### The heat is on

AFP. Berlin

German fans vandalised Italian restaurants and torched garbage bins after the host nation was defeated by Italy in the World Cup semifinals, police said on Wednesday

In the central town of Quedlinburg, some 25 fans stormed into an Italian restaurant and knocked over chairs and tables after Italy won 2-0 late in extra-time on Tuesday

In Stendal, also in the state of Saxony-Anhalt, some 40 German fans targetted an Italian ice cream parlour and in nearby Magdeburg, they ripped the flowerboxes off the windows of an Italian restaurant

The police said 150 troublemakers torched garbage bins and smashed bottles in Hoverswerda in the eastern state of Saxony.

Police spokesman Jens Baehr said seven people were arrested and

In the western city of Zweibruecken a brawl broke out between about 200 people, but nobody was seriously injured. Twelve people were arrested.

Tempers also flared in Dortmund. where the semifinal was played. "We are dealing with small scuffles

throughout the city," a police spokes-

### **Budhia eyes** Olympic gold

Orissa's marathon miracle Budhiya Singh, who has non-stop run a distance of 65 kms, today said he cherished a dream to earn an Olympic gold medal for the country.

"My dream is to bring honours to my country by winning the Olympic gold medal in future and I am striving all out for it," the four-and-halfyear-old child said after being given the first 'Ambassy Little Star' award by Ambassy Millennium School

Budhia, who also featured in the Limca Book of Records following his unique feat, was brimming with confidence after demostrating his skills by running around the Central Park here unexhausted in front of students five time his age.

"They were all running behind me," he said later.

Budhia denied being tortured by his coach Biranchi Das. who is accused of making him perform beyond his capacity.

"He takes good care of me and does everything related to his health and diet." he said.

About his diet. Budhia said "besides the staple food rice, I eat raw eggs, milk, bananas, papaya, dates and cashews in my daily diet to keep myself fit".



Contrary to the number of goals scored there was a record number of vellow and red cards dished out in the 1990 World Cup. Sixteen players were sent off and 164 players were brandished the yellow card, producing an average of 3.46 per match.





### Michel Platini

(Former French star) "There have been some good

matches and some not so good, but in general I think the standard of football has not been particularly On the quality of play in the World



**STAR Sports** Wimbledon Championships



Italy coach Marcello Lippi (C) jumps in joy after his side netted the first goal against Germany in the semifinal at Dortmund's Westfalen Stadion on Tuesday.

### Clive for British tennis

AFP, London

Former England Rugby Union coach Clive Woodward has been asked to him improve Britain's young

Woodward led England to World Cup victory in 2003 and is regarded as one of the most innovative coaches in

He has used modern technology to boost his players' performances and Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) chief executive Roger Draper has persuaded him to use those ideas with stars like Andy Murray. Woodward, who is currently work-

ing as a coaching advisor at English football club Southampton, has already worked with several players and will meet LTA chiefs to discuss ways to improve training techniques.

Draper told the Daily Mirror newspaper: "The LTA is keen to learn from "Clive has proved the value that

can come from the EyeThink technology and we feel there may be benefits that can be applied to tennis.

"Clive has spent a couple of days at Queen's Club with many of our players and they really enjoyed working with

### **Greg hails** pace attack

**PTI,** Kingstor

Coach Greg Chappell has described the performance of the young pace bowlers in India's series win in the Caribbean as "outstanding" and said the team now had the bowlers to win under any condition.

"We have won with three young fast bowlers and it's a credit. Along with Irfan Pathan, we have got four fast bowlers of variety which would help us to play under any condition, inside or outside India. I think we are better equipped than ever before," Chappell said.

The Australian great however made a plea not to over-react to the series triumph.

"I have been in cricket for long to know that you can't overreact to anything. Good or bad. We shouldn't get carried away. We have a lot of work to do before we become a very good Test team," remarked Chappell as he prepared to leave for a short vacation to the United States.

The series victory was India's first significant rubber triumph outside the sub-continent in 20 years.

Chappell said it took time to build a strong Test team and people should not expect miracles overnight.

"England beat Australia in the Ashes last year and it took them five vears to build that team. I don't know why there is expectation that we can do it in 60 minutes. Playing good Test cricket takes 20 to 30 Test matches before a player really understands what Test cricket is all about." the

### The sky

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way they've overcome every obstacle to reach a final many thought was beyond them. "It was tough but we are

delighted that we have done it. It is a dream, we have achieved something huge here," said the 58-yearold former Juventus coach. "We suffered at times, but I felt

that if one team was going to win it, it was us. Territorially we dominated, and in the end we took a few risks that paid off. It's a really special moment, fantastic.

