

Kafelnikov downs Gustafsson

LONDON, Feb 24: Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov continued his march towards the world number one spot with a 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 victory over Sweden's Magnus Gustafsson in the 500,000-dollar Guardian Direct Cup indoor tournament at Battersea Park here on Tuesday, reports AFP.

However, Kafelnikov did not have the match all his own way despite hardly breaking sweat in winning the first set 6-2 in just 22 minutes.

Gustafsson came roaring back in the second set, breaking for a 4-3 lead and then saving three break points in the next game to consolidate his advantage before levelling the match 6-3.

Kafelnikov then had to save break point in the first game of the deciding before finally getting on top in one hour 32 minutes.

The 25-year-old Russian will now face Zimbabwe's Byron Black in the second round knowing he is just three wins away from a place in Sunday's final and taking over at the top of the rankings from Pete Sampras, making him only the 15th world number one since the rankings began in 1973.

Britain's third seed Greg Rusedski had an easy passage into the second round brushing aside veteran Italian Gianluca Pozzi. The British number two won 6-2, 6-1 in just 43 minutes and will now meet Petr Korda in the last 16.

Czech Korda had earlier marked his return to form with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over South Africa's Wayne Ferreira.

The victory was a welcome boost for the Czech, who has endured a miserable run since Wimbledon last year when he tested positive for a banned substance and was subsequently stripped of his prize money and ranking points.

Korda was joined in the second round by Thomas Johansson, Byron Black, Guillaume Raoux, Dominik Hrbaty and Nicolas Kiefer, who came through an epic 2 hr 34 min struggle with France's Cedric Pioline.

Solid start for Serena

PARIS, Feb 24: Powerful American teenager Serena Williams set the alarm bells ringing on the first day of the 500,000 dollar Paris Indoor Open on Tuesday when she ruthlessly outplayed qualifier Asa Carlsson in straight-sets to reach a second-round showdown with second-seeded home favourite Nathalie Tauziat, reports AFP.

The 17-year-old 24th-ranked Williams, who raced to a 6-1, 6-2 victory in just 62 minutes, left her Swedish opponent groggy with the relentless power and pace of her blistering groundstrokes.

And her performance, which was watched by an attentive world No. 1 Martina Hingis from the TV box, must have given many of the star players food for thought, especially Tauziat who will face the powerful young American for a quarterfinal place on Thursday.

Tauziat, 31, who entered the world's top 10 for the first time last year after reaching to final at Wimbledon, is one of eleven French players in the 28-player draw.

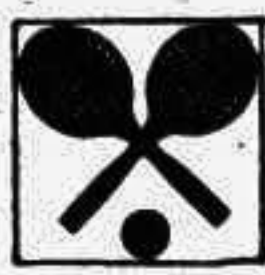
Williams, who arrived in the French capital from Hanover on Monday after winning the doubles title alongside fifth-ranked older sister Venus, shrugged off her victory and claimed she could play "much better".

"I didn't think I played all that well today," she said, adding: "I have to improve my consistency and my aim this year is to get into the top 10."

Williams said she was deliberately scheduling her season to avoid playing her sister, who this week is competing in Oklahoma.

Baishakhi, Nadim move up

Sports Reporter



Shifat Nusrat Baishakhi and Nadim Kamran Khan paved their way yesterday into the second round of the Bangladesh International Junior Tennis Tournament '99 being played at the National Tennis Complex.

On the second day of the 13-nation tournament, Baishakhi ousted her Indian counterpart Y. Kameswari 6-4, 6-4 while Nadeem outplayed his compatriot Kabir Hossain 6-1, 6-2.

Both Nadeem and Baishakhi added 15 points each to their World junior circuit rankings.

Top seed and World junior number 36, South African McDade Andrew, also booked a berth in the second round with a 6-1, 7-6 (7-1) win over Chinese Taipei's Lui Chin Chi.

