(The Professor does)

HAT the 1994 World Cup Football final at Pasadena. California was a special one. It was the only final in which no goal was scored in regular time. It was obviously also the only final decided in penalty-kick shootout with Brazil winning 3-2 against Italy

The World Cup final must be heading for a goal crisis. Earlier in the 1990 final at Rome. West Germany scored the only goal against Argentina. The Rome final was the first occasion when any World Champions had scored less than two goals. Of course, four years later, the Champions at the Pasadena final did no bet

It may be interesting to see if the 1998 final can come out of the drought.



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#### **Inzamamul Huq**

(Pakistani batsman) "It may have alot to do with history, tradition and culture. Back home our people hate Pakistan losing to India. Under this circumstances I think we play that extra bit tight against India. When we lose, I think our national pride is hurt..."

(Said of the tension prevails when India and Pakistan meet).

#### Kriek on a roll

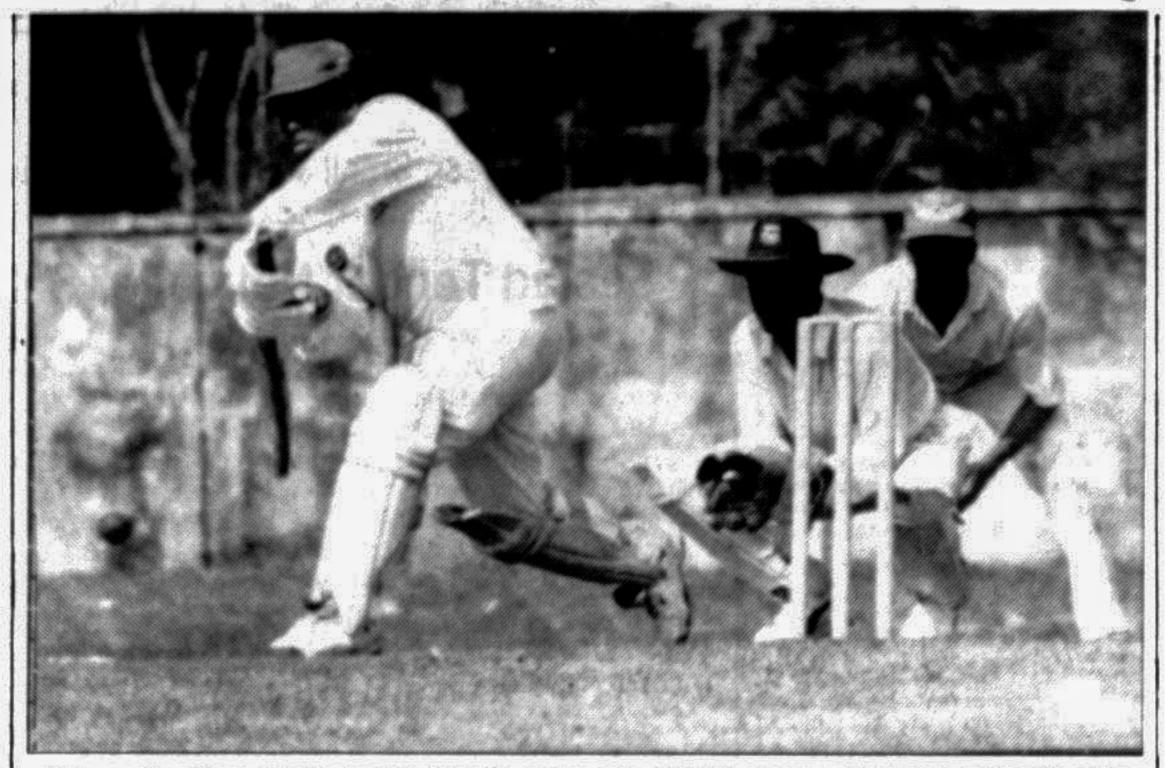
TOKYO, Nov 3: Johan Kriek. continuing his charge through a lineup of former world Nos. 1 and 2. rebounded from a disastrous start Sunday for a 1-6, 6-1. 6-4 semifinal victory over Bjorn Borg in the Champions tournament, reports AP.

McEnroe, battling out of trouble early in the second set, beat Mel Purcell 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 with some sharp volleying in the other semifinal.

