Israel rely on youngsters

JERUSALEM, Nov 15 (Reuters/ Internet): Maccabi Haifa youngsters Yossi Benayoun and Shuki Nagar have received a late call-up for the Is-rael squad which faces Portugal in a friendly near Lisbon on Wednesday.

Israel coach Shlomo Scharf on Saturday night named 18year-old Benayoun and Nagar. 21, in place of striker Alon Mizrahi, whose daughter is in hospital, and Walid Bdir, who was injured playing for Hapoel Petah Tikva in a league match on Saturday.

Benayoun and Nagar have been instrumental in Haifa's success in Europe and the domestic league.

Benayoun scored a hat-trick against Bnei Yehuda on Saturday and has been a major factor in Haifa's run to the European Cup Winners' Cup quarter-fi-nals. Haifa is the first Israeli side to reach the latter stages of any European club competition.

SQUAD

Goalkeepers: Nir Davidovich (Maccabi Haifa), Shavit Elimelech (Hapoel Tel Aviv).

Defenders: Alon Harazi (Maccabi Haifa), Amir Shelah (Betar Jerusalem), Arik Benado (Maccabi Haifa), Ran Ben-Shimon (Hapoel Haifa), Adoram Keisi (Maccabi Haifa), Najwan Grayeb (Hapoel Haifa).

Midfield: Tal Banin (Brescia), Yossi Benayoun (Maccabi Haifa), Shuki Nagar (Maccabi Haifa), Avi Nimni (Maccabi Tel Aviv), Yossi Abuksis (Betar Jerusalem), Jan Talasnikov (Betar Jerusalem). Idan Tal (Maccabi Petah Tikva). Eyal Berkovic (West Ham).

Strikers: Ronen Harazi (Bursaspor). Ofer Shitrit (Betar Jerusalem).

Vasco beat DC United

WASHINGTON, Nov 15: Felipe's goal in the 69th minute gave the Brazilian club Vasco da Gama a 1-0 victory over DC United in the first leg of the In-

teramerican Cup, reports AP. United, the first US team ever to play in the annual twoleg championship between the CONCACAF and South Ameri-

capitalise on several good scoring chances in Saturday night's game.

A crowd of 26,216 - the largest at RFK Stadium this season - turned out for United coach Bruce Arena's final home game. Arena, recently named coach of the US national team, ends his three-year tenure with the Interamerican Cup

Vasco's home leg is scheduled for December 5 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

United were playing for the first time since losing to the Chicago Fire October 25 in the US Major League Soccer championship game. DC captured the first-ever MLS titles in 1996

and 1997. The Rio de Janeiro club was playing its fourth game in 10 days and didn't arrive in Washington until Friday afternoon after playing Thursday

night in Brazil. Vasco was scheduled to leave Washington at 3 am Sunday for a 16-hour flight to Japan where they will train for the current World Club Championship, the

Toyota Cup. After meeting European Cup winners Real Madrid, Vasco will fly back to the United States for the Interamerican

Cup second leg. Felipe, a 21-year-old rising star on the Brazilian national team, scored Saturday's only goal on a brilliant left-footed

shot from about 25 metres out. United missed a great oppor-tunity in the first half when Roy Lassiter couldn't muster. anything on an open shot from 10 metres.

Bitter twist to rivalry in Rome

ROME, Nov 15: (Reuters/ Internet): Allegations by Roma coach Zdenek Zeman of doping practises at Juventus have given an acrimonious twist to the traditional rivalry between the two clubs which resumes in

Italy's Serie A on Sunday. Their clash in Rome marks first time they have met since Czech Zeman's allegations last July which champions Juventus angrily rejected, and subsequently started a libel action

against the Roma coach. Zeman, for his part, has also initiated libel proceedings against past and present Juventus players, Gianluca Vialli and Alessandro Del Piero, who both issued outspoken criticisms of

his original allegations. Zeman this week tried to ease the pre-match tension, saying: "Let's just stick to foot-ball and not go on about personal feuds...Judges and magistrates can sort out the other

business... Signs of a tense build-up are evident from the fact that Juventus coach Marcello Lippi has opted for a press blackout

until after the match. Moreover, experienced Juventus defender Ciro Ferrara

was less than diplomatic when asked if he would shake hands with Zeman before the match.

