#### **Gabriel Batistuta** (Fiorentina's Argentine

striker " They are two great footballers who will take Inter to the top. I am sure about that. It makes me laugh when I read people in the newspapers saying that those two might have problems playing together. That's really is a joke."

On Ronald and Roberto Baggio.



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3	How many Tests will Australia play in Pakistan?			
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#### Empoli coach fired

MILAN, Aug 19: Luigi Delneri was sacked as coach of Italian Serie A side Empoli on Monday after less than three months in the job, reports AFP.

3-4-3 line-up used successfully by his predecessor Luciano Spalletti, now at Sampdoria, to a 4-4-2 formation which saw them beaten by Third Division Livorno last week.

Delneri wanted to scrap the

Club president Fabrizio Corsi said: "There's no point hiding the fact that we were very pleased with what the team did fast season, and that we don't want to change the system

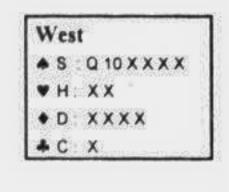
of play. With the new season starting on the weekend of September 12/13, Corsi said: "It's better to take a decision now, rather

### than in a month's time."

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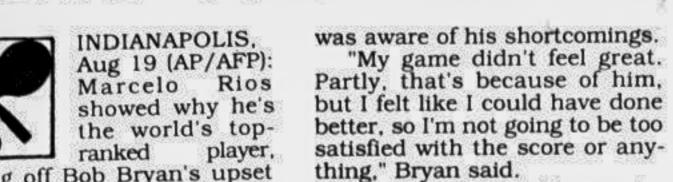
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## FORTS TALK Rios too hot to handle



off Spain's Carlos Moya 6-7 (5-

had 16 aces with his 120 mph (193 kph) serve, including three in a row in two games. Moya, runnerup in this tournament a

year ago, came into the match ranked fifth by the ATP. Jo-

"If you win the second set 6-

love, most times you lose a serve," Johansson said. "So for

me to hold that first game in the third, it was really important

for me, because then I felt pretty confident for the third set, too.

start in the third, maybe he

would have won the match. It's

lars for leaving without com-

baseline game caught Bryan

flat-footed or heading the

wrong direction many times in the 67-minute match. Rios

added nine aces and won 25 of

first round at Cincinnati last

week, Rios said he's using this

tournament to prepare for the

point and trying to play as hard

as I can," Rios said after win-

ning his ATP tour-leading 49th

match of the year. "I was sick

with an allergy, but I'm trying

to come through and trying to

play as best I can. I think I'm go-

played two good games and two

bad games. He's not really con-

sistent in that part. I think he

needs to work a little bit on his

movement. I think he can be a

Of Bryan, Rios said, "He

ing to be OK for the US Open.'

After being ousted in the

"I'm trying to run with every

27 first-serve points.

Aug 31-Sept 13 US Open.

Moya was fined 1,000 dol-

Earlier, Rios' exceptional

so small; it's only a few balls."

"If he would have had a good

hansson is 34th.

fighting off Bob Bryan's upset bid to advance to the RCA "I wasn't going out in awe to-day. I was actually giving it a Championships round of 16 with a 6-4, 6-4 sweep of the US good effort to win that match, so that's why I'm a little disap-pointed. But he's No 1 in the college singles champion. The tournament's second world, and I can't hang my head seed wasn't so lucky. Thomas too much." Johansson of Sweden knocked

Magnus Larsson of Sweden moved into a today match 7), 6-0, 6-1 Tuesday night.

After losing the first-set tiebreaker, Johansson routed Moya, breaking all three of his serves in the second set and two of three in the third. Johansson against Briton Greg Rusedski thanks to a 2-6, 7-6 (7/3), 6-2 comeback against Sebastien Grosjean of France.

Rusedski, seeded third, has not played since failing to complete his first-round match at Wimbledon due to an ankle sprain suffered at Queen's Club

