

Gullitt's only way

NEWCASTLE, England, Oct 6: Newcastle chairman Freddie Shepherd suggested Monday that manager Ruud Gullitt will have to off-load some of his squad if he wants to bring in new faces to the English Premiership club, reports AFP.

Gullitt challenged the Newcastle board to produce the cash to rebuild his squad after watching his side being hopelessly outplayed in Sunday's 3-0 defeat at reigning champions Arsenal.

The former Chelsea boss said, "I have the players I want all ready to come in. They are in the fridge, if you like, but it's up to the board now."

But Shepherd highlighted the size of the current playing staff, saying: "There are no spare lockers left at St James Park and there's no room left on the team bus."

"We never talk about how much we have to spend or how much we do not have to spend. But what we will say is that we will give Ruud every support we can."

Shepherd added that he was "pleased" to hear Gullitt calling for more money.

"Ruud knew the score when he came here. But having said that it does not surprise me to hear that he wants money for new players," Shepherd said.

"In fact, it pleases us. He's come out fighting and it just shows how enthusiastic he is about doing a job here."

"He wants to be a success here and make no mistake about it he is the man to get it right, he's a Kevin Keegan-type manager. Keegan was never far away from our door for money and neither was Kenny Dalglish."

Gullitt has already been linked with wingers Ronald and Frank de Boer who are both unsettled at his former club Ajax and have been told they can leave Amsterdam at the end of the season.

The Magpies' boss appeared to have made his first major sale until Everton balked at the 4.25 million pounds price tag on utility player Steve Watson, while Paris St Germain have been put off a move for Southampton's Gwara by the size of his salary demands.

Leeds face hold-up in manager move

LONDON, Oct 6 (Reuters/Internet): English premier league soccer club Leeds United said on Tuesday they had been refused permission by a rival soccer club to sign their preferred candidate for the vacant post of team manager.

Leeds said David O'Leary and Eddie Gray would remain in charge of the first team until the position changed. But they said they would do all they could, within premier league rules, to appoint the right man.

US cricket awaits baptism of fire

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Oct 6 (Reuters/AP): Silly mid-on, leg before wicket and cries of "howzat?" may be alien concepts to American sports fans who have never thrilled to the crack of leather on willow.

But a US cricket team will try its luck against the legendary batsmen and bowlers of the West Indies in one-day Caribbean tournament in Jamaica today.

That does not mean that cricket gospel is spreading fast in the land of baseball. The US team is made up entirely of West Indians and nationals of other British Commonwealth countries now living in the United States.

The disparate group got its break in the Red Stripe Bowl competition as a result of an international Cricket Council (ICC) initiative.

The West Indies has been assigned responsibility for fostering the game in the United States, Canada and Bermuda.

The three have been awarded two places in the annual one-day competition, with Bermuda being a permanent fixture and the other two alternating each year.

US captain Richard Staple is aware of the responsibility resting on his shoulders.

"I look at it as a challenge," said Staple, an elegant middle-order batsman who played for Jamaica from 1991 to 1995 before migrating to New York.

The cosmopolitan look of the team is strengthened by California-based Joy Zinto, an Indian national who played first-class cricket alongside such greats as Sunil Gavaskar, Ravi Shastri and Sachin Tendulkar.

His teammate Nizan Hafez, formerly of Guyana, said he had no problem transferring his loyalty to his adopted country in a competition against West Indian opposition.

"It is just a matter of applying yourself and hope that everything goes well for you," he said.

In Sunday's practice match against Jamaica's champion team, Melbourne, Staple and Hafez, with innings of 73 and 45 respectively, helped their team to a good score of 243 and a 67-run victory over the hosts.

In today's opening match they go up against the Leeward Islands. Games against Jamaica and Barbados follow.

The Leewards squad boasts several members of the powerhouse West Indies team, including fastbowlers Curtley Ambrose and Kenneth Benjamin.

They are heavily favoured over the US but manager Carlisle Powell said his team is not taking the underdogs lightly.