Results of other matches played yesterday: (Kaz - Kazakhstan, Ind - India, Tha - Thailand, Tpe - Chinese Taipei, Jap - Japan, Ban - Bangladesh, Pak - Pakistan)

Girl's Singles first round: Y Khazoya (Kaz) def G Monahar (Ind) 6-4, 6-4, I Reddy (Ind) def H Rattiva (Tha) 5-6, 6-4, 6-0, S Phadke (Ind) def C Chittir (Ind) 6-1, 6-0, G Sheetal (Ind) def Y Peili (Tpe) 6-2, 6-0, L Yi Ying

Barisal cricket

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Feb 24: Sangskriti Majlish defeated Barisal Cricket Institute by 125 runs while Brothers Union outplayed Durjoy Smriti Sangha by 8 wickets in the First Division cricket league played here at the Inner and Outer stadiums respectively today.

Sangskriti Majlish scored 220 losing 9 wickets in 38.3 overs.

In reply Barisal Cricket Club managed only 95 runs losing all in 31 overs.

Totam of Sangskriti Majlish adjudged man-of-the-match. Besides, Brothers Union scored 119 losing only two wickets in 24.5 overs.

In reply Durjoy Smriti Sangha scored 118 losing all in 28.4 overs.

Man-of-the-match Raju of Brothers Union.

(Tpe) def Olga (Kaz) 6-1, 6-2, T Ninako (Jap) def M Sumita (Ind) 6-2, 6-1, C Hsin Chien (Tpe) def P Natrajan (Ind) 7-5, 6-0, Rad-luka Tulpule (Ind) def T Ayako (Jap) 6-1, 6-0, Nonawagh (Ind) def Disha Islam (Ban) 6-0, 6-2, C Yunhan (Tpe) def H Natsumi (Jap) 7-5, 7-5, C Choa Jung (Tpe) def PL Serichon (Tha) 6-4, 6-4, Nida Waseem (Pak) def U Hua (Tpe) 6-3, 6-3, C Han (Tpe) def L

Pereira (Ind) 6-1, 6-7 (7-5), 6-3, Y P Suchanan (Tha) def D Shan-chafer 6-1, 6-2.

Boy's Singles first round: Alok Bhide (Ind) def S Singh (Ind) 6-3, 6-3, Motonary Minato (Jap) def Mustafizur Rahman (Ban) 6-2, 6-0, Ahmed Wahla (Pak) def Nishank Mishra (Ind) 6-2, 6-4 and Chuang Hsiao Y (Tpe) def Rahat Kamal Islam (Ban) 6-4, 6-2.



Nida Waseem of Pakistan plays a forehand against Luyen Hua of Chinese Taipei during their 13th Bangladesh international junior tournament fixture yesterday.

— Star photo

Bangladesh Red 195 for 5

Bangladesh Red, replying to Bangladesh Green's 358 for eight declared, scored 195 for 5 in 65 overs at stumps on the second day of the three-day trial match at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Green, led by national skipper Aminul Islam Bulbul, resumed their innings on overnight score of 294 for 6 in 85 overs and declared at 358 for eight in 107.4 overs.

Green's number eight batsman Nahid, who was yet to score as stumps were drawn on Tuesday, made out 26 off 70 balls with five fours while number nine Rahul scored 32 in 53 deliveries, also hitting five boundaries, before he was run out.

Number seven batsman Naimur Rahman, who resumed his innings with five runs, was caught by Khaled Masood off a Sumon delivery without adding any more run. Extras added 50 runs to the Green total.

Morshed Ali Sumon captured the day's lone wicket for Red.

In reply, the Red team scored 195 for five in 65 overs at stumps on the second day with former national captain Minhazul Abedin Nannu batting with 79 runs off 158 balls that included eight fours.

Number six batsman Mahbubur Rahman made 42 off 79 balls with five hits to the fence while one down Al Shahriar scored 29 off 40 balls, also with five boundaries.