Roma go into the game in third place, three points behind second-placed Juventus and four behind leaders Fiorentina. Injury-hit Juventus come into the game at a critical mo-

ment in their season. Recent draws with Udinese in Serie A and with Venezia in the Italian Cup have followed a disappointing European Champions' League campaign which has seen Juventus draw all four

group B games. Juventus were dealt a severe blow to their prospects when key striker Del Piero was this week ruled of soccer for five months because of a knee injury sustained in last Sunday's draw with Udinese.



Arsenal's Patrick Vieira (L) skips past a sliding tackle by Spurs' Chris Armstrong during their London derby on Nov

Liverpool slide continues

cious Old Trafford pitch.

in the 74th to give Ferguson and

United fans a nailbiting finale.

and we were really coasting. But

we couldn't keep the ball

enough, we got careless and we

nearly got punished for it," said

and worn — was due to be dug up

after the game for fresh turf to

mered 5-0 by Chelsea in their

midweek League Cup clash, rang

the changes for the visit of their

former manager George Graham

with north London rivals

Tottenham Hotspur, but the

derby ended goalless.

changes from the virtual re-

serve side crushed on Wednes-

day, failed to break through a

well-disciplined defence in

which goalkeeper Espen Baard-

Vlaovic to bid

Valencia bye?

MADRID, Nov 15: (Reuters/ Internet): Croatian World Cup

striker Goran Vlaovic is ready

to leave Valencia, the Spanish

for a groin injury in August. He

feels he is now fit to return to

action but is being ignored by

Valencia coach Claudio Ranieri

after playing just seven minutes

this does not change then I can-

not carry on here because I will

lose a lot," Vlaovic was quoted

as saying in the Spanish sports

seven of Croatia's games at

France '98 and scored in their

memorable 3-0 quarterfinal

Vidar Riseth, trying to pass the

ball across his own area, al-

lowed St Johnstone's teenage

striker Kieran McAnespie to

hind angers going into next weekend's oil firm clash.

point for Kilmarnock at Dundee

with a 45th minute Volley after Eddie Annad's seventh goal of the season, in the 29th minute.

had put the home team in front.

scored twice in the 3-2 home

meet Dundee United on Sunday.

defeat of Hearts.

Motherwell's Owen Coyle

Bottom club Dunfermiline

Celtic are now 10 points be-

Jerome Vereille secured a

head a 78th minute winner.

victory over Germany.

Andrei repays Rangers

The striker played in all

"I feel very bad about this. If

of league soccer this season.

Vlaovic underwent surgery

media reported on Thursday.

The Gunners, showing 10

The surface — patchy, faded

Champions Arsenal, ham-

Ferguson.

be laid.

"Three-nil up against 10 men

LONDON, Nov 15: Striker Dion Dublin bagged a hattrick as English Premier

league leaders As ton Villa trounced tailenders Southampton 4-1 on Saturday and went three points clear of nearest rivals Manchester contract reports Reuters.

None of the top six before Saturday's matches lost but Liverpool's French manager Gerard Houllier had a nightmare at Anfield on his debut as solo boss after the departure on Thursday of job-sharing part-

ner Roy Evans. Liverpool took the lead and then succumbed 3-1 to Leeds United, dropping one place to

Dutchman Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink scored twice for Leeds, who moved fifth after Liverpool went ahead through a 68th minute Robbie Fowler

penalty. Dublin, who has now scored five goals in two games for Villa, had been denied a hattrick by an offside call on his debut last weekend but he made

no mistake at the Dell. The former Coventry City stalwart scored his opener in the third minute, and then followed it up with strikes in the 56th and 85th to help the former European champions to

their best ever start to a season, unbeaten in 12 games. Southampton had equalised in the 53rd minute through Matthew le Tissier and could have gone ahead moments later when Villa's Ugo Ehiougu

headed against his own crosslooked comfortable enough but for long periods Southampton pinned us back."

said manager John Gregory. Paul Scholes scored twice as Manchester United leapfrogged Arsenal into second place with a 3-2 win at home to a fighting Blackburn Rovers, who had captain Tim Sherwood sent off

in the 47th minute. Struggling Blackburn scored both their goals after Sherwood had been shown the red card for apparently elbowing David Beckham in an off the ball in-

