Stuttgart.

sting as Leverkusen's Stefan

time this season and will have

to sit out next week's game at

games, Leverkusen remain 10

points behind Bundesliga lead-

ers Bayern Munich who had an

untroubled 3-1 victory over

Eintracht Frankfurt on Friday.

PRIMERA LIGA

team took their opportunities

as they scored with their only

chances in the first 25 minutes.

Louis Van Gaal's Barcelona

Luis Figo was involved in

both goals. For the first one af-

ter five minutes his cross was

headed home by De Boer. An-

other cross in the 24th minute

for Kluivert led to the second

goal, Kluivert taking advantage

of a rare goalkeeping area by

Carlos Roa, who dropped the

who meet Chelsea on Thursday

in the European Cup Winners'

Cup semifinal second leg, pulled

a goal back when Leo Biagini

fired home a last-minute

real champions and are a great

team," said Van Gaal, who was

nearly sacked in December af-

ter four consecutive defeats

which relegated Barcelona to

Parma in their UEFA Cup

semifinal second leg on Tuesday, fell 1-0 at Real Valladolid

through a goal by Victor in the

three draws and eight defeats in

FRENCH LEAGUE

in the May 8 French League Cup

final at the Stade de France to

prove that they were not just

French championship and Metz

took the runners-up spot which

was a creditable feat for clubs

which do not have the financial

clout of some their more glam-

to relegation and Lens have

been midtable most of the year

so success in this competition

scored a hat-trick in their excit-

ing 4-3 win over Montpellier on

Sunday, hitting the winner four

minutes from time. Metz four

times and finally managed to

minutes of extra time to beat

Sochaux 2-0 and earn their fi-

Fow ler hurt in

hotel brawl

pool and England striker Rob-

bie Fowler was back in the

headlines for the wrong reasons

Monday after suffering a sus-

pected broken nose in a fight at

Sunday morning just as Fowler

was starting a six-match ban

imposed by the Football Asso-

ciation for two on-field mis-

Merseyside police said a 41-

year-old man was charged with

assaulting Fowler and a second

man was bailed to appear in

Mr Fowler and another male

received injuries," a police

statement said. "In Mr Fowler's

case this included a suspected

A Liverpool spokesman said

the club was aware that Fowler

team to play ition would be

It has been a turbulent two

He was suspended for four

league matches and fined

32,000 pounds (50,560 dollars)

by the FA and a similar sum by

Liverpool for celebrating a goal

against Everton on April 3 by

for two matches after making

crude sexual taunts and gestures

his last match for Liverpool

this season in a 1-0 loss to As-

Fowler was also suspended

pretending to snort cocaine.

"As a result of this incident

conduct charges.

court on May 25.

broken nose."

monitored.

months for Fowler.

The incident occurred early

a Liverpool hotel, reports AP.

LIVERPOOL, Apr 19: Liver-

Lens scored twice in the final

Metz player Nenad Jestrovic

has helped make up for it.

hold on to their lead.

nal'place on Saturday.

But this year, Metz are close

Metz and Lens will compete

Last season, Lens won the

Atletico have only managed

Atletico Madrid, who meet

"Barcelona showed they are

penalty.

10th place.

67th minute.

their last 11 matches.

one-season wonders.

orous rivals.

In time added on, Mallorca,

With 54 points from 27

Beinlich was booked for a fifth

NEW DELHI, Apr 19: Batting maestro Sachin Tendulkar today said his back had completely healed and that he was looking forward to playing in the World Cup next month, reports PTI.

Tendulkar, who was out of action after playing in Colombo in an Asian Test Championship match told Star News that he was fully fit and that his back ailment had completely healed after being treated by Dr Kenedy in London and undergoing acupuncture treatment from a Singaporean doctor.

He also assured his fans that despite India's recent reverses, there was nothing to worry, as the World Cup in England would be a different ball game.

