

Community Shield MU's

Football AFP, London

Manchester United's spot-kick prowess came up trumps again as they won the Community Shield 3-1 on penalties after a drab goalless draw against Portsmouth at Wembley on Sunday.

Most influential forwards and it showed as they laboured for long periods against the FA Cup winners. At least Ferguson was able to welcome back Gary Neville, finally fit after a broken ankle, as the right-back wore the captain's armband in his first start since March 2007.

James, only for Distin to head clear. Fletcher went even closer soon after half-time when his sublime chip cannoned off the crossbar. Tevez pounded on the rebound but James was quickly back in position to save the Argentine's header.



Manchester United striker Carlos Tevez attacks with the ball during their Community Shield tie against Portsmouth at Wembley Stadium in London on Monday. Manchester United won 3-1 on penalties after the match finished 0-0.

Lyon start with a win

AFP, Paris



Seven-times reigning French league champions Lyon beat Toulouse 3-0 in their opening match of the 2008/09 campaign on Sunday to shoot to their usual spot at the top of the table.

Bordeaux, who finished as runners-up last season, started on a winning note, beating Caen 2-1 on Saturday thanks to goals from Yoann Gourcuff and Fernando Cavenaghi.

Makoun headed home the first goal in the 12th minute thanks to a Juninho Pernambucano freekick before Benzema found the net twice after the break to become the league's top scorer.

Seminar on disabled people in sports held

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A view exchange meeting on "Disabling People in Sports" was held at the District Sports Association premises here yesterday. DSA, District Football Association (DFA) and Manikganj Disable Peoples Organisation to Development (MDPOD) with the Association of Handicap International (HI) organised the seminar where HI official Nadimul Haque Mandal presented a key-note paper.

Fielding lets India down

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Ganguly missed the stumps with Dammika Prasad out of the frame. Rohit later mis-fielded and allowed two runs and received a nasty glare from Kumble. To cap it off, Parthiv missed a regulation stumping down the leg side off Kumble.

Gambhir and Karthik, who repeatedly stood up near the bat instead of crouching low, allowed easy singles.

Prasanna's stock has risen considerably since he established himself in the Test side during the tour of New Zealand in 2006-07. In Brisbane last year he pulled off two terrific stumpings to dismiss Ricky Ponting and Phil Jaques, followed it up by an acrobatic left-handed stunner to get Michael Clarke in Hobart. The good work continued against England and in this series he has maintained those high standards, producing stellar efforts in Colombo and Galle.

outfield. There was no discipline or ruthlessness from India, who seemed wilted to the extent that they hardly ever touched the stumps.

Reflexes and anticipation are key elements of a good close-in fielder and India haven't had one since Aakash Chopra's vigil at the position. Memories of Chopra's batting may not evoke a smile, but his fielding was top notch. Among his better ones are his catch off Kumble's bowling to get Adam Gilchrist in Bangalore in 2004, his brilliant one-handed effort to get Abdul Razzaq at Multan in 2004, when Pakistan trailed by 162 runs, and his catch at forward short leg off a Justin Langer pull in the Australian series of 2003-04, which was unfortunately a no-ball.

Eto'o staying at Barca

Football AFP, Madrid

Cameroon international Samuel Eto'o, who was deemed surplus by Barcelona's new coach Pep Guardiola in June, will be staying at the Spanish giants after all, a newspaper reported Sunday.

Barcelona's top scorer in the Spanish league last year with 16 goals. "Aside from market conditions, which did not offer Barcelona a clear opportunity to sign one of the few strikers with the capacity to compete with Eto'o, his performance in the pre-season cannot be underestimated," it said.

offers yet. Barcelona are under pressure to make a decision because if they use Eto'o during their Champions League qualifier on Wednesday against Poland's Wisla Krakow, the player will not be able to represent another club in the tournament competition if he moves eventually.

China rule roost in weightlifting

AP, Beijing

Chen Yangqing easily defended her title in the women's 58-kilogram category Monday, winning China's third weightlifting gold medal and breaking two Olympic records.