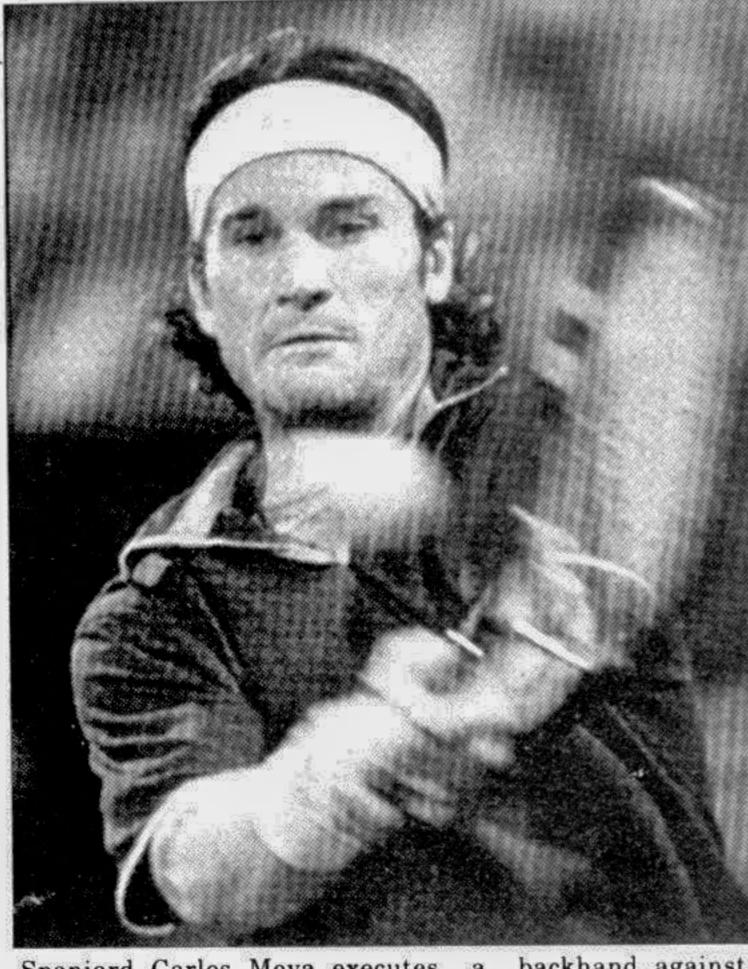
on the grass. "My game didn't feel great.

"I'm not worried about the ranking or defending the US Open finalist points. I'm just taking it one match at a time," Rusedski said. "I need to get back to sharpness. Things are going well. I've had eight weeks of physiotherapy. Now is the time to test the ankle."

Austrian Thomas Muster beat another American outsider, qualifier Paul Goldstein, 6-2, 6-2, while 1994 champion Wayne Ferreira easily handled Canadian Daniel Nestor 6-4, 7-

Gianluca Pozzi scored the day's only upset, eliminating Italian compatriot Andrea Gaudenzi seeded 16 7-6 (7/4), 6-

Andre Agassi and Jonas Bjorkman begin play today with second round matches.



Spaniard Carlos Moya executes a



Thomas Johansson of Sweden during their RCA Championship match at Indianapolis on August 18.- AP/UNB photo

### The 20-year-old American Dalmiya prefers digital



great player.'

19: Yielding to demands greater use of technology to reduce umpiring er

rors, the International Cricket Council has decided to allow the ground umpires to consult the third umpire on all dismissals except leg before wicket (lbw). But lbw decisions, probably

the most contentious of all, will remain the domain of the umpire at the wicket, at least for now, with ICC unwilling to make the game "too mechanical," ICC president Jagmohan Dalmiya told PTI here yester-

The game will be played under a set of new rules with effect from September 1 which will reduce umpiring errors and address problems regarding playing conditions.

Demand for more use of technology has touched a high in the wake of glaring umpiring errors - by Pakistan's Javed Akhtar in particular — during the just-ended Test series between South Africa and Eng-

ICC also plans to impose life ban - against the current seven-year ban - on those found guilty of match-fixing, introduce guidelines for TV commentators and ensure uniformity in match referees' deci-

But ICC has no immediate plans to introduce mandatory drug testing. "We are not against it. But tests have their hazards too and ICC is not for introducing it for a fashion."

Denying ICC was reluctant to expand the role of third umpire,

Dalmiya said, from next month, the official will also decide on all catches "if the

clarify on fours and sixes.

lbw decisions to the third umpire will drastically slow down the game. "There is no mischief on anybody's part or error to such an extent which requires technological support.

making from ground umpires will result in either his referring it to the third umpire very often or players demanding that they do so. ICC is liberal on technology use. But it should not become mechanical," he added.

tains' meeting at the Lord's were

ROME, Aug 19:

France's World

Cup captain Di-

dier Deschamps

told an Italian

magistrate inves

tigating allegations of doping in

Serie A on Tuesday that his Ju-

ventus team was a tough

taskmaster but achieved its

results by hard work alone.

