COCHIN, India, Feb 12 (Reuters/Internet): Left-arm spinner Nadeem Khan limited the damage caused by sloppy Pakistan catching and fielding as he snapped up four for 87 against the Indian Board Presi-

dent's XI on Friday. The touring side dropped four catches but Nadeem produced a disciplined effort that restricted the President's XI to a first innings lead of 35.

The Board team were bowled out for 282 on the second day of the three-day game and Pakistan, who made 247 for nine declared in the first innings. were 27 for no wicket at the close, just eight runs adrift.

Pakistan's lapses included dropping top scorer Virender Sehwag, who hit 66, and twice missing JP Yadav, who made the second highest score of 62.

Nadeem bowled a tight line and length, forcing the batsmen to try some ambitious shots. The spinner was rewarded with the wickets of Sehwag and Yaday in addition to captain Hrishikesh Kanitkar and wicketkeeper MSK Prasad.

Yadav overcame a shaky start to lash four sixes off Mushtaq Ahmed's leg spin, two from successive balls. Sehwag and Kanitkar (22) helped themselves to a six off the same bowler.

Sehwag also struck eight fours before slashing wildly at a delivery from Nadeem outside the off-stump and edging it to his brother, captain and wicketkeeper Moin Khan.

Pakistan, who shared a two-Test encounter with India 1-1 recently, meet their arrivals in Calcutta next week in the first match of the inaugural Asian Test Championship that also features Sri Lanka.

#### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day match between India's Board President's XI and Pakistan on Friday: PAKISTAN: first innings

247-9 dec (Moin Khan 67, Inzamamul-Haq 65) BOARD PRESIDENT'S XI:

first innings (Overnight 35-0) Khoda c Inzamam b Mahmood Das run out Yadav c Anwar b Nadeem Kanitkar c Wasti b Nadeem Kaif lbw b Afridi Sehwag c Moin b Nadeem Shukla run out Prasad c and b Nadeem Ananthapadmanaban

Nadeem b Afridi Karthik c and b Afridi Mohanty not out Extras (nb-18, w-1, lb-4, b-5) 28 Total: (All out) Fall wkts: 1-47, 2-82, 3-132, 4-151, 5-205, 6-250, 7-257, 8-

264, 9-281 Bowler R Akhtar 35 54 Mahmood Mushtag 8 61 Nadeem 87 36 Afridi PAKISTAN: Second innings Afridi not out

Anwar not out Extras (nb-2) Total: (For no wicket) Bowler (to date):O Mohanty 14 Shukla 0

### Hair nominated Australia's WC representative

MELBOURNE, Feb 12: Darrell Hair will be Australia's umpiring representative at this year's World Cup in England after escaping punishment over the controversial comments made in his book, reports AFP. Hair was stood down for the

current triangular series involving Australia, England and Sri Lanka after he described the bowling action of Sri Lankan off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan as "diabolical" in his book, 'The Decision Maker'.

Australia's leading umpire answered four charges here Thursday of breaching clause eight in the International Cricket Council's code of conduct which relates to conduct detrimental to the game. But although Hair was found

guilty of two of the charges by the Australian Cricket Board's Code of Conduct Commissioner, Judge Gordon Lewis, he escaped any penalty due to a technical-

Judge Lewis, a Victorian County Court judge, found he was unable to identify any penalty process relating to umpires in the ICC's code which meant he could not apply any punishment to Hair. ICC chief executive David

Richards said in a statement Friday cricket's governing body may have to review their conduct code in light of Judge Lewis'

"We will take careful note of Judge Lewis' views about the inability of the Code of Conduct to adequately deal with any penalty for an umpire and refer his detailed reasons to our solicitors for their advice in re-

### Juninho ready for recall

gard to the code," Richards said.

MADRID, Feb 12 (Reuters/-Internet): Atletico Madrid's Brazilian midfielder Juninho is set for a recall for Saturday's home clash with Espanyol as under-pressure coach Arrigo Sacchi makes yet another tactical switch.

