### Antlers J-League champs

TOKYO, Nov 29: Brazilian playmaker Bismarck scored and was sent off on Saturday as his Kashima Antlers regained the J-League title from Jubilo Iwata, reports Reuters.

Antlers, champions in 1996 but losing finalists to Jubilo last season, beat Jubilo 2-1 in the second leg of the playoff af-ter a 2-1 win title at home last weekend.

Their two goals came in a three-minute span just before half time, with Bismarck the key to both of them.

The Brazilian swung in a free kick from the right in the 39th minute and World Cup defender Yutaka Akita rose above the defence to head home powerfully from close range.

Two minutes later, Bismarck curled in a glorious free kick from 25 metres to make it 2-9 and put his side on the road to a second championship in the league's six-year existence.
Then in the 75th minute the

former Vasco Da Gama player was sent off by Scottish referee Leslie Mottram.

After being booked for a foul on Jubilo's Brazilian World Cup Captain Dunga in the first half, Bismarck carelessly clipped the left knee of Hiroshi Namani and was shown the red

Jubilo pulled one back in the 85th minute through midfielder Toshiya Fujita but it was too little, too late.

Antlers Brazilian manager Ze Mario, formerly the national coach of Qatar and Saudi Arabia, paid tribute to the fans.

"When things weren't going so well earlier this season, they helped us through. They have played a big part in our success, said Ze Mario. A full house of almost 17,000 watched the second leg, including Antlers' Brazilian general manager

#### Inter don't want to rush Ronaldo

MILAN, Nov 29: Italian giants Inter Milan insisted on Saturday that star Brazilian striker Ronaldo was fine even though he would not start today's Serie A clash with Salernitana, reports AFP.

The 22-year-old, who has been struggling with a knee tendon injury, still needed more rest despite his superb performance against Real Madrid in Wednesday's 3-1 defeat of the reigning European Cup cham-

"If he had not been knocked on the knee several times during the match with Real Madrid he would certainly have played. But it is better that he stays on the sidelines and puts in more work on getting fit," club doctor Piero Volpi said

"However, there is nothing alarming or mysterious about it, Ronaldo didn't train on Friday but he did a lot of work on Saturday," Volpi added.

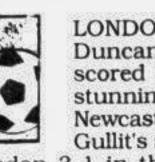
Until last Wednesday's Champions League match Ronaldo hadn't play since being injured in the first half of the derby with AC Milan on November 8.

He has since been in the hands of the Inter Milan training staff and his own personal physiotherapist, specially flown over from Brazil, to help him reach maximum possible fitness.



Newcastle's Duncan Ferguson is trapped between two Wimbledon players in their — AFP photo Premiership clash.

## Duncan's dazzling debut



scored twice on a stunning debut for Newcastle as Ruud

Gullit's side beat Wimbledon 3-1 in the English Premiership clash at St James Park on Saturday, reports AFP.

The maverick Scotsman, a seven-million-pound (12-million-dollar) signing from Everton in midweek, sealed the three points with two secondhalf goals to help Newcastle to only their fifth league win of the season.

Ferguson, who once served six weeks in Scotland's toughest prison for head-butting an opponent, was a cult hero at Everton and it took him just 59 minutes to win over Newcastle's famously fanatical supporters.

The former Rangers star, who refuses to play for Scotland, thumped home a left-foot volley to put Newcastle 2-1 and then made sure of victory with a trademark header in the final minute.

Manager Gullit was delighted with the contribution from the man nicknamed "Duncan disorderly" and predicted he would predict havoc alongside Alan Shearer when the England captain returns from injury.

"We will work on providing him with what he needs," said the Dutchman.

"It's very difficult for the opposition to keep him in their pocket for 90 minutes and if we have Alan Shearer about him it is going to be even more diffi-

Elsewhere, leaders Aston Villa battled back from two goals down for a 2-2 draw at struggling Nottingham Forest to stay three points clear at the

(Reuters/ Inter-

net): Arsenal's

French World Cup

LONDON, Nov 29: top as West Ham moved into second with a 2-1 win over George Graham's Tottenham.

Second-half goals by Julian Joachim, a late replacement for former Forest favourite Stan Collymore who pulled out with a stomach virus, rescued John Gregory's side from what seemed certain defeat.

Gregory admitted his side had been lucky to be still in the game after Chris Bart-Williams and Dougie Fredman had fired Forest ahead but he praised his players for clawing their way back into the game.