"These boys are something special. I told them they should be proud of themselves for reawakening the enthusiasm and love for our

# Pessotto 'celebrates' Italy victory

2006

INTERNET, undated

Hospitalised Juventus team manager Gianluca Pessotto has reacted with pleasure to Tuesday night's World Cup semifinal win for Italy. Former Juve colleague Antonio

Conte revealed the news after visiting the 35-year-old after he fell from a window at the club's headquarters last week. "I told him about Italy's win and

he subsequently clenched his fist." said the Italian 1994 World Cup "He made me understand that he

was very, very happy. He clenched his fist as if to underline that the players were fantastic.'

Alessandro Del Piero dedicated his goal in the 2-0 win over Germany to Pessotto who remains in a serious yet stable condition, but who seems to be on the slow road to "He recognised me and smiled,"

added Conte, who was assistant boss at Siena last term. "The visit went well, where we also joked a "I told him that I had finished by coaching badge course and invited

him to keep an eye on me as a future Juventus boss. Former Juventus Coach Fabio Capello, who quit the outfit on Tuesday as he heads off to Real

Madrid, also visited Pessotto on Tuesday night. "He was awake and I got very

emotional, he recognised me and I just spoke to him for a while,

## Strauss gets mate's backing

Cricket

England all-rounder Paul Collingwood has backed Andrew Strauss's captaincy credentials despite the 5-0 whitewash by Sri Lanka in the one-day series.

Strauss will captain England in the first Test against Pakistan but has been told he is only keeping the seat warm until Andrew Flintoff returns.

Collingwood, in his BBC column. said: "Straussy and Freddie are not too dissimilar as captains.

"He told us to express ourselves, iust like Freddie would have done."

With the Ashes just around the corner, the England and Wales Cricket Board has made it clear Flintoff -- not Strauss -- will captain the side in Australia, if Michael Vaughan does not recover from knee surgery in time.

Former England bowler Derek Pringle, now writing for the Daily Telegraph, said Strauss had unfairly been judged on his performance during the one-day series.

"Because of the largely inexperienced and out-of-sorts bowling attack, against some of the game's most destructive batsmen, a hiding was always on the cards," he wrote. Collingwood agreed, adding:

'He could not have done anything more, even though we lost the series 5-0. "Ever since Michael Vaughan

began leading the side in 2003, our ethos has always been that we need to go out there and enjoy ourselves. "Sometimes it's difficult to do that

because you can get on a losing streak as we did in the one-dayers, and you start to feel the pressure. "But all the time Straussy was

saying the right things to us." England begin the first of four Tests against Pakistan at Lord's on

After this series, their next Test is against Australia in Brisbane on 23 November.

"We are only four Tests away from the Ashes and we must make sure that the boys playing now are setting standards high enough to beat Australia," added Collingwood.

### 'Germany can be proud'

country proud.

"We are optimistic and confident that these players will get better. We should not be afraid of what is coming up in the future. We have every reason to be optimistic." Klinsmann also said the fans had

played their part and helped show a new unified Germany in a good light. "This World Cup has been a huge success for the team and the country. We have showed a whole

new German face to the world, Klinsmann explained. "It is something special to play a World Cup in your own country. We have shown the world Germany is a friendly place and it is wonderful that

football can stir these emotions." After two years at the helm the 41-year-old Klinsmann now has to ponder his future with his contract due to expire.

vant. I need time to talk with my family about it." Klinsmann said.

"It is not important. What is "Let's just talk about the team

"My contract situation is irrele-

important is that this team gave the nation attacking football and showed it can compete with the and not my future." German chiefs are desperate for

Klinsmann to continue his work until Euro 2008 in Austria and Switzerland and have promised to give the Euro 96 victor until mid-August to make a decision.

Former Tottenham and Inter Milan striker Klinsmann has openly admitted his enjoyment for the job but the one major stumbling block seems to be the distance from his United States-based family. But the likeable coach has at

least one more match in charge of Germany with a third-place play-off on Saturday against the loser of Wednesday's Portugal-France The match takes place in Stuttgart, close to where Klinsmann

about it," added Klinsmann.

