India lobby for Gibbs, Boje

BBC ONLINE, Undated

India's cricket board is to lobby the government to allow South Africa's Herschelle Gibbs and Nicky Boie to play in the ICC Champions Trophy.

The duo were implicated in the 2000 match-fixing controversy and have not visited India since for fear of arrest.

The BCCI hopes to use board president Sharad Pawar's position as minister for agriculture to influence government.

"We are keen to see Boje and Gibbs play. We want the best teams to play," said board secretary Niranjan Shah.

Shah said he received a letter from the International Cricket Council on the matter last week. 'They want to utilise our good

offices but this is a police matter and involves legal issues," he added. The Hansie Cronje affair, center-

ing on match-fixing and illegal betting, rocked the cricketing world Gibbs was banned for six months

after he admitted to accepting money, while Boje has always denied any involvement.

The players have twice kept away from tours of India, missing two Tests in 2004 and a five-match one-day series the following year.

South Africa are due to take on New Zealand in their first Champions Trophy match in Mumbai (Bombay) on October 16.

Sarwan unhurt after accident

AFP, Georgetown

West Indies batsman Ramnaresh Sarwan has passed himself available for this weekend's one-day international double-header against Zimbabwe in his homeland following a traffic accident.

The West Indies' website reports That the 25-year-old Sarwan escaped unhurt after being involved in the collision shortly before noon in the Guvana capital.

"I am fine, no scrapes, no scratches, no bruises or anything, and I'm fully available to play cricket this weekend at Bourda," Sarwan told the team's website.

Sarwan was driving along one of the major thoroughfares when the driver of another vehicle failed to yield to traffic on the major road, and his vehicle ended up in the path of Sarwan's SUV.

No one in the accident suffered any major injuries.

The news was not so good however, for international umpire Eddie Nicholls, whose son Dylon died in a separate traffic accident.

The younger Nicholls died when a truck collided with his mini-bus on a stretch of road that leads to the

The firsts

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packing during a match against Romania (1-3) in front of the smallest ever World Cup attendance: 300 people

Six and penalty: Argentina were the first nation to score six goals beating Mexico 6-3 in a match that also featured the first penalty. In fact the Bolivian referee Ulices Saucedo awarded five penalties during the match, although three were contro-

The first player to miss a penalty was Argentina's Fernando Paternoster. Mexico's Manuel Rocquetas Rosas became the first man to successfully convert a spot-

Own-goal: Mexico's Manuel Rosas became the first unlucky culprit to score an own-goal in the match against Chile

Referee: The first referee in a World Cup match was Domingo Lombardi of Uruguay who was assisted by Gilberto de Almejda Rego of Brazil and Henri Christophe of Belgium. Ball: The first World Cup football was designed in 1880, and was made of leather lashed together with long straps. It was brown and had pronounced stitching.

But it was criticised back home and

several players in the squad called it

a disaster, highlighting the lack of

good defenders, good midfielders

and good forwards but each pulled

showing in light of the problems that

beset Argentina in the build-up to

the tournament, the kind that had

regularly undermined the national

Omar Sivori, the late Juventus

great, had steered Argentina

through the qualifiers after his

talented, young side had beaten

West Germany 3-2 in a friendly in

But he walked out over differ-

ences with the Argentine Football

Association (AFA) and was

replaced by Vladislao Cap, who

took charge of his first match less

than two months before the World

Munich in February 1973.

However, it was a creditable

Captain Perfumo said: "We had

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their own way."

team previously

organisation or tactics.

Jones blow for **England**

Cricket

England suffered yet another injury setback ahead of next week's first Test against Sri Lanka when fast bowler Simon Jones was ruled out Friday for six weeks with a knee problem.

The reverse-swing specialist suffered a twinge in his left knee during Glamorgan's C&G Trophy match against Ireland on Monday and saw a specialist Thursday to get further information on the problem, which forced him home from the tour to India

Jones has been advised to rest for six weeks, which rules him out of the Test and one-day series against Sri Lanka, and he could face further surgery at the end of it.

Dr Peter Gregory, the England and Wales Cricket Board's chief medical officer, said Friday: "Simon had an MRI scan, and his injury was

reviewed by his orthopaedic specialist yesterday.

"The view of this specialist is that Simon sustained a new injury to his knee, which has damaged the cartilage surface of the joint.

