

Sport

Coach backs Baiano

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct 10 (Reuters/Internet): Palmeiras coach Luiz Felipe Scolari backed one of his players on Friday after they celebrated a goal by making obscene and provocative gestures at rival fans.

Brazil defender Junior Baiano celebrated the winner in Wednesday's 3-2 win away to Portuguesa by running to the rival supporters and making the gestures.

Each person reacts in their own way, added the coach, who has been involved in violent incidents with rival coaches and journalists in the past.

"If someone talks about my private life, for example, I'll give them a good punching, I'm not interested in suing, I like to sort things out my way."

Junior Baiano, who had to endure chants about his private life and his less than convincing performances in the World Cup, was equally unrepentant.

The win lifted Palmeiras to the top of the Brazilian champions' cup.

Illgner won't retire soon

MADRID, Oct 10 (Reuters/Internet): Real Madrid goalkeeper and German international Bodo Illgner will carry on playing until 2001 and then retire, his wife and agent said on Saturday.

Bianca Illgner is negotiating with the European champions to extend the contract of her husband, which finishes at the end of this season.

"At the end of his present contract with Real Madrid, Bodo will play on for two more years and then we are retiring," said Bianca, FIFA accredited players' representative.

Illgner, 31, has won 54 caps for Germany and joined Real Madrid in 1996 after a decade with FC Koln.

In recent weeks, the Spanish media have linked him with a possible move to Borussia Dortmund.

Asian youth v'ball results

TEHRAN, Oct 10: South Korea led the 9th Asian youth volleyball championship on Friday after beating Australia 15-13, 15-13 and 15-9, collecting four points, reports Xinhua.

This is the South Koreans' second win in Group A of the tournament. On Thursday, they defeated Qatar 15-9, 15-12, 15-3.

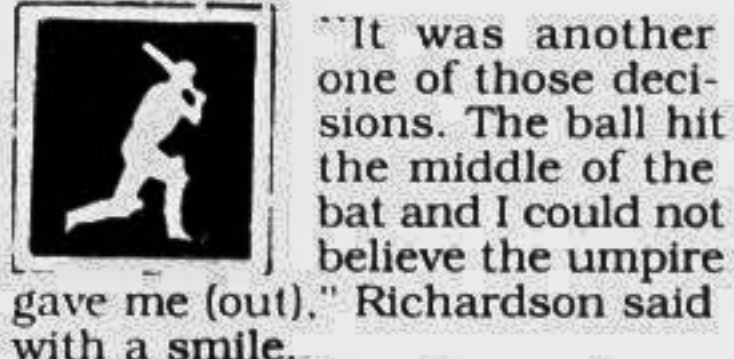
In other Group A matches Friday, Japan beat Sri Lanka 15-9, 15-7, 15-8 after a defeat from Iran on Thursday.

In Group B competition, Pakistan, who was beaten by China on Thursday, edged the UAE 15-9, 15-13, 14-15 and 15-8.

The eight-day 9th Asian Youth volleyball championship kicked off in Tehran on Thursday with a participation of 12 teams.

Tough luck built up pluck

The tales of bad umpiring in cricket matches in India are not quite unheard of. Well, former West Indies captain Richie Richardson had a full taste in his first Test innings. Richardson, who led the West Indies from 1992 to 1996, had a rough introduction but he believes it helped him to become a good player.



RICHIE RICHARDSON

Madras and Delhi were drawn. In the Madras encounter Sunil Gavaskar hit 236 not out after the first day was lost.

Richardson recalled that he received a lot of help from his teammates when he first entered the team and was made to feel at home.

"The guys were really helpful, and I settled in quite easily. Guys like Desmond (Haynes), Gordon (Greenidge) and all the others gave advice."

The trip to India was a bit of a shock to the Antigua as he was exposed to a different kind of life and environment which was far removed from the sand, sea and sun of his home.

"I was young then and everything was new to me. The entire lifestyle of the people and almost everything else were different."

"It was a bit tough but I knew I wanted to make a career out of cricket so I stuck it out and gave it my best every time."

