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3	Who was the captain of Argentina at France '98?	Ortega	Veron	Simeone
4	What was Holland's position in France '98?	Third	Fourth	Fifth
5	Michael Owen plays for	L'pool	M United	Arsenal

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### SPORTS TALK



**Imran Khan**  
(Pakistan's cricketing legend)  
The future of English cricket seems to be bright.

### Nilis to end international career

BRUSSELS, Aug 5 (The Mirror) — Belgium and PSV Eindhoven striker Luc Nilis said he would no longer play for the national side, focusing instead on the Dutch league team he joined four years ago, reports Reuters.

Capped 51 times, 31-year-old Nilis said an ankle injury requiring surgery and the need to rejuvenate the Belgium team were also behind the decision to end his 10-year international career.

Nilis had made up his mind before the recent World Cup finals in France, in which Belgium disappointed, and had already informed coach Georges Leekens.

"Leekens had been told. He knew I was going to stop and that he could not change my mind," Nilis said.

He played his 51st and last match for Belgium in Paris on June 25 against South Korea, scoring his 10th goal in an international career which began in 1988 against Hungary.

# Atletico drub Chelsea



ARNHEM, Netherlands, Aug 5 (AFP/The Mirror): Dennis Wise was sent off in shame as Chelsea's Premiership preparations hit the rocks in Holland.

The English Premier side went down 4-0 to Atletico Madrid of Spain in a stormy friendly on Tuesday.

The Chelsea skipper saw red 10 minutes from time after he stamped on Atletico's Carlos Aguilera, who also received his marching orders for retaliating.

Wise had been involved in niggly scuffles throughout the friendly, but the manner of his departure will surely have infuriated not only his manager Gianluca Vialli but also his teammates.

Vialli said: "It was a pity that Dennis was sent off. It shouldn't happen in a friendly match. Dennis is a very hot tempered player and he goes in all the time. He doesn't like being beaten."

"It was a challenge between two players and the referee sent him off but I think it is better he gets sent off here rather than later in the Premiership."

"I do not think his sending off will affect any Premiership games. Hopefully nothing will happen but if there is a way to

appeal we will. But I am not concerned about Dennis, he is a winner."

And to make matters worse, the Londoners were outclassed and outplayed by the slick Spaniards and spent most of the night chasing shadows.

Wise may now face a three-match Premiership ban depending on the match report of the Dutch referee Ruud Bossen.

No matter what happens, he will definitely be available for next weekend's opener against Coventry, but if the official decides the sending off was for violent conduct he will almost certainly miss three games.

In the match itself the former Middlesbrough midfielder Juninho showed a host of Premiership clubs what they are missing in the first game of the Gelderland Tournament in Arnhem.

The brilliant Brazilian waltzed through the Chelsea defence twice to remind us all why Aston Villa are willing to break the bank to get him.

The only consolation for Chelsea fans was that new boys Pierluigi Casiraghi, Marcel Desailly and Brian Laudrup were not involved. They will be hoping last night's performance was not an indication of what is to come in the new season because they were ragged throughout and did little to worry Jose

Francisco Molina in the Atletico goal.

Albert Ferrer, the 2.2 million pound signing from Barcelona, was the only one of Chelsea's summer buys to start the game and he was handed the difficult task of marking Juninho. The Spanish international newcomer kept the Brazilian quiet until four minutes from the break when an unforced error by Michael Duberry allowed Juninho to beat Dmitri Kharine before slipping the ball into an empty net.

Juninho accepted another simple chance less than two minutes later when Serena opened up the Chelsea defence before laying on a tap-in.

Gustavo Poyet went closest to pulling back a goal three minutes after the restart when he headed over from Graeme Le Saux's cross.

But Atletico gifted a third goal 17 minutes from time when Kharine allowed a 25-yard free-kick from substitute Oscar Mena to squirm through his body and into the net.