Kriek, whose highest ranking was seventh in 1984 on the regular professional tour. reached the semifinals by beating former No. 2 Guillermo

tive final on the tour. He lost to Yannick Noah of France two weeks ago and to Connors last

Bjorn and Vilas in the same tournament."



Uttara Sporting Club's portly middle-order bat Mridul plays a forward defensive shot during his side's 17th Damal Smiti opener against fancied Bangladesh Biman at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday. - Star photo

## Bumpy ride for Biman

**Sports Reporter** 

BRIEF SCORES Ahmed Faiyaz Shaheen. who opened the Biman innings BRIEF SCORES with Athar Ali Khan, returned for a duck in the second over **UTTARA SPORTING CLUB** offering a simple catch at first 78 all out in 50 overs (Moin 49

Mridul 30. Raju 35. Manna

179/8 in 50 overs (Rupom n.o.

53. Babul 27. Sumon 23.

Hasanuzzaman 21; Ullash 3/42

Bangladesh Biman from a pre-

carious position to a sensa-

tional two-wicket win over Ut-

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gural match of the 17th Damal

Smriti Cricket tournament at

The right hand middle-order

the Dhanmondi Cricket Sta-

bat, who strolled into the mid-

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Hossain Tomal was left with

the option of surviving the last

four balls of the innings to

stave off a stiff challenge from

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sion this year, the number ten

nents captain Jahangir, much

to the relief of the blushing Bi-

On an easy paced artificial

turf the former champions, who

had earlier restricted the

"babes" to an always achievable

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slip off seamer Pappu. Athar, the tall national opener who scored only two: perished shortly when Narayan Chandra Tapu consumed the star batsman in the same manner as he did Athar's opening partner; thanks to a portly Mridul who picked up two brilliant catches.

After the early set back Habibul Bashar Sumon and Hasanuzzaman, the sensa tional signing of Biman. showed signs of a recovery act putting on 42 runs for the third wicket before both were dismissed in quick succession reducing Biman to 4/57 in 16.1

Hasanuzzaman, the more aggressive campaigner among the two, hammered an entertaining 21 embellished with three hits to the rope. The itchyfeet young right-hand batsman was bowled by Ullash, for whom it could have been double delight had he clung on to a hot return catch offered by Sumon in the 14th over

However, Sumon, after surviving that close call, hardly showed signs of any motivation in the first match of the domestic season and was trapped in from of the wicket after scoring a sedate 23 off 48 balls. Tapu who got the prized scalp of Biman batsman picked up the winning run from the final de-livery, albeit from the oppospell with fantastic figures

> The departure of Sumon in flicted vet another mini-collapse when Shanewaz Shanu and national left-arm spinner Mohammed Rafique fell victims to Ullash, the first change Uttara bowler.

Shanu departed for only eight while Rafique, Biman's saviour on many occasion, was bling at deliveries better left bowled as a novice when he

went for a big hit after scoring only 14. And sadly Biman were

reduced to 85/6 in 24 overs. But thanks to a valiant 56run partnership between Rupom and Mizanur Rahman Babul who, in an object lesson for their more illustrious teammates, pulled the side from the ditch with some responsible

Rupom, who retained his job as captain for the second successive year, although coming under the microscope for deciding to take the field first after winning the toss, had the last laugh with a gem of an innings. specially in a situation when the chips were down.

Babul, who joined Biman this year, played a perfect foil at the other end before being bowled by Mridul for a price less 27. Young Nazimuddin Manna

the most successful Biman bowler with four for 35, then joined forces with his skipper to wag a long tail. Manna scored an invaluable and when he was bowled by

Jahangir in the last over Biman were at par with their opponents' total of 178, but with two wickets in hand against none of Uttara. Earlier, the Uttara innings was built around a patient 49

from opener Moin and a quickfire 33-ball 35 by lower-order bat Raju, who clouted a couple of massive sixes in his whirlwind innings. Mridul with 30 was the other notable run-getter for Uttara.

His polished knock included the first sixer of the season, an effortless hit over bowler Rupom. Incidentally it was offspinner Rupom, who transformed agony into ecstasy as the sun set behind the secretariat.

#### TODAY'S MATCHE

**GMCC vs Azad Sporting Club** 

# M United's misery mounts

Middlesbrough today.

Liverpool, a further point

Bulgaria's Krashimir Balakov. The defeat left the 1992 champions in second place on 27 points from 13 matches one point behind Bayern, who drew 1-1 with local rivals 1860 Munich on Friday.