"To be honest we were lucky to go at half-time only two down and it should have been three four or five," he said.

"We just did not compete and we should have been dead and buried. They came out fighting and showed a lot of spirit and I have to give the players a lot of credit for the way they came out in the second half.

West Ham climbed to their highest position for 12 years after a two-goal blast by Trevor Sinclair against London rivals Tottenham at Upton Park secured their third consecutive victory. Hammers manager Harry

Redknapp said: "We have set new standards for ourselves. "That's 26 point and a few years ago we would have been glad to have had that by

March," he joked. "We've shown we've got a quality team of players here now even though half of them, when we bought them, struggled to get a game at their previous

Chelsea boss Gianluca Vialli refused to be downbeat after his side missed a chance to go second in the table after letting a 1-0 lead slip at home to Sheffield TOKYO, Nov 29: Italy won gold and a place in the record

books today by demolishing Yugoslavia 3-0 to become the first country to claim three consecutive men's volleyball World Championship titles, reports Reuters. After settling for silver at

Italian spikers'

double delight

the Atlanta Olympics, Italy re-claimed its dominant position with a clinical 15-12, 15-5, 15-10 win over the Yugoslavs, making their first appearance at the championships after a 28-year-absence.

Earlier Cuba rallied form a set down to take the bronze medal with 12-15, 15-6, 15-11. 15-12 win over 1992 Olympic champions Brazil.

Italy's lop-sided victory was far from the close contest many had been predicting after the Yugoslavs had swept past the Italians by the same 3-0 score in a quarterfinal clash four days earlier.

But with four members form the gold medal teams in 1990 and 1994, the Italians displayed the cool and confidence of champions using their experience to carry them into victory.

#### Diego dodges pressmen

ROME. Nov 29: Diego Maradona was questioned for more than two hours late Saturday in Turin by an Italian judge investigating drug-taking in the country's football scene. reports AFP.

After his interrogation he appeared with his wife Claudia Villafane at a window of prosecutor Raffaelle Guariniello to the delight of some 100 fans who had been waiting to greet their idol since the afternoon.

Maradona then slipped out of a side door into a car, fleeping a pack of photographers and journalists waiting for him.

The former Napoli star, whose 15-month ban after testing positive for cocaine in 1991 ended his seven-year career with the club, was testifying as a witness.

His lawyer Vincenzo Siniscalsvhi told journalists that he had handed over all the relevant documentation concerning dope tests in 1991.

Recent Italian press reports claimed that blunders with the equipment were made in March 1991 at the now discredited Acqua Acetosa test laboratory, at the centre of the current drugs scandal in Italian soccer. Not only Maradona's sam-

ple, but also the supposedly 'clean' control sample, which is only used for comparison purposes to make sure the equipment is set-up correctly, also showed traces of cocaine, the reports said

The revelation sparked an immediate call for "justice" from Maradona, who said he was always "clean" when he went on a football field.

The 38-year-old star was involved in a scuffle with pressmen at Buenos Aires airport late Thursday as he prepared to fly out to Italy. Swamped by journalists and

autograph hunters, he snarled: "I'm not talking," then kicked out at the press corps, making contact with a television journalists. He was scheduled to return to

Rome Saturday for a series of lucrative television shows, flying home next Thursday.

their third successive win in the National Bank Premier Division volleyball league beating Azad Sporting Club at the Outer Stadium volleyball court yesterday, reports UNB.

Club defeated Madartek Mitali

matches: Water Development Board vs Bangladesh Bank. Bangladesh Rifles vs Sonali Bank (both at 3 pm).

Third-placed Rennes, 2-1 up until the 88th minute, crashed 3-2 at home to Nantes, their first home defeat of the season, Marseille.

hind the leaders and slipping to fifth behind Monaco on goal difference.

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Marseille are at home to Paris St Germain and secondplaced Girondins Bordeaux, one point off the pace, entertain de-

Bastia striker Pierre-Yves Andre scored twice in three minutes in the second half, his first a penalty, to bury Lyon. Andre took his tally to nine

The Corsicans saw the match out with 10 men. Substitute Francois Modesto was sent off in the 74th minute for a dangerous tackle on Lyon de-

and striker Frederic Nee headed

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Vasco coach Antonio Lopes is equally determined that his team should restore Brazilian football's own morale.