"Simon will be required to rest the knee for six weeks and will then be reassessed. If the knee does not respond to rest he may need to undergo further surgery."

It was desperate news for Jones. who endured a 10-month battle to play again after suffering torn cruciate ligaments in his right knee during the 2002-03 Ashes tour of Australia.

He recovered to become a key member of last year's Ashes triumph but has not played a Test for England since the thrilling victory at Trent Bridae in Auaust.

Jones's latest setback saw him become the latest England player to be ruled out as the selectors prepare to announce their squad on

Cooley boosts Aussies

Cricket

Fast bowling guru Troy Cooley has returned home to begin shoring up Australia's pace attack ahead of the much-anticipated Ashes cricket series with England here later this

Cooley was recruited by Cricket Australia last December after he played a leading role in the development of England's fast bowlers -Steve Harmison, Andrew Flintoff, Simon Jones, James Anderson and Matthew Hoggard -- who helped their country to their win over Australia in last year's Ashes series.

Cooley will begin work with Australia's younger fast bowlers at the Centre of Excellence in Brisbane during the domestic offseason, and will help train the A team throughout the July series against other A teams from New Zealand, India and Pakistan.

His work with Australia's quicks, coupled with the dossier on England's pacemen, will greatly boost Australia in their attempt to regain the Ashes urn, starting in

Host South Africa in two Tests and a

tri-nation tournament also involving

Away at Australia to play two Tests

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Host Sri Lanka in two Tests and a tri-

nation tournament involving

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Cup -- shades of 1966 when Juan

Carlos Lorenzo was handed the job

iust before the tournament in

Menotti in late 1974 marked the

beginning of the modern era for

Argentina when coaches were

given greater job security, saw their

tenures through and won two World

close to a premature chop in 1986

when he and his team, captained by

Diego Maradona, were already on

their way from Buenos Aires to

Mexico City and playing badly in

called for Bilardo's head but AFA

president Julio Grondona stood by

his man and Maradona led the team

Being favourites does not seem

Marcelo Bielsa took his team to

Japan four years ago as outright

Argentine government officials

warm-up games.

to sit well with Argentina.

Carlos Bilardo, however, came

The appointment of Cesar Luis

Tests and 3 ODIs in Jan-Feb.

and 3 ODIs in May-June

and 3 ODIs in Sept.

3 ODIs in Oct.

England.

Champions' Trophy in April-May.

Twenty20 Internationals in June.

Champions' Trophy in September.

Tests and 3 ODIs in Nov-Dec.

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India in Feb-Mar.

Asia Cup in April.

and 3 ODIs in July-Aug.

Zimbabwe in Dec-Jan.

Tests and 3 ODIs in April.

and 5 ODIs in Aug

ODIs in Oct-Nov.

Lanka in Dec-Jan.

Asia Cup in April.

2009

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November.

"It was a real coup to get Troy back here," Australia's chairman of selectors Andrew Hilditch told The Sydney Morning Herald on Thursday. "It was quite clear from last year's

Ashes just how good a job he did with England's quicks. "They were awesome. We are very happy with our batch of quicks

coming through, and it's exciting to think the kind of impact he could Tasmanian-born Cooley had served as England's fast bowling coach since May 2003 and he returned to Australia to take up his

new job after the expiry of his con-

tract with the England and Wales

Cricket Board this month. Along with former Australian wicketkeeper Rod Marsh, Cooley helped establish the fast bowling programme at England's National

Cricket Academy. Part of Cooley's task will be to develop young fast bowling talents Shaun Tait, Mitchell Johnson and Brett Dorey, who have all been selected for the Australia A team in the Top End series in Darwin and

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Asia Cup in February

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March.

and 5 ODIs in Jul-Aug.

ICC World Cup in Feb-Mar.

Host Australia in two Tests and 3

Away at Zimbabwe to play two Tests

Host West Indies in two Tests and 3

Host Pakistan in three Tests and 5

BANGLADESH IN FTP

Host England in two Tests and 3 Host Sri Lanka in five ODIs in

Now appeal FROM PAGE 17

Stump microphones, something

that would help them hear edges more easily. It will also look at proposals to

improve the consistency of decisionmaking about bad light, review laws governing bats and discuss the playing conditions for the Champions Trophy and World Cup.