Sacchi, who twice changed his playing formation during a dismal 2-1 defeat against Salamanca last weekend, has long resisted using Juninho in the centre of the field, arguing that he and Juan Carlos

Valeron cannot play together. But the Italian -- who has seen his side slip to eighth in the table on the back of three defeats in their last four games -- will change his strategy once more this weekend as he looks to unlock one of the most secure defences in the country.

## Understanding the Steve style

where winning comes before ev-

erything else. For while Waugh, who was appointed on Friday as Australia's 40th Test captain, has a rare respect for the game's traditions, he is also one of the most determined and pragmatic players to ever represent his country.

Waugh is the hard man of the Australian team, a 33-year-old player who not only expects but also demands the very best from himself and his teammates.

He has never taken a backward step during his illustrious career and is unlikely to start now that he has attained the captaincy.

Waugh's hard-nosed approach to the game is built around the fact that he is the only member of the current Australian team who knows

He began his test career in 1985 when Australian cricket was at a low, highlighted by their loss to England in the 1986-87 Ashes series.

own form in his early matches but was retained because of the selectors' faith in his ability. Eventually though, they ran out of patience and dropped him

from the side in 1991 for his twin brother Mark. But Waugh fought his way back into the side and has remained there ever since. And just as Australia have emerged as the best side in the world.

the best batsman in the game. The turning point in his career came in 1995 when Australia travelled to the West In-

series in the Caribbbean for more than two decades.

Waugh, despite a perceived weakness against fast bowling, took upon himself to lead by example.

He overhauled his batting style, ruling out any potentially risky shots, and stood up to barrage of short-pitched bowling with a fearless display which helped Australia win the series.

It was this single-minded approach that enabled him to become one of the most ruthless batsmen in world cricket. Although he is not the most attractive batsman to watch or the most technically correct, he remains the hardest to dismiss.

He never surrenders his wicket and has saved Australia from disaster on dozens of occassions with match-winning displays.

With 111 Tests and more than 7,000 runs already under his belt. Waugh has served the longest apprenticeship of any Australian captain. But patience has always been one of his greatest virtues.

## MEET THE AUSTRALIANS

SYDNEY, Feb 12 (AFP): Penpix of the Australian cricket team to tour the West Indies in March-April announced today :

STEVE WAUGH: Age 33. Captain. Right-hand batsman, medium-pace bowler. NSW. 111 Tests. 7,213 runs at 50.44. 17 100'2 40 50's. Highest score 200. 20 Tests vs W Indies at 41.65. Along with Ian Healy Australia's most senior Test player. Takes over captaincy from retiring Mark Taylor.

MICHAEL SLATER: 29. Right-hand opening batsman. MSW. 45 Tests. 3,515 runs at 45.64. HS 219. 11 100's 12 50's. Aggressive opening batsman who has played 4 Tests against W Indies

MATTHEW ELLIOTT: 27. Left-hand opening batsman. Victoria. 17 Tests. 1,102 runs at 40.81. 3 100's 4 50's. HS 199. Gets recall to open innings following retirement of Mark Taylor. 2 Tests vs W Indies at 42.66. MARK WAUGH: 33. Right-hand batsman, off-

spin bowler. NSW. 86 Tests. 5,840 runs at 43.90. 16 100's 33 50's. HS 153 not out. 19 Tests against W Indies at 43.90 with 3 100's. Stylish no. 4 batsman who scores runs against W Indies. JUSTIN LANGER: 28. Left-handed batsman. WA. 16 Tests. 919 runs at 35.34. 2 100's 6 50's. HS

179 not out. 4 Tests against W Indies at 16.57. Gritty No. 3 who played all 5 Tests against England in 98-99 Ashes series but struggles against W Indies fast bowlers. GREG BLEWETT: 27. Right-handed batsman. Medium-pace bowler, SA, 31 Tests, 1,843 runs at 36.13. 4 100's 10 50's. HS 214. 9 wkts at 57.77. 8

Tests against W Indies at 36.08 with 4 50s. Technically strong batsman who missed all Ashes Tests despite scoring prolifically in other first-class matches. RICKY PONTING: 24. Right-handed batsman. Tasmania. 22 Tests. 1,209 runs at 36.63. 2 100's 7 50's. HS 127. 2 Tests against W Indies at 27.50.

