The Green Delta Insurance national schools table tennis tournament, organised by Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation, will begin in the capital on February 4, reports UNB. Team event and the singles matches of the boys and girls are included in the four-day

meet. Interested school teams of Dhaka metropolis and rest of the country's are requested to send their entry by January 31 to the federation office with entry fee of Tk 50 for the team and Tk 10 for the singles.

Braun not in favour

FRANKFURT, Jan 7: Holding the World Cup every two years would be counterproductive to the game and would lead to a soccer saturation, according to the president of the German Soccer Federation (DFB), reports AP.

Egidius Braun, the DFB chairman, was reacting to the proposal made by Sepp Blatter. the president of FIFA, the world

governing body of soccer. "I don't think it serves soccer well to have an absolute highlight such as a World Cup or a European Championship every year," Braun said in an interview published in Thursday's edition of Kicker magazine.

"I think it would lead to a saturation and would be counterproductive. I have great concerns over this plan," Braun

A two-year cycle for European and World Cup championships would threaten national leagues, Braun said.

The chairman of one of the biggest and most influential soccer federations said it was questionable whether broadcasters could afford to pay for rights for such major events every year.

Braun said top European soccer officials would meet Jan 12 to discuss Blatter's proposal. UEFA, the European soccer body, has spoken against Blatter's plans, and many German club officials also have criticised it.

Fowler stalls on Liverpool deal

LONDON, Jan 7 (Reuters/Internet): Liverpool have offered striker Robbie Fowler an 8 million pounds (\$13.21 million) deal to keep him at Anfield for the next five years but the England striker has refused to sign the contract.

Fowler, 23, still has 18 months to run on his current contract which earns him around 1.0 million pounds (\$1.6 million) a year.

After several months of negotiations. Liverpool have offered him a new deal working out at more than 30,000 pounds (\$49,540) a week which would make him the highest paid player in the club's history.

But Fowler has stalled on signing and Liverpool, already resigned to losing Steve Mc-Manaman for no fee under the Bosman ruling at the end of the season, are anxious to avoid a similar situation with Fowler further down the line.

If he continues to hold out the club are resigned to selling him while they can still make some money.

Arsenal have expressed an interest in the prolific striker but Liverpool coach Gerard Houllier will be desperate not to lose him to one of his major domestic rivals.

Houllier, meanwhile, has sent a message to former joint manager Roy Evans, inviting him to work again at Anfield.

Evans resigned after 30 years service last November and has yet to secure another job, but Houllier said on Wednesday: "I would like to see him back at the club at some

"If he wants to return and have some work, be it scouting or recruiting top players, the I would be very happy because I enjoyed working with Roy." added the Frenchman.

Hamann wants to quit Newcastle

BONN, Jan 7 (Reuters/ Internet): Germany midfielder Dietmar Hamann, unhappy at being left on the bench at Newcastle United, has said he is considering a move from the English premier league club.

"I came here to make an impact but if I'm not allowed to try to do that, if I don't get clear support from the team, it doesn't make any sense. Hamann, 25, told German soccer magazine Kicker in an in-

terview released on Thursday. German first division TSV 1860 Munich have expressed interest in Hamann, who joined Newcastle from Bayern Munich

this season. "I would rather play in a foreign country but everything is possible," he told Kicker.

that Courtney Walsh, the man he replaced, would refuse to play under him. Hamann said he felt he was good enough for a place in the first team at Newcastle. Walsh and fellow fast bowler Curtly Ambrose spearheaded West Indies to a comfortable 3-1

"I was a first-choice player at Bayern Munich and there is no reason why I should not be in an average English premier league club," he said.

Cape Town link for Ajax

AMSTERDAM, Jan 7 (Reuters/ Internet): Former European champions Ajax Amsterdam will form an affiliated squad in Cape Town, the Dutch club said on Thurs-

Ajax Cape Town would be set up to play in the South African premier soccer league, Ajax said

in a statement. The Dutch side, training in South Africa during the Dutch winter break, will play Ajax Cape Town next Wednesday and a South Africa selection on January 20.

ICC meeting sans Dalmiya

Coping with corruption



Jagmohan Dalmiya of India will miss the important executive committee meeting here on Sunday and Monday when the sport's governing body will decide how

to tackle match-fixing. Dalmiya's mother died in India and he has remained there in mourning, meaning a stand-in chairman will be required for a meeting which could be the most important in the ICC's history.

