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SPORTS

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Pete Sampras

(World No 1 tennis player)

was not the player I usually am.

I need some rest to recharge the

der Paes at the Pilot Pen Open

Gullit spells

it out for

Shearer

Internet): Newcastle United

manager Ruud Gullit has told

striker Alan Shearer the team

comes before any individual

after Wednesday's 1-0 defeat at

players the squad needed more

quality and he was on the look-

the team," said Gullit. "Of course

we have to bring in some play-

ers. We know that already. We

still have to improve a lot of

tain, failed to get on the score-

sheet for the 10th consecutive

cause he lives for goals, but we

know what he is capable of do-

ing and we will work on it. I can

bottom in the premier league af-

ter losing two of their four

Newcastle are second from

Gullit, who picked the side

for the first time after assessing

the 4-1 loss to Liverpool in the

previous game, did see some

only for two days and some of

the players only once. I am not

a magician, but I am happy with

have to have a team perfor-

mance and the way they played

as a team against Villa was ex-

cellent. You could not see that

Italian Davis

Cuppers

Cup skipper Paolo Bertolucci on

Wednesday selected Andrea

Gaudenzi, Diego Nargiso, Gian-

luca Pozzi and Davide San-

guinetti to face the United

States later this month, reports

who will play the singles and who the doubles in the semifi-

nal tie in Mulwaukee, from

Tang retires

nese lifter who broke the 59-

kilogram class world record to

win China's first Olympic

weightlifting gold in 12 years had retired from competition.

the state news agency Xinhua reported, says AFP.

stead start coaching his local

team in Guilin, southern

gram class title at the 1996 At-

lanta Olympics with a record-

beating performance of 30.5

kilograms, ahead of the previ-

ous record of 305 kilograms set

by Bulgaria's Nikolai Peshalov

Guangix province, it added.

in 1993.

Tang Lingsheng, 28, will in-

Tang snatched the 59 kilo-

BEIJING, Sept 10: The Chi-

September 25-27.

Bertolucci is yet to decide

ROME, Sept 10: Italy's Davis

in the Liverpool game."

Gullit added: "I had the team

The first thing is that you

understand his frustration.

Shearer, the England cap-

For Alan it is not nice be-

Dutchman Gullit told his

"You have to start first with

LONDON, Sept 10 (Reuters/

After losing to Indian Lean-

batteries."

recently.

Aston Villa.

things."

out for new players.

Premier league game.

opening matches.

improvement.

the performance.

"I give him the credit, but I

Ribbeck and former international Uli Stielike, who was England | Sri Lanka | S Africa named assistant coach, must get to work straight away to prepare for Germany's first qualifier, away to Turkey on October 10.

BONN, Sept 10 (Reuters/ Inter-

net): New Ger-

many coach Erich

Ribbeck does not

have the pedigree

of his glamorous predecessors

but Franz Beckenbauer believes

he has the ability to steer the national team back to the

choice," Beckenbauer told re-

porters after Wednesday's unexpected appointment of the discreet 61-year-old former Bayern

and has proved over decades

qualifying campaign for the

2000 European championship

fast approaching. Berti Vogts'

sudden resignation on Monday

left the German Soccer Federa-

tion (DFB) little time to find a

With the start of Germany's

that he can cope with the job."

"Erich Ribbeck is a good

"He has a good reputation

pinnacle of world soccer.

Munich coach.

successor.

The pair were chosen because both have an inside knowledge of the national team's structure -- Ribbeck was the assistant of head coach Jupp Derwall from 1978 to 1984 while Stielike was formerly in charge Germany's youth team.

But DFB officials acknowledged that they also had decided on the two because others were unavailable. DFB president Egidius Braun

hoped to persuade Jupp Heynckes to take the job but the former Real Madrid coach, whose wife Iris is in hospital with circulation problems, turned down the offer on Tues-

HAVANA, Sept 10

(AP): Muhammad

Ali walked qui-

etly through hos-

pital corridors,

surrounded

cameramen and admirers. Al-

though known to millions, he

was a stranger to those he

Manuel Marquez Children's

Hospital are too young to know

who Muhammad Ali is, to know

that he's "The Greatest," to re-

member his fights with Sonny

Liston, Joe Frazier and George

Yet Ali knows who they are.