Immediate past national skipper Akram Khan was caught by Nahid off a Moni ball scoring only 8 runs in 48 balls while opener Mehrah Hossain Opee made 15 off 28 deliveries with three fours.

Red skipper Khaled Mahmud was the other batsman batting with 10.

Bhola, Manju, Naimur, Enamul and Aminul took one wicket each for the Green.

The Red resume their innings today last day of the three-day affairs.

Real race into semis

MADRID, Feb 24: Real Madrid eased past Racing Santander 1-0 on Tuesday to reach the Spanish Cup semifinals 7-2 on aggregate, reports Reuters.

Predrag Mijatovic scored the only goal of an entertaining second leg from a thunderous free kick after 74 minutes.

The victory, after two successive defeats in the league, is unlikely to ease the pressure on Real coach Guus Hiddink. He faces a difficult trip to Real Betis on Saturday.

The result, which could determine whether the Dutchman is still in charge on Wednesday when Real face Dynamo Kiev in the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in the European Cup quarter final first leg.

Star performer for Real was midfielder Jose Maria Gutierrez who dazzled with the ball at his feet although his finishing once again left a lot to be desired.

He missed two good first half chances, including a close range header after 25 minutes which skimmed over the crossbar.

Racing had their chances in the second half and Real goalkeeper Bodo Illgner was required to bring off three acrobatic reaction saves to ensure he kept a clean sheet.