New Zealand's representative, Sir John Anderson, said the replacement chairman was likely to be Dalmiya's predecessor in the role, Sir Clyde Wal-

cott of the West Indies. "It's bit of a tragedy he cannot be here, but we will try for a video link-up," Anderson said. Dalmiya was a strong sup-

porter of action being taken against match-fixing and bribery and issued a strongly worded statement about getting the ICC executive to deal with the matter when it met in Christchurch.

Anderson said New Zealand's stance on the issue was clear.

"Our board wants the highest moral standards and ethics in the game and will support whatever policy comes out of that," he said.

He said it was likely the ICC would present a united front on the issue and would establish the structure and processes for dealing with any cricketer found guilty of being involved in betting or bribery.

The ICC's biggest problem in attempting to root out corruption is that it possesses little genuine power.

The constitution of the game's world ruling body only allows it to make recommendations not take substantial action, yet the hope this time is that the member nations will agree to empower ICC to make the tough decisions needed.

MELBOURNE, Jan

7: Forget Sri Lan-

ka's poor recent

form and expect

the world cham-

pions to be com-

petitive in this month's tri-

angular international cricket

series, Australia A skipper Greg

Blewett said today, reports AFP.

called to the national limited-

over team after scoring more

than 1,200 runs this season,

will Friday lead Australian

second-stringers into the final

game of the three-match warm-

up series against Sri Lanka at

The Sri Lankans form has

the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

concerned their supporters fol-

lowing elimination from tour-

naments in Sharjah and

Bangladesh before being humil-

iated in the opening game

against Australia A in Perth

signs of Sri Lanka's best form

during their win over Australia

in Adelaide on Tuesday which

in the tri-series," Blewett said

(between Australia, Sri Lanka

and England) because in one-

day cricket these days there

isn't any side that stands out

tinued their approach that

brought them so much success

The Sri Lankans have con-

LONDON, Jan 7

(Reuters/ Inter-

net): The demise

of West Indies as a

cricket power

mirrors the fall

from grace of their captain,

scores in both Test and first-

class cricket, Lara has failed to

hit a Test century since his ap-

pointment as captain exactly

Trinidad-born batsman had

made no secret of wanting al-

though it caused controversy at

the time and led to speculation

That proved groundless as

But while Lara was praised

series win over England at

for his tactical skill, that suc-

cess was achieved without a ma-

jor contribution with the bat

nored. In defeat, especially as

ignominious as those reverses

they are now suffering in South

Africa, it becomes a focal point

fourth Test on Wednesday. West

Indies face the possibility of

losing a five-Test series 5-0 for

the first time and Lara is very

went down 5-1 in a six-test se-

not have helped the 29-year-

lold, although many had ex-

Thirteen years ago, they

The burden of captaincy may

much in the firing line.

ries in Australia.

After a 149-run defeat in the

In victory, that could be ig-

from their new captain.

It was a position the

Holder of world record

Brian Lara.

one year ago.

home.

for critics.

apart from South Africa."

But Blewett said he could see

"They'll be very competitive

"It's going to be very even

last Sunday.

today.

levelled the series.

Blewett, who has been re-

The corruption controversy broke when Australians Shane Warne, Mark Waugh and the now-retired Tim May accused



JAGMOHAN DALMIYA

former Pakistan captain Salim Malik of offering them bribes to play poorly during their 1994 tour of Pakistan. The charges were dismissed

by an inquiry which investigated four years ago but an interim report released by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) in September recommended a fresh investigation into alleged match-fixing and bribery.

The issue was given a fresh twist last month when Warne and Waugh admitted taking money from an Indian bookmaker for information on pitch and weather conditions during a limited-over competition in Sri Lanka that preceded Australia's 1994 tour of Pakistan.