"Every match for us is serious," Powell said.

The Leewards, United States, Jamaica and Barbados will contest Group B of the Red Stripe Bowl. Last season's runners-up — Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, the Windward Islands and Bermuda — will fight for Group A.

The top two teams in each group will meet in the semifinals, and the final is scheduled for Oct. 19 in the northern Jamaica city of Ocho Rios.

Promoting the game in the United States is a difficulty recognised by team manager Selwin Caesar, who represented Trinidad and Tobago in the 1960s.

"We have started a youth programme in New York and there's one in California being run by Malcolm Nash, an ex-country (English tournament) player," he said.

"Sport in the United States is

more individualized and people like fast-paced games, so cricket is going to be hard to sell, but we are working at it."

One approach is to have cricket incorporated into the curriculum of schools in districts where minorities with an interest in the game live, he said.

Two Jamaican-born politicians, New York city councilwoman Una Clarke and Nick Perry of the New York State Assembly, are lending support to developing the sport in that state.

Christine Cummings, political scientist at the University of the West Indies, told Reuters the United States first came in cricket came in 1888, when they trounced a West Indies team in British Guiana.

"That team was truly representative of the United States, with American-born players from Philadelphia, New York, Boston and the South," Cummings said.

That victory was followed shortly after in 1890 with another noteworthy win over Australia, but according to Cummings, following that affront to Australian pride, the Aussies, along with England and South Africa, began promoting the idea that cricket should remain an imperial game.

Thereafter American cricket fell into decline while the West Indies gained Test status and went on to become the undisputed champions of the game during the 1980s.

Cummings views the newcomers' entry with scepticism.

"Many of our players will see opportunities for contracts in the United States, they will go there and we will lose them," she said.

But other Jamaicans doubt the Americans will ever cotton on to the game.

Palermo tennis

PALERMO, Sicily, Oct 6: No 2 Alberto Berasategui of Spain, ranked 20 in the world, winner in 1994 and in 1997, lost to unseeded fellow Spaniard Javier Sanchez 6-4, 6-1, Monday in first-round play of the 340,000-dollar Palermo men's tennis tournament, reports AP.

In other matches, No 5 seed Francisco Clavet of Spain ousted Ukraine's Andrei Medvedev 6-2, 6-2, while Mariano Puerta of Argentina defeated Costa Rica's Juan Antonio Marin 7-6, 6-1.

Last year's runner-up, Dominik Hrbaty of Slovakia, seeded sixth, beat Oliver Gross of Germany 6-3, 6-4.

Mary mauls Amanda Hingis' rank at stake

FILDERSTADT, Germany, Oct 6: France's Mary Pierce cruised to the second round of the Filderstadt women's tennis tournament on Monday and lifted the hopes of Switzerland's Martina Hingis, reports Reuters.

Pierce overwhelmed South African Amanda Coetzee 6-2, 6-2 with a prolonged baseline bombardment.

If Pierce can follow her 65-minute destruction of Coetzee by beating US Open champion Lindsay Davenport next, then Hingis has a greater chance of hanging on to the world number one slot she has held for 18 months.

Hingis leads the rankings by 26 points and Davenport will become number one if the Swiss loses before the final.

However if Davenport is beaten by Pierce, Hingis could then lose in Sunday's final and still stay at the top.

That would still present a formidable task for the 18-year-old whose stamina has been suspected and who could have to win three gruelling encounters in succession against leading players.

They are Russia's Anna Kournikova, Venus Williams of the United States and either Wimbledon champion Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic or Swiss Patty Schnyder.

Kournikova beat Hingis at the German Open in Berlin in May when they last met, while Williams has just earned the biggest prize in the history of the women's game — 800,000 dollars for winning the Compaq Grand Slam Cup in Munich on Sunday.

Schnyder meanwhile forced Hingis to retire with cramp at 5-5 in their final set on Friday.

But if Hingis were to reach the final, Davenport must at least reach the quarterfinals to become number one for the first time.