They are sick children like

the world. And beyond the

boundaries of language, beyond

his speaking difficulties caused

by Parkinson's syndrome. Ali

communicates with them

through eye contact and smiles.

in Cuba on Wednesday, part of a

four-day visit with the aid

groups Direct Relief of Santa

Barbara, Calif., and the New

York-based Disarm Education

Ali and actor Ed Asner were

those he has seen throughout

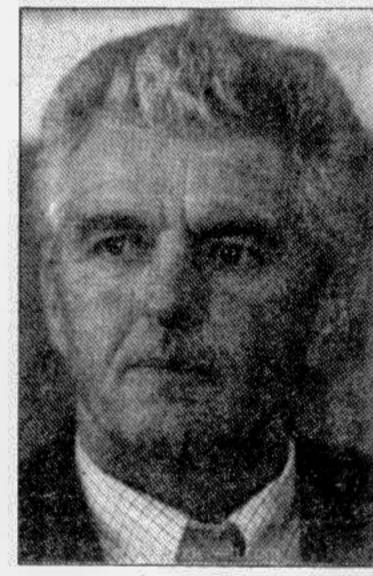
The patients at the Juan

visited.

Foreman.

Bundesliga coaches Chris-toph Daum, Ottmar Hitzfeld and Otto Rehhagel were also touted as possible replacements but all three are tied to their clubs.

DFB vice-president Gerhard Mayer-Vorfelder told soccer



ERICH RIBBECK

magazine Kicker in an interview released on Thursday that Kaiserslautern coach Rehhagel was his favourite candidate. "With his experience and his proven ability to deal with the

media, he would have been the

number one," Mayer-Vorfelder Intense media pressure following Germany's World Cup quarter-final defeat by Croatia is believed to be the main rea-

prematurely. Only once before, when Derwall stepped down after Ger-

Ali takes'em by surprise

The groups last month sent

\$1.2 million in medical sup-

plies to Cuba and directors were

in Cuba following up on the de-

livery, seeing how best they can

address the country's health-

has long considered Cuba's

medical system, which provides

quality health care to all citi-

zens, one of its top achieve-

ments. But the system has suf-

fered in recent years under the

US embargo and the economic

crisis following the collapse of

for his role as Lou Grant in "The

Mary Tyler Moore Show," have

helped the groups raise money

Ali, who also visited Cuba two

years ago, has travelled the

world on humanitarian mis-

sions and will receive awards

this month from the United

Nations and the human rights

Lonnie, who speaks on his be-

half. His speech is limited by

Ali travels with his wife,

group Amnesty International.

Ali and Asner, best known

Fidel Castro's government

care needs.

the Soviet bloc.

son for Vogts' decision to quit

many's poor showing at the 1984 European championship, has a national coach resigned before the end of his contract.

Unlike Vogts or Becken-bauer, Ribbeck achieved little as a player with spells at SSV-1904 Wuppertal, city rivals Wuppertal SV and Viktora Cologne.

But he then embarked on a prolific coaching career, taking care of most of the Bundesliga's finest sides, notably Bayern Munich from 1992 to 1993.

"Sir Erich", as he is nicknamed for his fairness and politeness, also coached Eintracht Frankfurt, Borussia Dortmund. Kaiserslautern and Bayer Leverkusen, whom he guided to UEFA Cup success in 1988. He went into semi-retirement in 1996 after being sacked by Leverkusen.

Ribbeck, whose contract runs until Euro 2000, now faces the daunting task of implementing the necessary rebuild-ing programme left at ground level by Vogts after his ageing stars failed to shine in France.

"His main duty is to calm things down and to start working on the team's reconstruction together with the clubs as well as the media," said Beckenbauer, who led Germany to their third and last World Cup triumph in 1990 in Italy. It remains to be seen

whether Ribbeck will gamble by picking untested players or will recall members of the old guard recently cast aside by Vogts like Thomas Haessler, Juergen Kohler and Andreas Moeller.

"I will start by talking to a lot of players, including those who have signalled their intention not to play in the national team any more," he said, hinting some of the veterans could soon be back.

Parkinson's, a degenerative

nerve disease. His intellect is

husband's missions are strictly

humanitarian -- never politi-

political problems we may have

with the country of Cuba, its

people are just as human as we

are and we feel a need to reach

humanitarian missions as an

exception to the embargo.

which is intended to force

democratic changes in Cuba.

Cuban health officials told

their visitors that medical sup-

plies are difficult to obtain be-

cause of bureaucratic and logis

tical obstacles stemming from

the embargo -- such as problems

point of an embargo that pre-

vents children from receiving

tainly not succeeded," he said.

"The proof is in the pudding."

Asner said he can't see the

"That shutting out has cer-

in delivery and payment.

medical treatment.

The US government allows

out to them," she said.

Lonnie Ali said that her

"Irregardless of whatever

not affected.

