Goals galore in

French League

Paris Saint Germain squandered the

chance to reclaim second place behind

runaway leaders Lyon when going

down 4-3 at home to modest Lens in

The result left PSG in fourth, 13

points behind four-time champions

Lens dictated the midfield and

Olivier Thomert put Lens' ahead

after just three minutes, before PSG

captain Pauleta levelled on six minutes.

tint on the scoreline which pushed

Like PSG, bottom-of-the-table

a seven-goal bonanza, losing 4-3 away

The match looked all set for a 3-3

draw until Nantes' Frederic Da Rocha

got the decider in the fourth minute of

injury time to leave the struggling

Alsacian club seeking their first win in

Israeli and Palestinian soccer players,

accompanied by a host of sports and

political dignitaries, flew to Spain on

Monday to promote Middle East

peace in a friendly match against

The "Peace Team" sponsored by

Israeli elder statesman Shimon

Peres's Center for Peace includes

Israeli internationals and Palestinian

players from the occupied West Bank.

Tel Aviv for Tuesday's match which

comes at the end of a two-day Euro-

Mediterranean summit in Barcelona.

Leaders of all 25 European Union

member states and 10 of its

Mediterranean neighbours are

meeting in the city to discuss closer

The bulk of the group flew from

Lens up three places into sixth.

double after 68 minutes

to mid-table Nantes.

REUTERS, Jerusalem

raced to a 3-1 lead a little after the hour

the French first division on Sunday.

Premiership

Rooney lifts mourning MU

Football

Wayne Rooney fired Manchester United back to second place in the Premiership with a dazzling performance in his team's 2-1 win at West Ham on Sunday

Victory capped an emotional week for United that saw the death of club legend George Best and fittingly it was Rooney, the current Red Devils' talisman, who sparked the visitors' come-

conceding a goal to Marlon Harewood inside the first minute by scoring the equaliser moments after the re-start. Rooney then set up John O'Shea for

United shrugged off the shock of

the winner as United notched their third consecutive Premier-ship vic-Sir Alex Ferguson's team remain 10

points adrift of the runaway league leaders Chelsea but belief seems to be flooding back into his charges after a difficult start to the season. The antagonism between United

and West Ham runs deep, dating back to the days when meetings between them were punctuated by ugly scenes of crowd violence.

But before kick-off, both sets of supporters were united in celebrating the memory of Best, the former United winger who died on Friday.

After words from two ex-England stars in West Ham hero Sir Trevor Brooking and United great Sir Bobby Charlton, a former team-mate of Best's, the crowd departed from tradition.

Instead of a minute's silence, fans marked Best's joyous contribution to football history with 60 seconds of raucous applause before United's followers loudly chanted the name of

But that was soon drowned out by the cheers of home supporters after just 52 seconds when West Ham stormed into a shock lead.

Harewood prodded a first-time shot past Edwin van der Sar at the near post, but it was Matthew

U-19 CWC in

Sri Lanka in

February '06

The International Cricket Council

(ICC) on Monday launched prepara-

tions for next year's under-19 World

Cup in Sri Lanka, less than a year after

Lanka's willingness to host the event

demonstrated the country's resilience

in the wake of the December 26 tsu-

nami which killed some 31,000 people

in the island and displaced about a

The sixth edition of the under-19

The 10 Test-playing nations will join

World Cup will be held from February

Uganda, the United States, Scotland,

Namibia, Ireland and Nepal for the

GROUP A: Pakistan, New Zealand,

GROUP B: West Indies, South Africa.

GROUP C: India, Sri Lanka, Scotland,

GROUP D: England, Zimbabwe,

two-week tournament.

Bangladesh, Uganda

Australia USA

Ireland, Nepal

5-19 at five venues in capital Colombo.

ICC president Ehsan Mani said Sri

the island was devastated by tsunami.

The England striker ensured that

All for peace

Manchester United's Wayne Rooney takes a shy at the West Ham goal during their Premiership clash at Upton Park

Etherington who deserved the credit for his surging left-wing run and pinpoint pass

However, a shocked United rallied

Indeed, only two superb saves inside a minute from Roy Carroll, the

Ireland goalkeeper who left Old Trafford in the close season, prevented his former team from level-

First, he sprawled to his left to

deny Ruud van Nistelrooy after the Dutchman had collected Ji-Sung

Then, moments later, he tipped

Carroll did not stop there. After 21 minutes, he sprung to his right to block Rooney's bobbling shot and he denied him again four minutes before

meeting in Kolkata on Tuesday," said

"I don't think any action will be

TV clippings showed Chappell

putting his right hand out of a win-

dow of the team bus and pointing a

middle finger towards the crowds

outside the Eden Gardens on

taken but we will tell him such a thing

should not happen in future."

