

J-League
Marinos going strong

TOKYO, Aug 19: Yokohama Marinos chalked up a third straight win to stay top of the table beating Urawa Red Diamonds 2-0 in the J-League football second stage on Wednesday, reports AFP.

Yoshiharu Ueno snatched a rebound off the Urawa goalkeeper to score the first goal in the 65th minute and Korean international Yoo Sang-Chul added an insurance goal 20 minutes later.

The Marinos stood with three wins against no defeat to be tied with Kyoto Purple Sanga on nine points, followed by Vissel Kobe and Shimizu S-Pulse with six points.

Former national team coach Shu Kamuro steered Purple Sanga to a third straight win as Brazilian midfielder Silas hit home in a goal-mouth scramble for a 1-0 victory over Gamba Osaka.

Vissel defeated two-time champions Verdy Kawasaki 3-2 with Michiyasu Osada scoring two goals and Korean international Ha Seok-Ju one, while the S-Pulse whitewashed defending champions Kashima Antlers 2-0.

The first-stage winners Jubilo Iwata followed the Antlers as the two teams continued to struggle for their first win of the second stage with three straight defeats.

Jubilo bowed to Cerezo Osaka 3-2 as Korea's Hwang Sun-Hong, who opened the scoring in the sixth minute, put an end to sudden death extra-time in the 101st minute on a pass from compatriot Noh Jung-Yoon.

JEF United Ichihara and Bellmare Hiratsuka, bottom two placers in the first stage who are facing a relegation scare, ended a tough fight with JEF running out 2-1 winners.

Nagoya Grampus Eight gained their first win of the stage by beating Kashima Reysol 2-1 thanks to Lopes Wagner's decider in the 82nd minute.

The match between Sanfrecce Hiroshima and Avispa Fukuoka at the Hiroshima stadium was stopped at half-time due to bad conditions caused by heavy rains.

STANDINGS (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points -- three points for a win in regulation time, two points for a win in extra-time and one point for a draw):

Table with 4 columns: Team, Played, Won, Drawn, Lost, Goals For, Goals Against, Points. Lists teams like Yokohama F. Marinos, Kyoto Purple Sanga, Vissel Kobe, etc.

Shaky world champs win

PARIS, Aug 19: A 67th-minute goal by Lilian Laslandes nicked world champions France an unimpressive 1-0 victory over Northern Ireland in an international friendly at Belfast's Windsor Park on Wednesday, reports AFP.

Laslandes converted a Lilian Thuram cross from close range to settle a match in which the home side more than held their own.

The Irish could easily have gone ahead at the end of a tepid first half when John McCarthy hit the post.

The Birmingham player, celebrating his 29th birthday, robbed an over-elaborating Bixente Lizarazu in the French penalty area and his instant shot from a tight angle beat French goalkeeper Fabien Barthez but rebounded off the near post.

Spain warmed up for their European qualifiers next month with a 2-1 win in Poland.

Poland went ahead through a fortunate back header by Tomasz Hajto in the seventh

minute, sparking off a period of constant Spanish domination. Spain had two goals disallowed for offside before Fernando Morientes equalized in the 54th minute following a goalkeeping error.

Just two minutes after the goal, Morientes was clattered into and had to be taken off. Jorge Munilla shot home from six metres for the winner in the 66th minute.

Spain meet Austria, Cyprus and Israel in group six early next month.

Czech Republic, the only team to have definitely qualified for Euro 2000, beat Switzerland 3-0.

The Czechs, who meet Lithuania and Bosnia-Herzegovina in group 9 early next month, scored through Libor Koller, a Stefan Wolf own goal and Vit Baranek.

Finland scored a dramatic 4-3 victory against Belgium in Bruges with Jonatan Johansson scoring twice and Jarkko Wiss and Mika Lehtosuo scoring the others.

Ivailo Petkov hit a last-minute equalizer as he drew 1-1 in Ukraine, who went ahead through Sergei Rebrov in the

83rd minute. The Irish had an escape midway through the first half when Barry Hunter appeared to use his hand to dispossess Patrick Vieira in his own penalty area but the referee waved away the Frenchman's appeal.

Robert Pires went closest for the world champions but Northern Ireland goalkeeper Mark Taylor palmed away his 26th minute shot and Newcastle defender Aaron Hughes somehow flicked the loose ball over the bar.

Marcel Desailly was involved in an angry confrontation with Irish substitute James Quinn and Alain Boghossian had to boot a header off the line as France's frustration began to show in the second half.

Mark Williams then squared up with Vieira after seemingly tripping him in the area and then accusing the Arsenal man of diving. Once again the referee waved away the claim.