On the evidence of the past few days that would be in doubt. Davenport looked sluggish while losing to Schnyder in the Grand Slam Cup and would have to play much better to handle the hitting Pierce produced on Monday.

After breaking serve in the fourth game Pierce grew in confidence and began striking the ball through the defences of one of the best counter-hitters in the game.

The still indoor conditions suited Pierce's liking for a big wind-up to her ground strokes, and three returns by Pierce in the second game of the second set hardly left time for Coetzee to blink, let alone to lay a racket on the ball.

That gave Pierce another break of serve and although Coetzee tried to break back in the seventh game, forcing three deuces and making several winning passes, it only delayed the predictable but explosive end.



Chanda Rubin of the United States plays a backhand during her Porsche Grand Prix fixture against German Jana Kandarr at Filderstadt on October 5.

Tyson's appeal turned down

LAS VEGAS, Oct 6: Mike Tyson lost another battle on Monday to keep his psychological reports from being made public, reports AP.

A judge rejected a request for a stay pending an appeal to the Nevada Supreme Court.

The decision left the former heavyweight champion with only the option of a direct appeal to the Supreme Court. That would almost certainly delay a tentative October 19 hearing in which Tyson will try to regain his boxing licence.

Tyson's lawyers are trying to decide whether to give up the fight to keep the records private and go ahead with the October 19 hearing. An early hearing date is important to Tyson if he gets his licence.

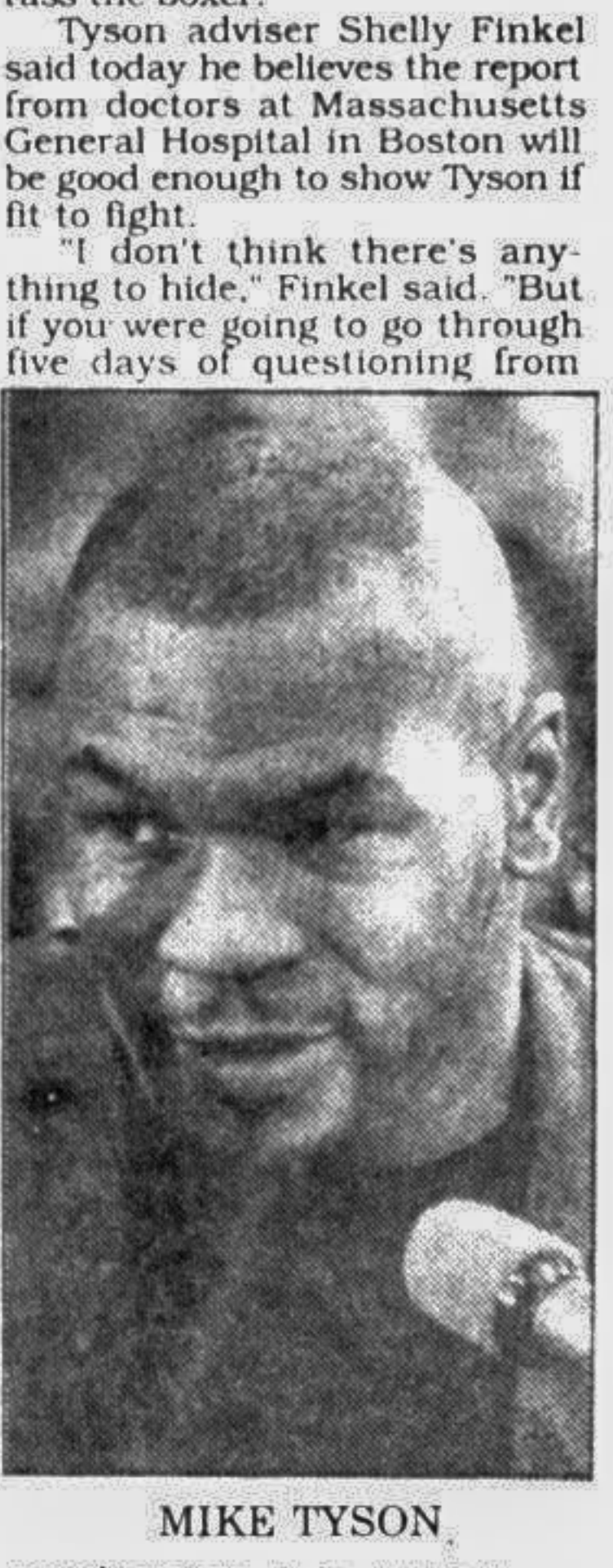
"It doesn't look real good for them for an appeal to the Supreme Court so they just might have to face the music and release the reports," said Kirk Hendrick, a deputy attorney general for the Nevada Athletic Commission.