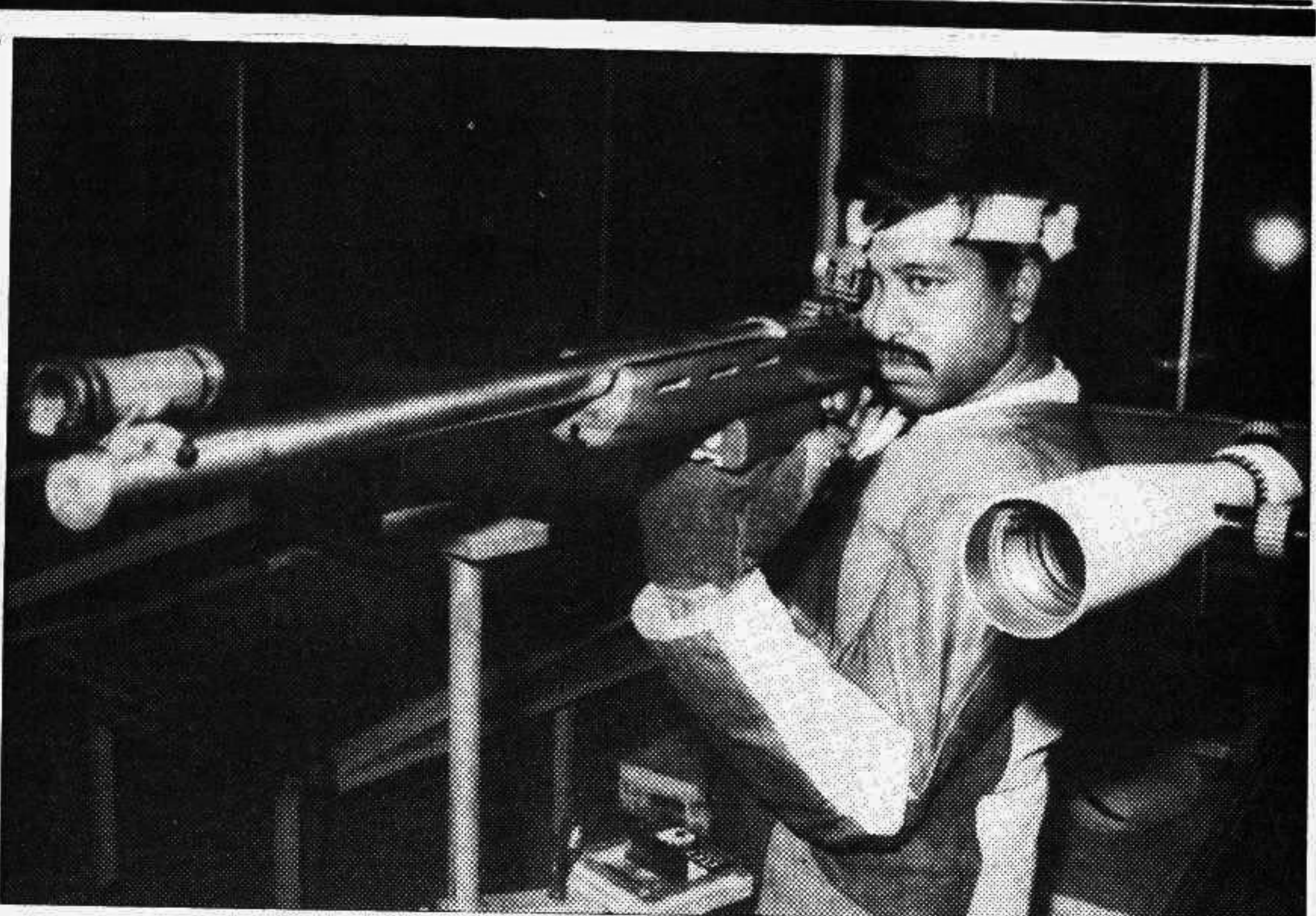
Careca inspires Napoli

NAPLES, Feb 24: Former Brazilian striker Careca was given a rousing reception by Napoli fans in his testimonial on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

Careca, who helped Napoli win the Italian championship in 1987 and 1990, played the first half with colleagues from those successful seasons. The notable exception was Diego Maradona.

He appeared for Napoli's Brazilian opponents after the interval.

Napoli won 3-1. Careca scoring one of their two first half goals.



Mahbub Joni practicing at the Gulshan Shooting Range yesterday ahead of his National Championships 50 metres free rifle final.

— Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Real Madrid fire Hiddink



MADRID, Feb 24 (Reuters/Internet): Guus Hiddink's seven-month reign as coach of Real Madrid came to an end in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

The Real Madrid board of directors met after the European Champions' 1-0 win over Racing Santander in their Spanish Cup quarterfinal second leg tie on Tuesday night and took just over an hour to decide to get rid of Hiddink.

The directors have taken a decision we don't like but we have decided that it would be better if Guus Hiddink goes," Real Madrid president Lorenzo Sanz announced.

Former Real Madrid coach John Toshack immediately emerged as a candidate to replace Hiddink.

"The fact that this is something neither I nor the directors wanted to do indicates that the situation is not good," Sanz added.

Hiddink's sacking was no surprise despite Sanz's apparent distaste for the task.

Hiddink's demise had been predicted since Christmas and accelerated with the recent publication in a Dutch newspaper of an interview in which Hiddink was quoted as criticising Real Madrid's financial structure.

He was quickly and publicly admonished by Sanz for speaking beyond his brief as a coach.

However the timing of Hiddink's departure is unusual with Real Madrid still in the European Cup, the Spanish Cup and sixth in the Spanish first division, only seven points behind the leaders Barcelona.

Hiddink arrived at Real Madrid in a blaze of glory, having led Holland to fourth place at the 1998 World Cup.

However he was far from first choice to replace the unpopular German coach Jupp Heynckes who had led Real



GUUS HIDDINK

Madrid to the European Cup last May.

Jose Antonio Camacho lasted just 22 days before resigning on a point of principle over the club's treatment of a colleague.

Italian coach Nevio Scala

FACTFILE

UNDATED, Feb 24 (Reuters/Internet): Following is a factfile of Guus Hiddink who was sacked by Real Madrid today after only seven months in charge.

1946: Born November 8, Doetinchem, Netherlands.

