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Fingers crossed at Valencia

CHAMPS LEAGUE

AFP, Paris

Both Arsenal and Valencia clash on Wednesday desperately seeking to land the knockout blow to either's Champions League hopes and also revive their flagging form.

Valencia, two-time finalists, have not won any of their last six matches both in the domestic title race and the Champions League, leaving them facing an uphill task to retain their Spanish crown.

Arsenal's previous dominance in England has taken a knock being held 2-2 by Chelsea in the FA Cup followed by their first defeat since December, a 2-0 defeat at the hands of Blackburn in the Premiership last Saturday.

Sandwiched in between was their third successive draw in the Champions league at home to AS Roma in Group B leaving them needing a point from their trip to Spain while Valencia effectively need to win to progress.

In the tightest group of the second phase AS Roma can even make the last eight and complete a remarkable comeback after losing their first three matches if they beat Ajax and the other match ends in a draw.

Ajax need a draw to progress as they top the group with Arsenal on seven points.

Group A has just one place up for grabs with Barcelona already qualified as they head to Newcastle to face one of their former managers Bobby Robson, who twice this seaosn has masterminded a remarkable turnaround in the two group phases.

However with Italian giants Inter Milan a point ahead and facing pointless Bayer Leverkusen, a shadow of the side that reached last season's final, even victory cannot guarantee the Magpies a place in the

Valencia have not lost heart despite their recent woeful run of form and John Carew, their goalscoring hero from the previous time they hosted Arsenal which ended in a 1-0 victory, is confident

"We are going to have to put our heart and soul into this game but

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What to WINTOIL

Abahani KC v Indira Road KC

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League

Venue: FCS

Venue: BKSP

there is no reason why we cannot beat Arsenal again," Carew said.

The lanky Norwegian forward must be licking his lips at the thought of facing a much weakened Arsenal defence who are sure to be without Martin Keown and probably England keeper David Seaman and Sol Campbell

With the improvised partnership of Frenchman Pascal Cygan and Brazil World Cup winning defensive midfielder Gilberto Silva found wanting against the Blackburn attack, Igor Stepanovs looks set for a

"This team has shown strength in the past and will do so again in the future. I feel that the players will respond in the next game," said Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger.

g of fatigue and leading scorer Thierry Henry appearing unusually tetchy in recent matches Valencia

WEDNESDAY'S FIXTURES

Bayer Leverkusen v Inter **Group B** At Valencia

Valencia v Arsenal

While bizarrely the death of legendary Italian actor Alberto Sordi late last month prompted their best run of form with talismanic skipper Francesco Totti declaring they would win the Champions League for their most famous fan, it hit the buffers again Sunday with the 1-0 defeat by

Totti's promise they will have to do it without him because he is sus-

Bitter-sweet

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246-6 following an opening stand of 121 between Shah and Kennedy

pended following his sending-offlast week for felling Keown, which was slammed by Capello for the Thomas Odoyo followed the openers with the third half-century Capello, though, knows how of the innings, a blazing 51 off 52 balls with six boundaries and a six. much is riding on making the last eight for the club more than for

India were shot out under the lights for a meagre 176 after Tendulkar was bowled for three by seamer Joseph Angara, who finished with 3-30 and Odoyo ran through the tail with 3-41.

No wonder, Kenya's current coach and former India player, Sandeep Patil, believes Saurav Ganguly's India will be foolish to take victory for granted on

If the Super Sixes clash between the two sides earlier this month is any indication, a close match is in the offing.

India, chasing Kenya's modest 225,6, were reduced to 24-3 under the Newlands lights at Cape Town before Ganguly hit a match-winning 107 and Yuvraj Singh made 58 to steer their team home.

It was at Kingsmead on Saturday night that 39-year-old Karim gave the mighty Australians a scare with figures at one stage reading an incredible 8-6-2-3.

Entire Kenya will be hoping for an encore on Thursday.

Fairytale

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us lightly now," he said.

"All the teams came here to win the World Cup not just to stand around at the opening ceremony. "I enjoyed my cricket in the

1980s, winning the World Cup was a very pleasant memory, and with Kenya now I have the same sort of feeling.

"But the good thing about this Kenyan team is that its feet are still on the ground.

"We are playing with nothing to lose and it does help. We've beaten India in India. In one-day cricket the team that plays well stands a good chance of winning."