The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) fined the pair and sacked the ICC to keep the affair the secret it remained until journalists broke the story last

The various disclosures prompted further allegations. Adam Hollioake who captained England to victory in the

Blewett doesn't write

Lankans off

in the World Cup with openers

Sanath Jayasuriya and Romesh

Kaluwitharana attacking when

the field is up inside the circle

make the Sri Lankans danger-

ously unpredictable opponents.

overs you always feel you can

GREG BLEWETT

get a wicket but at the same

time you know you could go for

worked as successfully in recent

times, Sri Lankan skipper Ar-

juna Ranatunga said Thursday

his team would not be changing

cricket and I don't think we

tours and we just want to get

Lara's batting slump mirrors

decline of West Indies

pected responsibility to en-

hance his appetite for runs, not

begun before he took over lead-

ership of the former world

champions. In Pakistan in late

1997, West Indies were beaten 3-

Lara's own contribution was

That result produced a storm

0, their first whitewash in a se-

negligible, managing a highest

score of only 37 in the three

of protest throughout the

Caribbean and squad manager

Clive Lloyd had some of the

harshest words for his men. "To

say they are playing bad cricket

is being nice to them. It is un-

poor form to his disappoint-

ment at being denied the cap-

taincy ahead of that tour. His

subsequent elevation has failed

Some critics put down Lara's

ries since 1928.

bearable," he said.

But his poor run of form had

should change that," he said.

"We play a lot of attacking

"We've had a couple of bad

While this tactic has not

six or seven runs an over.

their approach.

Blewett said this tactic can

"Certainly in the first 15

in the first 15 overs.

Champions Cup in Sharjah at the end of 1997, said bookmakers had promised to make him a millionaire in return for in-

formation. New Zealander Danny Morrison, England's Dougie Brown and Australian duo Greg Matthews and Ricky Ponting have all said they, too turned down offers of money for information from bookmakers.

Despite the perceived cloud of corruption hanging over the sport each of the member countries agree that cricket needs to propel itself into 21st century but lack agreement on how to go New Zealand for example are

leading a push for the introduction of a World Test Championship every four years but Australia and England are resisting the move. Under the new plan tradi-

tional five-Test series such as the Ashes would be cut to a maximum of three matches to allow each of the Test-playing teams to face each other in a fouryear-cycle.

Australia's captain Mark Taylor expressing the popular view among the Australian and English boards, said he was opposed to the idea because it would detract from the traditional clashes.

"I've never been a great believer in a world Test Championship," Taylor said. "I've always believed in playing Test cricket the way it should be played.

There are less radical changes that are sure to be endorsed by the delegates. Including plans to push cricket deeper into Asia particularly China and moves to showcase the sport to the United States with exhibition matches at Disneyland.

The meeting will look at a range of other issues including the "throwing law, prompted by the unusual action of Sri Lanka off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan and proposals to change the game's rules through the extended use of floodlights and extensions to playing time.

into form on this tour but we

came back really well in the

Friday's match will also

herald the return to the MCG for

tiah Muralitharan, who was

no-balled by umpire Darrell

Hair for an illegal bowling ac-

tion during the Boxing Day Test

on Sri Lanka's last tour in 1995.

endlessly by Adelaide fans on

Tuesday who called "no-ball"

each time he took to the bowl-

ing crease but Ranatunga said

his star spinner was enjoying

will go on here but he's not re-

ally worried about it,"

TEAMS

(captain), Ryan Campbell, Ger-

ard Denton, Adam Dale.

Michael Divenuto, Ian Harvey,

Brad Hodge, Shane Lee, Damien

Martyn, Matthew Nicholson,

Andrew Symonds, Brad Young

Ranatunga (captain), Marvan

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avinda de Silva, Aviska Gu-

nawardena, Sanath Jaya-

suriya, Romesh Kaluwitharana,

Roshan Mahanama, Muttiah

Muralitharan, Ruchira Perera,

Hashan Tillakaratne, Cha-

minda Vaas, Pramodya Wick-

to bring about any startling im-

as far back as June 1997 against

that Lara's form was a disap-

pointment last year. His return

to captain English county War-

wickshire, where in 1994 he be-

came an instant hero with a

succession of blazing centuries,

including the world first-class

record 501, was a dismal fail-

A run of poor batting per-

formances saw him heckled by

Warwickshire supporters and a

late season double-century was

not enough to salvage his repu-

first by West Indies since the

dismantling of apartheid, has

been a disaster for the visitors.

Before it started Lara was

stripped of the captaincy after a

player boycott over match

and the tour went ahead but the

team was demoralised and

never performed close to its po-

sive defeat by South Africa is

bound to bring another spate of

on his players immediately af-

ter the match, confining him-

self to saying there was a lot

they could learn from the South

He said it was up to Lara and

criticism in the Caribbean.

pull the team around.

Lara's role as captain.

Wednesday's fourth succes-

Lloyd refused to be too harsh

He was eventually reinstated

The tour of South Africa, the

Sri Lanka in St Vincent.

