

## Draw for Champions League

GENEVA, Switzerland, July 23 (AFP): Draw for the third qualifying round of the European Champions League, made here on Friday.

**Chelsea (Eng) v Rapid Bucharest (Rom) or Skonto Riga (Lat)**

**Rapid Vienna (Aut) or Valletta (Mlt) v Galatasaray (Tur)**

**Florentina (Ita) v Lileks Lovetch (Bul) or Widzew Lodz (Pol)**

**Aalborg (Den) v Dynamo Kiev (Ukr) or Zalgiris (Lit)**

**CSKA Moscow (Rus) or Molde (Nor) v Real Mallorca (Spa)**

**Lyon (Fra) v Maribor (Slo) or Genk (Bel)**

**Croatia Zagreb (Cro) v Vestmannaeyjar (Isl) or MTK Budapest (Hun)**

**FC Haka (Fin) or Rangers (Sco) v Parma (Ita)**

**FC Slovan Jugoslavina (Mkd) or Brondby (Den) v Boavista (Por)**

**AEK Athens (Gre) v FC Dnipro Transmash Mogilev (Ukr) or Aik Solna (Sue)**

**Besiktas (Tur) or Hapoel Haifa (Isr) v Valencia (Spa)**

**Hertha Berlin (Ger) v Anorthosis Famagusta (Cyp) or Slovan Bratislava (Slo)**

**Dinamo Tbilisi (Geo) or Zimbru Chisinau (Mol) v PSV Eindhoven (Ned)**

**Spartak Moscow (Rus) v Partizan Belgrade (Yug) or NK Rijeka (Yug)**

**Sturm Graz (Aut) v Servette (Svi)**

**FK Teplice (Cze) v Borussia Dortmund (Ger)**

**First leg ties August 10 or 11. Second leg ties August 24 or 25.**

## Bellmare rope in Laybutt

HIRATSUKA, Japan, July 23: Struggling J-League club Bellmare Hiratsuka said Friday it has acquired current Australian international defender Stephen Laybutt for the remainder of the season, reports AFP.

The 21-year-old former Parramatta Powers SC defender, also a member of the Australian Olympic squad, has already joined the team and is waiting for a medical check before completing the move, a club official said.

Bellmare have also acquired Brisbane Strikers midfielder Chay Hews of Australia, 22, and Brazilian midfielder Jailton Nunes de Oliveira, 25, from Brazilian club Goias.

They were to replace Brazilians Claudio, Ricardo and Thiago, and Pavel Budea of Romania, who all left the team after Bellmare finished bottom in the first stage of the league.

## Douglas Tyson's next opponent

NEW YORK, July 23: Mike Tyson could get a shot at avenging his shocking heavyweight championship loss to James "Buster" Douglas in Tokyo about 9 1/2 years ago, reports AP.

The 39-year-old Douglas is one of three men being considered as an opponent for the 33-year-old Tyson's next comeback October 2 in Las Vegas, according to Jay Larkin, senior vice president in charge of sports for Showtime.

Larkin said the other two are 33-year-old Marvin Norriss and 30-year-old Zeljko Ravonovic of Croatia.

"We've been negotiating with all three of them simultaneously," he said Thursday. "We hope to have things done by the end of next week."

Because of the shrinking time frame to publicise the fight at the MGM Grand, indications are the match would be televised on Showtime, not on pay-per-view.

Since Tyson was knocked out in the 10th round by Douglas, a 42-1 shot, February 11, 1990, he has regained and lost the title (WBC and WBA), served two prison terms and had his licence revoked for biting Evander Holyfield's ears in their title rematch June 28, 1998. In his only fight since he got his licence back, he knocked out Francois Botha in the fifth round Jan 16.

Douglas wasn't champion long. Obviously, not in the best physical condition, he lost the undisputed title when he was knocked out in the third round by Holyfield October 25, 1990. He then retired, but in retirement his weight soared to more than 180 kilograms (400 pounds) and in 1994 he was hospitalised in a diabetic coma.

After leaving the hospital, Douglas began exercising and this led to his return to boxing. Since coming back in 1996, he has won eight of nine fights against mostly mediocre opponents. It appears he would retire again after being knocked out in the first round by Lou Savarese June 25, 1998. Since then, however, he scored a one-round knockout of Warren Williams and Andre Crowder.

"I screwed up big time," Douglas (37-6-1, 24 knockouts) said after the loss to Savarese. But, that quick knockout defeat could play a big role in getting him the rematch with a fading Tyson.

Norriss, older brother of former junior middleweight champion Terry Norriss, is a former cruiserweight champion. Despite 26 knockouts on his 49-5 record, Norriss is defence-oriented and his fights are often devoid of action. At about 100 kilograms (220 pounds), Norriss would be closer to Tyson's weight than would be the much heavier Douglas and Ravonovic.

Norriss has much less of a height advantage over Tyson than Douglas or Ravonovic, each 1.93 metres (6-foot-4).

# Euro meet begins Monday

ISTANBUL, July 23: A flurry of records over the past few weeks augurs well for an exciting time at the European Swimming Championships, beginning next Monday, reports Reuters.

The records in Europe have principally fallen in sprint events which will feature in the championships for the first time — 50 metres backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly — and more are likely to fall in seven days of action in the Atakoy Olympic pool.

Germany's Sandra Voelker improved her own 50 backstroke world mark in Monaco and that has been followed by successive women's world 50 butterfly records by Inge de Bruijn of the Netherlands and Sweden Anna-Karin Kammerling and a European women's 50 breaststroke mark by Britain's Zonia Baker.

Two of the European records set by East German women have gone from the books this month, 10 years after the Communist state collapsed.

Baker took the 50 breaststroke record from Silke Hörner and Sweden's Johanna Sjöberg bettered the 100 butterfly European mark set by Kristin Otto in a spree of six gold medals at the Seoul Olympics. The two East Ger-

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