Exciting batsman and outstanding fieldsman.

at 29.26. 4 100's 22 50's. HS 161 not out. Catches 353. 24 Tests against W Indies at 25.91 with one century. World-record breaking 'keeper and resourceful lower-order batsman.

315 wickets at 24.97. BB 8-71. 13 Tests against W Indies at 10.42. 47 wkts at 27.93. Champion spinner who took 15 wkts in last series in

legs-spin bowier. NSW, 8 Tests 133 runs at 14.77. HŠ 43.43 wickets at 14.77. BB 7-50. Yet to play W Indies. Man-of-the-series against England in 98-

not out. 39 wickets at 21.12. BB 7-37. 2 Test against W Indies for 2 wkts at 47.00. Quick bowler recovering from back injury.

batsman, fast bowler. NSW. 45 Tests. 172 runs at 4.52. HS 24. 202 wickets at 23.44. BB 8-38. 9 Tests against W Indies 39 runs at 4.87. 43 wickets at 19.11. Bowls best against W Indies and Australia's new-ball spreadhead.

runs at 4.00. HS 11.17 wickets at 33.35. BB 3-57. Yet to play W Indies. Alternates between fast and off-spin bowling. Oldest team member. ADAM DALE: 30. Left-handed batsman,

ball to swing. HS 18. 2 wickets at 148.50. BB 1-3.. 2 Tests

against W Indies 1 wkt. Earned place with outstanding season for Queensland.

### French league preview

PARIS, Feb 12: In a week that saw France's historic Wembley defeat of England, attention switches back from the Twin Towers to the twin powers of domestic French football, reports AFP.

Marseille and Bordeaux have left the chasing pack behind in a fascinating title duel with more twists than a Hitchcock thriller.

The scales tipped back in favour of Marseille last weekend with a 3-1 win over Bastia that saw them go top when the Girondins could only draw with Rennes.

The previous weekend Bordeaux had seemingly made a decisive move with a convincing 4-1 win over their fellow contenders. Apart from the second week

of the season one or other club has been in pole position throughout the campaign with the lead changing hands seven times between the two sides. Bordeaux, two points behind Marseille, host Bastia at the

Stade Lescure on Saturday while on Sunday Marseille make the trip to Toulouse, who have shown signs they could avoid the drop under new coach Alain Giresse. Bastia will be under strength

when they visit the Girondins with Frederic Nee, Pierre-Yves Andre, Eric Durand, Franck Matingou and Frederic Mendy all injured and former Blackburn star Patrick Valery suspended.

However, the Corsican side has been boosted by the return of Brazilian-born Tunisian international Jose Clayton after a heart scare and Stephane Odet.

Bordeaux strikers Lilian Laslandes (14 goals this season) and Sylvain Wiltord (15) will both be eager to stay in scoring form as will Marseille's Florian Maurice (11) following the Wembley heroics of Arsenal striker Nicolas Anelka, who seems to now have solved France's striking problem.

Third-placed Lyon and fourth-placed Nantes, both teams are 11 points behind Bordeaux, clash Saturday in what would have been the topof-the bill match had the title race not become such a twohorse race.

Nantes bring in youngster Nicolas Gilet in place of the suspended Eric DeCroix. Lyon welcome back Florent Laville but midfielder Christian Bassila and defenders Cedric Vras and Serge Blanc are ruled

Rennes (fifth) and Monaco (sixth) clash in another match that could have an impact on European places at the end of the season though Monaco will still be without French World Cup striker David Trezeguet.

Champions Lens host Paris Saint Germain at the Stade Felix, Bollaert with all eyes on home striker Tony Vairelles. The French international has been linked with a move to the Parc des Princes at the end of the season.

Defender Christian Worns could miss out for PSG after playing for Germany on their American tour while Nigerian Jay-Jay Okocha is another possible non-starter. Defender Gregory Paisley is ruled out for the season.

