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Hamburg midfielder Rafael van der Vaart (R) surges past the sliding challenge of VfL Bochum midfielder Christoph Dabrowski during their Bundesliga clash in Bochum on Friday.

England set up Austria friendly

AFP, London

England have set up a friendly date with Euro 2008 co-hosts Austria in Vienna on November 16.

The game has been arranged as part of the build-up to England's final Group D qualifier against Croatia the following Wednesday when coach Steve McClaren hopes to seal qualification for the last 16.

England met Austria twice on the way to the 2006 World Cup, registering a 2-2 draw away from home before Frank Lampard's penalty sealed a single-goal triumph in the Old Trafford return.

Austria drew 1-1 with the Czech Republic on Wednesday and will expect a capacity crowd at the Ernst Happel Stadium for England's visit.

By the time they head to the Austrian capital, McClaren will have a good idea whether his team will be heading back into central Europe next summer.

They currently lie fourth, behind Croatia, Israel and Russia but with three of their next four games at Wembley, they are confident of making up the lost ground.

McClaren said: "It's an exciting opportunity to play against good opposition ahead of what will be a tough qualification game against Croatia.

"We have a busy autumn ahead of us, with four qualifiers at home and Russia away and we remain confident that we will still have our Euro 2008 fate in our own hands in November."

SA take winning

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Williams c De Villiers b Steyn 54
Matsikenyeri b Steyn 52
Chigumbura b M Morkel 4
Dabengwa not out 1
Brent not out 2
Extras: (lb-3, w-6, nb-4) 13
Total: (For 7 wickets in 50 overs) 247
Did not bat: Utseya, Mpfu
Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-47, 3-106, 4-147, 5-231, 6-238, 7-245.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Pollock	10	2	25	0
Ntini	7	0	27	1
M Morkel	10	0	39	2
Steyn	10	1	65	3
Philiander	3	0	18	0
J Morkel	8	1	51	1
Duminy	2	0	19	0

SOUTH AFRICA
Smith c Taibu b Utseya 96
Gibbs c Utseya b Williams 111
Duminy not out 24
De Villiers not out 0
Extras: (lb-2, w-18) 20
Total: (For 2 wickets in 39.1 overs) 251
Did not bat: Bosman, Pollock, Philiander, Morkel, M Morkel, Steyn, Ntini.
Fall of wickets: 1-174, 2-246.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Mpfu	8	0	42	0
Brent	8	0	57	0
Chigumbura	7	0	40	0
Utseya	9	0	63	1
Dabengwa	5	0	37	0
Williams	2.1	0	10	1

Result South Africa won by eight wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Herschelle Gibbs.

Bochum go top

INTERNET, undated



Bochum extended their unbeaten start to the season and ended Hamburg's 100% record with victory at the Ruhr Stadium on Friday.

Stanislav Sestak put the home side ahead on the stroke of half-time and substitute Daniel Imhof made it 2-0 seven minutes from the end.

Hamburg, who had Vincent Kompany sent off on the hour mark, earned a lifeline through Rafael van der Vaart's penalty in the 86th minute, but it was Bochum who secured the win to take them to the top of the Bundesliga.

In a game billed as a top-of-the-table clash, neither side was leaving much room for their opponents.

While Bochum did all the early

running, they came up against a strong, disciplined Hamburg side eager to maintain their perfect start to the season.

They came close to breaking the deadlock with their first attack 10 minutes before the end of the first half.

Mohamed Zidan tricked his way through three Bochum defenders, but shot into the side-netting with Van der Vaart free in the middle.

With the visitors beginning to impose themselves, it was the home side who would have been happy to hear the half-time whistle, but they were delighted it did not come punctually.

In the first minute of time added on, Sestak swept a loose ball in from 10 yards after Nigel de Jong lost out in an aerial challenge with Joel Epalle.

It was the first goal Hamburg had conceded all season, and

Sestak's second goal in as many games.

Tommy Bechmann led the charge towards a second goal early in the second half setting up Philipp Bonig, who failed to finish the move.

Hamburg's task of recovering was made more difficult when Kompany received his marching orders for a foul on Bechmann.

Bochum made the game safe in the 83rd minute when substitute Imhof received a 25-yard pass and unleashed a powerful shot beyond Frank Rost into the top right-hand corner of the goal.

Hamburg pulled one back when Sestak felled David Jarolim inside the penalty area and Van der Vaart converted what proved to be a mere consolation.

Massa grabs pole

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Felipe Massa denied Lewis Hamilton pole position for the Turkish Grand Prix by the tiniest of margins with a stunning lap right at the end of qualifying.

