



Barcelona hitman David Villa rides on the back of midfield maestro Andres Iniesta who has just scored a wonderful team goal against Valencia at Camp Nou on Friday. PHOTO: AFP

**Murray the Master**

AFP, Shanghai  
Andy Murray defeated Roger Federer 6-3, 6-2 to win the Shanghai Masters Sunday, his second final victory over the Swiss former world number one in two months.

Murray, ranked fourth, improved to 8-5 in his lifetime record against Federer, who will move back to second in the world rankings Monday behind Rafael Nadal.

"I had a great week and played some of my best tennis," said Murray. "I had to play great to have a chance against Roger. But I was able to do that today."

The Scot's victory was his second title of the season after he beat Federer in the Toronto Masters 1000 final in August, although he lost the Australian Open final to the Swiss earlier this year.

Federer struck a massive 30 unforced errors on Sunday and failed to convert on six break point chances, with only 20 winners in a straight-sets upset lasting just under 90 minutes.

"I know how tough it is to win these Masters titles," said Federer, who if he had triumphed would have joined Nadal on a record 18 career Masters 1000 titles.

"Andy had a great effort. I had some chances but I couldn't break through. He played great and didn't give me much."

"He made me work hard, I couldn't find many great shots, he was too good. But I still had a good week and beat some good players," said the Swiss.

**Real lead Barca**

AFP, Madrid



Cristiano Ronaldo and Gonzalo Higuain both scored braces as Real Madrid made it ten goals in two games with a 4-1 win at Malaga on Saturday to move top of the Spanish first division.

Portuguese star Ronaldo moved to the top of the goalscoring charts on six following his double and Jose Mourinho's Real have the best attack and defence in the league lying a point ahead of Barcelona and Valencia at the summit.

Real are now the only unbeaten side in the league after champions Barcelona inflicted a first league defeat of the season on Valencia coming from behind to win 2-1 at Camp Nou.

Barca fell behind to a Pablo Hernandez goal on 37 minutes but turned the game around with a mesmerising second half thanks to goals from Spanish World Cup winners Andres Iniesta and Carles Puyol.

"In the first half we didn't have the ball and that was the key factor, however, equalising just after the interval was so important and really helped us," said goalscorer Iniesta.

Real responded by going a point above Barcelona and Valencia following up the 6-1 thrashing of Deportivo La Coruna with a 4-1 rout of Malaga.

Madrid hit the woodwork twice through Higuain and Sami Khedira before Higuain broke the deadlock on the half hour mark side-footing in a terrific cross-field ball from Ronaldo.

Ronaldo then got himself on the score-sheet with Mesut Ozil putting the ball on a plate for an easy tap-in.

Five minutes after the break Ozil was need-

lessly fouled in the penalty area and Ronaldo smashed home the resulting spot-kick for his sixth goal of the campaign.

Higuain grabbed his second and fifth of the season on 65 minutes and it could have been more as Real sent a warning to AC Milan who they host in the Champions League on Tuesday.

For Malaga it was another miserable home performance and they have lost all four of their home games so far.

Barcelona have been indifferent at home this season dropping five points in their first three matches, however, they got back on track with a crucial 2-1 home triumph over rivals Valencia.

Pablo Hernandez shot Valencia into a 37th minute lead but Barcelona produced a second half masterclass to turn the game around.

Two minutes after the break Iniesta surged forward before feeding Xavi who returned the ball to his teammate who finished brilliantly.

Barca were a different side thereafter and David Villa had a header acrobatically saved by Cesar Sanchez on the hour mark.

But two minutes later Carles Puyol met Xavi's cross with a bullet header to put Barca ahead with what proved the

winning goal.

Villa could have had a hat-trick against his old club -- where he spent five years before joining Barca for 40 million euros in the summer -- but found 39-year-old goalkeeper Cesar in great form.

On Monday fourth-placed Villarreal can nudge Real Madrid, currently two points ahead, off the top providing they can beat promoted Hercules.

