Pak probe extended for a month

SYDNEY, Oct 13 (Reuters/Internet): The judicial inquiry into alleged match-fixing by Pakistani cricketers has been extended by a month, the Australian Broadcasting Corpora-

tion reported on Tuesday.

The ABC said that Judge Malik Qayyum had been granted a one-month extension on his report, originally due on Sunday, by the government sports min-

The extra time will enable judge Qayyum to recall a number of key witnesses and might also enable Australian players Shane Warne and Tim May to

appear. Warne, May and Mark Waugh accused former Pakistan captain Salim Malik of offering them bribes to play poorly during Australia's tour of Pakistan in 1994.

The charges were dismissed by the original inquiry, which investigated them four years ago, but an interim report released by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) last month recommended that Malik, Wasim Akram and Ijaz Ahmad should not be selected until the investigations were completed.

Italy's booters abandon strike plans

MILAN, Oct 13 (Reuters/ Internet): Italy's soccer players voted on Monday not to strike

protest at media speculation that their sport is rife with drug-taking.

"The strike will not go ahead," head of the Italian players' union (AIC) Sergio Campana told a news conference following a meeting of captains from Italy's Serie A and Serie B clubs.

'-'He said players would continue to protest against what they see as a media witchhunt but they would do so "with the utmost sense of responsibility and the highest sense of matu-

Campana last week raised the spectre of a strike in one of the world's most prestigious soccer leagues. The AIC suggested a 30-minute stoppage but Campana warned it could esca-

His strike call was immediately backed by players from Parma and Juventus, the two clubs closest to the centre of continuing speculation over doping in Italian football. Campana appealed on Mon-

day for the media to respect the rights of soccer players against whom nothing had been

"We're asking that no one is named until the various investigations have run their course," he said. "For our part, we guarantee the maximum collaboration with the medics and with the entire system."

FIFA team to visit Seoul, Tokyo in Nov

SEOUL, Oct 13: A'six-man FIFA delegation is scheduled to visit South Korea and Japan next month to inspect preparations being made by the two countries co-hosting the 2002 World Cup finals, officials said today, reports AFP. An official at the 2002 World

Cup Organising Committee said delegates of FIFA, world football's governing body, will be in Seoul for four days from November 2.

The delegates, including FIFA vice-president Antonia Matarress, will tour some of the cities hosting games and be briefed on South Korea's preparations, he said.

"They will depart for Japan on November 6," he said.

Ronaldo, Anelka's hero "Scoring was just doing my job," he said. "And that's what I (Reuters/Internet) want to do -- play football and : Teenage striker

Nicolas Anelka.

Brazilian Ronaldo, said he had

no interest in his country's

recalled him and was repaid by

In only his second interna-

tional appearance, Anelka slot-

ted home the first goal and set

up the second for Marseille's

Robert Pires as France went

France and immediately made

him the latest in a long line of

strikers bidding to fill the void

left after Jean-Pierre Papin re-

be spoken of in the same breath

as Papin, it is Ronaldo he wants

because he is the striker I ad-

mire the most", he said. "I don't

know if I will become such a

star but I have the will to al-

day has given the Euro 2000

Group 3 minnows of Moldova

fresh hope as they prepare for

their biggest football test this

year on Wednesday, reports

Germans have fallen on lean

times and are struggling as they

try to find the right blend of

youth and experience as they rebuild after their disappoint-

not to prove a major obstacle.

But at the back of the players'

minds is the growing fear of

failing to live up to the great

"It have to ask myself what

deeds of former German teams.

has happened to our self-confi-

dence, wrote Franz Becken-

bauer, who won the World Cup

Germany still has one of the

best football teams in the

world. We don't need to be afraid

vulnerable though is gaining

ground. Whereas many smaller

nations like Moldova used to

hope simply for a good game in

the past, they now believe in

lots of other occasions when a

side has succeeded because of

their team spirit, guts and sheer

willpower," Moldovan coach

ties synonymous with Ger-

Formerly, these were quali-

"There have been lots and

their chances to beat them.

Ivan Danillants said.

"As far as I am concerned

The news that Germany is

both as a player and coach.

of anyone," he added.