PSG's 2-1 victory over Sochaux last time out has probably banished any lingering fears of relegation for the capital's only top-flight club to the relief of the moguls at Canal Plus TV channel who own the

The relegation battle between Sochaux and Le Havre has been postponed because of heavy snow and the pitch is considered so unplayable that Sochaux's rescheduled match on Wednesday with Monaco has also been postponed -- the third time the encounter, originally due to be played on December 12, has suffered such a fate.

### Sampras in last eight

SAN JOSE, California, Feb 12 (AFP/AP): World numbers one Pete Sampras continued his impressive return after skipping the Australian Open rolling past Argentina's Martin Rodriiguez 7-5, 6-3 here Thurs-

Top seed Sampras advanced the quarterfinals of the 325,000 dollars ATP Sybase Open by ousting the 95thranked South American and booking a date today against Germany's Bernd Karbacher. "It's always difficult playing

someone I've never seen," Sampras said Fatigue kept Sampras, 27, from Australia but he has not lost a set in his first 1999 event.

having dispatched Spain's Galo Balanco 6-4, 6-4, in the opening round. Sampras won four titles last year, including his fifth Wimbledon crown, and is closing in on Ivan Lendl's record of 270

weeks overall as the top player.

He is in his 258th week atop the ATP rankings. Third-seeded Philippoussis, ranked No. 14 in the world, had eight aces against the unseeded van Lottum on Thursday night, including one clocked at 128 mph (206 kph), in a match that lasted just 44 minutes. The 22year-old Australian had a tournament-best 132 mph (212 kph) serve in his first-round victory over Sargis Sargsian.

## cricket

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Feb 12: Rajshahi Medical College (A) defeated Salbagan Kabir Ekadosh by 36 runs in second Hassan Imam & Ali-Imam Pintu Smriti cricket tournament played today at Rajshahi Medical College campus ground.

Medical College batted first and scored 116 in 20.5 overs. In reply, they shot out Salbagan for 80 in 16.3 overs.

# Fiorentina sans super-strikers



MILAN, Feb 12 (AFP/Reuters/Int ernet) : Italian league leaders Fiorentina go into Sunday's match with Udinese deprived of the services of Argentinian striker

Gabriel Batistuta and in the knowledge that their season is at a critical point. 'Batigol', with 18 goals in 20 games this season, will be out for more than a month. For good measure Brazilian striker Edmundo has gone to Rio for

the carnival. With Fiorentina's lead down to a single point, the pressure is on Belgian international Luis Oliveira and Anselmo Robbiati, although reserve Carmine Es-

posito will also be hoping for his chance. "This is the decisive time." said coach Giovanni Trapat-

"And I've got a lot of faith in the solidity of this group of players. I think Fiorentina can stand up to any other team in the championship.

"The thing is not to feel we've been victimised, not to cry about things. We've got to roll up our sleeves and get on with it. Even without a star like Gabriel Batistuta," he added.

Fiorentina travel to Udine to face a side led by Brazilian striker Marcelo Amoroso, linked with Trapattoni's team as a possible future replacement for Edmundo. Other Serie A matches on

Sunday (League positions in parentheses): Bari (10) v Vicenza (15)

Bari have problems in attack and midfield where South

African Phil Masinga and Swede Daniel Andersson are suspended. Moroccan centre back Rachid Negrouz missed training on Thursday with a slight injury but will play. New Vicenza coach Eduoardo Reja seeks to build on last weekend's

1-0 win over Piacenza. Cagliari (11) v Lazio (2) Lazio bid for a recordequalling 10th consecutive victory. Christian Vieri faces a late test after missing Italy's midweek friendly against Norway.

Portugal's Fernando Couto is out (pulled muscle). Mid-table Cagliari are without key midfielder Tiziano De Patre but Gianni Cavezzi returns to take his place.

Empoli (18) v Salernitana

Empoli have captain and centre back Daniele Baldini and Brazilian defender Cribari suspended. Salernitana without midfielder Genaro Gattuso and forward Federico Giampaolo for the same reason.