But West Ham eventually cracked within two minutes of the second half. The lively Park was again the

provider, slipping a pass to the effervescent Rooney, who twisted past Anton Ferdinand, playing against brother Rio, and slammed his shot under Carroll. West Ham were rocked, and

moments later Rooney almost grabbed his second when he capped another thrilling burst into the area with a low drive that was well blocked. The former Everton forward could have netted from the rebound, but he

snatched at his shot and the danger

However, West Ham were far from safe and in the 56th minute, Rooney swung over a corner and O'Shea beat Carroll to thump in an emphatic

Greg will be cautioned

From then on, United were in

were taunting Chappell for excluding

almost complete control. O'Shea almost grabbed a third but blazed wide from an acute angle, while Ruud van Nistelrooy's sublime 71st-minute chip, bounced off the crossbar.

Rooney should have confirmed Uniteds victory in the dying seconds, but he flicked wide after Gary Neville, fit again after injury, had picked him out at the near post

TOP SIX

English Premiership table after Sunday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals

- 1	ior, goals against, points).							
	Chelsea	14	12	1	1	33	7	37
	Man Utd	13	8	3	2	21	13	27
	Arsenal	13	8	2	3	22	10	26
	Wigan	13	8	1	4	16	10	25
	Tottenham	14	6	6	2	16	10	24
	Bolton	13	7	2	4	15	13	23
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The "Peace Team" will be coached jointly by newly-appointed Israel national team coach Dror Kashtan and Palestinian coach Jamal Hadeideh of Tulkarm.

cooperation in the region.

"Soccer is a language which anybody can understand and I am happy to be a part of the message which will go out to the world through this match, that Israeli-Palestinian cooperation in soccer is a natural thing," Kashtan said in a statement.

"I hope that this game is only the first of many other joint sporting ventures which will take place in the future," he said.

(Hussey 133 not out, Langer 99, Ponting 56; D Bravo 6-84) WEST INDIES: Second innings (over-

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night 68-2) Hinds st Gilchrist b Warne Devon Smith c Ponting b Lee Sarwan lbw b Lee Powell b Warne Lara c Hayden b Warne Chanderpaul c Hodge b Warne D Bravo b Lee Dwayne Smith lbw b Warne

Ramdin c Gilchrist b Warne Edwards c Warne b Lee Collymore not out Extras: (lb-2) Total: (All out in 81 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-60, 3-72, 4-96, 5-

96, 6-106, 7-106, 8-160, 9-203 M Lee

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Hayden not out Ponting c Sarwan b Collymore Hodge not out Extras: (w-1, nb-4) Total: (For 2 wkts in 28 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-51, 2-55

Edwards 5 1 23 Powell 0 15 Collymore 2 27

Serie A in shame FROM PAGE 12

victory at Parma.

beating Sampdoria 2-0 with David Suazo's double clinching the Sardinians' first win of the season. In other matches, Ascoli drew 1-1

TOP SIX

matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points): 13 12 0 1 29 7 36 Juventus AC Milan 13 10 1 2 29 13 31 13 9 2 2 28 14 29 Fiorentina Inter Milan 13 8 2 3 24 11 26 Livorno 13 6 4 3 13 13 22

Primera Liga

Mixed day for rivals

Football

Barcelona hammered Racing Santander 4-1 to stay top of the Spanish first division on goal difference from surprise package Osasuna on Sunday but Real Madrid struggled to a 2-2 draw at Real Sociedad.

The Catalan club have 28 points from 13 games to stay ahead of Osasuna, who beat Alaves 3-2.

Goals from Aruna Dindane and Samuel Eto'o got his 12th goal of Jussie sent Lens into the break firmly in the season with a marvelous individcontrol, with Dindane securing his ual effort after 31 minutes to get the ball rolling for Barca. Late strikes from Pauleta and

Goals early in the second half from Christophe Landrin put a respectable the Argentine teenage prodigy Lionel Messi, followed by strikes from Brazilians Ronaldinho and Sylvinho emphasised Barca's dominance over Strasbourg also came off second best in relegation-threatened Racing.