As Stuttgart faltered, the

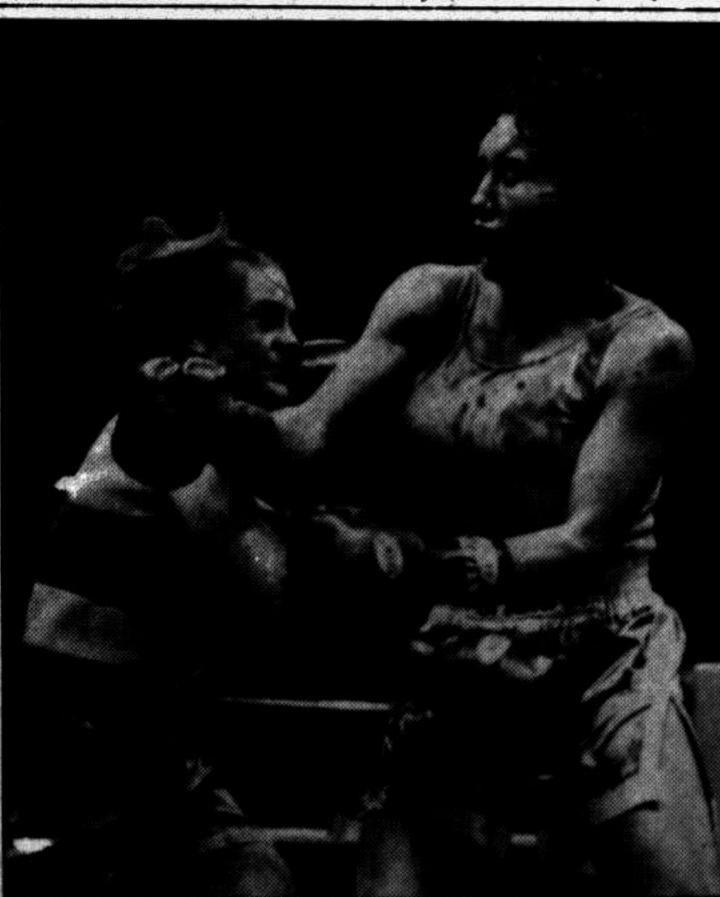
pack took the opportunity to close the gap behind them. Early season leaders Bayer Leverkusen joined them on 27

ess FRANCE

Two goals by teenager Thiery Henry helped Monaco crush

club meet Bastia at Pac Des Princes today.

Former European champions Marseille plunged deeper into a crisis which could cost trainer Gerard Gili his job by losing 2-0 in Montepellier. They trial Monaco by 12 points.



- AFP/UNB photo

## Saber opens Damal Smriti

Sports Reporter Saber Hossain Chowdhury MP did the honours at the curtain raising of the cricket season when he was introduced to the players of Bangladesh Biman and Uttara Sporting Club on the opening day of the Damal Smriti tournament at the Dhanmondi cricket sta-

dium on Sunday. Twenty-two teams, twelve from the premier league and ten from the first division, split into six groups are to battle out in the round robin first phase. Six top finishers will feature

in the second phase round robin A sizeable crowd attended the opening day's excitement.

#### NSW XI crush England A

TAMWORTH, Australia, Nov Middlesex teenager Owais Shah hit his second half-century but it wasn't enough for England A to avert a ninewicket defeat to a New South Wales Second XI in their opening Australian cricket tour match here Sunday, reports

The eighteen-year-old Shah scored 79 to add to his first innings 76 in one of the few positives to come out of the four-day match for England A.

Shah and a knock of 52 by Surrey opened Mark Butcher pushed the tourists to a second innings total of 217 off 100.1 overs, giving the second string NSW side the easy chore of rustling up 43 runs for victory. which they did for the loss of just one wicket

Shah cracked nine fours during a patient innings which lasted 211 minutes.

He was finally out when he was caught at mid-off by Stuart Clark in miscuing an attempted on-Driver of leg-spinner Stuart Macgill, who finished with 5-84 giving him match analysis of 9-

Shah and spinner Ashley Giles (11) put on 45 runs for the eighth wicket before Giles was caught behind in the last over before lunch. Giles, the left-handed War

wickshire spinner, emerged from the match with some credit having snared 5-110 off 38 overs in the New South Wales irst innings

England A's next match will be a one-dayer against South Australia in Adelaide on Wednesday followed by a fourday match against the Sheffield Shield champions at the same venue starting on Friday.