Kenya leg-spinner Collins Obuya, who spun Sri Lanka to defeat, was smashed for 62 runs in eight wicketless overs by Australia

But Tikolo was confident Obuya would recover by Thursday.

"We've seen Collins turn into a good leg-spinner. This is a new game. He'll bounce back."

His oyster

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Lee, who has been placed second twice and third once, is the highest player in the standings not to have been named man-of-the-match in the tournament to date.

The man-of-the-tournament is based on the cumulative man-of-thematch results awarded by the ICC match referee. After every game the ICC match referee selects the top three players. As

well as being presented with a gold watch worth 1,4600 dollars, the manof-the-match also receives three points towards the man-of-thetournament award. The second best player on the day receives two points and the third best

gets one point.

The man-of-the-tournament will be presented by legendary West Indies all-rounder Sir Garfield Sobers at the end of the final.

STANDINGS Points Plaver

Sachin Tendulkar (Ind) Maryan Atapattu (SL) Chaminda Vaas (SL), Saurav Ganguly (Ind) WasimAkram (Pak) James Anderson (Eng) John Davison (Can) Sanath Jayasuriya (SL) AndyBichel (Aus) Andy Blignaut (Zim) Vasbert Drakes (WI) Herschelle Gibbs (SA) Lance Klusener (SA) Brett Lee (Aus)

Thomas Odoyo (Ken)

Ricky Ponting (Aus)

MSC trounce Dev Squad

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club finished their first phase of the GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League with a 73-run thrashing of BCB Development Squad at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

Opener Javed Omar's patient half century helped the Motijheel outfit to a fighting 237 for nine in the stipulated 50 oversafter they were put into bat by.

Javed, the discarded national opener, scored 77 off 121 balls hitting only five boundaries while most of his other colleagues struggled.

Skipper Minhazul Abedin was the next topscorer with 29. In reply, the Development Squad reached 164 before being all out in 45.3 $\,$

Pakistani leg spinner Shahed Mahmud was the wrecker in chief taking four wickets for 42 runs while veteran left arm spinner Enamul

Hoque gave him support with three for

It was Mohammedan's eighth win against four defeats. They finished with 44 points from 12 matches. Second placed City Club also have 44 points but they have two games in hand in the

first phase. On the other hand, it was the seventh defeat for Development Squad. They have won five games. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League match between Mohammedan SC and BCB Development Squad at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yester-

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Captain sensible

SMahmudbBashar

mance away from the World Cup final at the Wanderers a week on

"You need to enjoy everything if you are going to perform in the middle," stressed Ganguly.

"You have to enjoy the dressing room and things off the field and all credit to this squad because they have combined well as a unit.

"They enjoy each other's com-pany, which is very important because they have been able to help each other and I think it's the reason for our success over the last one and-a-halfyears. "No captain in the world can

honestly say that their bowling changes have taken the wickets, it doesn't happen like that and you have to be lucky as a captain. "Obviously the bowlers have also bowled well so it's a mixture of

everything coming right together.' Having already completed a sixwicket victory over Kenya during the Super Six stage in Cape Town, India will enter next Thursday's day-night semifinal in Durban as overwhelming favourites but Ganguly will ensure his side do not become carried away by their

"So far so good, but the important stages are yet to come," he

"We play Kenya in a semifinal and I hope we continue playing as well in the next two games because it's the most crucial part of the

"This is what we're all looking forward to and hopefully we can keep the same form and the same luckforthat."

Patil questions FROM PAGE 16

will lose its driving force. "I think Tendulkar and Sehwag

at the start of the innings are key. "If we can get the two out, we would reduce India's batting potency a great deal."

Should Kenya lose, it will Patil's last game in charge before taking up a new role with the Board of Control for Cricket in India.

"I have an offer from Bangladesh, but I have decided I would only be willing to help out cricket in my native country.

"I will be willing to do any job which (the) BCCI asks me to do. It could be the role of a senior coach. or one who is minding an underseven team," he added.

Planet Vaas

FROM PAGE 13 Srinath is on 15, with a semifinal against Kenya to come. MOST WICKETS IN A WORLD CUP Wkts Player Country Chaminda Vaas 23 Sri Lanka GeoffAllott New Zealand 20 20 Shane Warne Australia 18 Roger Binney India 18 **Craig McDermott** Australia

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Marat alone atop

SPORTS REPORTER

Uzbek GM Marat Dzhumaev maintained his solo lead with eight and a half points after the eleventh round games of the sixth United Insurance & United Leasing Grand Masters Chess tournament at the NSC chess room vesterday.