> Francisco Casquero got a consolation goal for the visitors from the penalty spot, after Barca's Mexican defender Rafael Marquez had handled the ball, but Eto'o could easily have added to the Barca tally with two near $misses\,in\,the\,final\,minutes.$ Real Madrid grabbed a late draw

with two goals in the last three minutes from Raul Bravo and Zinedine

Xabi Prieto had put Sociedad ahead from the penalty spot just before the break after Roberto Carlos appeared to push over Oscar De

De Paula himself got Sociedad's second with a header after 58 minutes.

"It was a complicated game but this Madrid is capable of resolving these difficulties. As for the penalty, the referee was wrong but I don't want to say any more," said Real's underfire coach Wanderlev Luxemburgo.

"I'm sad because we didn't win. We could have gone in 3-0 up at the break and we changed ends 1-0 down. (Real Madrid goalkeeper) Iker Casillas didn't have anything to save in the first

Both teams ended the game with

Real's Sergio Ramos was sent off for the second time this season after 73 minutes and Sociedad themselves were reduced to 10 men when Gaizka Garitano got his marching orders nine minutes later.

"Sociedad surprised me because they attacked more than I expected and they put on the pressure. But we can take some positive things from this game. We had a brilliant first half

and then reacted well when we went a man down," added Luxemburgo.

Osasuna's dream season continued with their seventh consecutive home win to maintain their 100percent record in their intimidating El

Sadar stadium. "I really like this side, the atmosphere, the team spirit, each one of them did what he had to do and some played an almost perfect game," said

Osasuna coach Javier Aguirre. "We did all the work with the ball, and our opponents had to settle for counter-attacking. This team is really tough at home and even when we went a goal down we didn't lose our

"We conceded two goals but they were our only two errors.'

All the action came in the second half with Alaves drawing first blood when Nene got his sixth goal of the season after 56 minutes

Osasuna responded quickly with Serbian striker Savo Milosevic finding the net on the hour from the edge of the six-yard box.

Francisco Punal then put Osasuna ahead with a 72nd minute penalty after Alayes defender Poli Fernandez

nad brought down Milosevic.

Moroccan international Moha El Yaagoubi added Osasuna's third goal seven minutes from time before Alaves' Australian striker John Aloisi headed a late consolation against the club he left in the summer.

league games and move up to third after their 2-0 win at Deportivo La Both of Villarreal's goals came in

Villarreal are now unbeaten in nine

the second half from the Argentine international pair of Juan Roman Riquelme, a thundering free kick from 20 metres after 55 minutes, and Juan Pablo Sorin Sevilla continue to show better

form on the domestic stage than they have been doing in the UEFA Cup and won 2-0 at a lacklustre Real Zaragoza to climb to fourth thanks to second half goals from Javier Saviola and Daniel Alves

Spanish league standings after Sunday's

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Eng don't want FROM PAGE 12

match against Real Sociedad on Sunday.

to clinch their first Test series since a

1-0 triumph in New Zealand in 2004. "We will play to win, not to draw," said Inzamam, under whose leader-

ship Pakistan have lost two of their previous three home Test series. Pakistan captain said the weather

could play a role in the match. "The weather can affect the match

and even if we play under lights they won't be of much use in the fog," he Pakistan will miss batsman Younis

Khan, who pulled out of the Test following his brother's death on "Younis will be missed, but we

have Asim Kamal who will be tried at number three and Hasan Raza might get another chance in place of Shahid Afridi," Inzamam said.

All-rounder Afridi was suspended for one Test and two one-day internationals for damaging the pitch during the second Test at Faisalabad.

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Best's funeral in Belfast on **Saturday**

OUT IN THE COLD! A shaky-looking Real Madrid coach Wanderley Luxem-

burgo arrives at the Anoeta Stadium in San Sebastian before his side's

Football legend George Best's funeral will take place this Saturday at Stormont, the home of Northern Ireland's suspended assembly, in The palatial building, set in a green

park, was chosen to accommodate the large numbers expected to pay their respects to the soccer great, whose funeral is expected to be the biggest Northern Ireland has ever seen. Belfast-born Best died aged 59 from

multiple organ failure in a London hospital on Friday after losing his long battle with alcoholism.

The former Manchester United and Northern Ireland winger is considered among the game's greatest-ever play-

The funeral is expected to take place in Stormont's Great Hall and be relayed

Booters have only

for a team to play a match but we will play here at the BKSP only.

