

Leeds forward **James Milner** became the youngest player to score a goal in the English Premier League, striking against Sunderland on Boxing Day, the same day Everton's **Wayne Rooney**, whose record he beat, became the youngest player to be red carded in a Premier League game. Milner, who was 16 years and 356 days on Boxing Day, beat Rooney's record by six days. Rooney, who set his scoring record in October, was handed a three-game suspension for a lunging tackle on Birmingham's Steve Vickers. Rooney's ban was extended to four games when he picked up his fifth card of the season on Jan. 1 against Manchester City.

Mexican goalkeeper **Samuel Manez** was killed in a car accident Dec. 26 outside Veracruz, where he played for the local First Division club. Manez's car was speeding, according to local police reports, and crashed in an area with a history for bad accidents. Manez's wife and two children survived the crash, but another passenger, Carolina Guevara, died. The crash was the second fatal crash involving a Mexican First Division player in a week. Uruguayan star **Sebastian Abreu** of Cruz Azul escaped with minor injuries from a car crash that killed a female companion.

Asian powers South Korea and China, finalists at the 2006 World Cup, finally filled coaching vacancies. China chose former Dutch World Cup star **Arie Haan** as its new head coach. China's move to hire Haan follows fellow Dutchman Guus Hiddink's success with South Korea. "Everybody was looking in Western Europe, especially Holland, at what a fine job he was doing," said Haan. "I can only hope I do the same." South Korea picked Portuguese **Humberto Coelho**, who led Portugal to the semifinals at Euro 2000. Humberto played for the NASL's Las Vegas Quicksilvers in 1977.