Barbados blow USA away

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Oct 10: Barbados moved closer to the semifinals of the Red Stripe Cricket Bowl one-day tournament with an emphatic 10-wicket win over the United States at Jamaica's Alpart Sports Club, reports AP.

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The Bajans went to 159 without loss, overwhelming the American team's 158 for eight total in just 37.5 overs. Captain Philo Wallace, as he did in Thursday's game against The Leewards, led from the front with 104. Sherwin Campbell gave good support with a patient 53.

The American team put in an improved performance by batting through their 50 overs for the first time in three matches. Rohan Alexander also scored his team's first half-century of the tournament, a solid 58.

But the American score proved inadequate as Wallace smashed his way to three figures off 127 deliveries, striking one six and 10 deliveries.

Hartson fined

LONDON, Oct 10: John Hartson has been fined 10,000 pounds (17,000 dollars) for kicking West Ham teammate Eyal Berkovic in the head during a training session two weeks ago, reports AP.

Hammers manager Harry Redknapp said Saturday that Hartson had been fined two weeks' pay, the maximum permissible under Professional Footballers Association guidelines, and the money would go to a cancer charity.

Redknapp said he decided to fine Hartson despite calls from Berkovic not to impose a financial penalty on the Welsh international.

"John has apologized for the incident but he has still been fined two weeks' wages," he said.

"Hopefully that will be the end of the matter."

Darren's distinction

RAWALPINDI, Oct 10: Darren Lehmann hit a century as Australia took a firm hold on the third day of a four-day game against a Rawalpindi side here today, reports AP.

The tourists were in control with 265-8 in their second innings at close, having an overall lead of 359 with two wickets in hand.

Lehmann took 95 balls to reach the three figure mark spiced with 16 hits to the ropes and one over. He became the third Australian to score a century in each innings in Pakistan.

R B Simpson (153 and 115) hit twin hundreds in the Karachi Test in 1964-65 while A R Border (150-not out and 153) did it in the Lahore Test in 1979-80.

Left-arm spinner Shakeel Ahmed grabbed six wickets for 61. From 246 for six Australia lost four wickets for 18 runs with Shakeel taking three in two overs.

Captain Mark Taylor, with his hand bandaged due to a cut he suffered on Thursday, made a fighting 56 not out. Ponting was one not out.

Ponting was rushed to hospital after he suffered food poisoning last night.

Leading by 94 in the first innings, Australia resumed through Michael Slater and Langer. Langer was bowled by Azhar Mahmood after making 11.

Slater made a rusty 44 before falling victim to Shakeel's guile. Mark Waugh, short of runs on the tour made only 20 before being bowled by Shakeel.

Darren's distinction

Asif Mahmood lbw b Fleming 33
Abbasi b Kasprovic 11
Shakeel not out 28
Nazir c Healy b Miller 15
Shah c Healy b Kasprovic 0
Extras (b-10, lb-2, nb-6) 18
Total 261

Fall of wickets: 1-108; 2-110; 3-122; 4-126; 5-167; 6-167; 7-194; 8-225; 9-260.

Lehmann and Taylor put on 93 runs for the fourth wicket before Lehmann retired due to groin problem.

Earlier Rawalpindi's first innings folded at 261.

Resuming at 196-7, Azhar Mahmood (33) and Shakeel Ahmed (28 not out) put on 31 runs for the eighth wicket.

Pace man Michael Kasprovic finished with 3-92 while Collin Miller and Gavin Robertson took two wickets apiece.

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for Scoreboard, Australia's First Innings, Rawalpindi's First Innings, and Bowling details.

Scoreboard on the third day of a four-day match between Australia and Rawalpindi on Saturday.

Hosts in driving seat

HARARE, Oct 10: A partnership of 138 between Gavin Rennie and Craig Wishart, the second highest opening stand in Zimbabwe's Test history, put their side in charge of the one-off Test against India Friday, reports Reuters.

Zimbabwe, 59 behind on first innings, were 219 for two at the close of the third day.

Both Wishart, dropped before he had scored, and Rennie hit Test best scores.