Earlier on Sunday, he signalled his return to form and fitness scoring a masterly, unbeaten 115 in an exhibition tie at Mumbai that pitted the present World Cup team with the team that won the Cup in 1983. Tendulkar piloted the India-

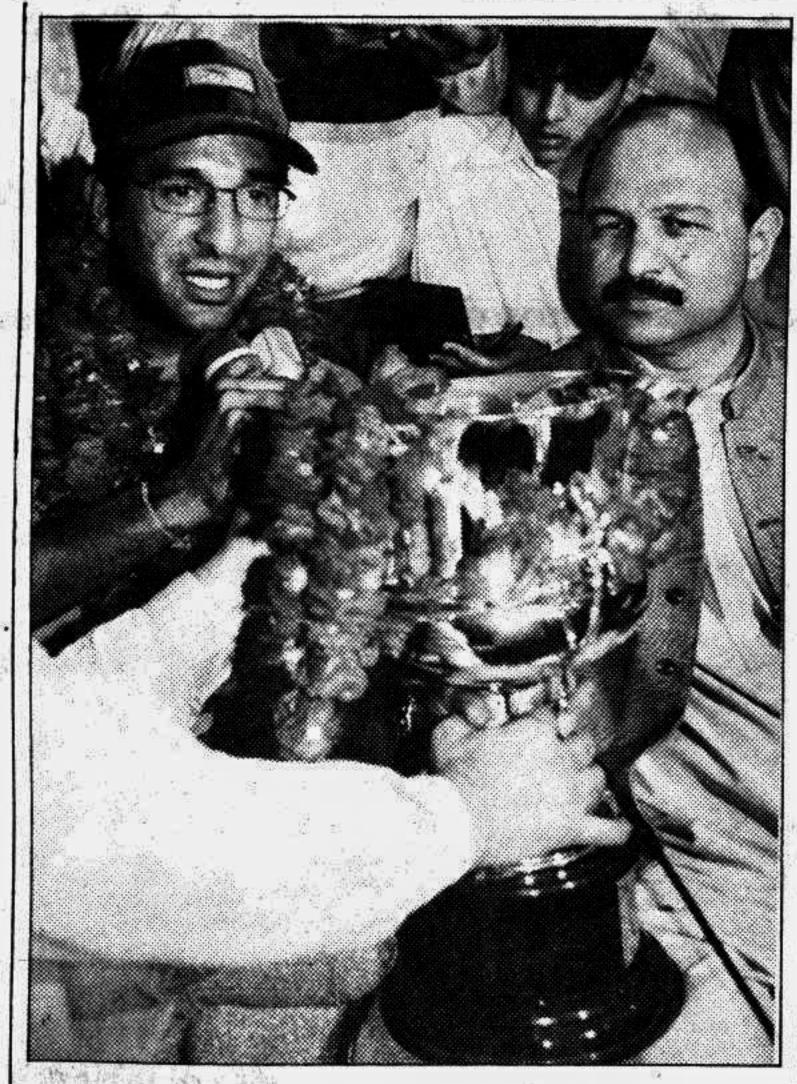
99 Eleven to a 35-over total of 292 for four wickets.

He then picked up 2 for 37 as they bowled out the victorious World Cup India-83 Eleven led by Kapil Dev for 204 to notch up an 88-run win.

BRIEF SCORES

INDIA-99 ELEVEN: 292 for 4 (S Tendulkar 115 not out, S Ramesh 78)

India-83 Eleven: 204 all out in 33.3 overs (K Srikkanth 45, Dilip Vengsaka 44, Madanlal 39; Tendulkar 2 for 37. Dravid 2 for 60).



Pakistan skipper Wasim Akram (L), flanked by Information Minister Mushahid Hussain, speaks to newsmen on arrival at Lahore Airport on April 18. — AFP photo

OPINION

Miracle on the ice

Nasrullah Khaled

A food for thought, for the

Let's start the piece with a little retrospective from the glorious past of the American sporting world. The year is 1980s; the place is Lake Placid, New York and the extravaganza is Winter Olympics. It was almost twenty years since; USA won a gold in Ice hockey. The last time they won was in 1960.

So, naturally every sports loving fan in the USA was hoping maybe this was the year when their home team will do something great to snatch the gold from the mighty Canadians, or the Russians (then USSR).