Realistically Moldova ought

Invincible for so long, the

AFP.

ing World Cup.

many, Oct 13:

Turkey's 1-0 de-

feat of European

champions Ger-

many on Satur-

"I'm trying to look like him

But while Anelka is happy to

The goal was his first for

him out of his final 22.

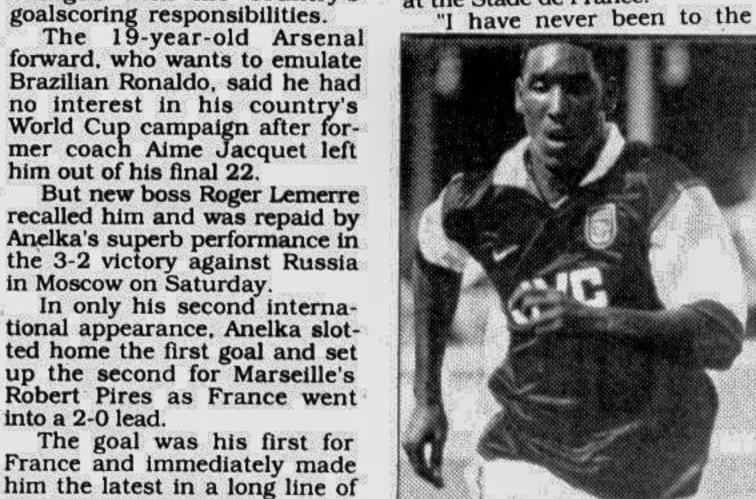
in Moscow on Saturday.

into a 2-0 lead.

to measure up to.

He should get the chance to do both on Wednesday when who refused to watch the World Cup final after being left out of France continue their campaign against tiny neighbour Andorra at the Stade de France. the French squad, is now charged with his country's

score goals."



ANELKA

Stade de France even to watch a game", Anelka said. "The, biggest stadium I've played in is Wembley. It gave me the flavour of what playing in front of a large audience is. And it was

Uncomfortable Germany!

many's style of play. "We have

tasted success for decades be-

cause of our belief in ourselves."

strengths, and now we are sud-

denly quaking before Turkey

when the so-called small na-

tions realise that we have too

much respect for them, that will

be the day they bite us in the

"This was one of our

Beckenbauer said.

ways do my best when playing football.

"Ronaldo is a one-off but the truth is that I always try to do as well as he does when playing because I'm still very young and I have a lot to prove.

Arsene Wenger, Anelka's coach at Arsenal, said in August he believed Anelka could do a better job for him than Ronaldo.

"Nicolas has just as much aggression and explosive pace." said the Frenchman. Anelka missed his hero's

disappointing performance in the World Cup final as he was travelling to England on a train at the time.

"I didn't even have a radio but during the trip the guard kept us informed of the score," "It is weird because I have

not seen the match but the victory over Brazil sticks in my mind, even now." Anelka said he watched very little of France's progress in the World Cup but doesn't feel bitter

about Jacquet's decision to leave him out. "As soon as he told me I was not in the squad I said to myself the chapter was closed. There was nothing to do so I went on holiday, waiting for my time to

come," he said. The striker said that scoring against Russia was neither revenge or a way to tell Jacquet he had made a mistake.

showing in Turkey, he had

warned beforehand that defeat

was not out of the question as

his newly formed side has had

to pull the team apart and re-

place three or four players,'

it is with one or two small al-

the German camp that the

training regime by Ribbecks'

deputy Uli Stieliek is unsatis-

factory prompted a sharp re-

sponse from the man in ques-

ence to me if I weren't with the

first team anymore," Stielike

one of the DFB's (German foot-

ball federation) junior teams

and drink my beer with Erich

afterwards, as I always have,"

had his players working with

the ball in their first session af-

ter the Turkey game instead of

going for a gentle round of run-

ning and stretching prompted

an equally forthright response.

thinks it is beneath him to jug-

gle the ball for two minutes is in

the wrong job. Every touch of

the ball means improvement,"

the former Swiss national

nation since 1991 after the

break-up of the Soviet Union.