Some solace for England

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moving across his stumps when Ntini bowled him behind his legs. An inconvenience became a wobble when, in the next over from Harris, Strauss got an inside edge to Smith at leg slip. Three wickets had gone for 24 and two batsmen were in on nought.

ENGLAND: Second innings (overnight 0-0)

Strauss c Smith b Harris	58			
Cook c Smith b Ntini	67			
Bell b Ntini	4			
Pietersen c McKenzie b Harris	13			
Collingwood not out	25			
Flintoff not out	11			
Extras: (b-6, lb-7, nb-6, w-1)	20			
Total: (For 4 wickets in 52.5 overs)	198			
Did not bat: Ambrose, Broad, Anderson, Harmison, Panesar.				
Fall of wickets: 1-123, 2-147, 3-147, 4-182.				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Morkel	13	2	43	0
Ntini	14	4	55	2
Harris	19.5	5	56	2
Nel	5	0	21	0
Kallis	1	0	10	0

United starlet gets over £4m damages

AFP, London

A former Manchester United player was awarded more than 4.3 million pounds (\$5.4 million euros) damages at the High Court in London on Monday over a tackle which ended his career.

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Overall Medal	Gold	Silver	Bronze
AUS	2	0	3
JPN	2	0	2
GBR	2	0	1
CZE	2	0	0
NED	1	1	1
ESP	1	0	1
FIN	1	0	1
AZE	1	0	0
IND	1	0	0
ROM	1	0	0
THA	1	0	0
RUS	0	4	2
FRA	0	3	2
PRK	0	1	3
CUB	0	1	1
GER	0	1	1
AUT	0	1	0
COL	0	1	0
HUN	0	1	0
NOR	0	1	0
SVK	0	1	0
SWE	0	1	0
TUR	0	1	0
VIE	0	1	0
ZIM	0	1	0
BRA	0	0	2
INA	0	0	2
ALG	0	0	1
ARG	0	0	1
BLR	0	0	1
CRO	0	0	1
GEO	0	0	1
SUI	0	0	1
TJK	0	0	1
UZB	0	0	1
TPE	0	0	1

Lanka win in style

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Tendulkar, who needed 172 to break retired West Indies captain Brian Lara's world record of 11,953 Test runs, could make just 95 in six innings without a half-century. Dravid managed 148 and Ganguly 96 in three Tests.

Extras: (b-4, lb-3) 7
Total: (For two wks in 33.1 overs) 123
Did not bat: Samaraweera, Dilshan, P Jayawardene, Vaas, Prasad, Mendis, Muralidaran.
Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-22.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Zaheer	6	1	22	1
Harbhajan	14	2	44	1
Kumble	10	2	34	0
Schwab	3	0	12	0
Ganguly	0.1	0	4	0

Result: Sri Lanka won by eight wickets and clinched three-Test series 2-1.
Man-of-the-match: Kumar Sangakkara.
Man-of-the-series: Ajantha Mendis.

Corluka not leaving City

AFP, London

Manchester City's Croatian international defender Vedran Corluka is to stay with the club after holding talks with manager Mark Hughes, the club said Sunday.

Tottenham had been understood to be interested in prising the 22-year-old away but Hughes told official website www.mcfc.co.uk: "I am a huge admirer of Vedran. He is a top-class player with a bright future ahead of him and I am delighted that he continues to be a part of our plans at Manchester City."

City signed Corluka from Dynamo Zagreb a year ago.

AP, Beijing

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard on the fifth day of the fourth and final Test between England and South Africa at The Oval on Monday: SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 194