Arrigo Sacchi's men who put a gloss on the victory when Jose Marie slipped the ball past the hapless Kharine. Chelsea were to face Vitesse Arnhem or Brazilians Flamengo in the third-place play-off Wednesday night.

# Gunners after Seedorf



LONDON, Aug 5 (The Mirror/Inter): Arsenal on Tuesday launched a 12 million pound bid for Holland's World Cup midfielder Clarence Seedorf.

Real Madrid president Lorenzo Sanz confirmed that Arsenal had made their first move by the telephone three days ago and followed it up with a formal offer.

Sanz said: "Arsenal have returned to ask for Seedorf."

But according to sources in Holland, the final decision rested with Real's new coach Guus Hiddink. Hiddink joined the newly-crowned European champions after leading Holland to the World Cup semifinals.

Seedorf was not first choice in the Dutch team under Hiddink, but now Hiddink is reluctant to release Seedorf from his squad. It may be that Arsenal will have to revise their offer and it could take as much as 14 million pounds to get their man.

But Arsenal had the funds available after manager Arsene Wenger failed to land his big name target this summer. Arsenal stalled on paying Patrick Kluijvert his two million pounds a year net wage demand after agreeing a 7.5 million pound transfer fee with AC Milan.

That allowed Manchester United to move in, but Kluijvert has now opted to stay in Italy because he really wanted to come to London to join up with

### Woerns may join L'pool

LIVERPOOL, Aug 5 (The Mirror): Liverpool are on the verge of bringing Germany's World Cup defender Christian Woerns to Anfield. Joint bosses Roy Evans and Gerard Houllier are ready to offer 5 million pounds for the 26-year-old even though he has yet to play a competitive game for his new club Paris St Germain.

PSG secured Woerns on a free transfer under the Bosman ruling. He played as a right wing-back for Germany, but is equally happy at centre-half.

Dennis Bergkamp and Marc Overmars at Highbury.

Wenger also wanted to sign Ronald de Boer but a Dutch tribunal refused to release him from Ajax where he has a six-year contract — and in any case the 10 million pound-rated midfielder player had agreed to join his brother, Frank, at Barcelona.



CLARENCE SEEDORF

Finally, Seedorf is the latest big name target and this time Arsenal are in no mood to lose their man after all the false starts.

Wenger has already stressed his concern about how Emmanuel Petit and Patrick Vieira will cope after winning the World Cup with France. It is indicative with his early moves for Ronald de Boer that Wenger was seeking to strengthen his midfield as well as his other departments, notably finding a replacement for record scorer Ian Wright, who has moved on to West Ham.

So far Wenger's only notable signing has been the Argentinian right-back Vivas for a modest 2m pounds.

Spain's daily sports newspaper Marca headlined its front page yesterday: "Seedorf: Arsenal are not joking. They mean it."

Atletico Madrid said they

had turned down a 15 million pounds offer from Aston Villa for Brazilian midfielder star Juninho.

Atletico's managing director, Miguel Angel Gil, said: "Juninho is not for sale at any price. It is as simple as that."

### Valderrama not moving now

MIAMI, Aug 5 (AP): Carlos Valderrama remains in Miami for now, with a deal to send the Colombian midfielder to New England apparently on hold, if not dead.

Reports during the weekend said Miami were set to send Valderrama to the Revolution for US National team forward-midfielder Joe-Max Moore, after Valderrama said he couldn't play for new Fusion coach Ivo Wotmann.

"The deal is pretty much a dead issue," Revolution general manager Brian O'Donovan said Monday night. "We were told by the league that Valderrama made a decision to stay with Miami, and we're pursuing other things."

Major League Soccer deputy-commissioner Sunil Gulati said the deal was dead for now "but it could be resurrected."

Fusion owner Ken Horowitz said that although deal with the Revolution was off, "that doesn't mean there won't be a deal, possibly with another team."

Valderrama was expected to be at the Fusion's practice Tuesday, team officials said.