The midfielder, who signed a

new contract with the Italian

champions in April, was ques-

tioned by Turin prosecutor

Raffaele Guariniello for 90

minutes before flying to Vienna

for France's first post-World

have focused on Juventus after

AS Roma coach Zdenek Zeman

alleged in an interview with

news magazine L'Espresso that

drug taking was rife in the

world's most prestigious soccer

Italy for 17 years, named for-

mer Juventus captain Gianluca

Vialli, now player-manager of

English side Chelsea, and Ju-

ventus striker Alessandro Del

Piero in connection with his

suspicions but did not accuse

schamps over remarks at-

tributed to him earlier this

year, when speculation was rife

that he was on the verge of join-

ing Chelsea, that a player's life

mark to try to get (coach Mar-

cello) Lippi and (trainer Gian-

piero) Ventrone to make us

work less," a Juventus spokes-

man quoted Deschamps as

"Unfortunately, it didn't

Guariniello asked detailed

questions about club training

methods, to which Deschamps

replied: "It's a way of working

hard and seriously which is at

"It was just a throwaway re-

at Juventus was short-lived.

Guariniello questioned De-

them directly.

saying.

work."

Zeman, who has coached in

Guariniello's investigations

Cup match on Wednesday.

reports Reuters.

ground umpire is not sure whether it has been cleanly Hitherto the third umpire

To the ICC boss, allowing

"Taking away lbw decision-

Even technology developed in South Africa for lbw decisions had limitations as it sought to project straight lines. vertical and linear, which cannot fully reflect the way a cricket ball behaved, he said.

"ICC constantly reviewed performance by umpires. Captains of all the nine Test playing countries present at the cap-

decided only on run-outs and stumpings was consulted on the line decisions like catches at the fence and, when in doubt, to

unanimous that quality of umpiring was improving," he said. The ICC chief described match-fixing as a 'heinous act' and said the world body was debating on introducing a life ban

on players, administrators or umpires found guilty. "But betting is a law and order problem. We can only forbid those connected with the game to keep away," he said.

A third umpire, from next month, can even have a quiet word if his counterpart on the field does not call overs promptly or fails to notice violation of field restrictions. No balls and wides will be called by

Dalmiya dubbed all periodical cricket ratings as 'publicity stunts' and warned that 'judging individuals in a team game can be deceptive.

ground umpires," he said.

Meanwhile, ICC vesterday appointed Ross Turner as the ICC Development Manager to coordinate its development programmess.

"This position was created to provide leadership and coordination of the new ICC development programme which will be officially launched on October 27," Dalmiya said here.

Turner, he said, would be based at the Lord's in London and would assume office in early October.

the root of our successes."

Deschamps has played four

seasons at Juventus, the side

that has won more silverware

than any other club in the coun-

DIDIER DESCHAMPS

gested Zeman's comments, in

which he suggested that Vialli

and Del Piero gained muscle

mass surprisingly quickly,

were motivated by sour grapes.

The Czech coach has spent

much of his career coaching in

the lower divisions and has

angrily denied suggestions their

players took performance-en-

hancing drugs but acknowl-

edged they used legal "restora-

tives," including the amino acid

creatine which plays a key role

in muscle contraction, to recoup

ist Gianni Agnelli, on Tuesday

dismissed the doping allega-

and Del Piero to the Italian

Olympic Committee's (CONI)

anti-doping panel in Rome,

which is conducting a separate

inquiry into allegations of dop-

tions as "just title-tattle."

The club's owner, industrial-

Ventrone defended Vialli

Juventus earlier this month

never won a major trophy.

Some at Juventus have sug-

Didier defends Juve

# Diego says it again!

BUENOS AIRES, Aug 19: Argentina's Diego Maradona is planning a seventh return to professional soccer to play friendly matches for Second Division Spanish side Badajoz, his manager said on Tuesday. reports Reuters.

"We are planning as a first step for Diego to start training to play a few friendly matches for Badajoz," Maradona's manager Guillermo Coppola told local radio.

He said Argentina's 1986 World Cup-winning captain would probably play his first match for Badajoz in September or in October, when he will celebrate his 38th birthday.

Badajoz is partly owned by Argentine television celebrity Marcelo Tinelli.

Maradona has already made more comebacks than a boomerang. His most recent ended last

September. At the time he was in danger of being banned for use of unspecified prohibited substances after he tested positive following a match for Buenos Aires club Boca Juniors.

#### Weah's warning

MILAN, Aug 19: Star striker George Weah warned the Liberian government on Tuesday that he and his teammates would quit the national side if there wasn't more help for sport

in his country, reports AFP. The former FIFA worldplayer-of-the-year was furious with the situation, despite Liberia's 2-0 win over Niger last weekend which put them into the second qualifying phase for the African Nations Cup.