Lara's last Test hundred was

It was not only at Test level

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Africans.

SRI LANKA (from): Arjuna

(12th man to be named)

AUSTRALIA A: Greg Blewett

"He knows that sort of thing

"When things go against him

his return to Australia.

Ranatunga said.

he just bowls better.

Muralitharan was taunted

controversial off-spinner Mut-

last game.

Proteas secure second place in world rankings

LONDON, Jan 7 (Reuters/Internet): South Africa leapfrogged over West Indies into second place in the Wisden world Test championship rankings after beating the cricketers from the Caribbean in the fourth Test in Cape Town on Wednesday.

South Africa have 19 points -- six behind Australia whose grip on first place remains firm after completing a 3-1 Ashes series victory over England on Tuesday.

Sri Lanka jumped from sixth to fourth, their highest place since entering Test cricket in 1982.

England's Ashes failure has left them unchanged in seventh position out of nine nations, marginally above Test new boys Zimbabwe, in the world order of cricket. England also have bottom-

of-the-pile New Zealand below them and have good prospects of improving their rating next summer when they face the Kiwis in a home Test series after the World Cup. Wisden's table is expected to be superseded next week by the

onship of Test cricket. **STANDINGS**

International Cricket Council

who are thought to be about to

announce an official champi-

PLD PTS AVGE Australia South Africa West Indies 1.21 0.94 Sri Lanka 0.93 India 0.85 Pakistan 0.71 England 0.70 Zimbabwe 0.56 New Zealand

(Table covers latest meetings, home and away, between each pair of countries, provided they have taken place since September 1991. Two points for a win, one for a draw).

Stewart to miss one-day warm-up

BRISBANE, Jan 7 (Reuters/ Internet): England cricket captain Alec Stewart will miss Friday's limited-overs match against Queensland to recharge his batteries before the one-day series with Australia and world champions Sri Lanka.

With Stewart expected to shoulder the triple load of captaincy, opening the batting and keeping wicket. England chairman of selectors David Graveney said the player would miss the match to get himself ready for Sunday's opening game against Australia.

"With the intensity of the last two test matches...he just needs a couple of days to refocus his mind," Graveney said. "I don't envisage it being a prob-

England's selectors, as they have done throughout the tour. delayed naming their squad, preferring to wait until the start of Friday's day-night match at the Gabba to reveal the line-up. Australian selector Allan

Border defended the Australian Cricket Board's decision to appoint Shane Warne as captain of the one-day side after Warne and Mark Waugh admitted taking money from an Indian bookmaker four years ago.

"I know what they did was silly and was wrong but I think it's a done deal as far as I'm concerned," former Australian captain Border said

"They've paid the price, a heavy price, and to me it's over now and let's get on with the

Disagreement over the fee of De Boers

AMSTERDAM, Jan 7 (Reuters/ Internet): The proposed end-of-season transfer of Dutch international twins Frank and Ronald de Boer has

hit a snag with Ajax Amsterdam and Barcelona now squabbling over the fee. The De Boers say they hope a deal will be finalised before the

Dutch league resumes on February 6 after its winter break. However, Ajax are now unhappy with the amount Barcelona are offering - believed to be 23.53 million US

The brothers signed contracts with Ajax until 2004 in 1997 but after last summer's

World Cup said they wanted to After a lengthy dispute a compromise was reached in

September in which Ajax said they would let the two go at the end of this season "They have said they wanted to go to Barcelona, Ajax have

said we will work on that ... but if Barcelona stick to that amount, then it will be impossible," said Ajax club secretary, Arie van Os. Van Os said he originally thought Barcelona's prevarica-

tion was a bargaining ploy, but is now starting to think otherwise. "Barcelona were to react to the asking price from Ajax, but

they have not called. I am beginning to have my doubts as to whether they are serious," he The brothers believe Barcelona's offer is fair.

"According to Ajax it's too little, but it seems quite a sum to me... If you're 28 and can play five years of football then 44 million (guilders) seems enough. You don't get that sum back... That's seems to be the

if and when we go," said Frank de Boer. His brother Ronald was approached by Newcastle United last month, but was not interested in going, saying his priloyalty lay with mary

biggest problem, that we'll be 29

his vice-captain Carl Hooper to If the De Boers do go, they would rejoin former Ajax coach "You are judged by the Louis van Gaal and bring the amount of obstacles and how club's Dutch on-field compliyou overcome them," he said of ment to eight. Van Gaal also has two Dutch assistants.