Fusion midfielder Marcelo "Popeye" Herrera has left the team to join Belgrano in Argentina's First Division, which creates another spot on the team's roster for a foreign player.

Evening out the foreign player-to-American player ratio was a sticking point in the Valderrama deal, The Miami Herald reported.

More is American and each MLS team is only allowed five foreigners.



England wonderboy Michael Owen (C) is held by an Inter Milan defender during Liverpool's friendly against the Italian side at Anfield on August 4. The English powerhouse won 2-1. — AFP photo

### Inter lose to Liverpool

LIVERPOOL, England, Aug 5: Goals from Paul Ince and Steve Harkness lifted Liverpool to a 2-1 win over Inter Milan in a friendly here on Tuesday evening.

Ince's shot was memorable and he got a standing ovation when leaving. Inter's only goal came in the 73rd minute, a clever chip by Cristiano Zveretti.

### Nivel beating Suspect appears in court

DOUAI, France, Aug 5: A German citizen under investigation for the attack on a French policeman after a World Cup match appeared before a judge who is to rule later Wednesday whether to return the suspect to jail, reports AP.

Karl-Heinz Elschner is one of six suspects arrested in connection with the June 21 attack on Daniel Nivel, 44, who spent six weeks in a coma, gaining consciousness on Monday.

Elschner was placed under investigation for attempted homicide, then in the succession of legal moves, the prosecutor's office then appealed the decision to free Elscop of German fans shortly after the match between Germany and Yugoslavia in the northern city of Leg held in France.

### Top Koreans J-League bound

SEOUL, Aug 5: South Korean international Hwang Sun-Hong and Yoo Sang-Chul are set for lucrative moves to the Japanese league, reports Reuters.

Hwang, who missed all of South Korea's three World Cup matches in France due to a knee injury, is leaving Asian club champions Pohang Steelers for J. League side Carezo Osaka in a deal said to be worth 7 million dollars.

The 30-year-old forward, who has scored 45 goals in 79 international appearances for South Korea, will hook up with World Cup teammate Ha Seok-Ju at the Osaka club.

Hwang swaps places with Cerezo's former South Korean international Ko Jeong-Won, who is joining Pohang.

Yoo will leave his South Korean club Ulsan Hyundai at the end of the season to join former J. League champions Yokohama Marinos.

The 27-year-old midfielder played in all three of South Korea's World Cup matches, captaining the side twice and scoring the team's equaliser in a 1-1 draw against Belgium.

Meanwhile, the South Korean Football Association says it will name its new national team head coach on August 14.

The post has been vacant since the sacking of Cha Bum-Kun at the World Cup finals.

Three candidates have been nominated for the post so far with Lee-Cha-Man, the coach of current league champions Pusan Daewoo, considered the leading candidate. The others are Huh Jung-Moo of Chunam Dragons and Kim Ho-Gon, the current coach of the Yonsei University team.

### Incontrad v'ball starts today

The Incontrad seventh men and fourth women inter-district volleyball tournament, organised by Bangladesh Volleyball Federation, starts at the Mirpur Indoor Stadium this afternoon.

Yousuf Abdullah Harun, chairman of the sponsors, will inaugurate the tournament at 3:30 pm.

A total of 22 teams including 13 of women's will take part in the meet.

### French season kicks off this weekend

# Strikers have goals to score



PARIS, Aug 5 (Reuters): France's overlooked and underachieving strikers, eclipsed by defenders in last month's World Cup triumph, will be keen to remind fans what they can do when the new league season starts this weekend.

Past and present French international forwards on display include Christophe Dugarry, Florian Maurice and Robert Pires at Marseille, Thierry Henry and David Trezeguet at Monaco and Patrice Loko and Nicolas Ouedec at Paris St Germain.

All are keen to get back to business and impress newly appointed national coach Roger Lemerre.