# Johansson says 'no'

ISTANBUL, Sept 10 (Reuters/ Internet): UEFA président Lennart Johansson said on Thursday he was confident that UEFA's plans to reform their club competitions would prevent the creation of a break-

away European Super League. Johansson told a news conference that the formation of such a private league and excessive commercialisation was a threat to the sport's future.

"We are not looking for a compromise. We are not going to cooperate with a private league," he said. "There is a risk that the soul

of football...is getting lost and if something like this should happen we will all suffer." Johansson, visiting Turkey for the 75th anniversary celebrations of the Turkish Foot-

ball Federation, said European clubs generally shared these concerns and were open to pro-posals from UEFA. "We are not nervous at all. Even the clubs concerned are asking us for a solution...l think we have the majority be-

"If they are so interested, why have they not signed for this tremendous amount of money? Because they are clever people and they want to see the alternatives."

hind us," he said.



THE GREAT MAN IS BACK: Inter Milan's Brazilian superstar Ronaldo (R) back in the thick of things during a Italian Cup second round match at Milan's San Siro Stadium on September 9. This was Ronaldo's first appearance since the World Cup final on July 12. - AP/UNB photo

# Favourites in fine fettle UNDATED, Sept



10 (AP): Superstar Ronaldo made his long awaited appearance for Inter Milan in an

Italian Cup fixture, Manchester United put aside the controversies regarding the handover of the club and thrashed Charlton in the English Premiership, champions Ajax Amsterdam were impressive in the Dutch First Division while Bayern Munich showed stunning form in the Bundesliga in Wednesday's action in Europe.

### ITALY

Playing for the first time since a disappointing World Cup final, Ronaldo was rusty as his club Internazionale of Milan edged Second-Division Cesena 1-0 in an Italian Cup second round game.

Ronaldo, back from what he has called the longest layoff of his career, stayed in the game for the full 90 minutes and showed only glimpses of the form that has earned him two straight FIFA world player of the year awards.

The 21-year-old had one apparent goal waved off in the second half because of a teammate's foul on a defénder.

Ronaldo fired the ball off the mark after a clean assist from Argentine midfielder Diego Simeone in the 68th minute and, in the closing minutes. made a signature run through the Cesena defense — putting the ball through the legs of one opponent — before seeing his meek shot cleared away.

He reported to the Serie A club two weeks ago. .

Inter owner Massimo Moratti gave Ronaldo a month off in the aftermath of the World Cup final. The player was taken to the hospital hours before the July 12 game and was scratched from the lineup - then inexplicably put back in. He played lethargically as Brazil lost 3-0 to France. Later. Ronaldo said he had gone into convulsions, and Moratti publicly questioned why the striker had played at all.

While most eyes at San Siro Stadium were on Ronaldo and his new teammate, Italian veteran Roberto Baggio, it was Ivan Zamorano who scored the winning goal. The Chilean broke away from a defender and sent a diagonal shot inside the far post in the 27th minute.

The second leg, at Cesena, is in two weeks. Inter opens Serie A play Sunday at Cagliari.

There was a distinct South American flavor with Zamorano's Chile partner Marcelo Salas and Ariel Ortega and Abel Balbo of Argentina contributing to their teams' victories.

Salas scored twice in the second half to help defending champions Lazio of Rome avert an upset against visiting Second-Division Cosenza and rally to win 2-1.

Sampdoria of Genoa beat Verona 2-0 thanks in part to Ortega's opening goal, and Balbo scored in AC Parma's 3-0 rout of

# Wright gets into hot water

LONDON, Sept 10 (Reuters/ Internet): West Ham striker lan Wright will have to wait for the referee's report to the English FA before discovering if he faces punishment for displaying a T-shirt on Wednesday supporting striking fire fight-

Wright lifted his West Ham shirt to reveal words of support for the striking fire workers on a T-shirt after scoring his second goal to put West Ham 3-0 up against Wimbledon at Upton Park.

But the night turned sour for the Hammers who succumbed to an astonishing Wimbledon fightback to lose 4-3.

The FA fined Liverpool striker Robbie Fowler for wearing a shirt bearing words of support for Mersey dock workers last season.

"We will wait to see the referee's report before deciding what to do, if anything at all," said an FA spokesman on Thursday.

was enough to elevate the Claret and Blues into second place in the league standings.

At White Hart Lane, acting manager David Pleat steered Frenchman David Ginola came to the fore in the absence

of the Spurs two England stars Sol Campbell and Darren Anderton, scoring both goals in a 2-1 win over Blackburn. Defending champions Arsenal registered their third con-

secutive tie of the Premier League campaign with a 0-0 result against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge. Arsenal's Lee Dixon was sent

off and the Gunners were lucky to escape with a tie as Chelsea's foreign legion extended their winless campaign. Middlesbrough midfielder

Paul Gascoigne, controversially axed from England's squad for the France 98 World Cup, scored his first goal of the Premier League season just before halftime in Boro's 1-0 win over Leicester.