GM Sergey Tiviakov of Netherlands was in the second position with eight points while GM Alexi Darpov of Uzbekistan in the third position with 7.5 points

In the eleventh round games, Dzhumaev drew with IM Vakhidov Tahir, Tiviakov drew with Zia and Marsov beat GM Alexander Goloshchapov.

India

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coincidentally a member of India's 1983 Cup winning squad retains hopes of an upset, however.

"We are confident of doing well if we stick to the basics," he said. "Every batsman, even Tendulkar, is weak around the off-stump. If our bowlers show discipline, and fielding well, anything can happen.'

Kenya opener Ravindu Shah also helped boost their collective confidence with as good as display against Australia strike bowler Brett Lee as anyone has produced at the World Cup.

His 46, compiled after Lee had sent Kennedy Otieno to hospital and taken a hattrick to reduce Kenya to three for three, oozed

Brazil to host **World Cup** 2014

AFP, Asuncion

Five-time world champions Brazil are set to host the 2014 World Cup finals after the South American Football Confederation (CSF) unanimously agreed on Monday they should be the sole candidate.

Under FIFA president Sepp Blatter's wish that football's show piece should be rotated by continent, South America is set to follow Africa, who are due to host the 2010 renewal. "All 10 countries which make up

the South American Confederation agreed that the 2014 World Cup to be held in South America should be hosted by Brazil," said CSF chief Nicolas Leoz.

Brazil hosted the finals in 1950 while Argentina were the last South American country to hold them in

There had been thoughts of a group bid by Peru, Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela and Bolivia while it had also been mooted of a possible joint candidature of Argentina and Chile.

FIFA took the decision to give the 2014 World Cup finals to South America at a meeting on March 7.

FIFA president Joseph Blatter said the decision followed a recommendation of a strategic studies commission, which he heads, and fulfilled a "long time wish" of the South American confederation to see the world's top football tournament return to South America.

"The naming of this confederation (South America) which has not organised a World Cup since 1978 (Argentina) and which has won this event nine times, is logical," said

Karim can't believe it

first non-Test playing nation to reach the last four of a World Cup, had transformed attitudes to cricket in a country where athletics and soccer have traditionally held sway.

"What is amazing is that everybody in Kenya has got behind cricket. Before the World Cup there was only a small group of people who were interested. But now bus conductors, bus drivers, maids, street cleaners and office people are following the team.

"Everybody wants to know how the boys in green are getting on."

Kenya's advance to the semifinals has been controversial with the team gaining maximum points for a win after New Zealand forfeited their February 21 group

match in Nairobi on security

grounds. "The rules are not made by us," Karim insisted. "When the New

Zealand game was forfeited it was not the ideal situation." But Karim, who played one Davis Cup tennis match for Kenya against Egypt in 1988, is deter-mined to look forward, not back.

"I don't think we'll realise what we're in for until we get on the field on Thursday. There'll be a full house, one billion people in India watching the match, everyone in Kenya and millions around the

"But when the Kenyan Cricket Association contacted me in January and said they wanted me for the variation in bowling and my experience I decided if I am called I must go and serve my country.

India could only make 183 with

Mohinder Armanath and Madan

Lal both taking three wickets to win

In 1999, it was India's neighbours Pakistan who came unstuck

losing by 62 runs to Bangladesh in

Northampton although they

recovered to make it to the final.

India's first and, so far, only title.

Ominous odds

off 49.3 overs with top scores from Steve Tikolo (29) and Hitesh Modi (26) both are due to play Thursday but even that meagre target was too much for a bickering and illdisciplined Caribbean side as they were all out for 93.

Maurice Odumbe, another survivor in the 2003 team, did the damage with 3-15 from 10 overs in a defeat which was enough to eventually drive Windies skipper Richie Richardson into despair and retirement.

Mightier shocks have happened since with Zimbabwe stunning Australia in Nottingham in the 1983 finals to win by 13 runs.

the England coach, made 69 in his team's 239 for six but despite fifties from Kepler Wessels and Rodney Marsh, the Aussies fell behind the required rate as Fletcher's four for 42 made him man of the match.

