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1. What is the name of Brazil's new soccer coach?
 Zagalo Luxemburgo Parreira

2. Who was the player-of-the-match in the fifth Test at Headingley?
 Butcher Donald Stewart

3. How many Tests will Australia play in Pakistan?
 One Two Three

4. Who is the No 1 on ATP rankings at the moment?
 Rios Rafter Agassi

5. Michelle Smith has been banned for
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French midfield supremo Zinedine Zidane (C) tries to burst through two Austrian defenders during their friendly international at Vienna on August 19. The match ended 2-2. — AFP photo

Boghossian saves 'les blues' blushes

UNDATED, Aug 20 (Reuters/AP): World champions France escaped with a draw against a spirited Austria while there was defeat for World Cup quarterfinalists Denmark on a busy Wednesday night of international friendlies. There was celebrations in Sarajevo where Bosnia recorded their first international goal and victory in a Euro 2000 qualifier.

FRANCE-AUSTRIA: The French were held to a 2-2 draw by Austria at Vienna in their first match since they were crowned World Cup champions 38 days ago.

Alain Boghossian just managed to squeeze and equaliser in the 84th minute but new France coach Roger Lemerre said he was pleased with his side's showing.

"I am happy, absolutely. It was an engaging match. The Austrians were in good form and gave France a really tough time," said Lemerre, who took over last month from victorious World Cup manager Aime Jacquet.

"I wanted to test some new players and they played exactly as I wanted them to."

Lilian Laslandes, who was not a member of the World Cup squad, made an encouraging impression on Lemerre, who needs a consistent goalscorer for the 2000 European Championship qualifying campaign. France have lacked an impressive striker since Euro 96.

Laslandes profited from a defensive error to open the scoring with a header in the 16th minute.

"We played reasonably," captain Didier Deschamps said. "We had some good actions and tried new players. But it was not a competitive match."

Playmaker Zinedine Zidane, who scored twice in France's win over Brazil in the World Cup final, made his 40th appearance for the side and said afterwards: "It was not a bad showing for our first outing."

After Laslandes' goal, a highly motivated Austrian side stepped up a gear and created a lot of chances.

Mario Haas made it 1-1 in the 42nd minute with a left-foot shot from a pass by Sturm Graz teammate Ivica Vastic.

Haas, playing in the striker's slot vacated by Toni Polster who has retired from the national side at the behest of coach Herbert Prohaska, missed further chances in the second half.

Croatian-born Vastic delighted a capacity crowd at the Ernst Happel stadium by putting Austria ahead with an easily converted penalty in the 76th minute after Franck Leboeuf fouled Haas's substitute, newcomer Christian Mayrleb.

But Austrian joy was short-lived. Boghossian scored the French equaliser with a header

which resulted from a free-kick by Youri Djorkaeff, who replaced Zinedine Zidane in the second half.

"I can live with the draw," Prohaska said. "It would have been really upsetting if we had been playing for points. But may be it's better we didn't win, that way we won't get big-headed."

The match marked the national team farewell of Austrian goalkeeper Michael Konzel, who left the pitch in the 21st minute of his 43rd international and passed on the number one shirt to VfB Stuttgart's Franz Wohlfahrt.

CZECH REPUBLIC-DENMARK: The Czech national team beat Denmark 1-0 with an early goal from Karel Rada in Prague.

Rada scored in the seventh minute. The tall sweeper beat the Danish defense in the air, scoring with a header on a corner kick from Martin Cizek.

The Danes, quarterfinalists at the World Cup, arrived without star strikers Brian and Michael Laudrup, who gave up playing for the national team this year.

The Czechs, runners-up at the 1996 European Championships, missed midfielders

Patrik Berger of Liverpool and Radek Bejbi of Atletico Madrid. In the 16th minute, Denmark's Peter Moeller chipped the ball over Czech goalie Pavel Postulka, but defender Jiri Nemec blocked it on the goal line.

The referee disallowed a goal by Vratislav Lokvenc in the 23rd minute, ruling it off-side.

BOSNIA-FAEROE ISLANDS: Elvir Bajlic fired Bosnia's first goal in international competition and helped the team to a 1-0 victory over the Faeroe Islands in its first European Championship qualifying game.

The historical Group Nine result came before 20,000 fans in Sarajevo.

ROMANIA-NORWAY: In his first game as the Norwegian national team coach, Nils Johan Semb was unable to gain a win or even a goal in a 0-0 tie with Romania in Oslo. Semb took over in the summer from long-term coach Egil Olsen.

SWEDEN-RUSSIA: Jorgen Pettersson gave Sweden a 1-0 victory over Russia in Stockholm with a goal after only three minutes.