- Internet photo

down after losing the World Cup final to France,"Lopes said."If we can beat Real Madrid, it would lift the people back up again. This is why the game is so important, because we're playing for the whole of Brazilian football. Vasco is also determined to

bring the world club title home to prove it is still the best despite South American clubs' recent loss of some of their star players to European clubs.

Fiorentina.

Vasco, who won the Liberta

Japanese conditions, having arrived on November 16. Real's 21-year-old golden boy Raul however is not reading too much into Vasco's early arrival. "On the first night I couldn't sleep well and my con-

porters. "But everyone has adapted well and the second night was no problem. None of us feels any jetlag. Raul said victory would lift Spanish spirits after a poor

World Cup in France, and help ons' League.

back to Spain as the best team in the world, it will improve our self-confidence for the rest of the season.

ing us back home, and many people seem to be pessimistic, but two or three wins will bring us back to our normal level. Raul said.

"Everyone in Brazil is still

They won the Brazilian

The Brazilian club has only six internationals -- keeper Carlos Germano, defender

Mauro Galvao, Odva, Felipe, But 23-year-old forward Luzao has returned to Brazil

Vasco Da Gama, helping it win its ticket to Tokyo. Felipe, who joined the national team at 21 this year, is better defender than Roberto

"We have studied Real Madrid perfectly. We are going to prepare our condition 100 percent for the game in the next

We have to play a speedy with seven players attacking and we have to defend with nine players except one forward

Both teams will have a 45-

minute training session at Tokyo's National Stadium on Monday evening to complete

10:10 GMT Tuesday.s

#### star Emmanuel Petit said on Sun day that players should consider going on strike because of

A K Sayeedul Huq

SIX NO TRUMPS

THE DECLARER SHOULD HAVE DUCKED THE FIRST DIAMOND TRICK (Corrected Hand # 139)

West AS:64 ♥ H: 3 ♦ D: KQJ109 ♣ C: J7543

North ♠ S : A J 10 8 ♥ H: A 1054 ♦ D:854 ♣ C: A 2

East

♠ S : K932 ♦ D 72 + C : KQ 1096

South (D) AS: Q75 ♥ H KQJ962 ♦ D: A63

4 C : 8

Bidding: North South were vulnerable

West

5 Clubs

Pass

South 1 Heart

4 Hearts

Pass

North 3 Hearts 2 Diamonds 5 Hearts

East 4 Clubs Pass

The diagrammed hand was played by the writer of this column partnered by wife Sheila while visiting Singapore recently. The East West cards were held by Sheila's uncle Apu and aunt Shelly. This was competitive in the sense that both the ladies wanted to pay the bill of the Sea Food dinner to be held later. Finally it was decided that the winner would have the right to do so.

With 12 HCP but a solid long suit Sheila opened one Heart which was overcalled by Apu with two Diamonds. North jumped to three Hearts and East came in with four Clubs. North South were ultimately pushed to five Hearts in a vulnerable position.

#### THE PLAY

West led the King of Diamonds and when Shelly played Seven Shiela took her Ace. She cleared the trumps and took the losing Spade finesse. East returned a Diamond in which the defence collected two tricks for down one. Shelly was happy because she won the right to pay for the dinner, and Apu said that it was appropriate for them to buy the dinner as they were residents there and we were visiting.

When I mentioned that Sheila should have made the hand by ducking the first Diamond trick and winning the second Diamond, Sheila stated that the second Diamond might have been ruffed by East and the Spade finesse might not work (actually it did not work). And as West overcalled in Diamonds, he might have six cards in which case the hand could not be made by ducking the first Diamond trick. Sheila had a point, but she was unhappy because I overbid at the five level as five Clubs could be beaten without any doubt and she would have won the privilege to pay for dinner at the Sea Food Restaurant. And that was of course true.

Note: There was an error in this hand which was published on 29 November. Inadvertently, it was printed Club instead of Diamond. The hand is produced again today after the correction.

the amount of soccer they are expected to play. Petit, who scored France's

third goal in their 3-0 World Cup Final victory over Brazil in the summer but is currently out injured with a torn stomach muscle told The People newspaper: "Too much football is killing the game.