They had won one and lost one

against the West Indies on the way

to the final but had almost lost to

Zimbabwe before victories over

Australia and England gave them a

place in the final.

By Eugene Sheffer

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India's win by 43 runs over the double champions West Indies in the final at Lord's that year was also a stunner as in two previous tournaments they had managed just one win and that had been in 1975 against East Africa.

Captain Duncan Fletcher, now

still is clouded by allegations of match-fixing. Bangladesh made 223 before Khaled Mahmud took 3-31 as Pakistan crashed to 161 all

The match, however, was and

Quips & Quotes

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Africa. $"His \, suggestion \, that \, his \, life \, could$ be in danger in South Africa is insulting. Olonga is either delu-

sional or supremely ill-informed." **African National Congress hits**

back at Olonga's claims. "There won't be too many Sri Lanka players who get an opportunity like this again in their careers. Here we are in the semi-final and with a great chance to go on and experience what it is like in a final. These games don't come along too

Sri Lanka coach Dav Whatmore on his team's semi-final challenge against Australia.

More Martyn misery

English counties for this summer's championship. Others include Shoaib Akhtar (Hampshire), Saqlain Mushtaq and Azhar Mehmood (Middlesex).

Sharjah Cup, which will also be contested by South Africa and Sri Lanka. Board sources said several play-

to take over as coach from Richard Pybus," a PCB source told Reuters, adding there were three candidates for captain, including wicketkeepers Rashid Latif and Moin Khan.

The Pakistan board and selectors have come under intense pressure to revamp the team after the country's miserable World Cup campaign in South Africa. There have also been calls to axe some senior players, including captain Wagar Younis.

ture are limitation of movement, pain and swelling," Alcott said.

"We will be waiting to see whether those three problem areas subside, before making any further decisions about Damien's shortterm future.

Martyn said he was terribly disappointed to miss the semifinal

the finger's pretty sore at the moment and there's not much movement there, so it's probably a wise move that I sit this one out," he said.

"Should we get through the match, I will be doing my utmost to get it right ahead of Sunday's final in Johannesburg. "That will involve ongoing work with Errol Alcott over the next few

Whatmore.

oack strain. selection headache for skipper Ricky Ponting who was facing having to drop either Andrew Symonds or Ian Harvey to accommodate Bevan.

Martyn has scored 235 runs for his side during the tournament at an average of 47.0 with a best of 67 not out against the Netherlands in the first round.

Symonds **FROM PAGE 13**

the crease.

Tuesday, took his tournament average to 117, having been dismissed just once in three visits to

Ramnaresh Sarwan of West Indies has the next highest batting average of 104.5, while India's Sachin Tendulkar, the highest runscorer at the World Cup with a record 586, is averaging 65.11.

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rare appearance.

However with several complain-

Group A At Newcastle Newcastle United v Barcelona

may well be meeting the Gunners at the right moment.

However if they are to honour

A refreshing change FROM PAGE 16

Further wins against Bangladesh and Zimbabwe have almost, but not quite, silenced those observers who maintain that their advance is because of the boycott by New Zealand of the group match in Nairobi. It is true that the four

that they have not helped them-The advance has left Kenyan cricket with a sense of high expectation. Pre-tournament criticism of the administrators has been forgotten and the application for full membership of the International

game's cash, has been revived. ICC. How can they deny a country deal will probably be cut. Kenya recognise that if they began playing Test matches now they would probably follow Bangladesh as cannon fodder. Rather than have an uplifting effect, it would eventu-

manager. "There are plans for more threeday games at domestic level, but

have matches against other countries' A teams.' There are hundreds, rather than

long-distance runner before cricket finally ensnared him. The ICC have plans for an intercontinental tournament for countries like Kenva. Andrew Eade, the global development manager, has

the winners qualifying for a sepa-"That is a way for sides to gain experience," he said. "The idea is

because I don't think that many countries have that desire. "But they will want to play one-

first-class cricket. If they are achieved, Test status might be granted by 2005. But the ICC dare

the ground soon.'

full membership by a unanimous verdict, which makes everyone culpable is helping to make the international game a laughing Kenya ought not to go down that road. True, they are left with the immediate problem of replacing their national coach, Sandeej

> effectiveness Surprisingly, in view of the bland mediocrity likely to be on show in some English county sides this summer, he has not had an approach.