Recommendations from the Cricket Committee need to be accepted by the ICC chief executives' committee and ratified by a July meeting of the ICC board before being put into practice.

favourites after the country's best

qualifying campaign only for

Argentina to suffer their worst tour-

nament in 40 years, going out at the

group stage as they had in Chile in

defeats by England and Croatia after

they led until the final minutes in

warm-up games have cast doubts

over Argentina's chances in

home and abroad about coach Jose

Pekerman's ability to end the hurt of

2002 but he feels safe in his job and

is an inherent believer in the quality

Germany in 1974, delivered in 1978,

Maradona inspired Argentina to

victory in 1986 and Pekerman is

now putting his faith in Juan Roman

Riquelme and Lionel Messi.

Kempes, who emerged in

of Argentina's players.

Questions are being asked at

This year, near identical 3-2

Counting on Messi, Riquelme

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Group E, and that of Trapattoni. "The only thing that comes from the recent tournaments is a great desire to redeem ourselves," he

Lippi never appeared at the

"I think there will be a great battle

"That balance, you could say, might not make for wide-open matches but that doesn't mean there won't be a great desire to play open and attacking football," said Lippi

Clijsters in last four

Tennis

Open on Friday.

consecutive victory over Italy's

Francesca Schiavone to reach

the semifinals of the Warsaw

6-4, 6-4 and was never seriously

troubled by her fifth-seeded

opponent despite dropping her

today," said Clijsters. "I did

exactly what I had to do. which

was to being aggressive and

trying not to let her play the game

she likes to play, which is moving

her opponent around, mixing her

game up and attacking with her

the edge in the rallies, using her

Former French Open champion

Carlos Moya and top seed David

Nalbandian both had to fight off

determined outsiders to

advance into the quarterfinals of

Mova, the winner here in

2000, blunted a late charge from

Argentine Gustavo Marcaccio 6-

David Nalbandian, the 2002

champion, saw off France's

world ranked 522 Jeremy

Nalbandian didn't help him-

self with a double-fault to lose

the ninth game while serving for

hit a lot of winners," said the

well to take it to the breaker. I

lost the 2005 final to Guillermo

Coria, had to battle against the

406 Marcaccio, also losing

serve while aiming for victory

But Moya, a former world

number one and 1998 French

knew that would be tough."

leading 5-4 in the second.

"He started pushing hard and

"He did a good job and played

The sixth-seeded Moya, who

Chardy 6-1, 7-6 (7/0).

South American

1, 7-5 while Argentine top seed

the Estoril Open Thursday.

Tennis

AFP, Estoril

"I felt pretty good out there

serve early in both sets.

The top-seeded Belgian won

Zimbabwe's provincial cricke bosses are calling on International AFP. Warsaw Cricket Council chief Malcolm Speed to resign. Kim Clijsters claimed her 10th

They claim the ICC has failed to take a stand after Zimbabwe's government imposed an interim committee headed by two controversial figures.

Zim officials

rebuke ICC

BBC ONLINE, Undated

The letter's signatory Richie Kaschula, recently sacked as fulltime selector, said: "The ICC declined to intervene, which should have been their duty.'

Many talented young players have deserted the sport in Zimbabwe.

An open letter sent to the ICC and the other Test-playing countries claims Speed was wrong to allow Chingoka to investigate himself and Byute following widespread allegations of corruption.

It also alleges that he failed to ensure that he received the requested full audit of Zimbabwe Cricket's financial affairs.

"In the interests of cricket worldwide you should do the honourable thing and resign your position," the letter concluded.

The ICC has consistently said direct intervention would do little to resolve what it calls "a complex

The interim board said in January Zimbabwe would not play Tests for at least 12 months.

Freddie back

But it seems impossible. I don't

know how much I'm going to play this summer - it depends on the international calendar. "There's a lot of talk about play-

ers being rested from various forms of cricket, but the sheer volume of cricket means it's getting harder and

"As it is, it's just so hectic, so this is an important game for myself and for the team."

Windies look

FROM PAGE 17 Side approached the target, let alone the fact they achieved, would further deflate Terrence Duffin's young and inexperienced side.

The Zimbabweans however. showed great fight in the first two ODIs, with Justice Chibhabha distinguishing himself as a batsman with some promise, medium-fast bowler Edward Rainsford bowling with control, and Prosper Utseya offering plenty of guile with his off-

They would need for the others around them - particularly Duffin, fellow opener Piet Rinke, wicketkeeper/batsman Brendon Taylor, and fast bowler Blessing Mahwire - to show similar or greater levels of effectiveness if the visitors are to burst Lara's bubble.