At Pride Park, Dean Sturridge's goal in the 23rd minute fired Derby to their first win of the season, a 1-0 win over Sheffield Wednesday.

In the Scottish League Cup matches, Hearts grabbed a win over Ross County in a 3-0 penalty shootout after the scores were level 1-1 at fulltime.

### HOLLAND

Ajax Amsterdam strolled to an easy 5-1 victory over AZ Alkmar their third straight win this season.

Despite their nine points for the season, goal difference puts Ajax third in the league behind Feyenoord Rotterdam and FC Utrecht, who stormed to a 4-1 victory at MVV Maastricht.

In Wednesday's other games: NAC Breda and FC Twente drew 1-1. Cambuur Leeuwarden and NEC Nijmegen tied 2-2 and Nikos Machlas' two goals gave Vitesse Arnhem a 2-0 win at Fortuna Sittard.

Ajax's Portuguese midfielder Dani opened the scoring at 13 minutes with a shot off the underside of the crossbar.

And even sharper shooting from South African international Benni McCarthy took the Amsterdammers into half time at 2-0.

With the game seemingly won, the Ajax machine shifted into auto-pilot, as surprised AZ forwards were handed six or seven chances.

But a combination of wild AZ shooting and inspired blocking from Ajax keeper Edwin van der Sar preserved the lead.

The third goal came on a penalty after Jari Litmanen's dribble was interrupted by a clumsy AZ challenge. Sunday Oliseh's casual side-

footed free kick made it 4-0. Van der Sar was booked for fouling Max Huiberts in the act of scoring giving AZ their only goal.

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Bayern Munich crushed Hansa Rostock 6-1 and enjoyed their most one-sided romp in more than a year while maintaining an unblemished record in the Bundesliga.

Munich, off to a dream start with nine points in three outings, took a two-point lead over second-place Hamburger SV during a week when all other title aspirants stumbled to losses or draws. Munich had last beaten a

side that badly at the end of the 1996-97 season, a 5-0 rout against FC Duesseldorf. Altogether, players launched 21 shots at the Rostock goal.

"At the end we played ourselves into a frenzy. It was a wonderful evening," said Bayern coach Ottmar Hitzfeld.

Munich opened the scoring by blitzing Rostock with a hattrick early in the second half. kicked off by German international Stefan Effenberg's 50thminute penalty.

Three minutes later Mario Basler's cross ended in 'a Thomas Helmer header. Bixente Lizarazu, a member of France's World Cup champion followed in the 56th by driving in a flat shot from 14 metres (14 yards) for his first Bundesliga

But Munich, moving the ball with a stylishness and imagination missing in recent years, delighted a crowd of 53,000 at their Olympiastadium by refus-

Alexander Zickler connected in the 72nd minute against a side that barely missed a UEFA Cup berth last season, fellow striker Carsten Janker struck a minute later, and Zickler again in the 85th.

ing to let up on Rostock.

Abder Ramdane scored a 65th minute consolation goal for Rostock.

Munich's fast start was aided when Hamburg downed Bayer Leverkusen 2-1, Dortmund struggled to a 0-0 draw against promoted FC Nuremberg, and Hertha Berlin blanked Schalke

FC Kaiserslautern, the defending champions, also ended up on the wrong end of a 4-0 rout with Stuttgart Tuesday. In other matches that day, it was: Duisburg-1860 Munich 1-1, Wolfsburg-Freiburg 1-1. Bochum 2, Bremen 0 and Moenchengladbach-Frankfurt

Bayer Leverkusen was beaten for the first time this season as German national team libero Jens Novotny was sent packing in the 24th minute after a foul.

Ghana's Anthony Yeboah shot from the spot flew past the net, but teammate Martin Groth scored twice against the undermanned Leverkusen, the last a game winner with three minutes left.

Erik Meier, inserted nine minutes earlier, had knotted the match in the 85th.

Norway's Kjetil Rekdal and Rene Tretschok shot Berlin to the home victory over Schalke.

Arsenal's Dutch ace Dennis Bergkamp looking for a way past Chelsea's England international Graeme Le Saux during an English Premiership match at London on September 9. The game ended goalless. - AFP photo

### ond-Division Brescia edge Vicenza 3-2. AS Roma had a diffi-Tottenham to their first win cult time at Chevo Verona, but since head coach Christian fought back from a two-goal Gross was sacked last Saturday.