AC Milan (4) v Venezia (12) Milan, boosted by their away draw with leaders Fiorentina a week ago, have George Weah out for three weeks with a torn right thigh muscle. Goalkeeper Sebastiano Rossi still suspended and Christian Abbiati will deputise. Venezia, hauling themselves out of the relegation zone, welcome back defender Gianluca Luppi and striker Fabian Valtolina from suspen-

Parma (3) v Bologna (8) Parma at full strength for the Reggio Emilia derby. Midfielder Diego Fuser has recovered from influenza since his side's dramatic 4-2 win at Ju-

ventus on Sunday. Bologna have an injury crisis with six first team players out. In addition, Swedish marksman Kennet Andersson suspended.

Perugia (13) v Inter Milan Inter defender Francesco Colonnese out with a painful wisdom tooth. Ronaldo again unlikely to play because of knee injuries and Chilean striker Ivan Zamorano also, sidelined. Italy under-21 striker Nicola Ventola may start alongside Roberto Baggio against a Perugia side rocked by internal divisions. Yugoslav coach Vujadin

stage protests against his appointment. Piacenza (14) v Juventus (9) Carlo Ancelotti's first match in charge of a Juventus side in disarray following 4-2 defeat by Parma a week ago and the resignation of Marcello Lippi. Midfielder Alessio Tacchinardi suspended. Striker Filippo Inzaghi trained on Thursday but unfit. Uruguayan striker Daniel Fonseca back from injury to lead the attack. Piacenza have three suspended and several

Boskov in charge for the first

time but supporters are likely to

AS Roma (7) v Sampdoria

first team injuries.

Roma seek their first win in four matches against a Sampdoria side floundering in the relegation zone. Italy midfielder Luigi Di Biagio suspended and Cameroon defender Pierre Wome injured. Recent Brazilian signing Fabio Junior likely to start. Sampdoria's Ariel Ortega banned and influential midfielder Simone Vergassola injured.

### Rivaldo, Raul come face to face

# All roads lead to Nou Camp



MADRID, Feb 12 (Reuters/Internet) : The two deadliest strikers in the Spanish league

this season are set for a derby duel in Sunday's Nou Camp clash -- Real Madrid's Raul Gonzalez and Barcelona's Brazilian Rivaldo.

Spanish international Raul leads the first division scoring charts with 13 goals after 21 games, with Rivaldo just one goal behind. Statistics show how important each marksman is to their

clubs' success, with both contributing more than a quarter of their teams' goals this sea-Not surprisingly, the Spanish media have been eagerly

anticipating seeing the pair on the same pitch. "Duel of the goal getters," proclaimed the Barcelona-

based sports daily Sport. Raul's hat-trick against Valladolid last Sunday showed he is in fine form, with a difficult 1997-98 season and an indifferent World Cup in France

fully behind him. Plagued by media accusations about how his off-field activities -- he dates a well known Spanish model -- were affecting his play, last season's form was his worst in four

years as a professional. The misery carried over onto the international stage and. apart from a memorable volleyed goal against Nigeria, he had a forgettable World Cup

finals. However, he quickly regained his old spark, hit two goals against Villarreal on the opening day of the season, and has never looked back.

Raul has had little to say about how he views his current

The Real Madrid players are still observing their vow of silence taken two weeks ago over press criticism of their 4-0 thrashing at Deportivo Coruna. However, Barcelona goalkeeper Ruud Hesp, the man charged with thwarting him on Sunday, is prepared to talk

freely about Raul. "He's a fantastic footballer. I've been aware of him from my first day here," Hesp said. "It has always been difficult keeping him from scoring. He's

put six past me in our games and is a constant danger. "We are going to have to keep a close eye on him because he is

Rivaldo has found few problems working his way through the Real Madrid defence. Last season, he scored the first goal in Barcelona's 3-2 vic-

tory in the Bernabeu Stadium. The strike ended a sevengame unbeaten streak of the then Real Madrid goalkeeper Santiago Canizares. Many pundits consider that was the moment Real lost interest in the Spanish league title, even though the defeat came in

November. This year Rivaldo has been slower than his Madrid rival to get into his stride, taking until the fifth game against Valencia to get his first goal of the sea-

The man who notched 19 goals last season, the second highest tally in the Spanish first division, acknowledged he took a long time recovering from a taxing World Cup.