GLASGOW, Nov

15: Rangers' reco-

rd signing Andrei

helped to repay

some of his fee by

Kanchelskis

striking the late goal which

gave his side a 2-1 victory over

Aberdeen in the Scottish

premier league on Saturday.

who was signed from Italy's

Fiorentina for 5.5 million

pounds (9.16 million dollars)

during the summer, stretched

Rangers' lead over Kilmarnock

at the top to six point with 30

Dundee and are on 24 points

while third-placed Celtic lost 2-

to be heading for a draw at Ibrox

after Aberdeen's Scotland in-

ternational Eoin Jess equalized

in the 56th minute, shooting

past Rangers goalkeeper Antti Niemi after controlling the ball

had put Rangers in front after

just eight minutes, taking a

firing in a left foot shot.

shot past Jim leighton.

goal of the season.

last Sunday.

pass from Joerg Albertz before

It was the Dutchman's fourth

Kanchelskis then struck in

Champions Celtic came un-

A goal in first half injury

the 82nd minute, cutting down

the right-wing and into the area before thundering a left foot

stuck at Perth to a St Johnstone

side which lost 7-0 to Rangers

time from Portuguese striker,

Miguel Simao, gave St John-stone, a valuable lead before

Henrik Larsson equalised for

Celtic in the 51st minute, fin-

ishing off Mark Burchill's cross

for his 11th goal of the season.

But a blunder from Norway's

Giovanni van Bronckhorst

Dick Advocaat's team looked

Kilmarnock drew 1-1 at -

points from 14 games.

I at St Johnstone.

on his chest.

The Russian international.

reports Reuters.

sen and centre-back Sol Camp-

"I think we had the opportu-The return of former Arsenal nity to really go for it. It was not manager George Graham to the result we should have got," Highbury as boss of Tottenham said United manager Alex Feronly added to the occasion and guson after his team frittered he was continually booed by the away their 3-0 lead on an atro-Arsenal fans who chanted "Judas" every time he moved out of Dario Marcolin pulled a goal the visitor's dug-out. The Lonback in the 66th minute and don club dropped to third and a Nathan Blake provided another point behind United.

"I think my return here has been blown out of all proportion," said Graham, who left Highbury under a financial

bell played particularly well.

clowd nearly four years ago. "After all, I have been back here before as manager of Leeds. Hearing the fans call me Judas did not hurt me, it's no problem, it's all part and parcel of the game now."

Graham was clearly more impressed by the Arsenal team than he was by their fans.

"They pounded us all the

time, you have to admire them. they are a superb team with some tremendously talented individuals." **Arsenal coach Arsene Wenger said he thought his

team played well without getting the breaks, but was also full of praise for young Baard-

"What can you say about to-

day - the spirit was there, the quality was there, but Baardsen made some very good saves for Spurs, as well as some lucky

"I always felt that if we had scored one goal, we would have got more, but they defended very

Tottenham's only real scring chance came after 25 minutes when Chris Armstrong showed some deft footwork to set up Steffen Iversen. But with only England goalkeeper David Seaman to beat, the young Norwegian striker shot straight at Seaman and wasted the chance.

Arsenal had chance after chance with Nicolas Anelka. Tony Adams. Patrick Vieira. and Fredrik Ljungberg all putting their efforts high, wide

- or straight at Baardsen. The best opportunity fell to Ljungberg after 57 minutes, but he stabbed at his shot after a good cross from Nigel Winter-

Anelka also had a powerful volley turned away just before halftime and Marc Overmars was thwarted by a great save from Baardsen, who rushed out of goal to smother his shot with his legs in the 69th minute.

The result was a repeat of the 0-0 draw at Highbury last season and means that Arsenal have only lost once to Spurs at home in their last 14 meetings.

Newcastle drew 1-1 with Sheffield Wednesday but, in an ominous moment for England fans, striker Alan Shearer did not come out for the second half at St James' after picking up a suspected hamstring injury.

Chelsea, with a game in hand over Villa and United, moved up to fourth with a 3-0 win at home to Wimbledon.

Manchester United's Nicky Butt is sent flying by Blackburn's Stephane Henchoz on Nov

Antler clinch J-League 2nd stage

ports Reuters.