Barcelona.

Hearing begins today



countries, according to legal officials in Australia to crossexamine players Shane Warne and Mark Waugh, reports AFP. The lawyers and court offi-

cials, who form part of the judicial inquiry into betting and match-fixing on the sub-continent, also said the questioning of Warne and Waugh, which begins here Friday, could stretch into the weekend.

Lahore High Court registrar Abdus Salam Khawar arrived here early today from Pakistan, along with Pakistan cricket Board legal adviser Ali Sibtain Fazli and Azmat Saeed, the lawyer for former Pakistan captain Salim Malik.

Fazli said today the inquiry was not limiting its investigations to alleged incidents inside Pakistan.

"It is definitely more than Pakistan," he said.

Warne and Waugh will be quizzed on their admission that they accepted payments from an Indian bookmaker to provide information on the weather during a one-day match in Sri Lanka in 1994.

Khawar said depending on the evidence, the Melbourne and of the inquiry could continue on Saturday.

"I would think tomorrow's hearing would take between two to three hours, but it depends on the evidence." Khawar said. As the two Australian Test

stars met Australian Cricket Board officials Thursday to



MARK WAUGH

prepare for the hearings, Warne said he welcomed the opportunity to give evidence in public. "It's probably best that everythings out there," Warne

"The public deserves to know."

Prior to their won admissions being made public, Warne, Waugh and former Australian

spinner Tim May accused Malik of offering them money to perform poorly during the 1994 Pakistan tour, a claim the Pak-

istan batsman denies. Waugh testified to the inquiry during Australia's tour of Pakistan last year, but this was

before the bookmaker incident came to light. "We want to know what has happened - the nature of what they did," Khawar said.

The inquiry first requested Waugh and Warne fly to Pakistan to give more testimony. but then agreed to send representatives to Australia after that fell through and a planned video link-up also proved unfeasible.

The ACB is footing the bill for the inquiry members' flights and accommodation for this session.

Warne will have legal representation at Friday's hearing. which also will feature a statement from former ACB chairman and team manager Alan Crompton.

be conducted as a court session, with Khawar presiding in place of inquiry had, Lahore high court judge Malik Mohammad Quayum, who was unable to



tional Olympic Committee (IOC) chief Juan Antonio Samaranch in Zurich on January 6.

FIFA, IOC won't collide

ZURICH, Jan 7: FIFA boss Sepp Blatter pledged on Wednesday that the World Cup would not be held in the same year as the summer Olympic Games even if his plan to stage the cup every two years instead of four is realised, reports

Reuters. "If we go to two years we will not play the same year as the Olympic summer Games, Blatter told reporters after meeting International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Juan Antonio Samaranch at FIFA

"We would in a way try to challenge the Olympic Games in a year when the Olympic Games were scheduled the organised," he added.

He said the international sports calendar was already booked to 2004 by various competitions but FIFA would then push for a new, harmonised calendar from 2005.

Blatter's plan to shorten the rhythm of the World Cup has caused controversy in the soccer world.

meeting showed clearly that the two most important sports organisations in the world -FIFA and the IOC — can work together respecting each other's positions and sometimes it is also necessary to show that to-

Blatter stressed that his controversial ides for the World Cup was just a plan which had to be refined and studied over the next two years. But he emphasised it was a serious pro-

"I am not toying with this

ble to have the cup and

Blatter's plan was first made public in an interview published on Sunday in which he called for scrapping the current

four-year World Cup format and

holding the world's biggest soccer competition every two years, starting from 2008. He told reporters he still favoured holding a special soccer event in 2004 — the year of the Athens Olympics — to celebrate FIFA's centennial, but stopped short of describing it as

a World Cup. "I said for 2004 FIFA will have its centenary and then we will have a football performance, but not a World Cup," he

European governing body UEFA has its 50th anniversary then and UEFA president Lennart Johansson has said that the idea of a World Cup in the same year was unaccept-

Blatter said he had spoken to Johansson on Monday and cleared up the "misunderstand-