Pettersson succeeded in getting the ball just over the line

Poles decide to delay matches

WARSAW, Aug 20: Poland's First Division soccer teams decided Wednesday to end a boycott of league matches and instead hold a brief protest against the soccer federation president before games, reports AP.

The nation's First and Second Division teams voted 36-1 for the First Division sides to resume playing matches boycotted for the past two weeks.

Despite the boycott, clubs and players continued to participate in international matches, including Poland's 2-0 victory over Israel on Tuesday night.

The boycott was to demand the resignation of Polish Soccer Federation president Marian Dziurowicz for alleged mismanagement and corruption. Dziurowicz has refused to step down but called a special federation meeting for November 12 to discuss the crisis in Polish soccer.

At Wednesday's meeting, players decided to delay the start of each game to read a statement demanding Dziurowicz's resignation.

Dziurowicz angered them even more by refusing to sign an agreement to create a new Autonomous Polish League that

would give First and Second Division clubs more control of their affairs.

According to the agreement between the federation and clubs, the new league would handle contracts with sponsors, broadcast right, scheduling and overseeing referees and players — duties now handled by the federation.

But Dziurowicz refused to sign Wednesday, saying the agreement needed changes to satisfy legal questions.

Sports Minister Jacek Debiski suspended the entire federation leadership — including Dziurowicz in May for refusing to allow an investigation into alleged mismanagement. The federation leaders claimed they were independent of the government review.

World soccer's governing body, FIFA, then threatened to ban Polish teams from international competition unless the government and the Polish federation ended their dispute.

Debiski reinstated the federation leaders on August 8 to avoid a FIFA suspension, but only after the federation agreed to let state controllers examine its books and records.

Poland's national team has failed to qualify for the World Cup since 1982. Debiski blames soccer officials for the general decline of the sports.

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SPORTS TALK

Allan Donald
 (South African fast bowler)
 "If you lose your concentration, you are messing around with people's careers."
 On mistakes committed by umpire Merryyn Kitchen in the Trent Bridge Test.

Bad boy Batty!
 LONDON, Aug 20: England and Newcastle midfielder David Batty has been suspended for six matches following his red card in the final game of last season, reports Reuters.

Batty's sending-off in the match against Blackburn was his third of the season and earned him a five-match suspension from the Football Association on Wednesday. He was banned for a further game for pushing referee David Elleray after the red card was shown.

Batty was also fined 1,500 pounds (2,438 dollars) and warned about his future conduct.

Platt's new responsibility

LONDON, Aug 20: Former England captain David Platt was Wednesday appointed as assistant coach to the national under-18 and under-19 teams by the Football Association, reports AP.

Platt, who retired as a player at the end of last season, will assist technical director Howard Wilkinson with coaching the two national youth teams.

The former midfielder, who played for Crewe, Aston Villa and Arsenal in England and Bari, Juventus and Sampdoria in Italy, will also complete his UEFA coaching courses.

Gallery collapse Number of hurt crosses 200

CALCUTTA, Aug 20: Over 200 soccer fans were injured Wednesday when the wooden gallery they had crammed at a stadium in soccer-crazy Calcutta collapsed during the match, police said, reports AP.

Over 130 people were admitted to city hospitals while the others were given first aid on the grounds, senior police official Sujay Chakrabarty told reporters. Two people were serious, Chakrabarty said.

Scottish League Cup soccer

LONDON, Aug 20: League titlists Celtic went down 1-0 at Division One Airdrie and Premier League leaders Aberdeen were ousted 1-0 by relegated Hibernian Wednesday on a night of upsets in the Scottish League Cup, reports AP.

Marvyn Wilson fired Airdrie's 15th minute winner at the new Shyberry Excelsior stadium as star-studded visitors Celtic fired blanks. His penalty was blocked by Celtic goalkeeper Jonathan Gould but he followed up to prod the ball home.

Steve Crawford's penalty eight minutes from the end was Hibernian's matchwinner against Aberdeen at East Road.



Britain's Darren Campbell, victor in the men's 100 metres at the Euro Athletics Championships, holds the Union Jack. — AP/UNB photo

FIFA rankings Brazil football's leaders

PARIS, Aug 20 (AFP): Beaten finalists Brazil still occupy the number one spot ahead of their World Cup conquerors France in the latest world rankings published here Wednesday by FIFA.