Patil, but they have a sound youth

structure in place. The graduation

of Obuya is demonstration of its

"I would like to play in England some day and club cricket would be a possibility. But I am signed to nya," he said. He has put on hold his plans to study medicine. Some 21 players have been enlisted by the Kenyan association and are in effect fulltime cricketers. Their rewards have been multiplied. It was agreed beforehand, when nobody

they could keep the prize money. It would be appalling if they were full-time cricketers without anybody to play. At the least, they should expect more invitations to one-day tournaments.

expected them to progress, that

"It's been a big problem, just getting games," said Quarishy. "We've got to have them otherwise this will be for nothing.'

Whatever happens next, Kenya and Collins Obuya will not be disappearing. Afridi aims

(Surrey) and Abdul Razzaq Pakistan cricket authorities are set to announce a new captain. coach and team this week for the

"The main symptoms of this frac-

"Until that time it will just be a case of reviewing the finger daily and treating it accordingly," Alcott

"Naturally I'm disappointed, but

Australia have already lost legspinner Shane Warne (drugs test) and fast bowler Jason Gillespie (heel injury) from their World Cup squad, but Sri Lankan coach Dav Whatmore didn't think the absence of Martyn would make that much

"He's a steady player and a good fielder, but there've been other changes to their squad without making any difference," said Martyn's injury means a recall

for Michael Bevan, who missed the

five-wicket win over Kenya with a

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The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for

Group B match?



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> not for the eventual globalisation of Test cricket I don't think that will happen

Englishman's acting skills.

"If we go through it would give

back the enthusiasm that has been

missing from the squad this year and keep the president happy.

"If the president does not invest in the club we can say goodbye to our

ter-finals would be impressive with a

phase with largely a young side and will be boosted by the return of

highly-regarded Romanian defender

However the Dutch champions, who last won the Champions League in 1995, could be without leading

striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic, who ironically is a target for Roma should they make the last eight and club president Franco Sensi releases

Newcastle have been hit by the groin injury to experienced Welsh midfielder Gary Speed which has

ruled him out though fiery French winger Laurent Robert is expected to

return against what the home side

must hope is a Barcelona side

already with one eye on their last

Shearer is hoping to give the home fans a night to remember.

games of my career," the 31-year-old

"I am just hoping that we can deliver one of the great nights in Newcastle's history," added Shearer, who has scored five times in the

Inter for their part are struggling with their strikers as both Alvaro Recoba and Christian Vieri are

suspended so Nigerian youngster Obafemi Martins could well start up

front alongside Turkish interna-tional Emre Belozoglu with the

option of Hernan Crespo coming off

the bench after recovering from a

It is likely that Kenya will be

ven a set of targets in developing

a repeat of Bangladesh. Their

haplessness since being granted

Champions League this season.

Newcastle's star striker Alan

"This is one of the most important

capital'I'

Christian Chivu.

funds for next season.

eight spot.

"To make it through to the quar-

Ajax have performed above emselves in the second round

At Leverkusen

For Roma boss Fabio Capello the Champions League remains the only viable target for the rest of the season and failure to make the last eight will represent a dramatic fall from grace r their handler, who only two years ago was hailed a hero for delivering

Sri Lanka, a feat which briefly entered the World Cup top 10 bowling returns. Collins simply kept bobbing in and inviting them to hit across the line. He can bowl leg-breaks all right: what he must

now do this to develop some varia-

Kenya have hardly looked back.

points Kenva were awarded have been vital, but nobody can suggest

Cricket Council, which brings Test status and a greater share of the It provides a conundrum for the which has reached the last four of the sport's premier competition? A

development of the game. "We want to play Test matches but we realise that before that can happen we must get experience in the longer version of the game,' said Mehmood Quarishy, the team

the [small] number of players does

not make it easy. I would like us to

ally debilitate the side and the

thousands, of senior cricketers in Kenya. Cricket has been given an enormous boost because of the World Cup. The deputy prime and sports minister will attend the semifinal against India in

Durban on Thursday. But athletics,

football and boxing remain the big

three sports. Collins himself was a

the template in mind. Nations from Asia, Europe and Africa would play in separate tournaments, with

day international cricket, and while it might seem perverse, a way Wasim Akram, Saeed Anwar, to play that better is to play three-Inzamamul Hag and Rashid Latif day cricket. I hope we can get this have said they had no plans to retire

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ers were being considered for the "Javed Miandad is a front-runner

Waqar and established players