

# Test dies amid run feast



ALEC STEWART ... 190

BIRMINGHAM, June 8: The rain-hit first cricket Test between England and Pakistan ended in a draw on the fifth and final day at Edgbaston today, reports Reuter.

dispatched by Waqar Younis as soon as the fast bowler returned for his second spell.

Stewart, however, made the most of a good batting pitch on which Salim Malik, with his Test-best 165, and captain Javed Miandad, 153 not out, had earlier completed a fourth-wicket partnership of 322 — Pakistan's biggest for any wicket against England.

Malik and Miandad continued to flourish after the touring team resumed at 290 for three against an English attack, already lacking variety and penetration, now depleted by the absence of Ian Botham with a groin strain.

Miandad, 99 overnight, completed his 23rd Test century but was outscored by his partner, who reached three figures for the 10th time in Test cricket.

Malik batted altogether for 371 minutes during which he faced 277 balls, hitting one six and 19 fours, while Miandad's innings occupied 415 minutes and contained 19 fours.

After Pakistan declared their first innings midway through the second session, Aaqib Javed struck in his fourth over when Gooch pushed forward and was caught off bat and pad by Asif Mujtaba at short-leg.

Hick was troubled by leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed but survived to play some handsome strokes as he passed his previous highest Test score of 43 during a stand of 93 with Stewart.

Stewart flourished against all the bowling in a performance that underlined his growing stature at international level during the last 10 months.

With three centuries in his previous seven Test innings and a hundred in the second one-day international against Pakistan last month, Stewart has emphatically emerged from an indifferent start to his England career.

Hick's encouraging effort, including seven fours, was undone by the return of Waqar, who followed a bouncer with a delivery just outside off stump which the Zimbabwean-born batsman steered to Miandad at backward point.

Stewart's response to the dismissal was to unfurl a sequence of glorious strokes, notably straight and through the covers, to lift his total number of fours to 16 in an innings of 123 deliveries.

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Scoreboard: Pakistan 446 for four declared; England 459 for seven.

The weather again interfered today, ending play half an hour before the scheduled close.

An earlier AP report said: Alec Stewart hit his highest Test score Monday as England used the final day of their rain-interrupted first cricket Test against Pakistan as extended batting practice.

Resuming at 94, Stewart quickly reached his century with a string of 12 boundaries. Stewart, 29, is the captain of English county Surrey and has been named as a possible successor to England captain Graham Gooch.

His previous best Test score was 148, but at lunch Stewart had raced to 163 not out in an England total of 299 for two. At lunch Stewart had shared an unbroken 178 run third wicket stand with Robin Smith, on 63 not out.

England were chasing Pakistan's first inning total of 446 for four declared, but the loss of two full days to rain or bad light, and a wicket ideal for batting, ensured the first Test would end as a draw.

Stewart's 150 included 26 fours, from 190 balls. His second 50 took only 47 balls, with 11 fours, and his third half-century came from a further 58 deliveries.

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## Mark Waugh, Carr hit centuries

LONDON, June 8: Unbeaten centuries by Australian Mark Waugh for Essex and John Carr for Middlesex kept their counties ahead of the field in the race for the Sunday League cricket title, reports Reuter.

Waugh lashed an unbeaten 105 from 84 balls to lead Essex to a six-run victory over Kent at Chelmsford, while Carr's league best 104 not out spurred Middlesex to a 56-run win over Warwickshire at Lord's.

Essex, with six victories from seven matches, and Middlesex, who have a 100 per cent winning record after six games, are level on 24 points at the top of the table in the 40 overs competition.