The past month's success and the forwards' difficulties in scoring during the latter stages of the World Cup land an added piquancy to the old rivalry between Olympique Marseille and the capital's big guns Paris St Germain.

The two sides have spent heavily building their teams with some familiar faces from the tournament, reversing to some extent the trend of the past two seasons when France's top players went to major foreign sides.

The victory over Brazil at the Stade de France has also raised local interest and Marseille have become the first French club to sell more than 37,000 season tickets.

The signing of Nigerian playmaker Jay Jay Okocha for a French record fee of 17 million US dollars has helped prevent France from slipping further behind the biggest European leagues as a destination for the world's top players.

Champions RC Lens, who dominated against PSG but still lost 1-0 in the season-opening Trophy of Champions match last week, and league runners-up Metz will doubtless be hard pushed to make much of a mark in the European Cup.

Both small clubs, their recruiting has been extremely limited in comparison with the big guns.

The benchmark for French clubs remains Marseille's European Cup triumph of 1993 — before their fall from grace for match-rigging — and the side run by Adidas boss Robert Louis-Dreyfus are again among the leading title contenders.

In the two seasons since promotion from the Second Division after their enforced

relegation as punishment for their off-field sins, Marseille have finished 11th and fourth.

Now, with three French internationals in attack, their fans expect nothing less than a ninth league title.

"Our objective is to grab one of the two qualifying places for the Champions' League," coach Roland Courbis said.

Marseille have signed Pires, who played in three of the World Cup matches but not the final, and Maurice, his one-time Olympic and under-21 strike partner who missed out on a place in Aime Jacquet's 22-man squad.

They already had Dugarry and Italy's Fabrizio Ravanelli on their books, not to mention German goalkeeper Andreas Koepcke and France defender Laurent Blanc who was sent off so controversially in the World Cup semifinal.

"I've never hidden (the fact that) I would line up Ravanelli, Maurice, Gourvenec and Pires," Corbis said. "But it's no luxury to have five players of talent for four places."

"I'm counting on (Dugarry) for the challenges that await us. It's clear, however, that he must raise the level of his game as was he with France."

Dugarry was out of form last season before helping France win the World Cup scoring their first goal in their first match against South Africa but then picking up an injury.

PSG have a new executive president in Charles Bietry who appointed a new coach, former France midfielder Alain Giresse.

Okocha will be the key to a side with a rejuvenated defence following the departure of Alain Oche and Paul Le Guen — now coach at Rennes — that includes Germany's Christian Woerns.

Up front Italian Merco Simone, who appeared a certainty at the end of last season, has raised doubts about staying over contractual differences with Bietry.

If Simone stays, former Nantes teammates Loko and Ouedec will be vying for the other striker's position unless the Italian plays deere as he did against Lens last week.

Bernard Lama is back in the PSG goal after he lost his way last year, relinquishing his France number one spot to Monaco's Fabien Barthe and leaving the Parisians weakened in the last line of defence in one of the worst seasons.

The Monaco side that won the title last year and reached the European Cup semifinals in April have lost midfielder John Collins to Everton and Ali Benarbia to Girondins Bordeaux.

But they have retained the exciting strike partnership of Henry and Trezeguet, who both scored during the World Cup.

Trezeguet was not convincing during the World Cup while Henry was regularly used as a substitute.

Jacquet said after his victory: "The only question mark, and something that will remain terrible for me, is that, unfortunately, we didn't have a guy up front."

Ouedec, Loko and Maurice, who have all led France at attack in the past but missed out on France '98 along with Lens' fiery winger Tony Vaireles, aim to set that right.

### Sino booter suspended

BEIJING, Aug 5: First Division striker Pan Yi was suspended for six matches by the Chinese Football Association (CFA) for a retaliatory kick to an opponent reminiscent of England star David Beckham's World Cup final gaffe, reports AFP.

His team, Chinese Army, was also fined 1,500 yuan (180 dollars) for the unsportsmanlike action, which took place during its upset victory over Beijing Guoan on Sunday.