"What can we do? Well, we could do what they did in Italy and stop playing but top players in England are scared of the FA" Italian soccer players staged

an unprecedented strike in March 1996 over a range of grievances. Petit's comments, which also appeared in the News of the World, were directed at both

FIFA, the world governing body and the English Football Association. "Too much alcohol kills the body, too much cocaine kills

the body, too much love kills the body. "In fact too much of anything kills the body that's why too

much football will kill the

"It is hardly surprising players are becoming injured now because the FA and FIFA do not care what the players think. "The people at the FA have never played football and I

more intelligent for the good of football. "But the only thing they do is to punish players who have had

would prefer them to be a little

a yellow or red card." Petit said he had spoken with Arsenal team mates Patrick Vieira and Dennis Bergkamp and everyone felt the same way. "We are professionals and we

love our job with a passion. But

when we play so many matches

we get tired and injured and when that happens the fans don't see the best of us." Petit is likely to miss the next six weeks of the season. Arsenal, whose 1-0 loss to Lens on Wednesday means they cannot qualify for the quarter-finals of the Champions' League, were without the injured

(hamstring) against Lens. They also lost Tony Adams with a back injury at half-time.

Bergkamp (calf) and Vieira

#### Rock star Bono joins Celtic bid

LONDON, Nov 29 (Reuters/ Internet): Irish rock star Bono has joined a consortium hoping to take over Scottish champions Celtic, newspapers reported on Sunday.

The consortium, led by former Celtic and Scotland player Kenny Dalglish and rock star Jim Kerr, wants to buy the stake of chairman and majority shareholder Fergus McCann.

Petit for players' strike Petit was suspended for the match but injury would have sidelined him even if he had been eligible.

The 'Blues' were in control

for the first 60 minutes taking

the lead midway through the

first-half through a rare header

from Gianfranco Zola as the

Italian scored his fourth goal in

three games before Andy Booth

lost a game like that so that is

already an improvement," said

one of the title contenders and

that means other teams put in

cio Carbonari gave Derby a

much-needed 1-0 win at strug-

surprise departure of star

striker Ferguson with a 2-1 win

at Premiership newboys

twice as the struggling Mersey-

side giants recorded only their

fourth league win of the season.

as they battle back for 1-1 draw

at Midlands rival Coventry

after having Frank Sinclair

sent off for a second bookable

Coventry went in front

through Darren Huckerby after

78 minutes before Emile Heskey

grabbed a dramatic equaliser a

gain second spot and close the

gap on Villa to one point if they

beat arch rivals Leeds at Old

Manchester United can re-

Today's other matches pitch

see reigning champions Arsenal

entertain Middlesbrough while

Liverpool are at home to bottom

club Blackburn who are still

without a manager after

sacking Roy Hodgson last week

offence after 47 minutes.

minute from time.

Trafford today.

Danny Cadamarteri struck

Leicester showed their mettle

Elsewhere a goal from Hora-

Everton shrugged off the

"Everybody thinks we are

"Last season, we would have

levelled for the visitors.

extra effort against you.

gling Southampton.

the Italian.

Charlton

"There were seven Arsenal players at the World Cup and it is hardly surprising we are injured now," he added.

England's top clubs could play as many as 65 matches next season if they are successful in the expanded Champions' League and that does not take into account international matches. UEFA, European soccer's

ruling body, are embroiled in a growing dispute with FIFA over the introduction of extra competitions such as the Confederations' Cup. World champions France are unhappy about that particular competition which was due to be played in Mexico in January

but has been postponed until

next summer because of the

and player availability.

problems of fixture congestion

#### Premier Div v'ball

Bangladesh Police registered

Police beat Azad Sporting 15-11, 15-5, 15-12 points in an exciting match. This was the third consecutive defeat for Azad Sporting. Earlier, on Saturday, Sicily

Sangha by 3-1 sets in the Second Division league at the same venue. Monday's Premier League

Action from yesterday's Premier Division volleyball league encounter between Bangladesh Police and Azad Sporting Club. - Star photo

and had to be separated by teammates. Coach Guus Hiddink immediately called the squad off the field to keep the two players

TOKYO, Nov 29

(Reuters/AFP/Int

ernet):Real Mad-

rid team mates

Clarence Seedorf

Campo

and Ivan

came to blows on Sunday

during a training session for

their intercontinental club

championship match against

and Spanish international de-

fender Campo got involved in

the punch-up towards the end of

a competitive two-hour session

Dutch midfielder Seedorf

Brazil's Vasco da Gama

from clashing again.