Despite scoring three goals for Brazil, Rivaldo never quite looked the same player in France '98 as he had been in club colours. Raul's 12 goals this season

have included double strikes against Alaves, Athletic Bilbao and Real Zaragoza. The only major obstacle to Rivaldo inflicting more misery

on Real Madrid could be the return of Spanish international Fernando Hierro to the heart of their defence. The pair have had some

bruising encounters. "I suffer a lot in derby matches. Hierro is a violent player, especially with the use of his arms," Rivaldo com-

"However, I am always motivated for a derby match," he added. "Even when I was playing for Deportivo, a visit from Real Madrid would always raise the temperature."

Other Primera Liga matches this weekend (League positions in parentheses):

Saturday Mallorca (5) v Real Sociedad (10)

The home side will be without Argentine midfielder Ariel Ibagaza, who is still suffering from an ankle injury, but Javier Olaizola comes back after suspension. Real Sociedad coach Bernd Krauss could give a debut to young midfielder Mikel Aramburu, who has trained with the first team this week. Defender Juan Gomez is sus-

pended. Atletico Madrid (8) v Espanyol (13)

Atletico coach Arrigo Sacchi

his fifth yellow card in the defeat to Salamanca last weekend. Espanyol, buoyed by their impressive 1-0 win against Mallorca last weekend, will be favourites for this game, despite their lowly league position. Deportivo Coruna (6) v

Deportivo welcome back Argentine defender Gabriel Schurrer, who missed last weekend's goalless draw with Valencia. Salamanca will be without the suspended defender Marco

Salamanca (18)

Lanna. Sunday Valladolid (16) v Celta Vigo

Jose Luis Caminero and Harold Lozano are both fit again and should come straight back in to a struggling Valladolid team. Celta, who could go back top of the table if other results go their way, will be without injured French midfielder Claude Makelele. Valery Karpin will occupy his place.

Athletic Bilbao (7) v Extremadura (20) Athletic will be without suspended defender Mikel Lasa but coach Luis Fernandez can bring back Rafael Alkorta and Inigo Larrainzar from injury. Extremadura are still missing French midfielder Laurent Vi-

aud, who completes a twomatch ban. Real Betis (11) v Racing

Santander (14) Betis coach Javier Clemente is set to recall Brazilian winger Denilson following his much improved display after coming on as a sub in the 2-2 draw with Real Zaragoza. Russian striker Vladimir Bestchastnykh has recovered from a bout of flu and

should return to the Racing starting line-up. Real Zaragoza (12) v

Alaves (19) Defender Carlos Cuartero and striker Yordi are injury doubts for Zaragoza coach Txetxu Rojo. Alaves have Ibon Begona, Pablo Gomez and Jorge Azkoitia back after suspension.

Tenerife (17) v Oviedo (9) Tener#e skipper Felipe Minambres has recovered from a muscle strain and should return for this game. Oviedo have Portuguese midfielder Paulo

Bento suspended. Villarreal (15) v Valencia Villarreal will be strengthened by the return of first choice keeper Andres Palop following his suspension last weekend. Valencia coach Claudio Ranieri will make a late decision on Romanian World Cup

capable of deciding the game with just one move." is considering a recall for Despite his many goals over Brazilian Juninho in a rethe years, Raul has scored only vamped midfield. Argentine striker Adrian Ilie, who is still once at the Nou Camp, in the defender Jose Antonio Chamot feeling the effects of an ankle 1997 Spanish Supercup. is suspended after picking up CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer ACROSS Women\* 21 Philoso-1 One of 38 Pact pher the Three 41 One of 4 Secluded immanuel Bears the Hardy 22 Hodge-5 Swindle Boys 5 Toe woe 42 McNally's 8 Reddish 6 Undeniably 23 Leap 7 Policychaicepartner 24 Code 43 Friend in a dony holders name? 12 Mid-March high place? payments 26 Boxer's 13 "- the 8 Well-48 One of workout HOMES groomed item parts... 9 1944 Bing 27 Recording 49 Intent 14 The Tent 28 The yoke's 50 Emanation Crosby hit 51 Sneaker maker 10 With 47 on them 15 Shamed 29 Chapel Down, name hubby's 52 Sailor knocking furniture locale? 53 Cried noise 31 Running 17 Tittle DOWN 11 Stalemate 18 Deserter 1 Central 16 Erstwhile 34 Leaves 19 Quick 2 Commoacom of grass Draw of tion 20 Luck o' the 35 Vacillate 3 "Little cartoons 37 Decks for 21 Alopecic Solution time: 24 mins. a 10-count detective 38 Arduous NFGAV 24 Carriage 25 Grad ELM 39 Excep-26 Santa's HIGHER RENT 40 Oklahoma runway 30 Pilfer,