Pan kicked defender Nan Fang after the latter had fallen to the turf, according to a CFA statement.

The suspension means he will miss four regular-season games as well as two legs of the CFA Cup third round.

Despite Sunday's win, 12th-place Chinese Army remain in danger of relegation from the 14-team first division.

### Dhaka Club Bridge Aug 13

The Dhaka Club Foundation Day bridge tournament both team and pair events, will be held from August 13 to 21, reports BSS.

The last date of entry is August 12. Teams and pairs interested to participate have been requested to contact Waliul Haque by phoning 865714, 869373 and 505875.

### SIX NO TRUMPS

A K Sayeedul Huq

NORTH SHOULD HAVE STOPPED AT 5 SPADES AFTER HEART DOUBLE (Hand # 59)

North	South	East
♠ S Q X	♠ S A K J 10 X X	♠ S X X X
♥ H A X X	♥ H X X	♥ H Q 10 X X
♦ D K Q J 10 X	♦ D X X	♦ D A X X X
♣ C 10 X X	♣ C A Q X	♣ C X X X

BIDDING (North-South vulnerable)

South (Sayed)	West (Mazumdar)	North (Zaglu)	East (Mizan)
1S	Pass	2D	Pass
3S	Pass	4NT	Pass
4H	Double	6S	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

### THE PLAY

After double raise of Spades by South North smelled slam as he was holding a good Diamond suit. But when West doubled 4 Hearts (lead direction) North should have stopped at 5 Spades as one Ace was missing. However, as an ambitious bidder he pushed on to 6 Spades which was doubled by East showing interest in Heart. East's double was an excellent decision because, missing Q10 of Hearts, West might not lead Hearts. (East correctly assumed that West held KJ of Hearts). As the declarer had to surrender the lead to clear Diamonds, it was not possible to make the contract. West led his fourth best Heart which was won in dummy with the Ace. After clearing the trumps the declarer had to surrender the lead to East who on winning the Ace of Diamond, cashed the Queen of Hearts. Next he played a Club but the declarer went up with the Ace and threw the Club losers on the good Diamonds.

Note that both the doubles by East and West were instrumental in defeating the contract. Without a Heart lead, the contract cannot be beaten.



THE ACCUSED: German Karl-Heinz Elschner, one of several suspects in beating up French policeman Daniel Nivel during the World Cup last month, arrives at a court house in Douai, France yesterday. — AFP photo

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

1	Interrogative	36	Oater star	DOWN	19	Cornfield comment	
5	Funny-man	37	It's just below first	1	Band in Boston	21	picture paints 1,000 words...
8	DeLuise	40	Actor	2	Troop group	23	Unimprovable
12	Lollapalooza	41	Bronchial disorder	3	...-man	24	Endlessly
13	Owl's query	45	Give a hoot	4	Vixen's yokemate	25	Risque
14	Animal rights org.	47	Yon wench	5	Nerd	26	On — (as a gamble)
15	Pocket bread	49	Authentic	6	Resistance unit	27	Kansas city
16	Flightless bird	50	Portent	7	Grieved partner	28	Paginated
17	Shakespearean septet	51	Pialet	8	The final frontier	32	Excavating machine
18	Position	52	"Casa-blanca"	9	Lots of juice	33	Neighbor of Slovakia
20	Costa follower	53	heroine	10	Salt Lake flyer	35	Blackbird
22	Stir-craziness	54	Coastal	11	Tank fill	36	Fool
26	Tendon	55	Basilia			38	Carra or Castle
29	Narcs' org.					39	Ruth's record breaker
30	Eggs					42	Beates movie
31	Rain cats and dogs					43	Grand-scale
32	Foundation					44	Wings
33	One of the Baldwins					45	Intimide
34	Stately tree					46	Pierre's pal
35	Motorists'					48	Blunder

Solution time: 23 mins.

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Yesterday's answer

34 Stately tree