ENGLAND: First innings 316

SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings 318

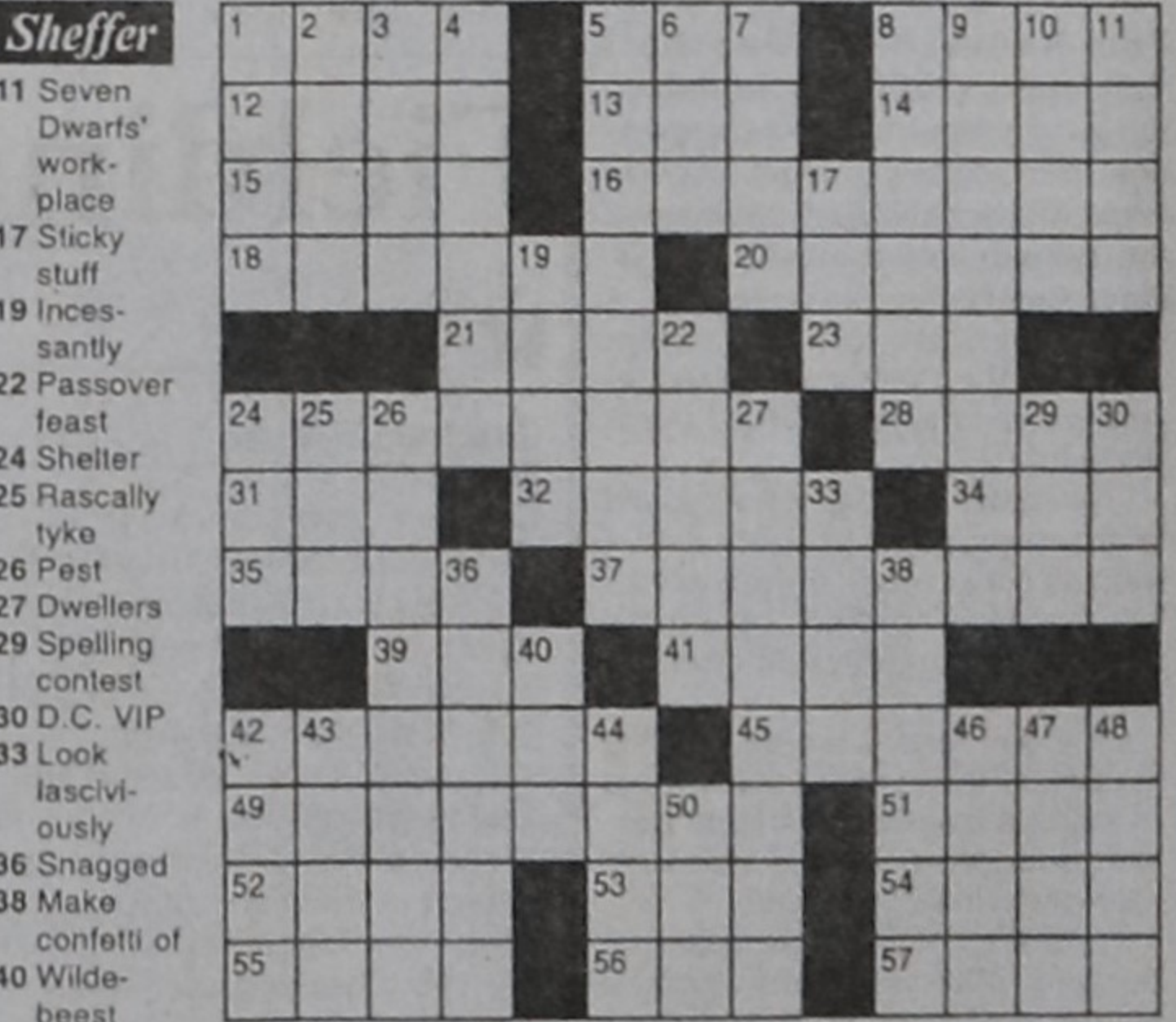
Mourinho writes off Arsenal

INTERNET, undated

Internazionale manager Jose Mourinho has written off Arsenal's chances of winning the Premier League, claiming their squad is lacking in experience.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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8 Minus-	37 Stretch		17 Sticky
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in Latin	42 Show	2 Medley	22 Passover
3 Man-	off	3 "She	feast
mouse	45 Fanatical	Sweet?"	24 Shelter
link	one	4 Unkempt	25 Rascally
14 Popular	49 Tongue	tyke	26 Pest
Asian	51 Took the	6 Gold, in	27 Dwellers
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track			50 Under-
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