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CRYPTOQUIP JNGJ

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#### what it's like to lose. MELBOURNE, Feb And although the Australian 12 (Reuters/Interteam's fortunes have risen net): If Steve Waudramatically in the past few gh's own career is any guide, Austraseasons under the astute leaderlian cricket is on ship of Allan Border and Mark the verge of a return to an era

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wicketkeeper. Queensland. 111 Tests. 4,273 runs

SHANE WARNE: 29 Vice-captain. Righthanded batsman, leg-spin bowler. Victoria. 68 Tests. 1,240 runs at 14.76. 2 50's. HS 74 not out.

Caribbean 1995. STUART MacGILL: 28. Right-hand batsman.

99 Ashes with 27 wkts at 17.70. Form spinner. JASON GILLESPIE: 23. Right-hand batsman, fast bowler. SA. 10 Tests 97 runs at 12.12. HS 28 GLENN MCGRATH: 29. Right-handed

COLIN MILLAR: 35. Right-hand batsman, fast bowler and off spinner. Tasmania. 6 Tests. 20

medium-pace bowler. Queensland. 1 Test. 5 runs. 3 wickets at 30.66. BB 3-71. Accurate and can get ANDY BICHEL: 28. Right-handed batsman. fast bowler. Queensland. 3 Tests. 47 runs at 9.40.

## IAN HEALY: 34. Right-handed batsman and Lemerre happy enough



LONDON, Feb 12: (AP): Winning at Wembley can hardly compare with a World Cup

triumph. But it

convinced coach Roger Lemerre that France are a worth world champions and have much to teach tired old teams like England.

"It's not an accident that we won this game. "After England won the World Cup in 1966 the domi-

"You have to remember we are the world champions," Lemerre said after his team's first win at the home of English

nated for a few years. There is no reason why we shouldn't do the same.' Lemerre's team outplayed England during the second half at Wembley to score a 2-0 victory with goals by Englandbased Nicolas Anelka. It should

have been 3-0 because Anelka

also had a shot that hit the un-

derside of the bar and bounced

behind the line before coming back into a play. That one wasn't spotted by

the linesman and that was a good job for the home team because no one had beaten England by three goals at Wembley since Hungary's famous 6-3 triumph in 1953.

74,111 sellout crowd drifted

The England fans among the

away in dismay in the knowledge their stars had been beaten by a superior team. In four previous visits to Wembley France had lost 4-0, 2-0, 5-0 and 2-0 and, in terms of results, this was a big turnaround and Lemerre said it was a landmark victory for French soccer. "France had never won at

Wembley before and never scored a goal against England here," he said. "It's an exceptional thing for a French team to win here before the stadium is knocked down and rebuilt."

But it came as no surprise.