Brazilian Jorginho lead the charge as he scored with a header in the second minute of play as Antlers went up 3-0 by the 12th minute. Antlers needed a victory to clinch the win and the championship playoff series with first-stage winners

Jubilo Iwata. Jubilo rallied from a 4-2 deficit to beat Gamba Osaka 5-4. The league's top scorer Masashi Nakayama scored his 36th and 37th goals of the season in the game while Brazilian Dunga controlled the flow of the ac-

The Jubilo Antlers playoff is a repeat of last year's champiouship showdown, which Antlers won. The first match of the series will be played next Saturday at Tokyo's National Stadium while the second game will be played at Kashima on

November 28. In all of the final matches of the second-stage, players took to the field with flags of the soon-to-be eliminated franchise Yokohama Flugels. The team's sponsors said they could not afford to keep the franchise so they will merge the team with cross-town rival Yokohama Marinos.

Despite their imminent demise. Flugels beat Consadole Sappro 4-1 with Takayuki Hoshida scoring twice in the

In other action, up and coming Urawa Reds took the third spot in the J-League standings as they beat Nagoya Grampus Eight 2-1, while midfielder Shunsuke Nakamura scored a hattrick as Marginos beat Bellmare Hiratsuka 4-2.

Brazilian winger Alessandro Dos Santos scored a hattrick as a Shimizu S-Pulse thrashed lowly JEF United Ichihara 4-1.

Banned for brawling

MOSCOW, Nov 15; [Reuters/ Internet): Four players received five-match bans on Thursday after a full-blown fistfight during a Russian cup match last

The Russian league's disciplinary committee handed Zhemchuzhina Sochi's German Kutarba, Konstantin Kovalenko and Artashes Kalaidzhan as well as Alexander Babiy of Zenit St Petersburg the suspen-

sions for their role in the brawl Zenit's Russian international Alexei Igonin, who was sent off in the same fourth round match which Zenit won

4-1, received a three-game ban. Each club was fined 10,000 roubles (\$571.4) for the inci dent. Hosts Zhemchuzhina will pay an additional fine for fan violence.

40 Further-

more

- AP/UNB photo

42 Shell-game

Yesterday's answer

TOKYO, Nov 15: Jubilo Antlers wasted little time in clinching the J-League second -stage crown on Saturday as they beat Vissel Kobe 4-1, re-

crowed favourite Titi Camera.

Lippi was in the Stade Velodrome crowed, reportedly looking at Lens striker Tony Vairellies and Ravanelli as possible replacements for the injured Alessandro Del Piero.

Eric Roy, back after three weeks out with a leg injury, delivered a long ball from Midfield to Dugarry, who beat the offside trap and flicked it past keeper Gullaume Warmuz with

Bayern, eager to recapture the title they lost to Kaiserslautern last May, are five points clear of second placed

Bayern owe Elber one

Bayer Leverkusen with a game in hand. "We controlled the game and earned plenty of clear chances.' said Bayern coach Ottmar Hitzfeld. "We should have taken the lead earlier but I'm satisfied

we achieved it." Leverkusen were equally impressive, scoring three times in the opening 21 minutes to crush Nuremberg 3-0.

with both the result and the way

Their hero was Dutch striker Erik Meijer, who showed his side the way by opening the scoring in the fifth minute. Than he set up Brazilian Emer-son and fellow midfielder Carsten Ramelow for Leverkusen's other goals in the 15th and 21st minutes respec-

"After going 3-0 up, the play-He was deprived one in the ers took it easy but I'm not complaining," said Leverkusen 38th minute for an offside which did not look obvious on a coach Christoph Daum. "We television replay. In the 49th minute he shouted for a penalty scored plenty of goals and did not concede any. That's perfect." after being brought down in the box by Stuttgart defender Timo

Borussia Dortmund, recovering from a disastrous start to the season, boosted their

morale with a 3-0 victory over Schalke 04 in a tense Ruhr Valley derby.

Dutch defender Alfred Nijhuis showed the composure of seasoned striker to give Dortmund the lead after 14 minutes.

Seconds before the break. the home side earned a penalty for a foul by Dutch defender Marco van Hoogdalem on Dortmund's Bosnian midfielder Serbei Barbarez, midfielder Thomas Haessler, back in the first team after several unhappy weeks on the bench, converted it.

Germany midfielder Andreas Moeller put the issue beyond doubt seven minutes from

Dortmund, who have been through hard times since their 1997 European Cup triumph, moved sixth.