To make their dream come true they started their preparation a little bit earlier than usual

They hired a great coach named Herb Brooks, gave the players all modern facilities and the gadgets they could ask for, arranged a lot of exhibition games to test their strength. But, as the time of the

Olympics was drawing close the TEAM USA started performing from bad to worse. They lacked in team spirit, experience, discipline and the courage to fight. These words were reflected on the scoreboard along with a losing score.

The whole nation was against them, and the media was just adding fuel to the fire with their pessimistic and derogatory comments. Things just got worse when a second string USSR team drubbed TEAM USA by 8 to 1 in the last warm-up game. Mike Lupica, a famous sports writer of Daily News. New York, wrote that USA should pull out of the tournament, and save itself other teams setting new world records at its cost. According to Lupica the taxpayers deserved a lot better. He further wounded their growing injury by adding that "we should support Canada - who can win a gold." In ice hockey, rivalry between Canada and USA is no less prestigious than a sporting event between India and Pakistan. After that catastrophe -

right before the Olympics coach Brooks, called his team for a lengthy close-door meeting. Nether did he show any frustration at their performance, nor did he talk to them about their game plan or techniques. Calmly he explained, "Our goals will have to be changed. Now we must prove to our fans, the whole world and most importantly to ourselves that we belong here in this tournament. We must prove it to everybody that we have earned our right to be here. We must prove that we have the will to light as a team. In doing so even if we lose all the games it does not matter, because your gold medal is your self respect that u

will bring back after going through those excruciating games against those top class Guess what happened

next??? Miracle on the ice!!! Not only did they put their act together to win back their self respect, but they won the gold medal too, but beating their number one nemesis USSR by 4 goals to 3. By using the emotions of the players coach Brooks achieved the impossible. Let us now fly back to present. The year is 1999. The event is World Cup cricket '99. The team is my beloved Bangladesh. Well, of course we

wise if we make a comparison with that great hockey team, it will not be a crime to say that right before the tournament both are/were performing in the same manner. Winning a game is a distant thunder for us, even against weak teams like Scotland & Ireland. Both the teams were given good incentives. And finally both the teams were treated harshly by their respective media and fans right before the big event. Deja Now don't get me wrong. I am

win the event. But performance

not saying that a pep talk will change the history. The most important point is that these boys should be told; like team USA; that in the World Cup they should fight to earn their own self respect back. Aren't these the same guys who got us the ticket for the World Cup? How soon do we forget. In the midst of the pressure to do well and our negative attitude towards their performance they have lost it all. Forget winning, just to do well they need to get it

So, I believe at this crucial time our fallen hero's should be injected with this emotionally uplifting goal — Get yourself respect back & nothing more. which will enable them to achieve the much-needed positive thinking attitude in the cricket field.

Finally, as an optimistic supporter of Bangladesh, I hope that cricket fans will not only remember this World Cup as the last of the millennium, but they will also remember it as the World Cup where eleven Bangladeshi fought together to tell the whole world that. "We have earned our right to be here,

Bacher wants Woolmer to go slow

JOHANNESBURG, Apr 19 (Reuters/Internet): South Africa cricket chief Ali Bacher said on Monday he would not be happy if Bob Woolmer took over as England coach immediately after the World Cup.

Former England batsman Woolmer, who is stepping down after five successful years as South Africa's coach, confirmed over the weekend that an England Cricket Board official had flown to South Africa to speak to him.

"We spoke for several hours last week. He wanted to know the extent of my interest," said Woolmer.

"I told him that I had several offers to consider but that I wasn't making any decisions until after the World Cup. I owe that to myself, my team and the South African public."

Current England coach David Lloyd is quitting after the World Cup which begins next

Bacher, managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, said: "There is nothing we can do to stop Bob (coaching England), although we wouldn't like to see him coaching there so soon after he was involved with the South African side.

"(South African captain) Hansie Cronje told me that he wouldn't be happy because Bob knows the players so well and the team secrets intimately. He can identify weak areas of their

"The Board suggested that in future we would like to get a restraint against coaches who have been in charge of the national side to prevent them immediately moving into a coaching position of another country," Bacher said.