Cup, creating a blueprint for future was born, and he is determined to turn the style on for the fans. "We want to give a good performance on Saturday to give the

supporters something to cheer

# Federer,

REUTERS, London

eye semis

Hewitt

Roger Federer will hope the past does not come back to haunt him on Wednesday when he faces Mario Ancic in the Wimbledon quarterfinals

The big-serving Croatian was the last man to defeat Federer on grass, in the first round at Wimbledon in 2002. and the Swiss will be aiming to avenge that defeat to extend his unbeaten streak on the slick surface

Australian Lleyton Hewitt will fancy his chances of reaching his third semi-final here when he takes on Australian Open runner-up Marcos Baghdatis. Hewitt had been expected to meet twice runner-up Andy Roddick

defeat last week has made the 2002 champion the favourite to reach Sunday's final from the bottom half of the draw Baghdatis beat Roddick's conqueror Andy Murray in the last 16, but the Cypriot is in unchartered

territory, having never won a match

at this stage but the American's

on grass until last month. Double French Open champion Rafael Nadal is another grass-court novice but despite his obvious limitations on the green lawns, he is enjoying his best run at Wimbledon and should be able to overcome Finn Jarkko Nieminen and set up a tantalising semi-final against Hewitt.

14th seed Radek Czecn Stepanek will battle it out with doubles specialist Jonas Bjorkman for a possible last-four meeting with

### **Fuentes** accuses other sports'

AFP, Madrid

Eufemiano Fuentes, the doctor involved in cycling's blood-doping scandal in Spain, told Spanish radio on Wednesday that tennis, football and athletics were also involved.

Fuentes, a former doctor of Spanish cycling teams Kelme and Once, also said not all the names from the judicial investigation. dubbed Operation Puerto, had been

"Not all the names have been revealed," Fuentes told radio Cadena Ser in a telephone interview. "And some of those on the list should not have been there. I don't know why." He said he would not reveal any names because of professional confidentiality.

He said names chosen had been selected and that perhaps the others would be revealed at a later date, saying it concerned not only cycling, but also other sports such as athletics, tennis and football.

#### Hosts howling FROM PAGE 20

aged to get a ticket for the match.

Tens of thousands of fans in Dortmund followed the action on giant TV screens. Millions of people had taken to

the streets elsewhere across the country. In Berlin, up to 900,000 people

trudged away from the Fan Mile behind the capital's best-known monument, the Brandenburg Gate, after following the action on big screens. The Fan Mile has been one of the abiding successes of this World

tournaments The area had been extended ahead of the match and security had been beefed up after a car careered through the area on Sunday, injuring

# 'Football for a better world'

Even as this World Cup reaches a climax with Italy having booked a final spot against France or Portugal on Sunday, eyes are already turning to a South African jamboree in four years time.

Organisers are hoping the first World Cup to be played on African soil will produce 'Football for a Better World' and FIFA will flag up preparations on Friday at Berlin's Brandenburg Gate, the setting for a giant party. High-ranking dignitaries will

include UN General Secretary Kofi Annan. South African President Thabo Mbeki, FIFA President Sepp Blatter and the chairman of this year's Organising Committee Franz Beckenbauer.

Former South African President and Nobel Peace Prize winner Nelson Mandela will also send a live video message to the "Football for a Better World - From Germany to South Africa" gathering, which FIFA is dubbing "the biggest single football party ever," comprising six hours of football and music.

German acts Xavier Naidoo, Wir sind Helden and Die Fantastischen Vier will warm up the crowd and samba star Ivete Sangalo and top hip hop names Sean Paul, Wyclef Jean and Lumidee will also appear. along with a host of other quests. which include a super-group put together by African music legend Youssou NDour.

N'Dour's band includes African artists including Angelique Kidjo Tiken Jah Fakolv. Vusi Mahlasela MC Solaar and Rokia Traore.

Representing the football world

Waiting FROM PAGE 20 this team, the players trust him," said Beckenbauer 'You can't say that Italy were two

For Mayer-Vorfelder "if Jurgen decides to carry on ... the basic structures (he has introduced) will stay in

goals better, but they were more

clever. The German team played well,

but Italy deserved to be in the final," he

ing Liberia's George Weah,

Cameroon's Roger Milla and

opportunity to publicise its "6 vil-

lages for 20062 charity campaign in

conjunction with SOS Childrens

Villages, the project designed to

create six new childrens villages in

Brazil, Mexico, Nigeria, South

Africa, Ukraine, and Vietnam,

helping at least 800 children in

FIFA will also use the event as an

Ghana's Abedi Pele

place and be built upon. "Klinsmann has awakened something in this team. He has in some way a duty to carry on with that but he has to take the decision. The team is not yet at peak of its capability.'

Team manager Oliver Bierhoff said that "Klinsmann gave the team selfbelief and top fitness -- and he brought oy to Germany "Obviously defeat hurts. We had

hoped to make the final but I think we can all be proud of the team and its performance, which was at a very high

"We met an Italy right at the peak of their powers," Bierhoff said.