Country	Points
1. Brazil	73.70
2. France	70.06
3. Germany	68.54
4. Croatia	66.58
5. Argentina	65.26
6. Czech Republic	64.71
7. Yugoslavia	64.12
8. Italy	64.01
9. Netherlands	63.67
10. England	62.59
11. Norway	62.17
12. Mexico	61.96
13. Romania	60.21
14. Spain	59.77
15. Chile	58.91
16. Morocco	58.50
17. Denmark	57.72
18. United States	57.26
19. Colombia	56.70
20. Egypt	56.37
21. South Korea	55.42
22. Japan	55.32
23. Zambia	54.97
24. Austria	54.94
25. Paraguay	54.60
26. Tunisia	54.11
27. Jamaica	53.14
28. South Africa	53.01
29. Russia	53.00
30. Belgium	52.14

Terry is after my job: Glenn

LONDON, Aug 20 (Internet): Glenn Hoddle believes Terry Venables wants his England job. The last two England managers are at loggerheads after Hoddle, in the controversial World Cup diary launched today, made an amazing attack on his predecessor, Paul Gascoigne.

It makes me laugh, really. I have more important things to do than worry about comments like these. Besides, I have already done the job."

In his role as World Cup pundit for ITV, Venables often expressed differing tactical opinions from Hoddle, and criticised his successor for leaving Paul Gascoigne out of the England squad.



FRIENDS OR FOES? Glenn Hoddle (L) and Terry Venables. — Star file photo

over the England post following the European Championship in 1996.

"A few things he's said about England since I took over have irritated me," said Hoddle. "Bobby Robson took the time to call me and say he was right behind me, that he'd give me all the support he could. As for Terry... I wasn't sure. I think it has been difficult for Terry during the two years I have been head coach. I'm sure he feels he should still be in the job." But Venables hit back: "Maybe he knows something. He's supposed to be able to see into the future isn't he?"

Really it's up to him if he wants to write or say that. It's not something to take seriously. I've been overworked and busy with my TV work."

Hoddle worked under Wenger during his spell as player in Monaco. Wenger has long been touted as a candidate to coach the Japanese national side into the 2002 World Cup, and Hoddle believes there could be nobetter choice.

"He might not thank me for saying it, but I'm sure of that. He's made for the job: he is knowledgeable, so organised and so loyal to his players. I'm thrilled for him that he's achieved so much so soon at Arsenal."

Throughout his book, Hoddle emphasises his faith in England's ability to win the competition, barely able to comprehend the finality of elimination.

"Suddenly everything stopped," he says of David Batty's penalty miss. "I was totally shocked. I had become, so convinced that we were going to win." While Gascoigne, Beckham, Sutton and, to a lesser extent, Alex Ferguson are all chastised by Hoddle, the former Chelsea manager tries to explain how the power of prayer, and Eileen Drewery, form an integral part of his life.

He details a handful of cases where Drewery transformed individuals, including a former Swindon player whose career seemed to be over because of a back problem.

"It's been intriguing sometimes to see hardened professional footballers come away from visiting Eileen having had a profound experience," Hoddle admits that he made mistakes during the campaign, although they remain one, he claims, is that he did not take Drewery across to France for the duration of the tournament. "The continuing battle with the British media is also detailed, Hoddle insisting that a policy of disinformation is imperative for any international boss in this competitive age."

Ukraine-Georgia: Sergei Rebrov, who scored four times for Dynamo Kiev in his club's 8-0 win over Welsh club Barry Town in the Champions Cup, scored two first-half goals in Ukraine's 4-0 beating of Georgia in Kiev.

Midfielder Sergei Skachenko increased the lead in the 57th minute and Sergei Kovalov completed the scoring in the 75th.

HUNGARY-SLOVENIA: Hungary edged Slovenia 2-1 with goals by Tibor Dombi and Wilmos Sebok in the last 20 minutes.

PORTUGAL-MOZAMBIQUE: Two second-half goals in the space of three minutes by Florentino's Rui Costa gave Portugal a 2-1 win over Mozambique.

BELARUS-LITHUANIA: Belarus beat Lithuania 3-0 with strikes by Andrey Orlovsky, Vladimir Makovsky and Maksim Romashenka.

Ronaldo returns with a smile

MILAN, Aug 20 (AFP/Internet): A smiling Ronaldo claimed on Thursday he had fully recovered from his World Cup final trauma and was ready to bid for the Italian championship and the European Cup with Inter Milan.

The Brazilian ace collapsed on the day of last month's final, suffering convulsions just hours before the showdown with hosts France.

But he insisted on Thursday that it was his decision alone to play and said that Brazil's 3-0 defeat under coach Mario Zagallo was not the result of events earlier in the day.

"Zagallo asked if I felt well enough and if I wanted to play. And I said I did," Ronaldo told reporters at Inter's Palazzo Durini headquarters here.