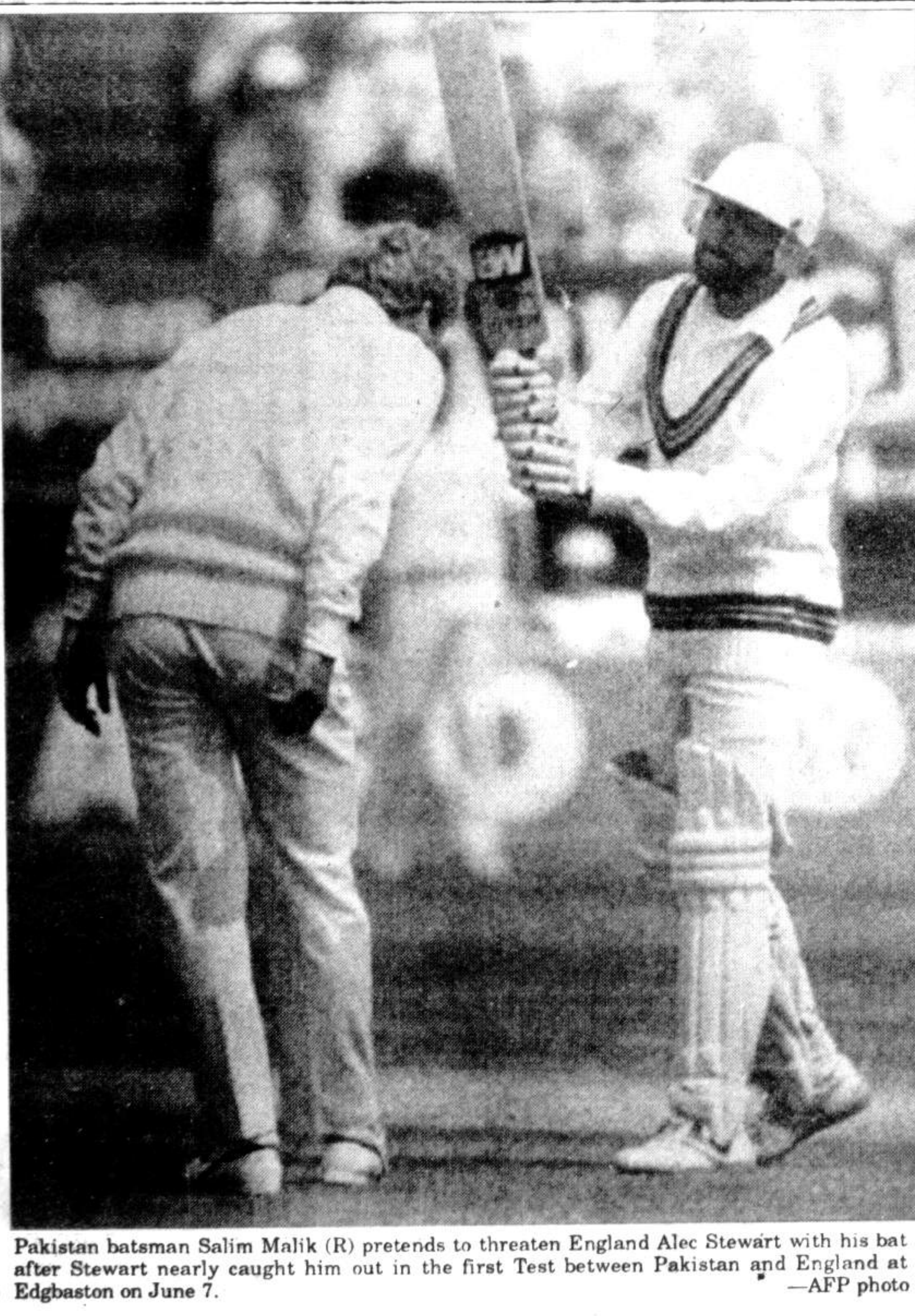
Waugh, who completed his second 50 from just 25 deliveries, struck three sixes and nine fours as he lifted Essex to 229 for seven. Kent lost narrowly after 64 in 77 balls from captain Mark Benson and Nigel Llong's unbeaten 44 off 30 balls.