Blatter said in another interview published on Tuesday that he wanted soccer to stay in the Olympics, but with different teams than those in the national or world championships. The IOC wants an open Olympic soccer tournament

der-23 teams. In a statement issued after Wednesday's meeting, FIFA said the IOC had acknowledged the current regulation on age limits for Olympic soccer, which allow only three over-23 players per team for the Sydney Games next

rather than one limited to un-

Regarding doping Blatter said that he believed officials should differentiate between team and individual sports when dealing with such cases. "FIFA is fully supporting all

efforts made battling doping

favour of very strong sanctions when a doping case will occur," Blatter said. "But we will make a differ-

ence in team sports, individual sports, professionals and nonprofessionals," he said. The International Olympic Committee is trying to persuade all Olympic sports to agree to a new medical code aimed at standardizing punishments for drug offenders in time for a spe-

cial world conference on deping in sport next month. But FIFA has been worried that sanction set in stone would

lead to legal difficulties. FIFA said in a statement that it would propose to the conference that independent legal authorities and magistrates be consulted on the legal consequences of standard sanctions which may be considered excessive.

Samaranch said he did not see the FIFA position as a setback in the IOC's efforts to coordinate doping policies and controls.

"We are not the masters of this fight, we are coordinating this fight because of responsibilities to every one international federation." he said.

"We are very happy that until now all the 27 international federations agree to the ethic principles of the fight against doping," Samaranch told a news conference.

He also said he was confident that agreement could be reached on the issue of sanc-

expressed reservations about the IOC plans. But Blatter expressed solidarity with the IOC on the issue

going to this very important point - fighting doping," he

and we will in FIFA also be in CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer ACROSS 43 Humorist 61 Flushed

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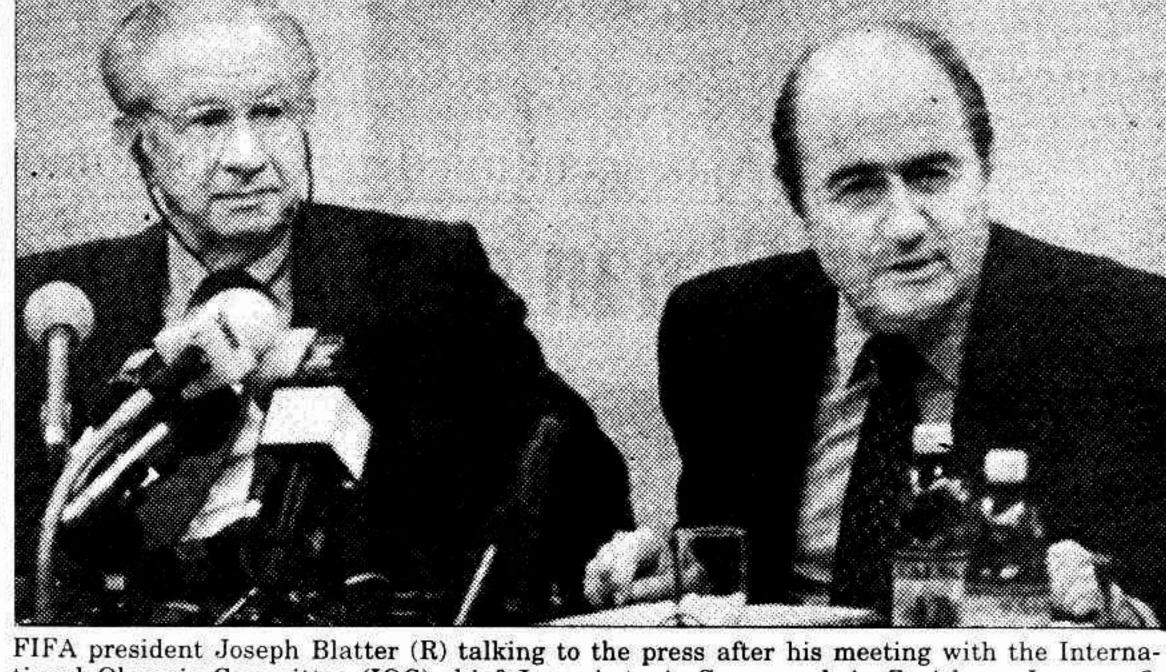
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It is believed Waugh and The Melbourne hearing will

come to Australia. The Australians will first

give statements before being cross-examined by Fazli and



-AP/UNB photo

Olympics close to each other.

headquarters in Zurich.

But Samaranch said this

gether we are very strong."

idea. It is not a toy.... this is something done for the protection of the national teams," he

Samaranch said it was up to FIFA to decide whether to hold the World Cup every two years, but noted it would not be possi-

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of doping and said a solution would be sought by the soccer body's legal advisors. "But we will not go out of the international family when it is

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