### **SCORERS**

AFP, Berlin

World Cup scorers after Tuesday's Italy-Germany semifinal: 5: Klose (Germany)

3: Crespo (Argentina), Fernando Torres

(Spain), Henry (France), Maxi Rodriguez (Argentina), Podolski (Germany), Ronaldo (Brazil), Villa (Spain) 2: Adriano (Brazil), Bosacki (Poland), Bravo (Mexico), T Cahill (Australia). Delgado (Ecuador), Dindane (Ivory Coast), Frei (Switzerland), Gerrard

(England), Maniche (Portugal), Rosicky

(Czech Republic), Shevchenko (Ukraine), C Tenorio (Ecuador), Toni (Italy), Vieira (France), Wanchope (Costa Rica) 1. Ahn Jung-hwan (South Korea) Al Jaber (Saudi Arabia), Al Kahtani (Saudi Arabia). Allback (Sweden). Aloisi (Australia), Appiah (Ghana), R Ayala (Argentina), Bakhtiarizadeh (Iran), Barnetta (Switzerland), Beckham (England), Cambiasso (Argentina), Cole (England), Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal), Crouch (England), Cuevas (Paraguay), Deco (Portugal), Del Piero (Italy), Dempsey (USA), Dramani (Ghana), Drogba (Ivory Coast), Flavio (Angola),

Fonseca (Mexico), Fred (Brazil), Frings

(Germany), Gilardino (Italy), Gilberto

(Brazil). Golmohammadi (Iran). R Gomez (Costa Rica), F Grosso (Italy), Gyan (Ghana), laquinta (Italy), Ilic (Serbia-Montenegro), F Inzaghi (Italy), Jaidi (Tunisia), Jaziri (Tunisia), Juanito (Spain), Juninho (Brazil), Kaka (Brazil), Kalou (Ivory Coast), Kalinichenko (Ukraine), Kaviedes (Ecuador), Kewell Australia), Koller (Czech Republic), B Kone (Ivory Coast), N Kovac (Croatia), Lahm (Germany), Larsson (Sweden) Lee Chun-soo (South Korea), Ljungberg (Sweden), Marquez Alvarez (Mexico) Materazzi (Italy), Messi (Argentina) Mnari (Tunisia), Mohamed Kader (Togo) CA Moore (Australia), Muntari (Ghana), Nakamura (Japan), Neuville (Germany), Park Ji-sung (South Korea), Pauleta (Portugal), Pirlo (Italy), Raul (Spain) Rebrov (Ukraine), Ribery (France), Robben (Netherlands), Rusol (Ukraine), Saviola (Argentina), Senderos (Switzerland), Simao Sabrosa Portugal), Srna (Croatia), Tamada (Japan), Tevez (Argentina), Totti (Italy), Van Nistelrooy (Netherlands), Van Persie (Netherlands), Xabi Alonso (Spain), Zambrotta (Italy), Ze Roberto (Brazil) Zidane (France), Zigic (Serbia-Montenegro), Zinha (Mexico)

### **Deschamps** favourite for Juve job

AFP, Turin

Former France star Didier Deschamps has emerged as the favourite to replace Fabio Capello as the new manager of Juventus, according to reports on Wednesday.

Deschamps, 38, has been unemployed since his departure from French club Monaco in September 2005 and Italian newsagency ANSA claims he could be confirmed as the crisis-torn club's new joint-manager, in partnership with ex-AC Milan boss Alberto Zaccheroni, by the weekend.

Juve are looking for a new boss after former Roma chief Capello quit the Turin club to join Real Madrid on Tuesday.

Serie A champions Juventus are a club in chaos after an investigation into match-fixing in Italian football uncovered phone conversations in which former Juve general manager Luciano Moggi told Italian refereeing federation boss Pierluiggi Pairettowho he wants to take charge of his club's matches.

Moggi later resigned and Juventus, along with AC Milan, Fiorentina and Lazio, could be hit with relegation as well as points penalties when the verdicts are delivered later this week. Deschamps established a

reputation as one of the brightest

young managers in the game after leading Monaco to the 2004 Champions League final, where they were beaten by Porto. He was a key member of the

France team that won the 1998 World Cup and Euro 2000, and also spent four years at Juventus in the

### India slide despite win **BBC ONLINE**, undated

India has slipped from third to fourth in the ICC Test rankings, despite winning a series in the West Indies for the first time in 35 years.