Carr, whose 91-ball innings contained three sixes and eight fours off, and West Indies opener Desmond Haynes (84) laid the foundations for Middlesex's match-winning 235 for three.

Warwickshire were reduced to nine men when all-rounder Paul Smith was taken to hospital with a suspected dislocated shoulder after crashing into Haynes while trying to run out the batsman. Seamer Gladstone Small suffered a hand injury.

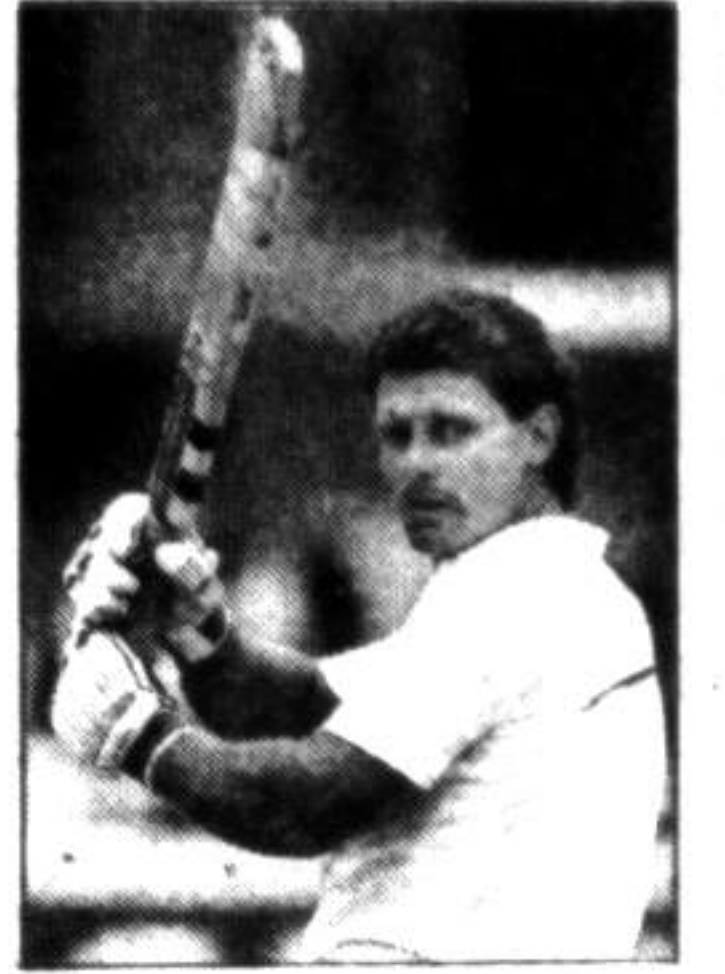
Unbeaten Sussex are two points behind the pacemakers after opener Keith Greenfield hit a Sunday best 79 in a four-wicket victory over Glamorgan at Hove.

Sussex, set a target of 189, clinched success with four balls to spare, the uncapped Greenfield striking eight fours in a crucial second wicket stand of 69 with Martin Speight.



Pakistan batsman Salim Malik (R) pretends to threaten England Alec Stewart with his bat after Stewart nearly caught him out in the first Test between Pakistan and England at Edgbaston on June 7. —AFP photo

Ataur Rehman 12  
Lewis b Mushtaq 24  
Russel not out 29  
Pringle not out 0  
Extras (b-5 lb-5 w-1 nb-7) 18  
Total (seven wickets) 459  
Fall of wickets: 1-28, 2-121, 3-348, 4-348, 5-378, 6-415, 7-446.



ROBIN SMITH ... 127

Did not bat: I Botham, P DeFreitas

Bowling: O M R W  
Waqar 24 2 96 1  
Aaqib 16 3 86 1  
Mushtaq 50 8 156 2  
A Rehman 18 5 69 3  
Mujtaba 8 1 29 0  
Sohail 2 0 8 0  
Malik 1 0 5 0

Result: Match drawn  
Second Test: Lord's (June 18-22)  
Third Test: Old Trafford (July 2-7)  
Fourth Test: Headingley (July 23-27)  
Fifth Test: The Oval (August 6-10)

## Fans arrested

EDGBASTON, England, June 8: Police said they arrested seven people for drunkenness and disorderly behaviour during the fourth day of the first cricket Test match between England and Pakistan on Sunday, reports Reuter.