#### France fetch the fourth RHODES, Greece, Nov 3

France has won the 10th Bridge Olympiad, held on the Greek island of Rhodes with teams from 71 countries taking part reports AFP

They defeated Indonesia by a score of 358-269, having taken the advantage at the very beginning and holding it right to the end.

The French side was made up of Herve Mouiel. Alain Levy Christian Mari. Henri Szwarc. Franck Multon and Marc

Representing Indonesia were Henky Lasut, Eddy Manoppo. Danny Sacul, Franky Karwur, Giovanni Watulingas and Sance Panelewen.

It was the fourth time that a French team had won the title since the tournament was created in 1960.

### Wiet rules the ring

TOKYO. Nov 3: Former French kick boxer Valerie Wiet back from a two-year layoff after having a baby, knocked out Mary Ann Almager of the United States to dethrone her as a world women's boxing champion here Sunday, reports AFP. The pony-tailed Wiet floored

the American twice in the second round and punished her with a barrage of punches when US referee Frank Garza stopped the fight 51 seconds into the ninth round of the Women's International Boxing Federation (WIBF) welterweight title bout

The scheduled 10-rounder was staged before George Foreman outpointed fellow American Crawford Grimsley to retain his fringe World Boxing Union (WBU) heavyweight title at the Tokyo Bay NK Hall outside Tokyo Disneyland. The card also featured HIV-

infected Tommy Morrison's first-round knockout win over little known Marcus Rhode and a fight between two former American football players with former Houston Oiler Alonzo Highsmith knocking out for-New York Jet Markgastineau in the second After hitting the canvas in | 16 Hood

the second round, the lefthanded Almager got her second wind and sent Wiet to the floor for a count of eight in the third. The American was also the aggressor in the fourth and sixth rounds. "This was a very important

comeback," said the French woman from Nancy, whose previous prize-fighting record was marked with 34 wins, 14 of them by knockout, and five losses, all in kick boxing. "It is the first time for me to 31 - tree fight in English boxing," she

Almager said after her first defeat in nine professional bouts that Wiet fought in a fair manner. "I'll see her at a rematch," she said.

The WIBF was founded in 1993 by Barbara Buttrick, who in 1948 became the first English woman to fight professionally.

# For the proper perspective-II

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Amarnath chapter is closed and

a new one has been opened

From the first week of this

month, a new campaign is going

to be launched to get the

phoenix of our cricketing am-

bition flying from the ashes of

despair and disillusionment

Gordon Greenidge, the cele-

brated West Indian opening

batsman of the yesteryears

whom the board roped in re-

cently as the coach of the

Bangladesh cricket team for the

next three years, is scheduled to

get down to business in a bid to

translate our cherished dream

In the changed circum-

AKRAM KHAN

stances, the appointment of a

foreign coach after Amarnath

seems like a necessary hope

generating first move by the

newly appointed Bangladesh

Cricket Control Board (BCCB)

which is still basking in the re-

cent success of Asian Cricket

Council (ACC) trophy from

Chowdhury, the new BCCB pres-

ident who celebrated his elec-

tion as a Member of the

Parliament by becoming coun-

try's cricket supremo, the tak-

ing over of the reins from the

former foreign minister ASM

Mostafizur Rahman was a bit-

ter-sweet experience. He started

with the most unenviable job of

slapping ban on four star crick-

eters who until yesterday were

deemed as inseparable compo-

nents of the Bangladesh cricket

team. With only a few days to go

punitive measure against the

quarter for overstaying abroad

before the ACC trophy, then

For Saber Hossain

Malaysia

into an elusive reality.

against the board's will required guts because if Bangladesh team were to fail in Malaysia. the disciplinary decision was destined to come under fire as the reason behind yet another failure. In the end, success stood by courage and novelty and the worries of a newly mantled committee soon turned

Inspired by the early success. Saber Hossain though belatedly, went after Gordon Greenidge and managed to woo the reputed West Indian away from the Malaysian clutches. The objective was clear: to give the best shot to Bangladesh's bid to become a full member of the International Cricket Council (ICC). Greenidge, who was supposed to be at the helm from Nov 1, but made himself available from the tenth of this month, has been assigned to help build those infrastructure of our cricket.