Netherlands to a fourth-place finish at the World Cup in France last summer, played down the trouble. "It was the emotion of the moment," said the Dutchman.

Hiddink, who coached the

There was a blow of frustration from a game situation, and then it was over very quickly. After the training, everything was all right again. Campo 24, could be in line for a place in the European

champions' starting line-up on Tuesday because of an injury to veteran central defender Manuel Sanchis. On a brighter note for Hiddink, his other first-choice central defender, Fernando Hierro.

came through the session unscathed. Hiddink is seeking to avenge a decade-old defeat by beating Brazil's Vasco Da Gama for the Inter-Continental Cup title.He

guided Dutch club PSV Eindhoven into the 1988 Cup final against Nacional Montevideo of Uruguay. I remember that game very well. I really want to win this time," said Hiddink, whose side lost a penalty shootout 7-6 to

vears ago. It will be Real Madrid's second finals berth in the Cup since they clinched it 38 years

the South American champions

after drawing 2-2 at the Na-

tional Stadium in Tokyo 10

Uruguay in 1966. Real Madrid arrived in Tokyo on Friday on a tight schedule after losing to Inter

Seedorf, Campo exchange punches

Vasco hope to rattle Real

ago. It was beaten by Penarol of

Italian spikers start to celebrate after beating Yugoslavia.

Milan 3-1 in Italy in the European Champions League on Wednesday, bringing 19 players from 11 different countries. They include the French World Cup top goal scorer Davor

Suker of Croatia, defender Roberto Carlos of Brazil, Yugoslav forward Predrag Mijatovic. Argentine midfielder Fernando Carlos Redondo, and Spain's Manuel Sanchis, Fernando Ruiz Hierro and Raul Gonzalez. Hiddink was confident the tight schedule would not affect

only four days before the game, but we have no problem in our physical condition. We'll be ready by the start of the game. Carlos said: "I really want to be the No. 1 club in the world, because we couldn't win the World Cup.

his side, saying: "We arrived

dores Cup for the first time in their centenary year this season, have a 10-day start on Real Madrid in acclimatising to

dition was not good in training on Saturday," Raul told re-

Real get back on track in the Spanish League and Champi-"This is a game I've always wanted to play in, and now I have my chance. If we can go

"A lot of people are criticis-

championships thanks to star striker Edmundo, who has now moved to Italian Serie A club

midfielders Luizinho, Valber, and forward Donizete. this year from Spain and scored seven goals in 14 games for

being hailed as potentially a Carlos and the best Brazilian left side back in the future.

fortnight," said Brazilian head coach Antonio Lopes when the team arrived two weeks ago. and compact game to beat them. We have to take the offensive

when we are on the defensive."

preparations. The game will kick off at

# Rennes, Leon falter



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PARIS. Nov 29 (Reuters/Internet) Rennes and Olympique Lyon scorned the chan-

ce to close the gap on French first division leaders Olympique Marseille when they both lost badly on Saturday.

to remain nine points adrift of Lyon, who ended Marseille's unbeaten record last week, were thrashed 4-1 away to 10-man Bastia, remaining 12 points be-

Monaco drew 1-1 at Stras-

tive successive away defeats. fending champions RC Lens on Sunday.

goals, one less than the division's top scorer Sylvain Wiltord of Bordeaux.

fender Patrice Carteron. Defender Franck Jurietti put Bastia in front with a superb free kick in the 18th minute

the second four minutes later, his sixth goal of the season. Swiss striker Marco Grassi, sent off in Lyon's 1-0 UEFA Cup third round home leg win over Club Bruges on Tuesday, pulled

one back with a free kick in the

in their previous home match.

have lost only once in Corsica

Bastia, who beat Monaco 3-1

41st minute.

this season, against Marseille. They are now sixth. Nantes midfielder Christophe Le Roux scored with a brilliant free kick in injury time, placing the ball inside the far post to snatch a shock victory at Rennes. Substitute Patrick Suffo equalised in the 88th, scoring after a long run to end a movement started deep in

the Nantes half by their Argen-

tine defender Nestor Fabbri.

### **CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer** 16 Simba, for 23 Early hrs. Dee-Doo-Hawkeye in the bag CRYPTOQUIP 39 React to a HODAY KMA

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NOW A "WHO'S HE?" Today's Cryptoquip clue: U equals C The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one

sons

letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it 49 Spree 50 Concludes will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to 53 Golfer's locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.