## Cricket qualifiers resume today

The eight-team knockout finals of the qualifying meet for the Second Division cricket league begin today at tow city venues.

Nayapalton Cricketers take on Evergreen Club at the Mirpur Pallabi ground while Kadamtala Sangsad play Dharmodi Pragati Sangha at the Mohakhali T&T ground.

The four other teams which have made the finals are, Maghbazar Kishalay Sangha, DOIS (Jrs), Pallabi Club and Kalindi Krira Chakra.

The two semifinals will be held on June 18 while the final is scheduled for June 21.

The champions and runners-up will play in the Second Division league next season.

Seventy-three teams — divided into eight groups — took part in the first phase of the meet that began on May 20.

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Players selected for the Bangladesh football team to take part in the Group Five competition for the tenth Asian Cup championship to be held in Bangkok, Thailand from June 19 to 23, have been requested to report to manager Musa Quadri today at the Mirpur Stadium by 12 noon with their kits and passports.

The full squad announced earlier Mohsin, Alamgir, Rumi, Masud Rana, Ghouse, Aslam, Munna, Zakir, Rehan and Mamun Jorader from Abahani; Kanan, Shamim, Jewel, Kaisar, Shabbir, Nakib and Titu from Mohammedan Sporting Club and Rupu, Pijush and Ataur from Brothers Union.

Ponir of Brothers Union and Masudur Rahman Rana of Muktijoddha Sangsad are the stand-bys.

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# Barcelona keep title as Real falter

MADRID, June 8: Barcelona kept the Spanish soccer league title by beating Athletic Bilbao as arch-rivals Real Madrid crashed to defeat in a dramatic climax to the season on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Barcelona secured the championship by one point with a 2-0 home win over Bilbao while Real Madrid, who had led the table for most of the season, squandered a 2-0 lead at Tenerife to lose 3-2.

Barcelona had few real problems in winning a match they could not afford to draw, let alone lose, but with Real Madrid two up after half an hour their chance of retaining the title seemed to be slipping away.

But Real Madrid got a bad attack of nerves in the second half with a rash of fouls that saw them down to 10 men when defender Javier Villarroya was sent off in the 69th minute.

A shattered Real Madrid president Ramon Mendoza said his team had their chances and could have been 3-1 up at one stage, but there were no excuses.

"We had a couple of clear chances that could have settled the match, but we have no excuses and I have to recognise that Tenerife deserved to win," he said.

Playing before a capacity 22,000 crowd at Tenerife's Heliostro Lopez Stadium, Real Madrid showed no early signs of nerves as they cruised to a 2-0.

Real Madrid's leading goalscorer, Fernando Hierro, put his team ahead with a eighth minute header that Agustin Rodriguez got his hands to but could not stop from crossing the line.

The Tenerife keeper was hurt trying to make the save and came off 16 minutes later, to be replaced by Manolo Lopez.

Romanian George Hagi made it 2-0 after 29 minutes with a thunderous free-kick from 30 metres, underlining Real's superiority at this stage. But Tenerife's constant attacking play paid dividends after 36 minutes when midfielder Quique Esteberranz junked through the Real defence and slotted the ball past a diving Paco Buyo.

In a pulsating second half, Tenerife gradually wore down an increasingly erratic Real Madrid and after 76 minutes Felipe Minambres got round the Real defence and forced an equaliser, Brazilian Ricardo Rocha putting the ball into his own net.

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The Canary Islanders dealt Real's championship hopes a double blow just one minute later when Buyo was unable to control a Manolo Sanches backpass and substitute Luigi Pier Cherubino ran on to beat the Real keeper to the ball.