Bacher was due to announce Woolmer's successor on Monday but a decision has been delayed until later in the week after an unnamed candidate applied for the post at the last minute.

SA serious about WC

JOHANNESBURG, Apr 19 (Reuters/Internet): South Africa have barred a top coach from joining Pakistan's World Cup squad because of fears he may disclose playing secrets to their English-born Richard Py-

bus, who coached Border to both the first-class and limited overs provincial finals this season. was appointed on Thursday as Pakistan's technical coach and fitness trainer for the World

However, United Cricket Board managing director Ali Bacher vetoed the arrangement after a board meeting at the "Richard works in South

Africa for six months of the year and he knows all our secrets and methods." Bacher said. "It would be entirely unacceptable to have him in an opposing camp at the World Cup."

A disappointed Pybus said: "I didn't think there were any secrets in international cricket these days, and besides I am too far removed from the national set-up to know what those secrets might be."

M'singh cricket

MYMENSINGH, Apr 19: Mukul Fouz Green and Nilkamal Club won their respective matches in the Mymensingh First Division cricket League at different local grounds today, reports UNB.

Mukul Fouz beat Al Helal AC by 38 runs at the Circuit House ground while Nilkamal Club defeated Golden Future Boys Club by 12 runs at the local stadium.

BRIEFSCORES

Mukul Fouz Green: 177 for 4 in 35 overs (Imran 65, Masud not out 41. Shuvo 27; Mohammad 1/15, Nasir 1/16) Al Helal AC: 139 all out in

28.4 overs (Mohammad 45, Hasan 21, Apu 21; Sohag 2/15, Masud 2/18) Nilkamal Club: 107 for all in

27.1 overs (Bappi 28; Utpal 2/4, Russel 2/13, Alamgir 2/18, Liton 2/24) Golden Future Boys Club: 95

for all in 24.2 overs (Noor Mohammad 22. Utpal 22; Murad 4/32, Krishna 3/13).

Ribbeck leaves out Moeller

BONN, Apr 19 (Reuters/ Internet): Germany head coach Erich Ribbeck left out Borussia Dortmund midfielder Andreas Moeller and called up TSV 1860 Munich's Horst Heldt for the first time when he named his squad for a friendly against Scotland in Bremen on April

Bayer Leverkusen midfielder Stefan Beinlich, troubled by a by a sore knee, was not included in the 21-man squad released on Monday. Also missing was Bayern Munich midfielder Mario Basler.

Six Bayern players are in the squad, among them veteran libero Lothar Matthaeus. Squad:

Goalkeepers: Oliver Kahn (Bayern Munich), Jens Lehmann (Borussia Dortmund) Defenders: Markus Babbel, Lothar Matthaeus (both Bayern Munich). Jens Nowotny (Bayer Leverkusen), Marko Rehmer (Hansa Rostock), Christian Woerns (Paris St Germain)

Midfielders: Michael Ballack (Kaiserslautern), Dietmar Hamann (Newcastle United), Joerg Heinrich (Fiorentina), Horst Heldt (TSV 1860 Munich) Jens Jeremies (Bayern Munich). Carsten Ramelow (Bayer Leverkusen), Lars Ricken (Borussia Dortmund), Thomas Strunz (Bayern Munich)

Strikers: Oliver Bierhoff (AC Milan), Marco Bode (Werder Bremen), Carsten Jancker (Bayern Munich), Ulf Kirsten (Bayer Leverkusen), Oliver Neuville (Hansa Rostock), Michael Preetz (Hertha Berlin)

European soccer scene

PARIS, Apr 19: AC Milan blasted Udinese 5-1 on Sunday to close within a single point of top club Lazio and set the stage for a thrilling end to the Serie A league season, reports AFP.

Milan knew the match at Udine would be their last shot at the title after Lazio's second consecutive defeat to Juventus on Saturday.

And Zvonimir Boban, the man who captained Croatia to third place at the World Cup, made sure they took that chance by scoring twice in the first 36 minutes.