Championship leader Hamilton thought he had done enough to secure his second straight pole as he snatched the top spot from the Brazilian with his final flying lap.

But Ferrari driver Massa, 26, had a surprise in store as he stormed around in 1:27.329 to steal his fifth pole of the season and the eighth of his career 0.034 seconds, ironically exactly one year since he claimed his first at the same circuit.

Massa's Finnish team-mate Kimi Raikkonen had held the top spot until the final minute, but messed up the final corner of his last attempt, meaning he slipped to third on the grid.

That left him one place ahead of world champion Fernando Alonso in Hamilton's sister McLaren.

Alonso, who is celebrating his 100th Grand Prix this weekend, had gone fastest overall in the Q2 but elected to fit hard Bridgestone tyres for his final effort. It affected his qualifying speed but could pay off in terms of race strategy.

The BMW Sauber team locked out row three with Robert Kubica ahead of Nick Heidfeld.

Seventh was Heikki Kovalainen's Renault, one place ahead of Nico Rosberg's Williams while Jarno Trulli's Toyota and Giancarlo Fisichella's Renault completed the top ten.

Britain's Anthony Davidson equalled his career-best grid spot in 11th, but the Super Aguri driver was cruelly denied a place in the top ten in the final seconds of Q2 when first Rosberg and then Trulli demoted him.

David Coulthard will start 13th in his Red Bull with Jenson Button 15th for Honda, but the biggest disappointment came from Ralf Schumacher, who was only 18th fastest in his Toyota after being third on Friday.

Riyad, Kapali

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improve the overall total. "I am satisfied with the progress but still we have to put more runs on the board. It's nice to see some of our top order batsmen getting some," observed the young skipper.

SCORES IN BRIEF
Red: 133 for eight in 20 overs (Mushfiqur 8, Tamim 0, Kapali 42, Ashraf 1, Nadif 37, Forhad 23, Razzak 0, Rasel 2, Nazmul 1 not out; Mashrafe 2-14, Zia 1-31, Sharif 2-28, Shakib 0-13, Riyad 0-23, Enamul 0-12, Aftab 1-12)

Green: 140 for nine in 18.1 overs (Junaid 6, Nazimuddin 10, Aftab 7, Shakib 4, Riyad 39 not out, Zia 48, Mashrafe 19 not out; Rasel 1-10, Forhad 2-20, Razzak 1-38, Kapali 0-27, Rubel 1-12)

Result: Green won by 5 wickets.
Green: 140 for nine in 20 overs (Nazimuddin 41, Junaid 3, Aftab 11, Shakib 14, Riyad 33 not out, Mashrafe 0, Ziaur 18, Dhiman 1, Sharif 11, Enamul 0; Rasel 1-32, Forhad 1-16, Ashraf 3-21, Kapali 1-24, Razzak 2-42)

Red: 137 for nine in 20 overs (Tamim 10, Kapali 23, Mushfiqur 13, Ashraf 30, Nadif 3, Forhad 12, Razzak 0, Rasel 11 not out, Nazmul 6, Tamim 12 not out; Mashrafe 2-28, Ziaur 1-32, Sharif 0-8, Enamul 3-32, Aftab 0-21, Shakib 4-12)
Result: Green won by 3 runs.

Santos to build Pele museum

AFP, Sao Paulo

The city of Santos in the Sao Paulo district of Brazil is to build a museum dedicated to the country's greatest ever player, Pele.

"Building the Pele Museum in Santos with a massive archive will add to the proud history of Sao Paulo and Brazil," said Sao Paulo state governor Jose Serra.

Pele was born on October 23, 1940 in Tres Coracoes in the state of Minas Gerais but he made his name as a player at Santos.

He won the World Cup three times with Brazil, in 1958, 1962 and 1970, the only player ever to achieve such a feat.

"Nobody is more pleased than I am with this possibility. Brazil deserves it and I am proud. I am doing everything I can to publicise it," added Pele himself.

The project is expected to cost eight million dollars.

The idea arose in a meeting between the Pele and Santos mayor Joao Paulo Tavares Pope.

Among the exhibits on display will be the shirts worn by Pele during the four World Cups in which he participated, 1958-1970, along with trophies, photos and hundreds of pieces of Santos memorabilia.

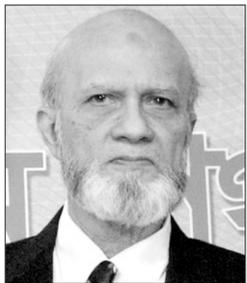
Aleem passes away

SPORTS REPORTER

Prominent sports personality Kazi Abdul Aleem died of heart attack at 1:30pm in the city yesterday.