They have played Germany

twice before in that time, losing

Moldova have only existed

"Any national player who

Complaints that Stielike

"It wouldn't make any differ-

"I will just go and look after

"There is no way I am going

"The team deserves to stay as

Quiet criticism from within

no time to play itself in yet.

Ribbeck said.

terations," he added.

tion on Monday.

he added.

coach said.

3-0 and 6-1.

Coach Erich Ribbeck wants as an independent footballing

World chess meet Organisers bow to Karpov

LAS VEGAS, Oct 13: The World Chess Championship will be moved back to early 1999 to placate defending champion Anatoly Karpov, who threatened to boycott the event, reports AP.

Israel Gelfor, a member of the executive committee of the World Chess Federation, said Monday the match had been moved to early 1999, instead of November 29-December 27 as originally planned. Karpov won the world title

in January and was to have held it for two years. But the World Chess Federation, known by its French acronym as FIDE. decided the championship should take place annually. Eric Johnson, assistant director of the United States Chess Federation, said an

reschedule the tournament. The agreement also would require Karpov to play in early rounds of the tournament. In defending his title last January, Karpov waited until some 100 of the world's best players had been whittled down

agreement had been reached to

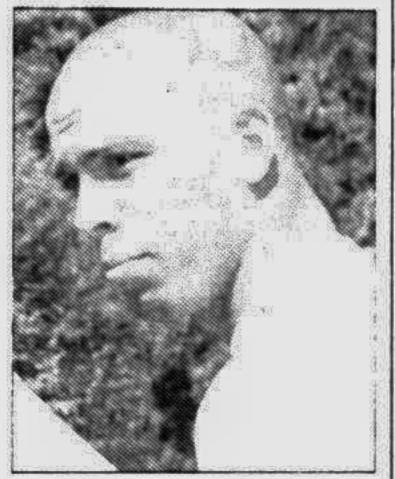
challenger played Karpov for the title. Karpov said Monday he was still undecided on whether to participate.

to a single challenger, then the

Inter won't push their prized possession

MILAN, Oct 13: Ronaldo practiced with his Internazionale of Milan teammates for the first time in more than three weeks Tuesday, but cast doubt on whether he will be in the lineup for his club's upcoming clash against Lazio of Rome, reports AP.

The Brazilian striker has been out of action since Sept 20 with tendinitis in both knees. "I have never been sidelined



RONALDO

for this long in my entire career." Ronaldo said, "and I have a great desire to play again. Inter needs me, but in shape. That's the most important thing.

Club trainer Claudio Bordon cautioned that the player should not rush back.

Ronaldo's condition has progressed greatly," Bordon told the ANSA news agency. "He is no longer in pain and today he worked out at the same pace as his teammates. But we need to be sensible. He still lacks highintensity work and I would think first before throwing him into action.'

Inter has survived Ronaldo's absence with outstanding lay from reserve striker Nicola Ventola, who was called up to Italy's national team for the first time last week. The club has compiled a 3-1-0 record and stands second in the 18-team Serie A heading into their game Sunday night against Lazio, a rematch of last season's UEFA Cup final won by Inter.

Brazilian striker for Bremen

BONN, Oct 13 (Reuters/Internet): Brazilian striker Ailton is set to join Germany's Werder Bremen after successfully passing a medical examination on