1960s-1970s: Had a moderately successful playing career as a midfielder with Dutch clubs De Graafschap and NEC Nijmegen but failed to win a senior national cap. Moved to the United States, playing with Washington Diplomats and San Jose Earthquakes. Returned to the Netherlands to join PSV Eindhoven coaching staff.

1986: Appointed PSV Eindhoven first-team coach. Won four consecutive league titles, three successive Dutch Cups from 1988-90 and won the European Cup in 1988, beating Benfica on penalties.

1990: Moved to Turkey to coach Fenerbahce.

1991: Made first move to Spain, taking over at first division club Valencia. Stayed for three seasons, guiding the side to respectable fourth place finishes in his first two years and seventh place in 1993-94.

1994: Appointed Dutch national team coach in succession to Dick Advocaat.

1996: Suffered hugely disappointing, and controversial, European champions' final in England. First major tournament as boss was hit by player unrest, culminating in the sending home of Edgar Davids after he accused him of favouritism. Went into the tournament as one of the favourites but, after being humiliated 4-1 by the hosts in the group stage, went out to France on penalties in the quarter-finals.

1998: In a much happier, and more successful, tournament for the Dutch, Hiddink's side finished fourth in France '98, going out at the semifinal stage to Brazil on penalties before losing a low-key third place play-off to Croatia.

1998: July 16, appointed Real Madrid coach in succession to Jose Antonio Camacho. Had mixed start to the season, securing qualification to European Cup quarter-finals but struggling for consistency in the league.

1999: February 24, sacked as Real Madrid coach after seven months, with team in sixth place in the first division.

turned down the job before Hiddink was installed last July.

The search has now begun for who will become the ninth coach to be employed by Lorenzo Sanz since he became the Real Madrid president in November 1995.

Spanish media speculation has centred on the return of former Real coach John Toshack, who was sacked by Turkish club Besiktas last week. Former Juventus coach Maurizio Lippi is also believed to be in contention.

Toshack told Britain's Sky News on Wednesday that he has spoken to Real Madrid about the possibility of succeeding Hiddink.

REAL COACHES

UNDATED, Feb 24 (Reuters/Internet): Following is a list of Real Madrid coaches since 1960 (Spanish unless indicated, caretaker coaches excluded):

Name	Country
1960-74: Miguel Munoz	Spain
1974-77: Miljan Miljanic	Yugoslavia
1977-79: Luis Molowny	Spain
1979-82: Vujadin Boskov	Yugoslavia
1982: Molowny	Spain
1982-84: Alfredo Di Stefano	Spain
1984-85: Amancio	Spain
1985-86: Molowny	Spain
1986-89: Leo Beenhakker	Netherlands
1989-90: John Toshack	Wales
1990: Di Stefano & Jose Antonio	Spain

1990-91: Radomir Antic
1991-92: Benckacker
1992-94: Benito Floro
1994: Vicente Del Bosque
1994-96: Jorge Valdano
1996: Arsenio Iglesias
1996-97: Fabio Capello
1997-98: Jupp Heynckes
1998: Camacho
1998-99: Guus Hiddink

John Toshack Madrid bound?

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Feb 24: Welsh coach John Toshack is leaving Besiktas to take charge of Spanish soccer giant Real Madrid, a spokesman for the Turkish club said on Wednesday, reports AP.

"Toshack is leaving us and is going to Real Madrid," Cenk Koryay was quoted as saying by the Anatolia news agency.

"He called the head of the club last night and said he wanted to leave."

Toshack, who coached Real Madrid from 1989 to 1991, is to replace Guus Hiddink.

The Dutchman was fired early Wednesday following a late night meeting of the troubled club's executive board.

"It was a decision that we had to take," said Real's chairman, Lorenzo Sanz.

Real lie sixth in the 20-team Spanish League, seven points behind leader Barcelona and share with lowly Salamanca the title of conceding most goals, 36.

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