The same judge who rejected Tyson's effort last week to keep the reports of psychiatrists who examined the former heavyweight champion for five days last month turned down today's effort for a stay that would keep them private pending an appeal to the Supreme Court.

Tyson's layers indicated after last week's ruling that they would release the reports despite their potential to embarrass the boxer.

Tyson adviser Shelly Finkel said today he believes the report from doctors at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston will be good enough to show Tyson is fit to fight.

"I don't think there's anything to hide," Finkel said. "But if you were going to go through five days of questioning from



MIKE TYSON psychiatrists. I don't think you would want all your answers made public." Nevada commissioners have

said they want at least four working days to review the reports before the hearing, meaning they would have to be given to the commission by next Monday for an October 19 hearing.

Commissioners demanded the reports following a hearing last month in which they said they were not satisfied with the limited psychological testing done on Tyson since he bit Evander Holyfield's ears and was stripped of his licence to box.

Don King's setback

WASHINGTON, Oct 6: Boxing promoter Don King's company lost a Supreme Court appeal Monday in an insurance fraud case that prosecutors had decided not to pursue, reports AP.

Don King Productions had asked the high court to hear its argument that King's testimony in a 1995 insurance fraud trial should not be used against the company. The high court turned down the company's appeal without comment.

The 1995 trial ended in a hung jury. In the second trial that ended last July, King was acquitted of all charges while the jury was unable to reach a verdict on charges against his company. Prosecutors said they will not seek a retrial of the company.

King was accused of altering a contract with a fighter to cheat Lloyd's of London out of 350,000 dollars.

The Daily Star TV Guide

Wednesday 7th October
(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

BTV

3:00 Opening Announcement, Al Quran, Programme Summary 3:12 Recitation from the Geela 3:15 Patriotic Song 3:20 Cartoon Film: Back to the Future 3:45 Pushti Tathaya 4:00 Khabar 4:05 Shaymal Chhaya 4:45 Open University 5:25 Documentary 6:00 Geeta Bitan 6:30 Khabar 6:40 Programme of Chittagong Centre 7:05 Krishna Tattva 7:25 Nupur Nikkan 8:00 News in Bangla 8:30 Package Drama Jugal Bandi (9th Part) 9:05 Film Show: The Mysterious Island 10:00 News in English 10:30 Ithas Katha Kai 11:30 Khabar/The News 11:40 Close Down.

BBC

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New Series

Space Island One on Star World today at 6 pm

This is a 26 hour drama depicting human beings and human relationships in an extraordinary environment, a permanently manned, state of the art space station orbiting some two hundred and fifty kilometers off Earth. Set in the early decades of the twenty-first century the series depicts space as workplace and home for its seven man crew. They are engaged in highly sophisticated research projects but more significantly for us, the audience, in the day to day management of their own lives, made no less complicated by their extraordinary circumstances. Our characters are pioneers — but instead of a covered wagon they occupy a fifty billion dollar orbiting habitat which can sustain itself indefinitely.



The Net on BBC World tonight at 8:30

The BBC's popular computing and information technology show goes on-line with BBC World. Speeding along the fast lane of the information superhighway, The Net has advice and information on how to join and get the most out of the international systems on offer. Regular reporters file hard-edged reports and the series also includes the latest on what's hot, what's not, news, views, style, trends and the best buys in the world of cyberspace. The net provides a practical and fun guide to the wonderful world of computer technology which now affects us all.