West Indies (from): Brian Lara Tino Best, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Sewnarine Chattergoon, Corey Collymore, Fidel Edwards, Chris Gayle, Dave Mohammed, Runako Morton, Denesh Ramdin, Marlon Samuels, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Dwayne Smith, Jerome Taylor.

Zimbabwe (from): Terrence Duffin (c), Chamunorwa Chibhabha, Elton Chigumbura, Charles Coventry, Keith Dabengwa, Ryan Higgins, Anthony Ireland, Blessing Mahwire, Keegan Meth, Tawanda Mupariwa, Edward Rainsford, Piet Rinke, Vusimuzi Sibanda, Gregory Strydom, Brendan Taylor, Prosper Utseya.

Boom in female

arenas and they have all the trappings: catering service for those whose pockets are well-lined; roofs to keep dry in bad weather; more seating rather than standing-roomonly sections.

Since January, the women's magazine Brigitte has been introducing the world's best players in each issue. Adult education centres have been offering courses for those who want to learn soccer basics. All these things contribute to the

upward trend of women watching the "beautiful game" -- whether the World Cup or the Bundesliga.

Lippi's Italy

Republic and the United States in

World Cup as a player and is clearly relishing the chance to make an impression on the game's biggest stage although he believes the tournament could produce many tight games.

between the traditional teams, there are many excellent coaches who organise the teams well and there will be little to choose between the greater power either to put in her favour, and she dropped Schiavone on the defensive or force errors.

Although Cliisters started slowly, double-faulting twice and dropping her serve to love in the second game, she recovered the break at 1-3 when Schiavone netted a smash.

A second break at 3-3 followed, and although Clijsters failed to win a set point on Schiavone's serve at 5-3 she served out the set in the next game. Schiavone then fought off

three break points and broke to

lead 2-0 in the second set. But Clijsters forced a backhand error to break back in the third game, and then earned

break point at 4-4 when her opponent put a simple smash wide. Clijsters then broke when a

It was Clijsters who often held forehand hit the netcord and fell

Moya, Nalbandian move on

Open champion, broke straight

back and wrapped up victory in

the next game in just over 90

will play a Friday quarter-final

The Spaniard, ranked 38th,

just one point as she served out the match. "When she missed that smash and then ending it with a let cord as well, you never know," said a grateful

> "But that's the thing, that's tennis. That's why you always have to keep going for your point. It's never finished, and even if when there's a situation when you're completely out of it even, try to run back or move a little bit.

> Schiavone admitted she was lacking the consistency she needed to beat Clijsters. "I was playing one point, two points, one game, two games, but if you want to beat Kim you have to play every point consistently and I think today I didn't do it,' she said.

the second set, the long-shot

After pulling level at a set

apiece, Gil, 21-years-old and

ranked 247 ran away with the

third set, reaching 5-0 before

After holding off the inevita-

ble with one winning game,

Tursunov, who dropped serve

five times, followed doubles

partner Marat Safin out in the

Zheng Jie and Li Na repeated

their 2005 breakthrough perfor-

Pous Tio 6-2, 2-6, 6-3 while and

number eight Li Na crushed

Czech Katerina Bohmova 6-1,

Lucie Safarova, moved into a

quarterfinal against second-

seeded Argentine Gisela Duko.

Li, losing finalist a year ago to

Last year's quarter-finalist

Spanish third seed Lourdes

Zheng will play Czech Zuzana

Dominguez Lino booked her

place in the last eight over Kaia

. Kanepi of Estonia 6-1, 6-4.

In the women's draw. China's

Sixth seed Zheng beat Laura

local suddenly came alive.

Tursunov could react.

singles competition.

mances

Ondrusaka.

South Africa, currently sixth to New Zealand's fifth in the International

Scoreboard at tea on the first day of the third and final Test between the Wanderers Stadium on Friday: **NEW ZEALAND**: First innings

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Extras: (lb-9, nb-3, w-1) Total: (All out in 44 overs) 78, 6-78, 7-82, 8-118, 9-118 0 M Bowler 16 35 Ntini 3 43

Dippenaar, H Amla, J Kallis, A Prince, A de Villiers, M Boucher, S

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was good news for England. "The positives are he's not injured and Ashley got better and better during the game. He had 90 minutes of

his game yet as it was his first full match in a while. The good thing though is he is available and he can

"We are at the beginning of May and the competition begins on June 10. In five weeks you should see a

performance of England defender Sol Campbell, who like Cole is returning to full fitness. "You can to game." he said.

seen David Sommeil equalise for the home side after Arsenal midfielder Freddie Ljungberg opened the scoring.