Weah, back for his first day training with AC Milan since the win, said: "After the victory over Niger, I spoke to the authorities of my country.

"My teammates and I complained about their lack of respect and their indifference towards national sport."

#### ICC's rejection

LONDON, Aug 19: The International Cricket Council Wednesday rejected speculation it was ready to extend the role of the third umpire to adjudicate on bat-pad appeals in Test matches, reports AP.

ICC chief executive David Richards said comments by ICC president Jagmohan Dalmiya on the Council's "liberal" use of TV technology had been misinterpreted by the media.

There has been no change in the level of use of technology in the game — we have no plans to increase it," he said.

Richards said the ICC was concerned that it would be encouraging umpires to make their own decisions and then force them to use technology when they reached the highest

That is an effect we are wary about but obviously, if technology will help us and the sport in general, we will look closely at using it. I am sure our cricket committee will discuss it again in the future," he said.

Speculation Wednesday centered around broadening the third umpire's role to adjudicate on questionable leg-before wicket appeals by using TV replays. A number of controversial umpiring decisions hit the headlines during the recent Test series between England and South Africa.

#### Poland beat Israel

WARSAW, Aug 19: Poland's national soccer team overcame the country's domestic soccer turmoil to score a 2-0 win over Israel in an international friendly at Wilsa stadium, Krakow, on Tuesday, reports

After a dull opening, Poland took the lead in the 24th minute when Miroslaw Trzeciak slipped the ball past the Israeli

Poland extended the lead in the 71st minute when Rafal Siadacska drove home the goal and put the issue beyond doubt.

Only half of the expected 12,000 spectators turned-out for the match because the game's organisers decided only to allow underage fans entry if they were accompanied by an adult.

Poland's domestic competition is in turmoil, with first Division teams boycotting league matches and demanding that national soccer federation president Marian Dziurowicz resign amid speculation of corruption and mismanagement.

But Dziurowicz said he would continue as president until elections for new federation leaders on Nov 12.

#### Tarango, Hewitt win

NEW HAVEN, Aug 19 (Reuters/AP/ AFP): Veteran Jeff Tarango of USA and tour rookie Lleyton Hewitt of Australia. won first-round matches at the Pilot Pen International Tuesday to set up second-round meeting against two of the best in the business. Tarango posted a 6-2, 6-2

victory over 127th-ranked qualifier Lionel Roux of France to move into the second round against Patrick Rafter. The second-ranked Rafter, who won the Toronto and Cincinnati Super 9 titles in the past two weeks, holds a 3-1 lead in matches against Tarango.

A wildcard recipient this week, the 151st-ranked Hewitt set up his first encounter with Pete Sampras after securing a 6-3, 6-4 win over the 83rd-ranked Sargis Sargsian of Armenia. Tuesday's schedule of 24

matches was interrupted a number of times by rain, but only eighth-seeded Goran Ivanisevic's second round match against Geoff of the US was postponed.



England's Graeme Hick prepares to sweep during the Emirates triangular tournament match against South Africa at Edgbaston on August 18. — AFP photo

# England, the lucky loser



EDGBASTON, Aug 19: South Africa won the battle but lost the war here on Tuesday beating England but failing to reach the final of the

Emirates triangular one-day tournament against Sri Lanka, reports AFP. The tourists set England a target of 244 and bowled them out for 230. But England had scored enough to qualify for the

final on run-rate when lan

Austin's boundary took them

past 198. It must have been a bitter frustration for Hansie Cronje's team but their determination to win was undiminished. At the end, Allan Donald and Shaun Pollock were roaring in as though this were the first match of the summer and not their last. Earlier, veteran off-spinner Pat Symcox flayed England's bowling for 51 off 39 balls and then took two for 36 off 10 overs to richly deserve

When Nick Knight and Graeme Hick were together England were cruising into the final. Hick made 64 off 72 balls before holding out to Symcox off Hanste Cronja. Knight carried on for 74 off 114 balls. Their partnership of 113 could have won the match.

the player-of-the-match award.

Instead, South Africa broke it and forced the game back their way. Nasser Hussain, Adam Hollioake and Robert Croft were bamboozled by Cronje, Symcox and Mike Rindel respectively. Donald and Pollock then polished off the tail and in between times Jonty Rhodes took a fantastic flying catch in the covers to dismiss Croft.

Opening. Alistair Brown made the mistake of trying to pick a single to Jonty Rhodes.