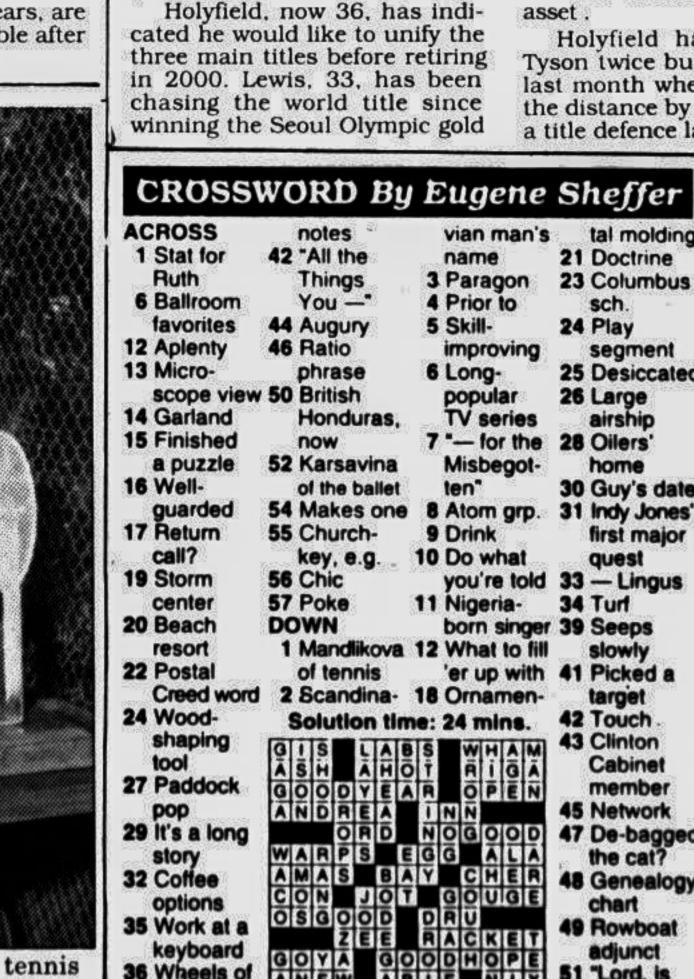
The 25-year-old, previously with Mexican side Tigres Monterrey, was expected to sign a contract on Thursday, a spokesman for the first division club said.

Bremen, making their worst Bundesliga start in 30 years, are 17th in the 18-strong table after

women's champion Baishakhi (L), who took part in the

tourney against guests, is seen with the general manager

of Dhaka Sheraton San Amalan.



to being dropped from the squad before the finals in June and He has gone through a divorce from the mother of his

private life recently in addition

Roger Lemerre, coach of France, smiles while talking to newsmen during a press conference

at the national team's training base in Clairefontaine yesterday ahead of his side's Euro

Sheringham: "Gascoigne

is a flawed genius"

2000 qualifier against Andorra.

LONDON, Oct 13

(Reuters/ Inter-

net): England stri-

ker Teddy Sherin-

whether team ma-

gham wondered

te Paul Gascoigne was battling

an alcohol problem when the

national team were preparing

pre-World Cup friendlies but

was devastasted after being left

out of the finals squad, was

admitted to a rehabilitation

clinic for alcohol and stress

Sheringham said in his au-

tobiography to be published

this week that Gascoigne's prob-

lems crossed his mind when the

England players were enjoying

a few drinks at a training camp

the evening before Hoddle an-

night, but nobody got silly --

with the exception of Gazza."

Sheringham wrote in his book

"Teddy Sheringham, My Auto-

thing from Glenn's attitude to

his fitness and was trying to

drown his sorrows, I don't

know, but whatever the case, he

and not for the first time.

whether Paul might have a big-

ger problem with alcohol than

Gascoigne, whose love of a

LONDON, Oct 13

net): Evander

Holyfield and

Lennox Lewis will

unify the world

heavyweight title next year

after an improbable alliance

forged between two old

King, had not previously hidden

his contempt for Lewis' man-

ager Frank Maloney, calling

the diminutive Londoner a

ciance, King buried the hatchet

when he arrived in London on

Monday morning wreathed in

smiles to be greeted warmly by

nounced a deal which will re-

store some respectability to the

murky world of heavyweight

boxing by pitting World Boxing

Association (WBA) and Inter-

national Boxing Federation

(IBF) champion Holyfield

against World Boxing Council

(WBC) title-holder Lewis.

Hours later the pair an-

But with typical insou-

American promoter Don

adversaries on Monday.

"pugilistic pygmy".

Maloney.

(Reuters/Inter-

drink has been well documented

over the years, has been

wondered that evening.

got pretty drunk that night.

even he cares to admit."

Whether he sensed some-

"We all had a few beers that

nounced his final 22.

biography".

problems over the weekend.