France got the goal they needed after 67 minutes. Thuram, previously given a rough time of it by Iain Dowrie, broke down the right, and crossed for Laslandes to squeeze the ball under substitute goalkeeper Tommy Wright.

The match was a double disappointment for the Irish Football Association (IFA) after the predicted sell-out crowd failed to materialise. IFA chiefs were already resigned to making substantial losses on the game because of the huge cost of bringing the world champions to Belfast.

In other friendly matches, Estonia beat Armenia 2-0, Denmark drew 0-0 with the Netherlands, Norway beat Lithuania 1-0, Sweden and Austria drew 0-0, Greece beat El Salvador 3-1 and Russia won 2-0 in Minsk against Belarus.

Collected international football friendly results on Wednesday: At Torshavn Faroe Islands 0 Iceland 1 (Gudjonsson 3-pen) At Bratislava Slovakia 1 (Fabus 80) Israel 0

At Warsaw Poland 1 (Hajto 7) Spain 2 (Morientes 54, Munilla 66) At Drnovice, Czech Republic Czech Republic 3 (Koller 49, Wolf 57-og, Baranek 90) Switzerland 0

At Bruges, Belgium Belgium 3 (Martens 42, Wilmoets 60, Mpenza 70) Finland 4 (Wiss 32, Johansson 45, 53, Lehtosuo 63) At Parnu, Estonia Estonia 2 (Kristal 79, Ustritski 90) Armenia 0

At Copenhagen Denmark 0 Netherlands 0 At Oslo Norway 1 (Andreas Lund 87) Lithuania 0

At Malmö, Sweden Sweden 0 Austria 0 At Kavala, Greece Greece 3 (Lyberoboulos 20, 86, Katsabis 90) Salvador 1 (Garcia 52-pen) At Kiev Ukraine 1 (Rebrov 83-pen) Bulgaria 1 (Y Petkov 90)

At Minsk Belarus 0 Russia 2 (Beechastnykh 38, Panov 47) At Nicosia Cyprus 2 (Malekios 14, Gogic 65) Romania 2 (Lupescu 45, Filipescu 75)

At Lisbon Portugal 4 (Rui Costa 17, Joao Pinto 35, Filo 45, Pauleta 67) Andorra 0 Hungary 1 Moldova 1

Red Star fans in custody

BELGRADE, Aug 19: Four Red Star Belgrade fans were arrested on Tuesday ahead of Wednesday night's potentially volatile European championship qualifier between Yugoslavia and Croatia, the team's supporters internet site reported, reports AFP.

The Delije website speculated the reason for the arrests was an article published on Tuesday by the daily Glas Javnosti in which the Red Star supporters said they would boycott the Yugoslavia-Croatia match, since they "do not recognise Yugoslavia" (Serbia and Montenegro) and its national team.

As fierce opponents of the regime of Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic, the supporters would instead participate in the anti-regime rally due to be held in Belgrade on Thursday, their site said.

Jovan Surbatovic, spokesman for the Delije, said "99 percent of the Red Star fans" would come to the rally "because we are against the regime and this situation can not be stand anymore."

During a Yugoslav championship match on July 31 in Cacak, Delije members started a huge fight in which 22 people, among them seven policemen, were injured.

Local police in the town accused the fans of coming to the game with the intention of "provoking incidents" and indicated that "a political party was behind" the fighting.

Fans of the other main Belgrade team, Partizan, said they would attend the Yugoslavia-Croatia match.

Wednesday night's game here will be the first time the Yugoslav and Croatian national teams have met since Croatia won a bitterly-fought independence campaign in 1991.

Schmeichel Denmark's year's best

COPENHAGEN, Aug 19: Danish international goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel was on Wednesday named Danish footballer of the year for the third time, reports AFP.

The 35-year-old joined Portuguese side Sporting Lisbon at the end of last season after eight years with English Premiership side Manchester United.

Capped 112 times, Schmeichel previously held the title in 1990 and 1993.