Bayern Munich beat Eintracht Frankfurt 3-1 on Friday to move 13 points clear in the Bundesliga and give them a boost of confidence before their European Champions League match against Dynamo Kiev on Wednesday. Bosnian striker Hasan Sali-

hamidzic found the net in the 26th minute, Alexander Zickler scored eight minutes later and midfielder Thomas Strunz hit the third for Bayern in the 72nd minute with a lob. Before any goal had been

scored, Munich's Stefan Effenberg missed a penalty for a foul on Carsten Jancker.

Frank de Boer and Patrick Kluivert earned leaders Barcelona a 2-1 win over fourth-placed Real Mallorca to put them in complete command of the Spanish Primera Liga this weekend.

Barcelona are now nine points ahead of Celta Vigo, who could only draw 1-1 at home to Alaves on Sunday afternoon.

Real Madrid are now 10 points behind Barcelona in this place following their 3-1 home win against Valencia in Sunday's late match. Fernando Morient hit the first goal and Raul got the other two for the 1998 European Cup champions.

SERIE A

Milan's Boban converted a 15th minute penalty and then sidefooted the ball home after a superb run and a deft pass by Liberian George Weah. It was an ideal homecoming

not just for Milan coach Alberto Zaccheroni, who spent the previous three seasons at Udinese, but also for Milan's erratic centre-forward Oliver Bierhoff.

The German, top scorer in the Serie A last season with Udinese, headed Milan's third just before the break and then nodded the fourth from a Demetr Albertini free-kick after his former strike partner

Marcio Amoroso pulled on back in the 57th minute for Udinese. Weah, helped by Bierhoff and Boban, completed the rout in the 65th minute with a close-

range header. Zaccheroni, whose team had at best been hoping to secure a place in the next Champions League, said: "It's an important victory and one that changes

the objectives we set ourselves at the start of the season. "Now we really are in the battle for the championship. There's no point trying to deny

"It won't be just between us and Lazio, because Fiorentina are there too, and it's not going to be easy. . . But this team has determination."

BUNDESLIGA

VIL Bochum boxed their way out of the relegation zone with a 3-3 draw against VfB Stuttgart on Saturday, while second placed Bayer Leverkusen breezed to a 4-1 win over Bundesliga strugglers Borussia Monchengladbach.

Leverkusen were far too good for Gladbach and had their victory sealed by three Ulf Kirsten goals in the 14th, 54th and 67th minutes.

But the victory came with a



Montpellier's Jean-Christophe Roviere (L) tries to fight for the ball against Metz's Frederic Meyrieu in their French Cup semifinal on April 18. - AFP photo

Bologna await Marseille



ROME, Apr 19 (Reuters/Internet): French league leaders Olympique Marseille

will have to break down the doors of Fortress Bologna on Tuesday if they are to progress to the UEFA Cup

The Italian side are enjoying their best run of home form since 1973 as they prepare for the second leg of their semifinal after the goalless opener in France. Carlo Mazzone's side, seek-

ing to win their first ever European trophy, have won their last five home matches, scoring 14 goals in the process. They crowned that run with

a 3-0 defeat of title hopefuls Fiorentina on Saturday, despite resting several key players ahead of the biggest European tie of their 90-year history. Furthermore, they have

never lost a European match at their elegant art deco Dall'Ara stadium in a run stretching back 34 years and 23 matches to the last Italian championshipwinning Bologna side of the Having failed to find an

away goal in Marseille in the first leg, Bologna need another victory if they are to become the first team to reach the UEFA Cup final via the Intertoto Cup. According to their captain Michele Paramatti, that should not be too difficult.

"The 0-0 in the first leg was a positive result for us and was what we were looking for when we set out," he said. "We've always won at the Dall'Ara in Eu-

Spanish Primera Liga match on April 18.

things count for anything then we are well placed." Paramatti has the curious role of "European captain" for

Bologna while tough defender Giancarlo Marocchi captains the side in their league matches. "It happened by accident," said Paramatti, a key figure in a tremendous European cam-

paign which kicked off in July. "It's an idea which has brought us good luck so far. Let's hope it continues to do so. Bologna, who were in the third division just four years ago and are contesting their

first European semifinal for 38 years, will be at full strength for the visit of Marseille, who signalled their intent with a 4-0 demolition of lowly Nancy to return to the top of the French league last week.