Earlier Atletico Madrid moved to within three points of the leading duo with a 2-0 win over derby rivals Getafe at the Vicente Calderon on Saturday.

An unfortunate own goal from goalkeeper Jordi Codina on 37 minutes and a Diego Costa strike on 72 minutes helped Atletico move fifth.

**Eto'o hushes racists**

AFP, Rome



Samuel Eto'o rapped the racist chants of his detractors back down their throats as he scored the only goal in Inter Milan's 1-0 victory at Cagliari that sent them joint top of Serie A on Sunday.

The match in Sardinia was briefly held up after just three minutes as Eto'o suffered racist taunts from the home side's 'ultra' fans.

Following a stadium announcement reminding those fans that the game could be abandoned if they continued, the match resumed with Eto'o proving the hero.

He even brushed off the chants by mimicking a monkey after scoring.

Inter are now level on points and goal difference with city rivals AC Milan, who beat Chievo 3-1 on Saturday, but actually trail them on goals scored.

However, Lazio can reclaim the summit if they win away to Bari in Sunday's late match.

Up the other end, Agazzi dived to his left to tip over a curling Eto'o effort.

Inter had a let-off 14 minutes from time when Robert Acquafresca's cross deflected off Cristian Chivu and came back off the bar, with Daniele Conti able only to prod the rebound into Julio Cesar's grateful arms.

Conti had another chance to snatch a share of the spoils but when teed up by Cossu, he volleyed high over the bar.

Pato scored a brace and Robinho notched his first goal for AC Milan in their win on Saturday while AS Roma earned only their second success of the season as Marco Borriello netted in their 2-1 win over his former club Genoa.

**Trouble**

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The Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium can hold 26,000 people but due to the construction work in the stands for the upcoming World Cup, it was kept down to 6,000 first.

But as the Tigers kept winning and clinched the series, Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) decided to open other galleries and yesterday, a crowd close to full capacity witnessed the three-run win.

**Tigers paint**

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Razzak c B McCullum b McKay 2  
Shafiqul not out 5  
Rubel c Watling b Mills 2  
Extras: (b-1, lb-7, w-9) 17  
Total: (All out in 44.2 overs) 174  
Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-32, 3-69, 4-77, 5-132, 6-144, 7-161, 8-163, 9-168

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|------------|-----|---|----|---|
| Mills      | 8.2 | 0 | 36 | 3 |
| McKay      | 9   | 0 | 34 | 2 |
| Bennett    | 8   | 1 | 29 | 0 |
| Vettori    | 10  | 0 | 32 | 3 |
| N McCullum | 5   | 0 | 27 | 0 |
| Elliott    | 4   | 2 | 8  | 2 |

NEW ZEALAND  
B McCullum c Shakib b Rubel 4  
Ryder lbw b Rubel 4  
Watling run out 1  
Taylor b Razzak 3  
Williamson c Rokibul b Rubel 0  
Vettori c Shafiqul b Shakib 43  
Elliott c Rubel b Shuvo 59  
N McCullum b Shakib 4  
Mills b Rubel 33  
McKay lbw b Razzak 0  
Bennett not out 0  
Extras: (b-6, lb-1, w-13) 20  
Total: (All out in 49.3 overs) 171  
Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-10, 3-14, 4-16, 5-20, 6-106, 7-119, 8-145, 9-145

| Bowler      | O   | M | R  | W |
|-------------|-----|---|----|---|
| Shafiqul    | 5   | 0 | 23 | 0 |
| Rubel       | 9.3 | 1 | 25 | 4 |
| Razzak      | 10  | 2 | 34 | 2 |
| Mahmudullah | 7   | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| Shakib      | 10  | 1 | 35 | 2 |
| Shuvo       | 8   | 0 | 29 | 1 |

Result: Bangladesh won by three runs and clinched five-match series 4-0.  
Man-of-the-match: Rubel Hossain.  
Man-of-the-series: Shakib Al Hasan.

**Intense battle for curtain raiser**

SPORTS REPORTER



The phony war of the Grameenphone Federation Cup finished three days ago and now the real battle of the season's curtain raiser begins today with eight finalists locking horns to determine who is the best of the lot.