City and they made it difficult for us," Wenger said. "At 1-1 it could have gone either way and City had one or two good chances. We needed some fresh faces and Reyes made a difference.

AFP. Madrid

Spain will take on fellow finalists Croatia in a World Cup warm-up on June 8 in Switzerland, the Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) said on Thursday.

champions Brazil, Australia and

try and bring the various factors Numerous together. We will try and renew the accreditations 2006 World Cup. denied

Security officials for next month's Totti eager to World Cup finals in Germany have

> Roma playmaker Francesco Totti is excited at the prospect of playing again after a long absence through

BITS AND BOBS

Gussoni 6-2, 6-2.

reject applications without explain ing the reasons why.

"Of course he is not at the top of play. For England that is just right.

perfect Ashley Cole. Wenger was also pleased by the

see Sol getting sharper from game Arsenal clinched the three points thanks to two goals from Jose Antonio Reyes in the space of six second-half minutes. City had

"It was a spirited performance by

Spain to play Croats

games, facing Russia on May 27 at Albacete and Egypt at Elche on June 3. In the World Cup finals in

Germany, Spain are in Group H

with Ukraine, Tunisia and Saudi the will of the FPF and of the coach, Madail said in remarks reported on www.ojogo.pt. 'Each party has its limits - we will

The Italian international broke his ankle in February, throwing his

"When? That is not up to me. "I will talk with coach Spalletti and we will evaluate whether against Treviso I should start or be a

only be on the bench at the week-"How I feel? Let's say between 40 and 50 percent of my best condi-

tion," he added. No flag on USA bus

AP. Frankfurt

The official team bus to be used by the United States during the World

Cup will not bear a flag for security reasons. The 32 official buses were presented Thursday in Frankfurt, and the other 31 buses have large

national flags of the their teams painted on rear sides. German and U.S. security officials decided to leave the flag off the U.S. team bus, an official of the German organizing committee

said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to discuss the topic. The bus is predominantly blue in

National teams use their buses to go from their hotels to practices, games and airports. They will have police escorts, and the Americans' exhibition game at Dortmund on March 22 was used as a test of security plans.

At the 2002 World Cup, the United States was among the most heavily guarded teams. When the Americans arrived at Incheon International Airport, about 500 police formed a corridor the players walked through as they came out of customs, with SWAT team commandos mixed in.

When the team's charter flight landed at Daegu Airport before a game against South Korea, two tanks were on the runway. Metal detectors were placed at the entrance of the team hotel throughout the players' stay in Seoul.

Department routinely travel with the U.S. team when it plays outside the United States.

Dutch plan to

Pakistan hire **Jonty**

AFP, Lahore

Pakistan has hired former South African cricketer Jonty Rhodes to boost its squad's fielding skills ahead of an important tour of England, officials said Friday.

Rhodes as fielding coach for two weeks and he will be arriving in early

director Abbas Zaidi told AFP. Rhodes played 52 Tests and 245 one-day internationals and was regarded as one of the world's best

ended after the 2003 World Cup. Cricket fans here still remember the image of a leaping Rhodes in the 1992 World Cup in Australia running

criticised Rhodes's hiring and questioned the role of current coach

Cricket Council Test rankings, lead the series 1-0 and a win or a draw will mean the two sides swap

South Africa and New Zealand at Papps b Ntini

Pollock SOUTH AFRICA: G Smith, H

party to final

Dutch soccer authorities are preparing an ambitious schedule of World Cup parties in German cities on the assumption they will go all

coordinator with the Dutch soccer association, told a German police conference on Thursday that thousands of Dutch fans would stage pre-match "Orange Parties" in each venue where the team plays.

the Stuttgart game against Ivory Coast on June 16 and the keenly anticipated June 21 clash against Argentina. As both are evening fixtures, the street parties will start at the slightly more civilised time of 9 a.m.

team could play if it qualified for the later rounds by coming first or second in Group C. They include Berlin, which will host a quarter-final and the July 9 final and where the Dutch would like

lems with hooliganism, de Jong said the troublemakers were mostly associated with club sides rather