He was 78.

Aleem, the national award recipient, was admitted to the Trauma Centre 18 days back after he slipped at the stairs. He left behind



KAZI ABDUL ALEEM

two sons and number of admirers to mourn his death.

He was a champion athlete in the then East Pakistan for nine consecutive years. Aleem, who received the UNESCO sports award in 2004, served as the principal of Mohammadpur Physical Training College for eighteen years before retiring in 1987.

Different sports federations expressed their deep shock over the death of the renowned sportsman, who also had written fifty books.

Hosts win on penalties

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachari

Khagrachari got the better of Panthori on penalties during the second Deputy Commissioner Gold Cup Football Tournament at the Khagrachari Stadium yesterday.

The match went to penalties after the teams were tied at 1-1 after the end of extra-time.

Panthori missed all of their four penalty kicks while Khagrachari converted two out of four to seal victory.

Earlier, in driving rain, Khagrachari took the lead early in the second half after the first finished goalless. Panthori equalised with five minutes remaining to force the match into extra-time.

Khagrachari District Commissioner Mohammed Shahadat Hossain was present to inaugurate the meet.

Reds dispatch

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open his season's account in style. Liverpool should have gone into half-time with a two-goal advantage but former Atletico Madrid forward Torres spurned a golden opportunity on the stroke of half-time.

Voronin played in Pennant on the right edge of the Sunderland area and crossed first time. Torres met the ball with a diving header but Gordon denied the Spaniard at the second attempt.

Gordon left Hearts with a huge reputation and within six minutes of the restart two outstanding saves showed why.

On each occasion Gordon repelled the lively Torres as Liverpool's 23-year-old forward was unable to add the finishing touch to a series of intelligent runs.

Riise replaced the injured Carragher 15 minutes from time and Benitez was hoping his influential England centre half, like Gerrard, is fit to face Toulouse.

Voronin's smartly-taken goal after a flowing move, in the 87th minute, emphasised Liverpool's dominance on a day when the margin of victory could have been far greater.

Injuries apart, this was a successful exercise in squad rotation and a well-earned three points for a club with genuine title credentials.

'Hangers-on to blame'

AFP, Manchester



Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson has blamed "hangers-on" for the high number of managerial casualties in the English game.

Martin Jol arrives at Old Trafford on Sunday with his long-term future as Tottenham manager hanging in the balance after being left in no doubt about the club's Champions League expectations at a meeting with chairman Daniel Levy.

Ferguson is an admirer of Jol's work as a coach in Holland and is dismayed that the Dutchman's position has been called into question so early in the season.

But with the Premier League champions yet to register a win this season, the Tottenham manager can expect no favours at Old Trafford.

Yet Ferguson has no doubt who he believes is responsible for costing many of his colleagues their jobs.

"It's just sad that there's such a knee jerk reaction in football today," said Ferguson.

"I don't know how many times I have sat here over the years and supported managers under pressure because you know it's not fair. But it doesn't change.

"There's no evidence that sacking a manager gets you success.

"I don't know where the root of it comes from. I know it's probably happened here from time to time.

"When I had a bad spell here people were saying I should have retired six years ago, I'm too old and all that nonsense.

"There's a root to criticism quickly in football today. "If you look at the corporate hospitality of football today - you go into some boardrooms and there's only about four directors but 30 or 40 hangers-on.

"They (the hangers-on) are the ones who think they know everything and are the ones who are probably laying the seeds of it.

"When I came here at first they used to call it the second board. They used to meet on Monday in the Grill Room (at Old Trafford) and discuss everything that happened on the Saturday and make their opinions known. That was the way.

"That happens at football clubs and that maybe is where the seed is sown.

"And so when somebody like Martin at a club with Tottenham's expectations has a bad spell the inevitable happens."

Ferguson is refusing to press the panic button despite failing to see his side win any of their first three games.

United start the weekend seven points adrift of the top of the table after two draws and a defeat, but believes it is only a matter of time before his side is firing on all cylinders again.

"We'll win the game on Sunday," said a confident Ferguson. "Tottenham are coming with a great determination to help their manager but with the ability in this team, (the winless run) can't continue for long, I'm sure of that."

United are without Gary Neville who has picked up a high strain in training, but Louis Saha could be on the bench after a knee injury.

"Louis gave us 15 goals in the first half of last season and if he'd continued playing he may probably have got to the 30 mark," said Ferguson.

"That was a big loss to us in the second half of last season and we just never got him back on the field. But he has been doing well in training for us in the last few weeks and if he does come back for us it is a big boost."