"The players have achieved 70 per cent of the aimed fitness level set by Crucian and hope to do better during the last week We are now working on formation and game planning. In the last three four days, we will work on set-piece situations like freekick, corner kick or penalties," added

With Arman being the dead-ball specialist, the management is also considering centre-back Sujan and

midfielder Matiur Munna as his backups. It looked certain that Tarek, one of the three goalkeepers, would be dropped but the Argentine coach might change his previous thoughts about keeping only three centre-backs. All four available stoppers are in form and it could result in elimination of a fullback between veteran Parvez Babu and rising Wali Faisal The experience of Parvez would speak for him. The axes are also certain to fall on midfielder Faisal Mahmud and striker Emily as Tipu looks likely to win the race to join Alfaz, Farhad and Kanchan as

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Brazilian Barreto gave Udinese a 2-1

Cagliari climbed off the bottom after

with Palermo and Siena played out a

Italian football league table after Sunday's

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU THOUGHT ACTRESS JANE WAS JUST INCREDIBLE, I GUESS YOU WOULD BE REALLY FONDA HER.

Giles in doubt for final Test **REUTERS,** Lahore England's first choice spinner Ashley

Test against Pakistan starting on Tuesday He is struggling with a hip injury and said it was "touch and go' whether he could play in a match

Giles is doubtful for the third and final

England must win to square the series. Giles is already ruled out of next month's one-day series with the injury caused by a damaged hip cartilage.

SA, India

Extras: (lb-4, w-8, nb-2) Total: (For 6 wkts in 50 overs) 221 Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-36, 3-77, 4-158, 5-178, 6-209 Did not bat: Ntini, Langeveldt, Nel

Super-sub: Peterson

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Pathan	8	1	20	3		
Agarkar	7	1	33	0		
Rudra	6	0	27	0		
Kartik	10	0	58	0		
Harbhajan	10	0	32	2		
Sehwag	5	0	24	1		
Yuvraj	4	0	23	0		
INDIA: Dravid, Sehwag, Tendulkar,						
Yuvraj, Kaif, Dhoni, Pathan, Agarkar,						
Rudra, Harbhajan, Kartik						
Super-sub: Gambhir						

Toss: India. Umpires: Daryl Harper and Krishna

Cricket local hero Sourav Ganguly from the Team spokesman M Baladitya said "Chappell had injured his finger India's cricket chiefs plan to speak to during practice and he said he was national coach Greg Chappell over a just attending to it. He did not gesture

rude gesture he reportedly made to crowds in Kolkata last week, an It was an explanation few were official said on Monday. willing to buy, but Chappell insisted "We will certainly discuss the he had done nothing wrong. matter at the board's annual general

"I see no reason to keep defe myself for something I have not Inderjit Bindra, former head of the done," he was quoted as saying in Board of Control for Cricket in India Monday's Times of India newspaper. "If I want to point a finger at some-

> one, I would point it openly, not when I am inside a bus. The same newspaper commented: "Indian fans might be a tad too emotional for Chappell's tastes.

But they don't deserve such disre-"By his extravagantly tasteless gesture, the legendary Australian

Rahul Dravid's Indian team was jeered off the field after South Africa thrashed the hosts by 10 wickets on

Friday to take a 2-1 lead in the series. Many in the 90,000-strong crowd taunted the Indians during and after the match and raised slogans against

Chappell and the selectors. Ganguly, India's most successful Test captain with 21 wins, was sacked and replaced by Dravid this season

Lankans in Chennai from December India must win the final one-dayer

on Monday to draw the series. term till the 2007 World Cup in the

that the debate would now be on him Australian captain for what they said rather than the overtly sentimental was an insulting gesture to fans who

innings so far.

always helped me put up my best at any level. I have never been a so-called entertainer natience and determination is my motto," said Javed, who has scored 329 runs in his four first-class

Former national opener Shahriar (133, 121) was the first Bangladeshi batsman to score hundred in both innings against touring MCC in 1999 at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, and wicketkeeper Shahin (119, 110) achieved that feat in the country's lone

 $Earlier, Khaled\,Mahmud\,started\,the$ Barisal carnage removing captain Shahriar Nafees (18), who was caught

overs. Ashraful continued his dismal showing with the bat, scoring only 5 before offering a tame return catch to leg-spinner Arif Hossain. He however tried to make up for his batting blues,