The little big man partnership of Swedish striker Kennet Andersson and former Lazio

Independence Cup b'ball

Dhumketu Club earned their second victory in the Independence Cup basketball competition beating Eagles Club by 48-47 at the Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium yesterday, reports UNB.

In the day's very exciting match, the winners led the first half by 25-23. Nahad scored 14 and Pintu

12 for the winners while Azad 18 and Abir 14 for the losers.

idol Giuseppe Signori is likely to back in place after both were rested against Fiorentina. along with rock solid fullback Giovanni Bia. Signori, with five goals in

the competition so far, needs three more to become the club's all-time top scorer in Europe. Despite Bologna's formidable home record, Marseille coach Rolland Courbis still believes his side can win

the tie with a scoring draw. "(Bologna) will have the worry about elimination if we score," Courbis said. "I don't think they can score two goals

against us.' The French coach is set to field use Robert Pires and Christophe Dugarry lying deep and on the flanks, looking to stretch the Italian defence.

Brazilian Edson will start at left back for his ability to get behind the defence and put in dangerous crosses while Italy's Fabrizio Ravanelli and either Florian Maurice or Guinea's Titi Camara will play up front.

had suffered facial injuries in the hotel fight but declined to comment while police continued investigations. The 24-year-old forward was aiming to make the England

TEAMS

Bologna: Francesco Antonioli; Giovanni Bia, Amadeo Mangone, Alessandro Rinaldi, Michele Paramatti, Giancarlo Marocchi; Klas Ingesson, Davide Fontolan, Jonatan Binotto; Giuseppe Signori, Kennet Andersson.

Marseille: Stephane Porato; Williamn Gallas, Laurent Blanc, Cyril Domoraud, Edson; Frederic Brando, Peter Luccin; Robert Pires, Christophe Dugarry: Fabrizio Ravanelli, Florian Maurice/Titi Camara.

toward England teammate Le Saux in a league match against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge on Feb. 27. On Saturday, Fowler played

China's low

ton Villa.

observers.

BEIJING, Apr 19: China's swimming association has set a low-key target for its swimmers at the Olympic Games in Sydney next year, state media reported

Sunday, says AFP. The national swimming association medal target is for China's representatives to win one gold medal in the women's events and any medal in the

men's events. Xinhua news agency said. The lower expectations are mainly because of Chinese swimmers' poor performance at the 1996 Olympic Games and the fairly low world rankings

China's women swimmers won one gold, three silver and two bronze medals at the 1996 Olympics. Preparations for the 2000

last year, it said quoting sports

Games are concentrated on bringing to Sydney a "clean" squad with absolutely no drugs, even if this is at the cost of gold medal hopes, said a top ranking officials quoted in the report. Chinese swimmers are keen

to rebuild their image in Sydney after some Chinese swimmers Real Madrid's Pedja Mijatovic (C) tries to go through two Valencia players during their tested positive for drugs in the 1994 Asian Games at Hi-- AFP photo roshima, Japan, it said.

from the humiliation of letting are not expecting Bangladesh to and it was no fluke!!!" Dynamo back to the top



19 '(Reuters/Internet): A goal by Andriy Shevchenko, one of European soccer's hottest properties, returned Dynamo Kiev to the top of the Ukranian first division.

In Hungary, the Budapest

derby between Ferencearos and

Ujpest was again the scene of violent clashes between fans and police. Ferencearos won 1-In Ukraine, Champions' League semifinalists Dynamo Kiev reclaimed the top spot in the Ukrainian first division

1-0 home win over Kryvbas Kryviy Rih. But Dynamo, playing with-out injured striker Serhiy Rebrov, were unimpressive in their last game before their European Cup semifinal second leg clash with Bayern Munich

from Shakhtar Donetsk with a

on Wednesday. Kiev top striker Andri" Shevchenko scored from a 26n metre free kick -- his 13 league goal of the season -- on

the stroke of halftime. Shakhtar suffered their first defeat under former Russia coach Anatoly Byshovets, going down 2-1 at home to mid-table