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after 64 minutes to replace Rafael Berges, confirming Argentine coach Jorge Valdano's pledge to maintain attacking play against his former team. Pier was sent off in second half injury time but by then it was too late to affect the result.

Real Madrid had an eight-point lead over Barcelona in early January, but in the second half of the season won only one away game.

Barcelona, who won the European Cup last month, took the league title with 55 points to Real Madrid's 54. Athletic Madrid stayed in third place with 53 after a 4-1 win over Albacete on Sunday.

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# Michels' magic may spur the Dutch

PARIS, June 8: If confidence and self-belief could guarantee winning prizes, the Dutch would have no trouble retaining the European Championship.

But the sometimes arrogant Dutch can be their own worst enemies.

It is basically the same side which swept to victory in 1988 and then failed to perform in the 1990 World Cup when Leo Beenhakker was the highly unpopular manager.

Frank Rijkaard and Marco van Basten were not prepared to play their part to the full and Rijkaard even retired from the international game, before going back on his word once Beenhakker had departed.

Rinus Michels, the old magician, is back in charge, just as he was in 1988 — and indeed in 1974 when an earlier generation of orange-shirted heroes lost the World Cup final in the same Olympic Stadium in Munich.

An often overbearing personality, he can bring the best out of headstrong players like the equally haughty Van Basten and the mischievous Rijkaard, while also knowing how best to harness the talents of a Ruud Gullit to the team's advantage.

Gullit is back to his best after a long series of injuries and along with Van Basten and Rijkaard he has not tasted defeat at club level for an entire season with AC Milan.

Michels refused to allow Ronald Koeman, who scored the spectacular goal which won the European Cup over Barcelona, play in his club's last league match on Sunday when they still had a chance of winning the Spanish title.

It might have annoyed Koeman's employes but judging by the way he ran things from the back in a 1-1 draw with France on Friday then Michels was right to insist on country coming first.

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## Wright adds to Taylor's woes

LONDON, June 8: Defender Mark Wright has dealt England soccer manager Graham Taylor a third devastating blow with news that an Achilles tendon injury is poised to rule him out of the European Championship finals in Sweden, reports Reuter.

The 28-year-old Liverpool player aggravated the injury, which kept him out for three months last season, in the 2-1 win over Finland last week, when he was used as the lynchpin for Taylor's new sweeper system.

Key winger John Barnes and defender Gary Stevens were also injured in the Finnish match and have had to be replaced by Andy Sinton and Keith Curle.

Taylor heard about Wright's worsening problem on Saturday night and immediately ordered him to consult a specialist. He will learn today if he has grounds to ask UEFA for another replacement. Arsenal's Tony Adams has been placed on stand-by.

Taylor said as he boarded the plane to Malmö on Sunday. "Mark will not be accompanying us out to Sweden today, but instead will see the specialists who operated on his Achilles heel earlier in the season."

"We will wait to see what the specialist feels before deciding whether Mark will be able to take part in the championship."

## Schools kabaddi from June 30

Sports Reporter

The 1992 schools kabaddi tournament under the aegis of the Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation (BKFF) will begin from June 30 at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court, says a BKFF press release.

Sixteen school teams — split into four groups — will take part in the meet with the four group champions moving into the semifinals.

Participating teams are: Rifles Public School and College, Ideal High School and College, Maniknagar High School, Segunbagicha High School, BDR High School, Kamalapur High School, Dholar Par High School, Mitani Biddiyapith, Rajdhani High School, Khilgaon Govt High School, Dipshikha School, KL Jubilee High School, Ahmed Bawaini Academy, Maniknagar Govt Primary School, Ansars Academy and Notre Dame College.

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ROME, June 8: Dutch international midfielder Aaron Winter, who guided Ajax to victory in the UEFA Cup last season, announced here on Sunday that he will be playing for Lazio next season, reports AFP.

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