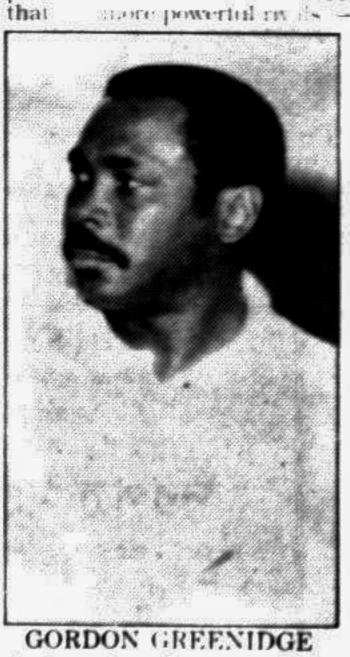
Few would contend the BCCB is the most efficiently run among all the regulatory bodies in sports arena. Credit should certainly go where it deserves. but the BCCB would do well to adopt a cautious approach in carrying out its plans for ameliorating the standard of the sport in this country. Any attempt for a giant stride on the basis of the recent achievement could turn out to be a major source of trustration and disil lusionment if a proper system for sustaining the drive ahead is not evolved. Bangladesh will have a better chance of fuller international recognition if the game is organised properly in the domestic circuit. At the present situation we can hardly do justice to the full ICC membership even if it is bestowed on us: we would be mere number fillers in an assembly where premature and unjustified presence have already created quite a bit of embarrassment. The presence of a country in the highest grade of a game makes a lot of home demand. Even if other infrastructural sides are ruled out, a feeding line of cricketers at different tiers of the domestic set-up is an essential which sadly, we do not have now. Any fancy that winning the Test status would just make that happen will be harbouring too much of naive romanticism.

Besides, the kind of mental and physical toughness international cricket demands is still a long way off from our cricketers. Their repeated and inexplicable failures in whatever exposure they have had so far, amply prove that. The relatively better track

record of the BCCB however, provides no cover for the areas where its effort leaves a lot to be desired. To begin with, it is yet to chalk up a concrete plan for the ICC trophy! scheduled to be held in March. The characteristic stupor of the board in

building upon a success of the cricketers was once again cruelly exposed as this new committee too failed to come with a programme that would have put the otherwise roving cricketers in some sort useful stint for

honing their skills. With the ICC showdown only four months away, our national players are still hovering around purposelessly due to BCCB's failure to provide them with programme. Initiating the national camp immediately rather than wasting energy in the ACC-hangover would have proved a useful move for the board in its bid to meet the deadline for sending the list of 25 players by December 25 and a final selection of 16 by February next. It seems, at least on paper that we hold a slight edge over fellow associate members in some areas, but the policy makers need to realise



the United Arab Emirates, the

Netherlands and Kenya — are not wasting time by sitting on any idea or success. When years of experience have seemingly confined us to square one. emerging and threatening contenders are flocking around to surpass us. Meanwhile, the domestic

season involving capital's 22 outfits began yesterday. But, it is sad to learn that the board is yet to sort out whether the national players will feature in their respective clubs only in match days or will be allowed to reside in the club tents.

The charm or attraction of this year's league has receded in the background this year due to the imminent ICC trophy and the brooding presence of a reputed cricket personality like Gordon Greenidge in the middle. It is not, however, clear whether he will run the show alone or share the responsibility with a

#### Ambrose armed for action It was Ambrose who desaving himself for this se-



Match (AFP): winning West Indies fast bowler Curtly Ambrose is primed for another big assault

on Australia's batsmen in the five-Test series for the Sir Frank Worrell Trophy, beginning Brisbane late November.

"I am confident he will produce the goods for us again. West Indies captain Courtney Walsh said here Sunday, as the tourists prepared for the opening match of their tough threemonth Australian tour.

The clash Monday with the Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI in a one-day carnival game at Lilac Hill Park, Caversham, near here. Walsh said the plan was to

name the strongest team possible, meaning Ambrose would renew his acquaintance with his much-loved Australian pitches. Ambrose, 33, a towering

right-arm express operator, has captured 266 Test wickets at the marvellous average of 21.27. Ninety of those scalps have come in 19 Tests against Australia-at an average of 20.55. He was the West Indies'

trump card in the 1992-93 series here, capturing 33 wickets in five Tests at the remarkable average of 16.42.