Gascoigne, who played in

for the World Cup.

young son and two months ago saw one of his close friends die from alcohol poisoning after a night out drinking with him. Sheringham said it had been

a shock when the midfielder



PAUL GASCOIGNE

was left out of the World Cup squad. The forward claimed that Gascoigne was under the influence of alcohol when he heard the news from Hoddle afthrough a difficult time in his ter drinking during a game of

bring him into full visibility."

probably be staged in Las Vegas

in February or March next year.

it's the competition everyone

it now is if either fighter does

from both men claiming credit

for arranging the fight the

world most wants to see, the

deal is inevitably one of cold

battle with another British

promoter Frank Warren, his li-

cence has been suspended in

Florida and he is being sued by

Maloney, who signed Lewis

Holyfield has now beaten

Mike Tyson for \$100 million.

in 1989, knows time is not on

the side of his most bankable

Tyson twice but looked his age

last month when he was taken

the distance by Vaughn Bean in

a title defence last month.

King is immersed in a legal

wants," Maloney said.

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first major

not agree with the terms."

"The world wants to see it,

"The only thing that can stop

Despite ringing rhetoric

medal a decade ago.

"Yet, now I look back on it, I think Paul himself was half ex-

pecting the axe," he wrote. "Rather unwisely, he'd had a few beers during our golf game, and then downed a few more after he'd finished, and, I've got to admit that he was quite the worse for wear when he went in to see Glenn for the crucial conversation that put an end to his

-AFP photo

World Cup dream. ... The scenes that followed were horrible. Paul went into his bedroom and Paul Ince went in to talk to him, but he was inconsolable. He was simply devastated, screaming at the manager in a drunken state and losing control of his feelings."

Sheringham paid tribute to Gascoigne, saying he was a unique player with unique talents who was worth the price of an admission ticket on his own But he added: "I suppose, if you were being hard, you could

say he had brought his misfortunes on himself -- Paul is nothing less than a genius, and genuises don't always play by the same rules that apply to other people. "Paul Gascoigne must have

wondered as he flew home (before the World Cup) tearstained and unhappy, whether his colourful past had finally caught up with him. A fool to himself? Perhaps. The best player of his generation? Probably A wonderful, flawed one-off

destined never to fulfil his capacity for genius? Certainly."

CONI's anti-doping boss resigns

FRANZ BECKENBAUER

Saturday's loss has sparked

few changes, Borussia Dort-

mund's Christian Nerlinger has

been told he will play on

Wednesday, most likely in place

him to shore up the defence as

well as livening up Germany's

dissatisfied with his side's

All in all Ribbeck was not

attacks with forward runs.

ankles," he added.

of Jens Jeremies.



ROME, Oct 13 (Reuters/Internet) : The head of the Italian Olympic Committee's anti-

signed on Monday and the organisation's former president Mario Pescante was placed under investigation as Italy's soccer-doping scandal widened.

ecutive council, lawyer Ugo Longo implied that his over-

loaded work schedule was the reason for his resignation as head of the anti-doping commission.

The Olympic committee doping panel re-CONI is effectively the ruling body in Italian sport and has a vast \$600 million dollar budget, derived from football pools. which it uses to administer 39 sports federations, including In a letter sent to CONI's exthe soccer federation FIGC.

Italian soccer has been gripped by a doping scandal since July when AS Roma coach, Czech Zdenek Zeman, prompted a series of inquiries by suggesting that drug abuse was widespread in the sport.

Five senior figures at CONI's Rome dope-testing lab, where samples from serie A players are analysed, have been informed by Rome state prosecutors that they are under investigation for withholding of information and misconduct in

Two weeks ago, after media allegations of systematic malpractice at the CONI lab, Pescante resigned while the head of the lab, Emilio Gasbarrone, was sacked

Media allegations, believed

O'Neill heads for Leeds?

LONDON, Oct 13 (Reuters/Internet): Martin O'Neill, manager of English Premier league Leicester City, said on Tuesday that he was interested in discussing a move to Leeds United.