Bangladesh League champions Abahani face newcomers but star-studded Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club in one of two opening day matches at 5:30pm at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium, which will earlier stage the match between Sheikh Russel KC and Rahmatganj MFS at 3:00pm.

Much before the players' transfer, newcomers Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club and Muktiyoddha Sangsad emerged as new powerhouses after roping in the players from two traditional houses -- Abahani and Mohammedan. Both are considered top contenders for the Federation Cup, ahead of defending Federation Cup champions Mohammedan and runners-up Abahani.

Sheikh Jamal studded with 16 national players and a rejuvenated Muktiyoddha Sangsad have already proved their worth in the qualifying round after scoring six and 11 goals respectively in two matches on way to cementing their place in the finals.

A new-look Brothers Union and Rahmatganj MFS, known as giant-killers, are also two associates of Sheikh Jamal and Muktiyoddha Sangsad as they joined the top four teams of last season's Bangladesh League -- Mohammedan, Abahani, Sheikh Russel KC and Feni Soccer Club.

Considering the strength on paper, newcomers Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi and recharged Muktiyoddha Sangsad will go into the championship as favourites, but the fact is the title race is set to be wide open. Despite losing their strength to the two new clubs, traditional foes Abahani and Mohammedan will still be more than a match.

Mohammedan, champions of 2008 and 2009, are on the verge of a hat-trick Federation Cup title but the job of a treble will be a tough task for the Black and Whites, who have lost their strength in the players' transfer.

"This type of practice tournament does not reflect reality of a team as it is an year tournament and we will take this tournament in that context," said Mohammedan coach Shafiqul Islam Manik.

Abahani may have the satisfaction after winning a hat-trick of titles of the Bangladesh League, but no doubt they have the dissatisfaction of not winning the Federation Cup since 2000 when they beat archrivals Mohammedan to lift the trophy for the last time. But this time they are looking forward to breaking the nine-year jinx.

"With the presence of a foreign coach this time, we are looking forward to winning the Federation Cup title this year and want to continue the momentum of the Bordoloi Cup where we emerged champions," said Abahani football manager Satyajit Das Rupu, who, however, believes all participating teams have a chance to win the Federation Cup.

The big strength of Muktiyoddha is coach Maruful Haque, who guided Mohammedan to winning two successive Federation Cup title.

"Our target is to play the final as we have already crossed the hurdle of qualifying," said Maruf who would love to meet Sheikh Jamal in the final.

Maruf also believes Abahani and Mohammedan have a chance to provide surprise results though both of them have not been tested this season.

With a period of two weeks practice, Sheikh Jamal could hardly impress the spectators in their two matches but they believe they would be able to produce better performance day by day.

"Our target is to win the Federation Cup and we are taking every match as a final and we go into the field for a victory," said Sheikh Jamal captain Aminul Haq who also thinks Muktiyoddha, Abahani and Russel KC also have chance to win the cup.

**Dark dawn to Reds' new era**

AFP, London



Liverpool were beaten 2-0 by Everton in the Merseyside derby on Sunday as the English footballing giants' new era got off to a bitterly disappointing start.

Goals in each half from Tim Cahill and Mikel Arteta sealed the points for Everton, who moved up to 11th in the Premier League standings as Liverpool slipped to second from bottom.

With their new American owner John W Henry watching from the stands at Goodison Park, Liverpool were unable to provide the win their supporters craved after last week's legal drama, which culminated in the club's takeover.

The defeat means Roy Hodgson's side have taken only six points from eight games this year, a grim indicator of the size of the rebuilding task facing Henry and his New England Sports Ventures (NESV) group.

A frenetic opening spell saw Everton take the lead on 34 minutes. Irish wide player Seamus Coleman surged down the right and cut back an inviting cross for Cahill, who blasted high into the net past Liverpool goalkeeper Pepe Reina.

shortly before Everton took the lead, while Reina had to be alert on the stroke of half-time to save a rising long-range shot from Leon Osman.