The ICC's system means that if a

team fails to beat a side rated a long

way below it by a wide margin --

India only won 1-0 -- it can lost ranking points. So India now slip to fourth, behind Australia, England and

Among players, Windies paceman Corey Collymore has surged seven places to joint 10th with Chaminda Vaas. India opener Virender Sehwag is

on the slide, however, dropping

three more places to be 13th among With 670 points, he is now wel below his career high mark of 854

two years ago. When the England v Pakistan Test series starts on 13 July, the tourists will have three batsmen in the top 10, while England will have Kevin Pietersen at ninth and nobody

# THIRD EYE

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A breathtaking strike by left fullback Fabio Grosso two minutes before the end of the two-hour absorbing semifinal and a classic counterattack finish by Alessandro del Piero within a minute took the scintillating Italy to the final after 12 years, bringing the three-time champions on the verge of reclaiming the trophy

after 24 years. Do scandals bring the best out of the world's most defensive minded team, famous for the 'catanaccio' system? In 1982. six-goal Paolo Rossi came of age following his involvement in match-fixing scandals to lead Italy to glory. The class of 2006 has also produced the most attacking display on the back of the country's biggest football scandal, apart from a suicide attempt of a former international, loss of key players to suspension and injury especially captain and world's best defender Alessandro Nesta.

From goal to attack, the Italians ruled. Buffon kept Italy alive with

spectacular saves off Podolsky Cannavaro -- who played throughout his career in the shadows of Nesta and former greats Paolo Maldini and Costacurta -- proved he is not short off class by any means, Pirlo not only provided the magic pass for Grosso's curling left-footer that found the far corner of the net through five Germans but also won the man of the match award for his indefatigable workouts. Gattuso closed Michael Ballack effectively as the hosts desperately looked to someone to step into the shoes of suspended Frings whose absence made the workoholic German midfield ordinary. Still, the Germans fought with

Lahm and Odonkor bursting down the flanks, keeping the bulk of a 65,000 crowd hopeful of a possible penalty shootout where Ballack and Co would have certainly been the favourites to exploit their mastery over the rivals' weakness.

That was not to be. Lippi could read the writings on the wall. Italy

went out of World Cups and European Championships on penalties every time they were put to the test. And when Gilardino and Zambrotta hit the post inside the first three minutes of extra-time, the white-haired veteran gambled by bringing on del Piero, the fourth Italian striker on the pitch. Unlike the Argentines, whose defensive attitude in a bid to hang on to a one-goal lead against Germany in the quarterfinal backfired, Italy put more pressure. A match they should have won in 90 minutes, was triumphed in the last two-minute drama of extra-

Lippi can never be blamed to be too negative again. Perhaps, he has learned the lesson from Argentina and Brazil's demise. And his boys have picked just at the right time.

Forza Azzurri!

### **WC BRIEFS**

#### FROM PAGE 20 Lufthansa soaring Domingo to sing out

Opera star Placido Domingo will, as he has done since 1982, clear his throat and launch into song at the With 11,000 Monday departures World Cup final. This time he will sing a half-time welcome ditty composed by his son Placido Domingo Jr, whose lyrics the tenor

#### Politics can wait Slovak referee Lubos Michel this

for glory.

week had to postpone taking up his nosition as a lawmaker in parliament in Bratislava. With a chance of officiating in the final Michel said that he had had to present his excuses, citing "important other duties" as he carries on with his World Cup commitments.

says underpin "the idea that football

is linked to friendship." He can then

sit back and watch his country's bid

### Lufthansa says that a record num-

ber of passengers are set to swarm into Berlin for Sunday's World Cup final before heading out on Monday.

expected "that is double the norm," according to Berlin-based Lufthansa director Stephan Weinmann. "Since 1990, when Lufthansa regained the right (following

German unification) to land in Berlin again we have only experienced one such stream of passengers -for the wrapping of the Reichstag by (artists) Christo and Jeanne-Claude n summer 1994," he said.

### Nothing but football

Such has been the level of World Cup euphoria -- Germany's semifinal loss to Italy attracted an almost 90 percent audience share in the

host nation -- that even those who were resolutely inclined not to tune in have been falling victim to German impresario Stephan

Barbarino hoped to cash in on the refuseniks through a website, www.fussballfreiezone.de, (football-free zone), proposing tourism and general cultural information. For a while the site attracted some 12,000 hits a day but the number has consistently dropped since. "Such has been the atmo-

sphere that people are allowing themselves to be swept along by the euphoria." concedes

Even he watched the semifinal.

Women's Singles Semis Live at 5:00 pm