Tottenham have 18-year-old defender Gareth Bale and Teemu Tainio back to face United and Jol has not ruled Dimitar Berbatov out.

Bale, who has yet to start a game since his five-million-pound (10 million dollar) move from Southampton, and Tainio returned from injury and illness for Wales and Finland respectively on Wednesday.

"Dimitar still has a bit of a problem with his groin but he might be able to make it and Younes Kaboul is progressing well with his hamstring, better than Michael Dawson, who is still out with his ankle injury," said Jol.

Darren Bent is struggling to make the game because of a thigh problem while England defender Ledley King remains sidelined with a damaged knee.

Jose wants to trim squad



INTERNET, undated

Jose Mourinho is ready to sell one of his defenders after confirming the capture of Juliano Belletti from Barcelona had brought his summer spending to a close.

Belletti arrived from Barca for £4million after Chelsea ended their interest in Sevilla's Daniel Alvez because of the inflated price tag of more than £25million.

Belletti, 31, will go straight into the squad for the home game with Portsmouth and while Mourinho insisted there would be no more new faces, he also made it clear he was willing to trim his squad.

Chelsea now have Glen Johnson, Lassana Diarra and Paulo Ferreira as support right-backs to Belletti and it seems certain one of them will leave before the end of the month.

The favourite to move on is Arsenal target Diarra. He has already indicated his desire to leave and with the success of Mikel John Obi in midfield, Mourinho may be ready to grant his wish.

Mourinho said: "First of all, this new player gives me what I need which is a closed door in my dressing room. That is very important for me.

"The market is open until August 31st but not for us. We have the new signings we fought for and we have the balance in the squad.

"But I want my squad to be just a little bit smaller. We have 27 players because Belletti comes in but Arjen Robben goes out, and if we can, we will go down to 26.

"Our squad is a very balanced one. We have two players for each position and the right-back position is a position where we have more than two.

"For the interest of the players, because everyone likes to play and not just be part of the squad, if clubs show a real interest in one

of our players and our player shows interest in leaving for a better situation, that is okay.

"But it is not a drama for me to keep 27 because they are all good players, they are useful and the season is long."

Mourinho would not indicate which of the right-backs he was prepared to let go but it is unlikely to be Ferreira.

Mourinho added: "Paulo is a player that I trust very much. Paulo is with me for six consecutive years and everything that I have won, he has won with me.

"From the defensive point of view he is a safe player. The reason why I wanted to bring in a different right-back is Chelsea, this season, is a different team, as everyone can feel.

"There is a different philosophy of playing so I felt I needed something different on the right, but no doubts, Paulo is a player that I love and I trust.

"Belletti brings what we believe we need, a pure right-back, not an adaptation any more like we did so many times with Diarra, Michael Essien and Shaun Wright-Phillips in that position.

"So we have an attacking right-back and not an ordinary one. He has played in two of the biggest teams in the world - the Brazil national team and for Barcelona. In Brazil he was world champion and in Barcelona he was not just Spanish champion but also European champion."

Belletti has enjoyed World Cup success with Brazil and scored in the Champions League final win against Arsenal in 2006.

His experience allowed Mourinho to switch his attention to the Barca right-back when Sevilla priced Alvez out of the market - insisting that Belletti was the "best player at the best price".

Mourinho added: "Belletti has experience of playing in big teams so he is not scared to play at Chelsea.

"Was he the first option or the second option? For me the point

is always the same, the best player is always the best relation between quality and price.

"Belletti is a very good player and the relation between his quality and the price makes him the best."

The Brazilian paid tribute to Mourinho and immediately set his sights on Champions League success with his new club.

Belletti said: "Everybody knows Mr Mourinho is one of the best coaches in the world. When he goes for a player, he knows what he wants and he goes for quality. I am sure Chelsea will only be successful under his direction."

"When you play for a team like Chelsea, you always go into games thinking about winning.

"The philosophy is to win every competition we are in so I hope we can win that one. Why not?"

United deny Berbatov bid

AFP, London

Manchester United on Friday denied claims they have made a bid for Tottenham's Bulgarian international striker Dimitar Berbatov.

Sir Alex Ferguson is a known admirer of the 26-year-old player who scored 23 goals in his debut campaign with Spurs.

Berbatov's agent Emil Dantchev claimed the Premier League champions had made a firm offer but United took the unusual step of denying the story publicly.

"Manchester United is linked with many players in every transfer window," said chief executive David Gill.

"The club has categorically not made a bid for Dimitar Berbatov."

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