Spanish midfield maestro Arteta doubled Everton's lead five minutes after the interval, lashing home a swerving right-foot shot from the edge of the area.

With the clock ticking down,

Fernando Torres saw a shot well-saved by Tim Howard but it could not mask another disappointing afternoon for the Spanish striker, who looked out of sorts throughout.

Earlier on Saturday, Carlo Ancelotti missed a golden opportunity to pile on the misery for Sir Alex Ferguson as Chelsea were held to a 0-0 draw at Villa Park on Saturday.

The rampaging Premier League leaders had the chance to send a chilling warning to Old Trafford -- just hours after United squandered more points at in front of their own fans.

But Ancelotti's Blues were unable to punish the carelessness of their main title rivals and departed Villa Park after extending their poor run to just one win in their last 12 visits.

**RESULTS**

Everton 2 (Cahill 34, Arteta 50) Liverpool 0  
Arsenal 2 (Nasri 41-pen, Chamakh 47) Birmingham 1 (Zigic 33)  
Aston Villa 0 Chelsea 0  
Bolton 2 (Lee 22, Klasic 90) Stoke 1 (Delap 48)  
Fulham 1 (Kamara 30) Tottenham 2 (Pavlyuchenko 31, Huddlestone 63)  
Man Utd 2 (Hernandez 5, Nani 25) West Brom 2 (Eva 50-og, Tchoyi 55)  
Newcastle 2 (Armeobi 72, Coloccini 90) Wigan 2 (N'Zogbia 22, 23)  
Wolves 1 (Jarvis 10) West Ham 1 (Noble)

**Indo-Aussie**

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The start was delayed by a wet outfield at the Nehru stadium in Kochi caused by incessant rains over the past week, before another spell of rain forced the game to be cancelled.

The remaining two one-dayers will be played in Visakhapatnam on October 20 and Goa on October 24.

India swept the Test series 2-0.

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

**ACROSS**  
1 Potato  
5 "Golly!"  
8 Unkempt one  
12 Gaelic language  
13 E. Coast ocean  
14 Spanish hors d'oeuvre  
15 Cry  
16 Subtract  
18 Evergreen type  
20 Marble cake patterns  
21 Light-weight pith helmet  
23 Before  
24 Grasp  
28 Break suddenly  
31 Eggs  
32 Wicker-work willow  
34 Book-keeper (Abbr.)  
35 Longings  
37 Pay attention

**DOWN**  
11 Howls at the moon  
2 Get ready, for short  
3 Addict  
4 Appoint as one's agent  
5 Fence feature  
6 Greek vowel  
7 B.P.O.E. members  
8 Flight between floors  
9 Noted WWI British officer  
10 October birth-stone  
11 Stitches  
17 Lamb's dam  
19 Silver salmon  
22 Homeric epic  
24 Play-thing  
25 "Hail!"  
26 Illinois city  
27 About 1/3 ounce  
29 Mimic  
30 Cushion  
33 Former Attorney General Janet  
36 Tools for duels  
38 Occur  
40 Uncle (Sp.)  
42 Slightly  
43 Sitarist Shankar  
44 Eager  
46 Present  
47 A Great Lake  
48 Tear in two  
50 Historic time

**Solution time: 24 mins.**

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EGOIST ONAGER  
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**CRYPTOQUIP**

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STSPQ, IPWHQ QEPZU  
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**Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHAT DID SOMEBODY CRY WHEN PLAYWRIGHT EDWARD HAD MENDED SOME RIPPED CLOTHES? "ALBEE DARNED!"**

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals T

**SPORTS POLL**  
**TODAY'S QUESTION**  
Do you think Real Madrid has improved under Jose Mourinho?  
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**What to WATCH**  
ESPN  
English Premiership  
Blackburn v Sunderland  
Live from 1:00am (Tuesday)

**DAY'S EVENT**  
GP Federation Cup  
Sheikh Russel v Rahmatganj  
Time: 3:00pm  
Abahani v Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club  
Time: 5:30pm  
Venue: Kamalapur Stadium