O'Neill, linked with the Leeds position after manager George Graham joined Tottenham Hotspur earlier this month, said he had an informal agreement with the Leicester management that he could talk to other clubs if he wanted. "I am clear in my own mind

contract. I have kept quiet long enough. I am entitled, at the very least, to hear what they have to say," he said. Leicester have been fighting to prevent Leeds from poaching

that I would not be breaking my

O'Neill. Leeds's caretaker manager David O'Leary will be forced to watch the team's next European

match in Rome next week from the stand if he is still in charge. O'Leary has been handed a one-match ban after being sent off the pitch for remonstrating with the referee during the UEFA Cup match against Portugal's Maritimo.

to be based on leaks from a continuing inquiry led by Turin magistrate Raffaele Guariniello, suggested that the CONI lab tests were haphazard.

Many of the routine tests carried out on two serie A players per side per league game were allegedly either falsified or covered up if they tested positive. On Monday Pescante was of-

tion for alleged abuse of office. Italian media reported he would appear before a magistrate in Rome on October 27. After Zeman's July remarks

ficially placed under investiga-

and in tandem with at least five state judiciary enquiries. CONI's anti-doping panel had initiated its own inquiry into the allegations. In August, Longo concluded

that investigation by stating that the "problem of doping does not exist in Italian soccer". The judicial inquiries in Bologna, Ferrara, Turin, Rome and Venice have all unearthed alleged irregularities.

Tuesday.

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Unified boxing next year Lewis, who has never caught King, never prone to underthe imagination of the Ameristatement, called Lewis "the can public despite his awesome most wanted man on planet physique and undeniable earth".
"He has been playing the inskills, was unimpressive against Croatian Zeljko visible man but we are going to Mavrovic seven days later. Still, the pair remain the Maloney said the fight would

pick of a mediocre crop and the fight will provide the first undisputed world champion since Tyson unified the titles in 1987.

In the background looms the formidable shadow of Tyson, still an unequalled drawcard even though his last fight ended in disgrace when he was disqualified for biting a chunk out of Holyfield's ear.

Army v'ball

JESSORE, Oct 13: The Bogra Area won the title of the annual Army volleyball championship which concluded at the Jessore Cantonment here Monday, reports APB.

Bogra Area defeated hosts Jessore Area straight sets of 15-13, 15-12 and 15-5.

Engineer-in-Chief of the Bangladesh Army Major General Abdul Hafiz Mallik witnessed the final match and distributed trophies.

CRYPTOQUIP XADX KVJJPCPJX

JPCKNL CPJUSFXWOV XVNNVF. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AN UTTER DOPE USED TO BRING A LADDER ALONG TO SEE HIS STEP-BROTHER.

VDFNL

Today's Cryptoquip clue: U equals F

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, It Simpsons 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.

SIX NO TRUMPS

A K Sayeedul Huq

EAST MUST BE CAREFUL NOT TO BE END PLAYED (Hand # 119)

West ◆ S:932 ♥ H: 103 • D: QJ103 • C: J842	♥ H: AQ76 • D: A5 • C: AQ97 South	East S:QJ105 H:52 D:9642 C:K105
	→ S : K74 ▼ H: KJ984 • D: K87	
э	♣ C:63	10.1

North (D)

3.5			
South	West	North	East
-	2±2000	1 Club*	Pass
1 Spade**	Pass	1 No Trump	Pass
2 Hearts	Pass	6 Hearts	Pass
Pass	Pass	NED-BROKESS III	ESSECTION CO.

Artificial, 18 or more HCP. ** Artificial, showing 10-12 HCP.

With all four Aces, 20 HCP and partner's response showing 10-12 HCP, North was determined to bid a slam provided South comes up with a compatible suit, i.e., Heart or Club. Thus, on one No Trump when South bid 2 Hearts, North went straight way to 6 Hearts. A reasonable contract which could be beaten only by an alert defence.

West opened the Queen of Diamonds which was won by the declarer in

THE PLAY

the dummy. The trumps were cleared in two rounds, Next the Diamond King was cashed and the third Diamond is ruffed in the dummy. The declarer entered the closed hand with a trump, played the King of Spades and East who was sleeping, so to say, routinely played small, 5 of Spades. Thus, he had to win the third Spade and lead from Club (K 10 5) or give a ruff and a slap. An alert East should have unblocked Spades at the first trick by dropping Queen/Jack/Ten and retained 5, so that partner, if he had the 9 of Spades could win the trick and retain the lead in his hand and lead Club through dummy's A O.