Kabir scored a struggling 43 for Barisal. There was also a comedy of errors

played during the Barisal innings when Talha Jubair and Rashedul Haque collided while chasing a high catch at mid-off. Funnier even was the later part of the episode when Arif, who offered the skier, paid the penalty of sheer ing the single walked to midpitch to

watch the incident but Rashedul

Javed in record books

CHITTAGONG-SYLHET

Sylhet, in reply to the home team's 273, stumbled to 57-4. The tourists finished the day on 267-8 in 85. The stylish right-hander was not $out with 121\,off\,181\,balls\,that\,contained$

wicket stand with Golam Mabud after

hits to the fence. Left-arm spinner Yasin Arafat took three for 68 for Chittagong Earlier, Chittagong lost their remaining

captured five wickets as Khulna were brink on their first four-day victory. Starting the day with a first innings

After scoring unbeaten 46, Jamaluddin

chief picking up 5-45 while Syed Rasel and Abdur Razzak Raj claimed two

Khulna, resuming the day on 144-4, posted an impressive 252 in 70.5. Pacer Mohammad Shahajada was

following a public spat with Chappell. The 33-year-old left-hander was not picked for the home one-day series against Sri Lanka and South Africa, but has been named in the team for the first Test against the Sri

against South Africa in Mumbai later Chappell, 56, was appointed India's coach in June for a two-year

Thursday, a day prior to the fourth one-dayer against South Africa. cricketer has virtually guaranteed Newspapers slammed the former

first-class against Chittagong last year.

at point, in the second over of the day. Left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique ripped through the middleorder to finish with four for six in 9

 $claiming \, two \, wickets \, for \, 30 \, runs.$ Left-handed batsman Humayun

The young batsman after complet-

showed some sense by picking the ball and running out Arif Hossain.

Pacer Tareq Aziz Khan finished with five for 81 but Sylhet fought back gamely thanks to a brilliant hundred by Kapali. Kapali dominated a 123-run fifth

18 boundaries while wicketkeeper Mabud scored 109-ball 49 with nine

two wickets adding only three runs to their overnight score RAJSHAHI-KHULNA

deficit of 122 runs, Rajshahi collapse to 40 in 46.4 overs. Naeem Islam was the lone home batsman to show some resistance with an unbeaten 39 off 88 Jamaluddin was the wrecker-in-

Earlier, Bashar could add only three runs to his overnight score of 82 but 19; Tareq 5-81, Yasin 3-68)

the most successful Rajshahi bowler

with 5-81 while left-arm spinner Saifullah Iem took four for 44. **SCORES IN BRIEF** DHAKA-BARISAL

DHAKA: First innings 331 and second innings 188-4 in 53 overs (Javed 104 not out, Anwar 19, Al-Shahriar 28, Ashraful 5, Mehrab 19, Sanwar 6 not out, extras 7: Salahuddin 2-27, Arif 1-44). BARISAL: First innings 131 all out in

42.2 overs (overnight 35-1) (Imran 10,

Nafees 18, Kabir 43, Hannan 10, extras

19; Mahmud 2-38, Rafique 4-6, Talha 1-6, Ashraful 2-30). RAJSHAHI-KHULNA RAJSHAHI: First innings 130 and second innings 140 all out in 46.4 overs (Farhad 25, Anisur 22, Naeem 39 not

out, Masud 14, Hassanuzz-man 16,

extras 13; Ziaur 1-31, Rasel 2-26,

Jamaluddin 5-45, Razzak 2-28).

KHULNA: First innings 252 all out in 70.5 overs (overnight 144-4) (Bashar 85, Tushar 26, Manzarul 35 Hasanuzzman 28, Jamaluddin 46 not out, extras 10; Shahajada 5-81 Saifullah 4-44, Alamgir 1-72) and second innings 6-0 in 1.4 overs (extras CHITTAGONG-SYLHET

CHITTAGONG: First innings 273 all out

in 92.2 overs (overnight 270-8) (Nafees

19, Nazimuddin 34, Aftab 15, Ehsanul 75, Wasel 71, extras 23; Nazmul 2-26, Rezaul 1-26, Hasibul 3-56, Ashiqur 3-20, Enamul 1-87). SYLHET: First innings 267-8 in 85 overs (Imtiaz 21, Rajin 20, Kapali 121 not out, Mabud 49, Enamul 26, extras

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals N

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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.