"We have finalised the hiring of June," Pakistan Cricket Board

fielders during his career, which

out Inzamam-ul Haq -- who is now

Former greats Imran Khan and Javed Miandad have previously

How c De Villiers b Steyn Fleming c Boucher b Ntini Styris c De Villiers b Ntini Astle c Kallis b Stevn Oram Ibw b Pollock McCullum c and b Ntini Vettori Ibw b Steyn

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Pollock, A Hall, D Steyn, M Ntini Umpires: A de Silva (SRI), D Hair

Spain will also play two home

Arabia. Croatia are in Group F with

rejected 400 accreditation requests, the head of the World Cup's police deployment working group in Berlin said Thursday. Organisers expect to hand out 250,000 accreditations in total, but

said they have reserved the right to

against compatriot Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, who survived a three-hour, 26-minute marathon to oust Argentine Carlos Berloca

"I lost to him at the Australian

Open (first round 2005), so I have hopes of revenge," said Moya, "I played well today, I was very focussed.' Portugal's Frederico Gil rallied from the brink to surprise Russian fifth seed Dmitry

Tursunov 4-6, 6-4, 6-1 for a

place in the quarters.

He is the first from the host nation since Nuno Marques in 1995 to advance this far here. The 21-year-old, playing in his first event at the ATP level

after recent weeks spent in

Nigeria, Brazil and Morocco in

low-level Futures events, had

the crowd at the Estadio

With the California-based

Russian looking in command in

But Tursunov was less impressed with his slow pace of play and words were exchanged

Nacional on his side.

at the net.

From that number 18,000 are expected to go to media representatives. The rest will go to World Cup officials, employees and volunteers. Germany has beefed up security

for the June 9-July 9 finals but

police deployment chief Jurgen Mathies said the country was wellequipped to cope with demands. German police officers will work in tandem with the 500 offiers expected to arrive from other coun-

And around 7000 military per-

sonnel will be present at the tournament - which will also be under surveillance from radar-equipped Awac airplanes from NATO. Around 2.2 million Germans and one million foreigners are expected to attend matches at football's biggest showpiece, with many

more watching matches in pubs Portugal worried

about Phil INTERNET, undated

the job instead.

package, which will persuade Luiz Felipe Scolari to stay on as coach after the World Cup. The Brazilian, who led his homeland to the 2002 World Cup, last week turned down the chance to replace Sven-Goran Eriksson as

England coach after the World Cup.

Steve McClaren was today given

That has led to suggestions

Portuguese Football Federation

(FPF) president Gilberto Madail

admits it might be difficult to find the

Scolari could extend his three-year stay in the Portugal post and Madail confirmed he still hoped to keep Scolari on board. 'An agreement is dependent on

contract with the coach during the 'There is no question about his (Scolari's) ability. But we are a small

play again **INTERNET**, undated World Cup participation into jeop-

substitute. The 29-vear-old is expected to

the 3 p.m. kickoff.

De Jong provoked goodhumoured heckling when he said the Dutch authorities had also inquired about organising parties in all the German cities where the

than the national team. The association has a blacklist of 974 bans who are banned from buying match tickets, although de Jong acknowledged the Dutch

participating countries to keep a close eye on potentially violent Asked how German cities had responded to the prospect of thou-

best fans in the world."

Officers of the U.S. State

Pakistan's captain.

Bob Woolmer.

Franklin c Boucher b Hall Martin c Smith b Ntini Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-0, 3-2, 4-57, 5-

REUTERS, Berlin

the way to the final. Gijs de Jong, safety and security

opener against Serbia and Montenegro, and they face a gruelling schedule: the party will start at 7 a.m. to allow plenty of time before Even more are likely to travel to

to hold their pre-match festivities near the Brandenburg Gate. Asked about past Dutch prob-

authorities had no legal powers to stop them from travelling to Germany during the tournament. German authorities are working

second goal: "We want to be the

Ntini destroys NZ

SCOREBOARD

Emilie Loit of France, the 2004 champion, came through to oust Argentine Natalia

Up to 15,000 Dutch fans are expected in Leipzig for the June 11

closely with police from all the

sands of Dutch supporters partying from early morning, de Jong said: 'Thev're cool about it." Apart from winning the tournament, he said, the Dutch have a

ardy, but Totti should be back for Roma's game with Treviso on "I want to play, I'm looking forward to this," Totti told Gazzetta dello Sport.