Wishart was given a "life" when Mohammad Azharuddin, fielding at second slip, spilled a chance off the bowling of debutant pacesman Ajit Agarkar.

Leg-spinner Anil Kumble eventually ended the partnership when he caught and bowled Wishart for 63. Rennie retired hurt on 84 after being struck on the head by a Javagal Srinath delivery.

Earlier, India, resuming on 248 for six, were all out for 280

just after the morning drinks break when Rahul Dravid was caught at third man for 118.

His patient 422-minute innings came off 301 deliveries and included 17 fours.

Henry Olonga's first five-wicket Test haul was achieved in the sixth over of the day when he trapped Robin Singh leg before. He finished with five for 70.

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for O, M, R, W for various bowlers in the first and second innings.

INDIA: First innings (overnight 248-6)

Hosts in driving seat

Jorge sees a bright tomorrow

PARIS, Oct 10 (Reuters/Internet): Paris St Germain's new coach Artur Jorge on Friday predicted a bright future for the ailing French giants.

"I'm very happy to be here," Jorge told a press conference at the Parc des Princes, PSG's home ground where he enjoyed great success during a previous three-year spell with the French club, winning the league title in 1994.

"I have no fixed objectives (yet)," he said. "But I'm very optimistic. Paris is a great club with fantastic fans and good players. It has everything to go a long way."

The Portuguese coach has quit Dutch club Vitesse Arnhem after just three months to join PSG in place of Alain Giresse.

PSG sacked former France international Giresse, who was appointed in the off-season, after a poor start to the season reached a climax with three successive defeats including elimination from the European Cup Winners Cup.

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The French media were surprised by the appointment of Jorge, whose success in his previous three-season spell with PSG was dominated by defensive, pragmatic football far removed from the flashy image Bietry sought.

Only two players in the PSG squad were at the club when they won the French Cup in 1993 and the league the following year under Jorge, veteran France goalkeeper Bernard Lama and defender Francis Llacer.

Simon has been off form with only three league goals this season.

Rangers hold Abidjan

DURBAN, Oct 10: South Africa's Manning Rangers halted the march of Ivory Coast club Asec Abidjan towards the African Champions' league final with a 1-0 Group B win on Friday, reports Reuters.

But the game was marred by crowd trouble after the interval when bottles and other missiles were hurled at match officials and the Asec bench. Play was halted briefly.

Newly-appointed Paris Saint-Germain manager Artur Jorge speaks at a club news conference in the French capital on Oct 9. Beside him is club chairman Charles Bietry.

Paul punished severely



PAUL INCE

LONDON, Oct 10: England midfielder Paul Ince will not play a competitive match for his country until next June after he was given a three-match ban following his sending off against Sweden, reports Xinhua.

Ince landed an automatic suspension for one game for the red card.

UEFA's disciplinary committee gave him a further two-match ban for comments he made in Italian to referee Pierluigi Collina as he left the pitch in Stockholm.

Paul punished severely

Football Association director of public affairs David Davies denied that the ban had anything to do with Ince's alleged 'V-sign' towards the England bench.

And he dismissed claims that England, who have had players sent off in their last two matches, had become an undisciplined team.

"It is always very easy when you have a spate of disciplinary incidents like we've had in recent weeks to think that discipline is getting worse," Davies said.

"But if you talk to professionals who were playing the game in the '50s and '60s, they will tell you that discipline hasn't changed at all."

"What has changed over the years is that the rules and the way they are imposed and the media's focus on the game has increased out of all recognition."

UEFA also decided to fine the FA 60,000 Swiss francs (27,000 dollars) by UEFA for racist chanting by England fans at Sweden's Henrik Larsson and damage caused to the Rasunda Stadium in Stockholm by supporters.

But Davies said the FA would react to the decision: "We will most certainly be appealing against the part of the fine that relates to racist chanting."

Vieri requires no surgery



CHRISTIAN VIERI

ROME, Oct 10: Italy and Lazio striker Christian Vieri will not undergo surgery to repair his injured left knee, the Serie A club announced Saturday, and he will be sidelined at least another three weeks, reports AP.