MURDER CALL ON STAR WORLD TONIGHT AT 8

Murder is the ultimate crime. It touches the lives of ordinary people, casting its long shadow over the glossy cityscape and glamorous haunts of the sprawling metropolis. For homicide detectives Steve Hayden (Peter Mohrrie) and Tessa Vance (Lucy Bell), solving a murder is a journey from darkness into light. An urgent, vicious confrontation with evil, a walk through the devil's own world, Tessa and Steve are the elite new face of homicide. She is young and brilliant, he is logical. She is instinctive, he goes by the book. She's complicated, he's down to earth. Together this powerful partnership must confront and overcome the intrigue, fear and shattered lives which murder leaves in its wake.



C15 — The New Professionals on Star World tonight 7

The Professionals, was the most successful action adventure series made outside of the USA during the late 1970's and early 1980's. Now the legend receives a new lease of life for the millennium with a hot new cast headed up by Edward Woodward, OBE (The Equalizer) in the role of C15 boss "Harry Malone", Colin Wells and Kal Weber as "Curtis and Keel" and Lexa Doig as female C15 agent "Tina Backus". The new "C15" is a pioneering international force, formed as part of a top secret initiative by the Governments and security chiefs of five major Western nations. C15's crack squad of agents is called in to battle against the kind of issues we see headlined in the news every day, utilising its skills and resources to combat society's most evil enemies: international terrorism, the perpetrators of ethnic cleansing, the mass slaughter of protected species in Africa and the emergence of powerful mafias.

CHANNEL [V]

6:00 Turn On T [V] 7:30 Freestyle 8:00 Turn On T 8:30 Rewind VJ Sophyia 9:30 House Arrest 10:00 World's Best Friends 2:30 Liberty Fire 3:30 Close Up 3:30 Simply Show 3:30 Close Up Close Interviews 4:00 Turn On T [V] 4:30 Volume Double 5:00 Turn On T [V] 6:30

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Family, Carl Gustav And His Gang, 9:30 Film Club, Watch Me Fly 11:30 Action, Bul-

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8:00 Tiliwat Aur Tarjuma/

SONY TV

7:30 Jeevan Mulya 8:00 Risipradad 8:30 Aaina 9:00 Hum Log 9:30 Cine Clips 10:00 Pa-

CARTOON NETWORK

5:30 World Famous Toons 6:30 The Real Adventure of Johnny Popeye Show 8:00 Scooby G Scrapy D 8:30 Perils of Penelope 9:00 Josie & The Pussycats 9:30 Drunk the Little 10:00 Flinstone Kids 10:30 Richie Rich 11:00 Top Cat 11:30 Captain Planet 12:00 Scooby Doo 12:30 The Cartoon Grand Prix 1:30 Fantasia Max 2:00 Crocodino 2:30 The New Scooby Doo Movies 3:30 Sky Commanders 4:00 Centurions 4:30 Swats 4:50 Ninjabots 5:30 Flinstones 6:00 Top & Jerry Kids 6:30 Crocodile 7:00 The Mask 7:30 Dexters Laboratory 7:45 What's a Cartoon? Show 8:00 Scooby Doo Where Are You 9:00 The Popeye Show

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7:00 am Sur Chobi 7:30 Shukh Duker Ghar 8:00 Shant Nombor Bari 8:30 Dhum Dharraka 9:00 Amader Khata 9:30 Bangla Film: Maya Mrigo 12:30 Horoscope Prog 1:00 Indian Programme 7:00 am Sur Chobi 8:00 Debi Choudhuryani-Ep-10 8:30 Dheu 9:00 Shanto Thakun-Ep-10 9:30 Bangla Film: Dosti (Parag and Bobita) 12:30 Motamot-Ep-9 1:00 am Close Down.