Looking to the season ahead alongside Roberto Baggio, Ronaldo said there was no limit to his objectives or to his commitment to the club.

"I want to win everything, and I want to give everything to win," he said.

Grobelaar under the bar

LONDON, Aug 20: Former Liverpool and Zimbabwe international goalkeeper Bruce Grobelaar has returned to soccer with English minor league club Chesham, reports Reuters.

The extrovert 40-year-old, who was cleared of match-fixing charges last year, will make his debut for the southern English side on Saturday against London club Enfield in the Ryman league, two rungs below the Football League's Third Division.

Grobelaar spent 14 successful seasons at Liverpool, winning a host of domestic and European honours, before moving to Southampton in 1994. After two years, there he played for Plymouth, Oxford and Oldham.

Rai, who captained Brazil to World Cup glory in 1994, but failed to make the squad in the tournament this year, snapped the ligaments in his left knee while playing for Brazilian club Sao Paulo earlier this month against Cruzeiro.

The midfielder returned to Brazil earlier this year after a successful stint playing for Paris Saint Germain in France.

Police on Beckham alert

LONDON, Aug 20: Police are preparing a massive security operation to protect Manchester United star David Beckham at Saturday's English Premiership match at West Ham.

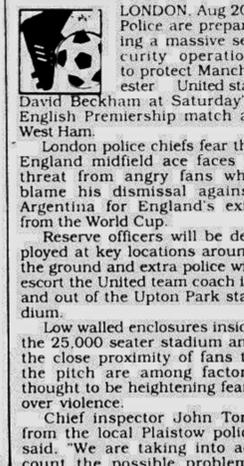
concerning David Beckham and we will be using our resources accordingly. "It is all about the effective deployment of officers at key locations around the ground and we shall be acting on our intelligence information received."

Beckham, who was born in east London close to West Ham's ground, already has an uneasy relationship with hammers fans.

The ill-feeling dates back to the final day of the season before last, when Beckham was teased at Old Trafford about his relationship with Spice Girls singer Victoria Adams and responded with a rude gesture.

The hostilities continued last season and there were plans to haunt Beckham with 10,000 red cards on Saturday, in what will be the United's first away game of the new premier-ship season.

But that was abandoned when organiser Shane Barber, editor of West Ham fanzine 'On A Mission,' bowed to appeals from the club to call it off.



DAVID BECKHAM

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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ACROSS

1 Telephone
 6 Singer
 11 One of TV's
 12 Movable
 14 Four Seasons hit
 15 Do more blue-penciling
 16 "A Chorus Line" song
 17 Frighten
 19 "That tastes awful"
 20 Centrifuge insert
 22 Francisco
 23 Singer's comeback
 24 Van Halen
 26 Vitamin D cures it
 28 More, to Juan
 30 Greek X
 31 Jets

DOWN

35 Stage direction
 39 Reiser's co-star
 40 "Flying Down to Earth"
 42 Gauntlet
 43 Dieter's cumber
 44 Leaves at the altar
 46 "— Robinson"
 47 Called forth
 49 Rug emblem
 52 Maribel's granddame
 53 "Mo-nopoly"
 54 Brings up
 55 Brezhnev's first name
 56 Nine-some
 57 Triumph
 58 Sister's wife of Osiris
 59 Leaks slowly
 60 Habitual Welsh emble
 61 Maribel's granddame
 62 "Mo-nopoly" product
 63 Benefit from dieting
 64 Cavalier
 65 Herd
 66 Pal of D'Artagnan
 67 Soul need
 68 The sky, sometimes
 69 Increasing, old-style
 70 Audience role
 71 Progress
 72 Make into confetti
 73 Tremble
 74 Destroyed
 75 Part of RSVP
 76 Meddle (with)
 77 Exit
 78 Bowling alley button
 79 Playful critter
 80 Joan of rock 'n' roll
 81 Angry
 82 "—Tiki"
 83 Italian article

Solution time: 28 mins.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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 3. BESET FTISION
 4. SIMURFS PAIST
 5. AMI MULL WILITS
 6. BOG NEVERS
 7. CONIES TIASCA
 8. BREAD LEAK
 9. TABLE DAM SPA
 10. OTIE POLITOS
 11. PLAGIOL WILIFE
 12. AGO MOLI ECOLI
 13. ZEN ADS SENOR
 14. YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

CRYPTOQUIP
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 A E C W E G R G R L S R Z X
 Yesterday's Cryptquip: DID YOU HEAR OF THE DUMB GUY WHO ONCE TRIED TO GROW CANARIES FROM BIRDS? Today's Cryptquip clue: G equals M. The Cryptquip 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.