Alec Stewart escaped a second ball lbw appeal to strike a 32ball 27 before cutting a catch to

England towards the final. Their 100 partnership took 106 The tourists' innings highlights were an aggressive 70 from Daryll Cullinan and the

Knight and Hick then steered

49th over bowled by Peter Mar-Darren Gough was the pick of England's bowlers finishing with three for 43. The top three Gough accounted for both openers and removed the dangerous Cullinan as South Africa reached 244 for seven in their

Gough had Mike Rindel lbw in the fifth over. Gary Kirsten chased a wide delivery and was caught behind by Alec Stewart two overs later. Cullinan and Rhodes (15) set

50 overs.

partnership of 48 before Alan Mullally tempted Rhodes outside off stump. Cullinan upped the tempo and moved briskly on to 70 from 73 balls as he threatened to take the game away from

England, Gough began a new

spell with an inswinger that

the innings back on track with

flattened the leg stump. Mullally, Ian Austian and Robert Croft then kept South Africa in reasonable check. Croft trapped Hansie Cronje (31) in front, sweeping, though there was a suspicion of glove in the shot. Jacques Kallis (19) played on to a ball from Austin. Had Adam Hollioake caught

Symcox in the deep when he had eight, the South African innings might have quietly subsided. Instead it flared into life. The violence of Symcox's hitting threatened spectators

well back in the stands. Eventually he swung across a straight ball from Mullally and was bowled, having put on an invaluable 69 with Shaun Pollock, who finished unbeaten on

It was all too little to get South Africa into the final which will be contested by England and Sri Lanka on Thurssparkling 51 from Symcox. He day at Lord's. hit four sixes and took 17 of the

#### Scoreboard of the Emirates

SCOREBOARD

22 and Mark Boucher on three.

triangular one-day tournament match between England and South Africa at Edgbaston on SOUTH AFRICA: Cullinan

70. Symcox 51. Cronje 31; Gough 3/43, Mullally 2/33. ENGLAND:

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4-170, 5-186, 6-193, 7-208, 8-213, 9-217, 10-230. Bowling: Donald Pollock Kallis Hayward Symcox

Result: South Africa won by Player-of-the-match: Pat Symcox. Umpires: J Holder and G

Cronie

Next match: Final, England vs Sri Lanka, Lord's August 20.

ence Tuesday his biggest regret

at the World Cup was not taking

Drewery to the championship

in France. He also said she

would continue to help in the

# Hoddle in more hot water



Already under fire for publishing details of his pre-World Cup bust-up with Paul Gas coigne in an autobiography. England soccer coach Glenn Hoddle was accused Wednesday

LONDON, Aug 19:

business venture with a faith healer, reports AP. Hoddle's revelations in "Glenn Hoddle: My 1998 World Cup Story" has already led to calls for the Football Association to fire him for allegedly

of making money from a

breaching confidences. Now the papers have continued the attack by suggesting that the England coach would profit from a business link with faith healer and long-time friend Eileen Drewery.

Through his agent, Hoddle said he stood to gain nothing. Hoddle's use of the faith healer for his players before the World Cup in France dominated

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headlines in the media and the profile Drewery - the mother of his former girlfriend - increased dramatically.

tional team coach for betraying the trust of his players, saying the players didn't have a problem with him. In a serialised publication of his book in the Sun newspaper, Hoddle has criticised Gas-

He has stood firm amid calls

ager Alex Ferguson and several other players. He described in detail how Gascoigne, apparently drunk, kicked over a chair and smashed a bedside lamp after being told he would not play in the World Cup.

Hoddle also mentioned

Hoddle told a media confer-

Drewery on 14 pages of the book

and defended her therapeutic

use with the England players

during the World Cup buildup.

ham, Manchester United Man-

future. for him to step down as na-Hoddle denied the pair would be cashing-in on the exposure her business would get as a result of her work with the England team or that his involvement in the business was a conflict of interest coigne, midfielder David Beck-

turned faith healer, and Hoddle established The Lychgate Sanctuary Ltd in October 1997. In December the company applied for registration as a charity — usually a 15-day process but still has not been granted registration.

Drewery, a former barmaid

Hoddle's lawyer Peter Baines confirmed Wednesday that the Lychgate Sanctuary was a 'charity set up with the object of relieving physical and mental suffering and combating drug dependency."

# CRYPTOQUIP

JSRWZ JN XSNK HB-VBSRWP ASNI YRSZPWWZ? Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DENTISTS AGREE THAT RICH CHOCOLATE DESSERTS ARE FAR TOO FILL-

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Y equals B 46 Formerly The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it Yankee..." 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.

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