 you."

"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 victory," 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 said.

"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.



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

## Keane exit a Ruud shock

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 years.

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.

## Raul doubtful for Lyon clash

REUTERS, Madrid

Real Madrid captain Raul is a doubt for the Champions League clash with Olympique Lyon after he had to come off with a knee injury on Saturday.

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 are second with nine.

## Ton is for booters

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"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.

Bravo said his cricketing hero and 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, born in the same village as Lara, felt an obligation to carry on in search of a century after his mentor Lara was out to a contentious caught-behind decision before lunch for 45.

"When Brian missed out I was the one who went on and I was thinking while I was out there that I would dedicate the hundred to the Trinidad 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 I shouldn't play when the (Australian) leg-spinners bowl into my pads and he was teaching me the sweep shot and how to play it."

"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 on 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 for the West Indies.

It was Bravo's second century in his 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.

"We talked together about playing positive. Dinesh played an excellent innings, he showed great determination. We both played together at junior level so we have a good understanding."

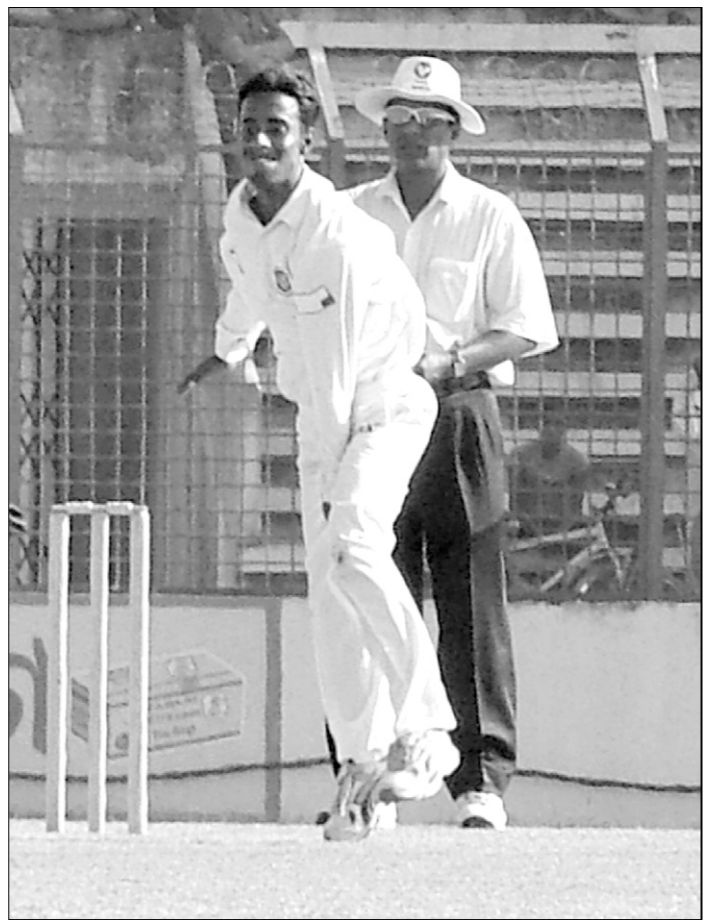
## Brave Bravo

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**AUSTRALIA:** First innings 406 (Hussey 137, Hayden 110, Hodge 60; Edwards 3-116)

**WEST INDIES:** Second innings (overnight 82-4)

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Gayle b McGrath	4			
Smith c Ponting b McGrath	8			
Sarwan c Gilchrist b Lee	32			
Lara c Gilchrist b Warne	45			
Chanderpaul c Gilchrist b Lee	10			
Samuels c Hodge b Warne	29			
Bravo b Warne	113			
Ramdin c Warne b MacGill	71			
Powell lbw b MacGill	0			
Collimore c Gilchrist b Warne	0			
Edwards not out	2			
Extras: (b-4, lb-12, w-1, nb-3)	20			
Total: (All out in 122 overs)	476			
Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-27, 3-62, 4-76, 5-133, 6-140, 7-322, 8-326, 9-332				



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

## SERIE A

# Juve surge past Roma

Football

AFP, Rome

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 stadium.

Pavel Nedved headed the title-holders 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 right-footed 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 professional 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.

Juventus, 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 Sunday.

Roma remain in sixth position on 18 points.

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 years ago and Ibrahimovic stoked up their rivalry by accusing Roma of being worse than Serie A strugglers 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 his word.

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 made

on to Emerson's pass only to see his angled shot blocked by Alexander Doni's shins.

Roma regained the initiative with Rodrigo Taddei's shot parried by Abbiati and Daniele De Rossi heading narrowly over the bar.

Abbiati saved at Montella's feet before Juventus took the lead second before the break.

Mauro Camoranesi was allowed time to cross from the right to the back post and Nedved rose above a static Christian Panucci to plant a firm header into the opposite corner.

Ibrahimovic outpaced Sammy Kuffour before prodding past Doni in the 56th minute and Trezeguet made it 3-0 with a firm header from Mauro Camoranesi's right-wing cross. Ibrahimovic crossed as Roma's defence crumbled before Totti stemmed the tide from the penalty spot.

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

# SA will avenge it

Cricket

AFP, Bangalore

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 business," said Smith after India won the second one-dayer by six wickets at the Chinasswamy 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 day-night 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

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

After Pathan's early strikes, the Indian spinners choked the runs on a dry wicket with left-arm Murali Kartik conceding just 16 runs in his 10 overs and Harbhajan 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 it 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 that sting."

"I don't think India would have got much more than 200 if they had batted first, and batting second I would have backed us to win."

## 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)

<b>INDIA</b>				
Gambhir run out	38			
Tendulkar sub b Pollock	2			
Pathan run out	37			
Sehwag not out	77			
Dravid c and b Ontong	10			
Yuvraj not out	4			
Extras: (nb-1, w-2)	3			
Total: (For 4 wks in 35.4 overs)	171			
Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-52, 3-105, 4-155				
Did not bat: Dhoni, Agarkar, Harbhajan, Kaif, Kartik				

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Pollock	6	3	10	1
Ntini	8	1	32	0
Nel	5	0	31	0
Botha	8	1	47	0
Hall	6	0	23	0
Ontong	2.4	0	28	1

**Result: India won by 6 wickets. Man-of-the-match: Irfan Pathan. Next match: Chennai, Nov 22.**

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>38</b> Enthusiasm	<b>58</b> Chic, to Austin Powers	<b>10</b> Look lecherously
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<b>13</b> Ostrich's cousin	<b>50</b> Story teller?	<b>2</b> Carolina campus	<b>23</b> Unspoken