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stroved the Australian batting in the deciding tifth Test, with a whirlward first innings 7-25 from 18 overs. Restricted to a limited degree

by a shoulder injury in recent years. Ambrose has lost some of his lightning pace.



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But Walsh believes he will still be a formidable spearhead on the bouncy Australian pitches.

cricket in England in the past summer, which is very good news for us." Walsh said. "We want him fresh and

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Ambrose, Walsh and lan Bishop form an experienced pace tho on whom the tourists

will largely rely to unsettle the

formidable Australian batting. Walsh, 34, has 309 Test wickets (average 25.05), becoming only the third West Indian after off-spinner Lance Gibbs and paceman Malcolm Marshall, now team coach - to pass

the 300-mark. Rated one of the best old-ball bowlers in the world. Walsh said he remained fit and enthusiastic despite his advancing years. "I am not so sure I can say I

still enjoying the game and still doing a reasonable job for the team. Walsh said Bishop, 29, had overcome a right shoulder injury and was also expected to be

am still feeling fresh, but I am

first Test, starting Brisbane November 22. At full fitness, Bishop is still rated by the West Indies as the fastest of their bowlers.

in peak touch by the time of the

Meanwhile, the West Indies batsman had a long workout against a trio of leg-spinners among the pool of bowlers provided by the Western Australian Cricket Association for the Sunday nets session.

CRYPTOQUIP

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PYIV AMKPE. OKRRTH Saturday's Cryptoquip: THE QUEEN BEE QUIPPED THAT SHE WAS THE POWER BEHIND THE DRONE.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: A equals B

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

He faces another former No. in Monday's final. John

Vilas of Argentina and former No. 1 Jimmy Connors, the current leader on the Champions Tour for players over 35.

Kriek is in his third consecu-

Although he has won one Champions tour title, last year, Kriek said. "This is my best tournament, beating Jimmy, LONDON, Nov 3: Manchester United's wretched autumn continued

on Saturday when they lost 2-1 at home to Chelsea their third successive league defeat and their first at Old Trafford since December 1994,

reports Reuter. The English champions. fielding a changed side from the one which on Wednesday relinquished the clubs' 40-year-unbeaten home record in European competition, fell behind in the 31st minute when Michale Duberry Rose to meet a

Duberry's firm downward header bounced between a hesitant Peter Schmeichel and Philip Neville on the goal line silencing the majority of the Premier league record crowd of 55,198. Chelsea extended their lead just after the hour when Gianluca Vialli latched on to a

corner from Dennis Wise.

between the legs of goalkeeper Schimiechel, who has conceded 14 goals in his last four appear United pressed hard in the later stages and defender David May raised their hopes with a

headed goal nine minutes from

perfect pass from Frank

Leboeuf and threaded the ball

Not since December 17, 1994 when Nottingham Forest traveled to Manchester and won by the same scoreline, had United been beaten at home in the league.

They had not lost three consecutive league games since April 1992. Chelsea player-manager Ruud Gullit, still feeling the ef-

comeback against Tottenham last weekend, described his team's performance as their best of the season. "I wanted to play with players that were 100 per cent fit, and I wasn't 100 per cent." The Dutchman said, "but I was very pleased with the way the team

fects of a knee injury despite his

played. In the day's other top clash the match between the two sides all neutrals love to hate leaders Arsenal drew 2-2 with fourth placed Wimbledon, who twice came from behind to salvage a point.

The result takes Arsenal's

unbeaten league run to 12

matches and leaves them on 25

points, one clear of Newcastle

who face north east rivals

back in third place, travel to bottom of the table Blackburn

in today's other match. GERMANY

VFB Stuttgart missed out on their chance to overtake Bayern Munich at the top of the German First Division on Saturday by unexpectedly

crashing 2-1 at lowly St Pauli. Midfielder Christian springer bagged both goals for the unfashionable Hamburg side while Stuttgart's feared striking force made most of the play but managed only a penalty, converted by

points with a 3-0 defeat of hap-Borussia Moenchendgladbach, who were welcoming back Sweden's Martin Dalhin from as Roma.

Bordeaux 3-1 and take them to the top of the French First Division on Saturday. Monaco joined Paris Saint Germain on 29 points but jumped above them thanks to a better goal difference. The Paris

Women's International Boxing Federation (WIBF) super welterweight champion Mary Ann Alamager (R) and her French challenger Valerie Wiet exchange a flurry of blows during their bout in Tokyo yesterday.