from last week's firing of coach

Glenn Hoddle over remarks he

English soccer was reeling

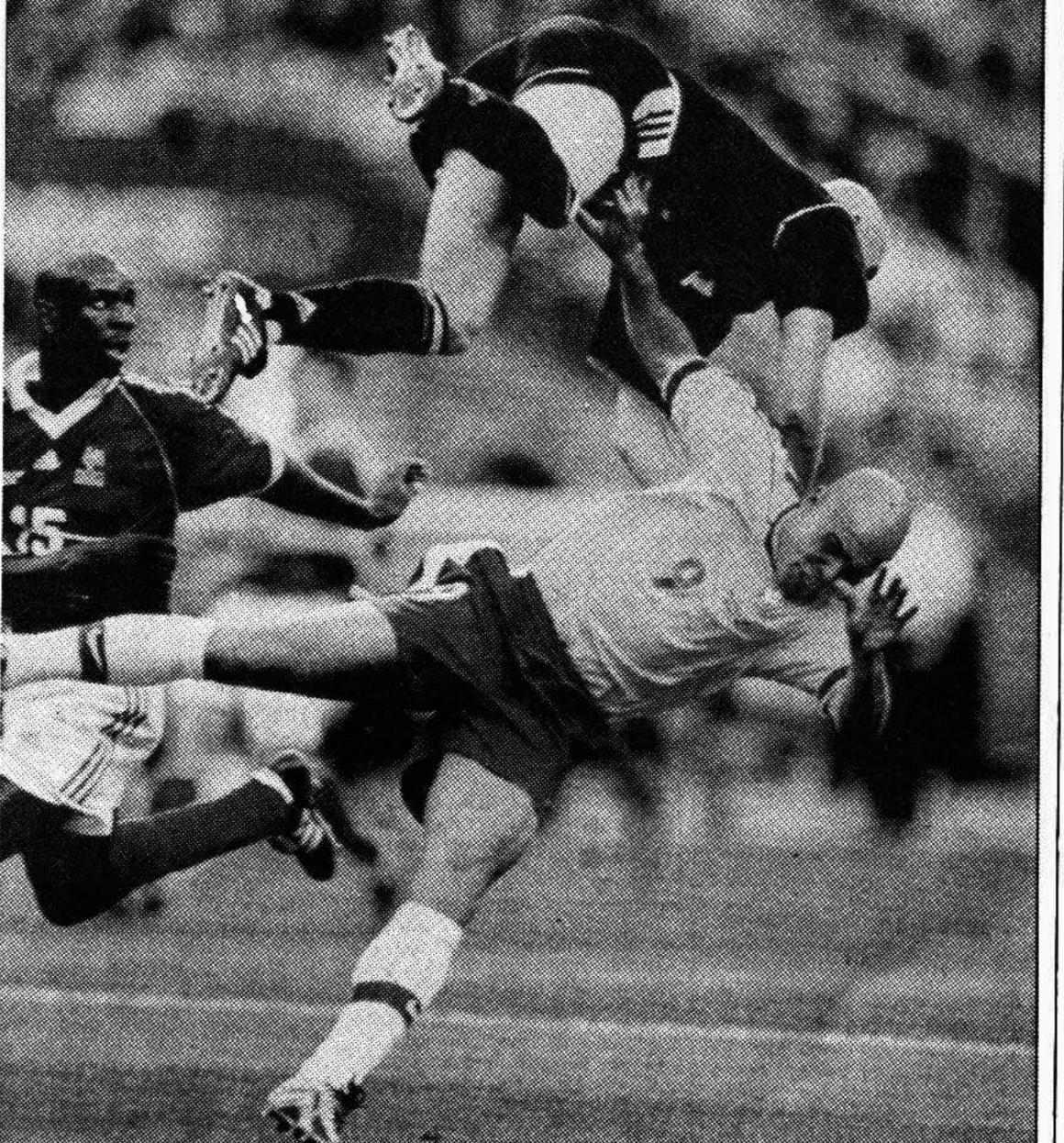
reportedly made that the disabled were being punished "for the sins of an earlier" life. Amid a public outcry over

the remarks, Hoddle was dis-

missed and replaced on a temporary basis by the Football Association's director of football Howard Wilkinson who had little more than a week to prepare the team for Wednesday's game. He dismantled Hoddle's 3-5-2 formation and went back to an old fashioned 4-4-2, recall-

ing veteran Lee Dixon, 35 next month, to join Arsenal colleagues Tony Adams and Martin Keown in defence. But, according to Lemerre, even a full-prepared England lineup would have had prob-

lems with his team at Wembley. "It was very difficult for England because France played every well, especially in the second half when we really dominated," said the French coach, who took over from Aime Jacquet after the World Cup tri-



This picture taken by Simon Bruty during the final of France '98, won the first prize in the sports singles category of the World Press Photo Competition held in Amsterdam yester--AFP photo