In one game played Tuesday, Torino shocked AC Milan 2-0. Other results Wednesday were: Cagliari 0, Venezia 0; Reggina 1, Bologna 1; Lecce 1, Piacenza 2; Padova 0, Fiorentina 1; Atalanta 2, Empoli 1; Gualdo 2, Udinese 2; Lucchese 1, Bari 0; and Castel di Sangro 0, Salerni-

There were 16 first leg, sec-

ond round games Wednesday.

and the biggest upset saw Sec-

deficit to draw 2-2.

Juventus of Turin faces Ravenna Thursday.

## **ENGLAND**

Dwight Yorke and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer fired in two goals each as Manchester United put in a vintage performance to beat Charlton 4-1 and return the focus of all its fans back on the field. Threatened violent protests

by angry Manchester United fans against the record 623 million pound (1 billion dollars) take-over bid by Rupert Murdoch's satellite television company BSkyB failed to materialise at the Premier League match.

Charlton took a stunning 1-0 lead against the run of play when Mark Kinsella drove a 25yard shot through a pack of players, after Yorke, Paul Scholes. David Beckham and Solskjaer had missed early chances for United.

But Solskjaer, a surprise replacement for regular striker Andy Cole, fired in the first

from outside the area in the 38th minute. Yorke scored on either side of the halftime break and then Solskjaer put the issue beyond

doubt with the clincher in the 62nd minute. Meanwhile, Liverpool

stormed to the top of the Premier League standings with a 2-0 win over Coventry at Anfield. The Merseysiders, unde-

feated in four matches, took a 1-0 lead in the fifth minute through Patrik Berger. Jamie Redknapp increased the margin in the third minute of the second half when Steve McManaman and Michael Owen combined to put him into space in front of goal.

Owen could have scored two goals, netting the ball once in each half, but both were disallowed for off-side infringements.

Wimbledon fought back from three goals down to score an upset 4-3 win over West Ham at Upton Park and move into fourth place in the League.

The Dons looked sure-losers at 3-0 down after 26 minutes but snatched one of the most amazing reversals in Premier League history when Efan Ekoku grabbed the clincher in the dying minutes.

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A Lee Hendrie penalty in the 63rd minute gave Aston Villa a 1-0 win over Newcastle, which

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE CLEVER GROCER INSISTS THAT EGGSHELLS ARE THIN OVA COATS. Today's Cryptoquip clue: W equals F

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.

### LONDON, Sept 10 (GAA.L). (Reuters/ Inter-BSkyB -- 40-per cent-owned net): British meby Murdoch's News Corp -dia company plans to launch its 200-channel Carlton Commu-Sky Digital satellite service on nications Plc on October 1. ahead of ONdigital. Thursday launched a counterwhich aims to start up its 30attack against Rupert Murchannel terrestrial service this doch's BSkyB by announcing autumn plans to ally itself with London The Evening Standard reported that Carlton was in talks about a possible 275 million pound takeover of Arsenal, fuelling speculation that Granada

soccer club Arsenal. Carlton's preliminary talks mark the latest stage in its digital TV battle against BSkyB, which scored a coup on Wednesday by agreeing to buy leading club Manchester United for 623.4 million pounds (\$1.04 bil-

Arsenal -- winners of the Premiership and Football Association Cup last season -- are widely seen as the most lucrative team left in the Premier League after BSkyB netted Man United, Britain's richest club.

Media analysts said Carlton's move was driven by its need to secure soccer rights for ONdigital, its 50/50 digital TV venture with commercial TV

Carlton aims at Sky with Arsenal

might follow suit with another Carlton responded by saving it was in early stage discussions about "ways in which our two companies could work together", while Arsenal also

Premier League TV rights. which are currently owned by BSkyB but come up for grabs in

"The problem is, BSkyB's picked up the best football team. No team is as powerful as Man United. So Carlton are limited in acting defensively against Murdoch," said Louise Barton, analyst at Henderson

Crosthwaite. With Man United on its team, BSkyB stands a good chance of luring other Premier League clubs to its digital TV platform, which will offer more channels than Carlton's ONdig-

'The Man United deal means that the BskyB pay-per-view offering would always be the most attractive one because clubs would want to be on the same distribution platform as

"There could also be some very substantial TV revenues to be had from the creation of a future European super league," one analyst said.

confirmed the talks. For its part, Granada declined to comment. Carlton's shares firmed 2.5 pence to 426 at 1330 GMT dethe leading club," one analyst spite a sharply lower market. while BSkyB was up 3.0 pence at An Arsenal alliance would assure Carlton a seat at the company Granada Group table in future negotiations for