"We deserved to win, even if we were lucky to do it by 3-0." said Dortmund coach Michael Skibbe. "It was an interesting. hard-fought derby."

Schalke, 1997 UEFA Cup champions, have now gone seven matches without victory and are a miserable 15th.

Lens stoop to Dugarry



goal himself.

PARIS, Nov 15: Christophe Dugarry earned French league leaders Olympique Mar-

BONN, Nov 15: A

brilliant perfor-

mance by Brazil-

ian striker Elber

helped German

championship

leaders Bayern Munich un-

derline their supremacy by

taming VFB Stuttgart 2-0 on

midfielder Stefan Effenberg to

put the home side in front by

beating goalkeeper Franz Wohlfahrt from close range

three minutes into the second

Elber then set up Iranian

The gifted Brazilian, fined

striker Ali Daei, who raced into

the box unchallenged to seal

Bayern's victory in the dying

by his bosses this week for col-

lecting too many yellow cards.

was outstanding and deserved a

A fine pas by Elber allowed

Saturday, reports Reuters.

seille a 1-0 home victory over reigning champions Lens for their eighth consecutive win to widen the gap to four points at the top of the table on Saturday, reports

Marseille benefitted from a poor display by second-placed Bordeaux who only managed a goalless draw at home to thirdfrom bottom Sochaux. The Parc Lescure crowd whistled their displeasure at the end of the

Third-placed Rennes. coached by former Paris Saint-Germain defender Paul Le Guen. made no ground on the leading two, managing an unimpressive 0-0 draw at home to Lyon.

Marseille welcomed back central defender Laurent Blanc into the side after he was rested for the 3-2 win at Nancy on Tuesday striker Fabrizio Ravanelli, who has a slight toe injury, was also given a sitting role, at the expense of home

Juventus coach Marcello

the outside of his right boot in the 31st minute for the winner. Lens were playing with just 10 men when the goal was

scored as Eric Sykora was being treated on the side of the pitch. In the second half, Pascal Nouma of Lens hit the crossbar and moments later, Marseille's Robert Pires was right through with only the 'keeper to beat but somehow Warmuz managed to block the ball away from

point blank range. Coach Rolland Courbis brought on midfielder Daniel Bravo for Ravanelli and Camara was also brought on for Dugarry.

Stephane Poratso, now the undisputed number one 'keeper at Marseille following the departure of Germany's Andreas Koke, had a good match. Monaco suffered their fifth

defeat of the season as they slipped up 3-1 at Bastia. Bastia opened the scoring far post in the 57th minute. through Poland's Piotr Swier-

czewski in the 19th minute but Monaco pulled a goal back after the break. Ludovic Guily, racing into the area and fed by a cross form the left, fired home at the But Bastia restored their lead four minutes later.

Pierre Laurent fired over a cross from the right and Croatian defender Muhamed Konjic clumsily chested the ball into Andre's Path, As he fell over Backwards, Andre fired a leftfooted overhead kick into the

Frederic Nee hit Bastia's third in the 73rd minute.

Didier Thimothee Hit two

goals in Montpellier's 3-0 victory over Auxerre, finding the net in the closing seconds of the first half and hitting another from six metres out in the 78th minute.

Former Marseille and Saint-Germain striker Xavier Gravellaine scored the other goal with half an hour to go.

Bruno Rodriguez with his back to goal, turned to lob Nantes 'keeper Mickael Lan-

dreau to give Metz a 1-0 victory. Tony Cascarino, called back to Nancy after not observing the five-day rule for international matches, scored the opener in their 1-1 draw at Toulouse. Cascarino will now join up with the Republic of Ireland party for their rearranged Euro 2000 qualifier in Yugoslavia on Wednesday.

Irish football chiefs calling for action

DUBLIN, Nov 15: (Reuters) Internet): Irish football chiefs are to ask English clubs not to play Irish players this weekend after FIFA admitted it had

made a mistake.

The Football Association of Ireland (FAI) said on Friday FIFA had admitted it made a mistake in allowing English clubs to field Irish players this weekend before the Irelandiver sus Yugoslavia match on

Wednesday. But FIFA has said it is too late to take action.

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letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it

will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short

locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to



Members of the Zimbabwe cricket team on arrival in Pakistan yesterday. The - AFP photo will play three one-day internationals and three Test.

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