The 25-year-old World Cup star has been out since hurting knee ligaments 15 minutes into Lazio's 2-0 win over Second Division Cosenza in a September 23 Italian Cup match.

The injury kept Vieri out of Italy's Euro 2000 qualifier Saturday against Switzerland.

SIX NO TRUMPS

A K Sayeedul Huq EAST DEMONSTRATED SOUND KNOWLEDGE OF ECONOMICS!

North: S: AKQ1087, H: None, D: 8X, C: AK9XX

West (D): S: JXX, H: KQJ1076, D: None, C: Q87X

South: S: 96XX, H: 8X, D: A106, C: J106X

Bidding: East West were vulnerable

Table showing South, West, North, East bidding information: South 2 Hearts, West 6 Spades, North Double, East 6 Hearts.

South opened a weak 2 Heart bid with 9 HCP but void in Diamond. North doubled for take out. But East practically roared to 6 Hearts.

He only hoped that partner knew what he was doing. With a two-suiter hand and void in Heart, North bid 6 Spades. After some thinking East bid 7 Hearts. He actually did not think that 7 Hearts would be made, unless partner had the Ace of Diamonds.

In fact he was calculating the profit and loss. As partner started with a weak two-bid, it was most likely that North South would be making the six. On the other hand, East-West were likely to be one down - a loss of 200 only versus opponents' Little Slam.

Thus, East was minimising the loss by bidding 7 Hearts.

Holding 16 HCP North furiously doubled 7 Hearts and expected to reap a bumper crop.

THE PLAY

North was on the lead. He expected a Spade void with East, and hence he led the King of Clubs.

Little he thought that East would be void in both Club and Heart. The declarer ruffed the Club King in the dummy, cleared trumps in two rounds ending in the dummy. Next he led the King of Diamonds, and he was pleasantly surprised to see the Ace appearing from the South. Thus, 7 Hearts doubled were made for a vulnerable Grand Slam.

The loss for North South was considerable as they were only one short in 7 Spades.



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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers and clues.

ACROSS 1 Hoolbeat sound, 5 Party, 8 Malinee figure?, 12 Weak, as an excuse, 13 Tulsa sch., 14 Info, 15 Excess cargo, 17 Rams' ma'am's, 18 One of Santa's, 19 Some give off sweat, 21 Scenery chews, 22 Hotter, 23 Pie ingredient?, 28 Indispensable, 28 Spare's theater, 31 On, 33 M-Q link, 35 Tall tale, 36 Veep under, 38 Metropolitan area, jocularly, 40 Mid-June

honoree, 41 Appellation, 43 - the fields we go, 45 Result of a phragm, 51 Wyoming neighbor, 52 Cloudy in last, 55 Sundial number, 56 Diamond in the sky, 57 Crafts' mates, 58 Longing, 59 Dell buy DOWN, 1 Lummo, 2 Stromboli spill, 3 Portent, 4 Roost, 5 They have entry-level positions, 6 George's brother, 7 Squat, 8 At best, 9 Transfer data, 10 News-paper page, 11 Smaller, 16 Watergate woe, 20 Journey segment, 23 Incensed, 24 Actress Hagen, 25 Blue, 27 Whom Uncle Sam wanted, 29 Shape shifter?, 30 Remnant, 32 Herb's singing partner, 34 Amino acid chain, 37 Dallas sch., 39 Frat-party essential, 42 Stronghold, 44 Pairs of antlers, 45 Shake in the grass?, 46 Believe - Not!, 48 Go out on the lake - used?, 49 'L'Come, 50 Mulligan, e.g., 53 Complete

Solution time: 21 mins.

CRWG DRCFZLNQC XQNZW LDGZK CBKIGRHC XDNKIG FNLZGHLC NL XBL KNLGC. Yesterday's Cryptquip: ISUSPECT VERY NEARLY EVERY NIGHT OF THE YEAR SOME CAT MIGHT FEEL PUT OUT.

Today's Cryptquip clue: I equals T

The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, I equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to catag vowels. Solution is by trial and error.