Zirka Kirovohrad. Dynamo and Shakhtar are level on 46 points but the Kiev side have two games in hand. Olexander Polyanitsa's hattrick earned Karpaty Lviv an impressive 3-0 home win over

pattya I-Frankivsk. They remain a distant third on 40 points. In Hungary, the Budapest derby between Ferencearos and

second from bottom Prykar-

Ujpest was again marred by hooliganism. Violent clashes between Ferencyaros fans and the police prior to the game left one policeman with a broken leg and broken glass strewn across the streets surrounding the sta-

Eighteen fans were arrested. A police spokesman said more fans could be charged after video evidence was examined. Ferencearos president

Jozsef Torgyan caused a storm by criticising the police. He called for an inquiry into what he called " brutal and uncalled

for police intervention". Ferencearos won a dull game 1-0 thanks to a second-half goal from defender Janos Matyus. Ujpest played the bulk of the game with 10 men after de-

fender Zoltan Tamasi was sent There was also trouble at another all-Budapest clash. Kispest-Honved fans attacked MTK Budapest supporters as their team lost 2-0 to the league leaders.

In Romania, an injury time

goal from substitute Tersinio

Ganea gave leaders Dinamo Bucharest a 2-1 home victory over struggling Universitatea Craiova, opening a three-point lead over rivals Rapid Bucharest. Craiova took a surprise lead

through midfielder Claudiu Negru, Dinamo skipper Ionut Lu-pescu equalising from a first half penalty. Rapid managed only a 2-2 draw against Petrolul Ploiesti. Two down at the break, Rapid

fought back with goals from Nicolae Stanciu and top scorer Ionel Gane. Steaua Bucharest's 3-0 win in Constanta kept the current champions on course for a place

in next season's UEFA Cup. In Bulgaria, champions Litex Lovech won 3-1 at home to Slavia Sofia in a bad-tempered match which saw three red cards, two of them for Slavia.

Slavia players were furious about a penalty awarded to Litex in the first half and also claimed Litex's third goal was offside. "After the first half my players did not want to continue the match but I took the decision

and convinced them to play,"

Slavia coach Stoyan Kotsev said. The Slavia club said they would appeal over the referee's decisions at the Bulgarian Football Union. Levski Sofia are still just

two points behind Litex after

But Levski paid a high price

winning 1-0 away to Shumen.

for the victory with four key players picking up injuries and almost certain to miss the forthcoming clash with Spar-

tak Varna. CSKA Sofia's hopes of earning a spot in Europe next season all but ended with a 2-0 defeat at

hope to Metalourg Pernik. In Ppland, runaway league leaders Wisla Krakow enjoyed a comfortable 3-1 win away to Amica Wronki, maintaining their 15-point lead at the top. The top six slots remained

> unchanged with second-placed Widzew Lodz defeating fourthplaced Legia Warsaw 3-2 in the most attractive fixture of the weekend. Artur Wichniarek, the league's top scorer, raised his

season's haul to 17 when he scored the 43rd minute winner. In Czech Republic, Teplice pulled within seven points of leaders Sparta Prague with a 4-0 home win over Hradec Kralove. Jaromir Jindracek was on target twice.

Slavia Prague could jump back into second place with a win over Viktoria Plzen on Monday while Sparta Prague could build on their lead with a win at tiny Blsany, believed to be the smallest village boasting a first division team in Europe. In Croatia, the Croatian championship's play-off stage

league now split into two sixteam groups who will play off for the title and relegation respectively. Champions Croatia Zagreb struggled to beat Hrvatski Dragovoljac 1-0 to stay on top with 30 points. They are one ahead of Rijeka who kept their

began at the weekend with the

tory over Varteks Varazdin. Croatia settled the score in the 42nd through an opportunist goal by Bosnian interna-tional midfielder Edin Mujcin. Hajduk Split thrashed Osijek 4-1 but trail Croatia by six points. The defeat prompted Osijek coach Milan Djuricic to re-

title hopes alive with a 2-1 vic-

Slovan beat fellow Bratislava side Petrzalka 3-0 with Slovak international Jozef Majoros on target.

rope (this season) and if these