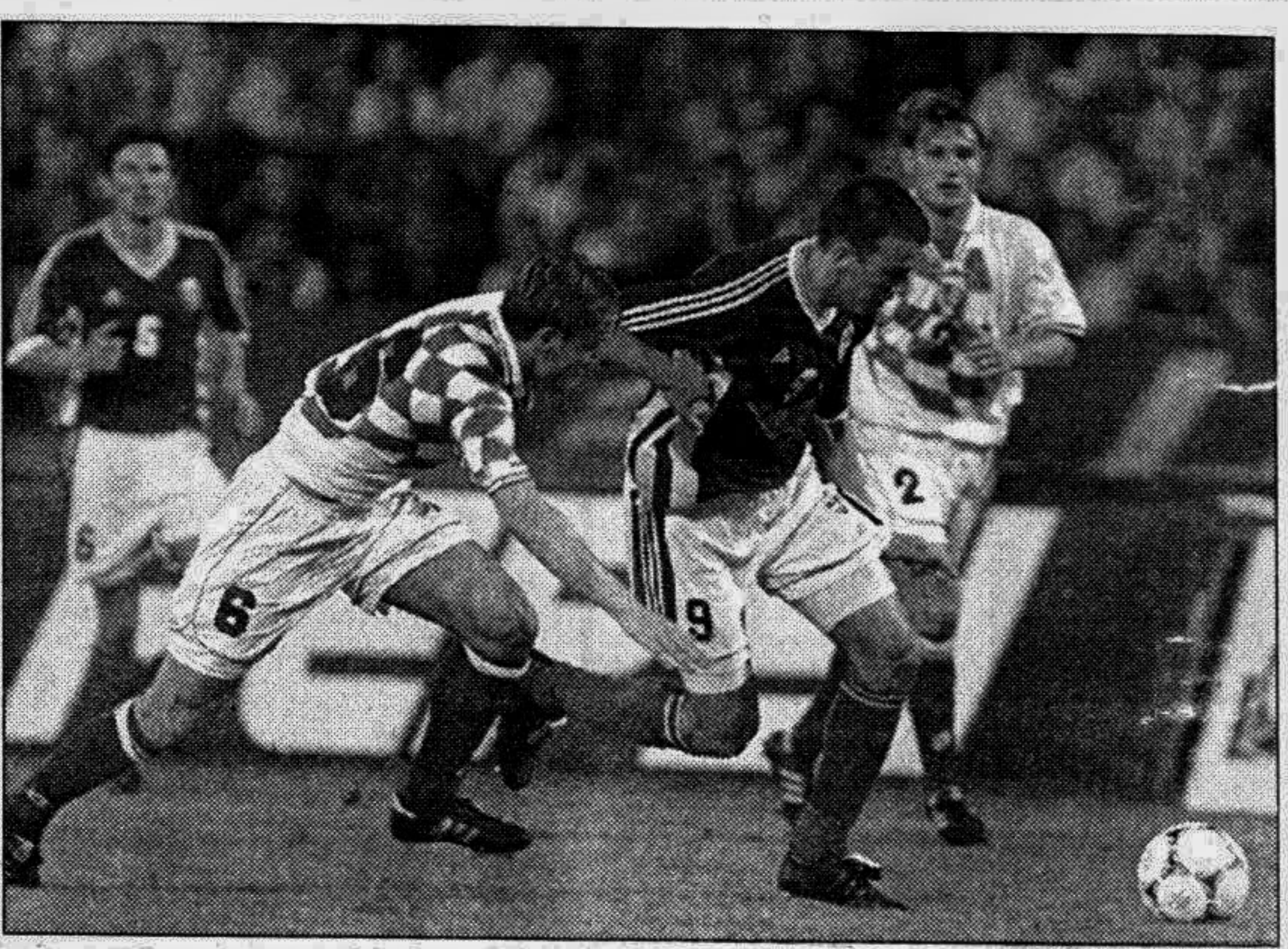
Owen blow for England

LONDON, Aug 19: England look certain to be without key striker Michael Owen for their European Championship qualifying double-header in September, reports AFP.

Owen, who damaged his hamstring four months ago, has only just returned to training with his club Liverpool - who have pencilled him in for a return on September 11 against Manchester United at Anfield.

England coach Kevin Keegan had hoped he would be able to call on the 19-year-old for the first time since taking charge when England play Luxembourg at Wembley on September 4 or in Poland four days later.

Owen had his first full training session with Liverpool on Tuesday and said: "It went fine. I'm just easing myself back in."



Yugoslavia's Darko Kovacevic (C) trying to accelerate past Croatian Dario Simic (No 6) during their Euro 2000 qualifier in Belgrade on August 18. The game ended goalless.

Bitter foes' anti-climax

As fierce opponents of the regime of Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic to resign: "Slobo, go away," "Slobo, Saddam, Red gang" and "Slobo, bastard, you sold Kosovo," as well as anti-Croatian chants.

Many also chanted "The rally is tomorrow," referring to the anti-regime protest to be held on Thursday in Belgrade, while the others lit torches and pocket lighters. A tear gas bomb was thrown from the south part of the stadium, prompting many to hide below the seats.

Police reinforced their presence during the break in a match televised live in 70 countries following the postponement of the original March fixture because of the Kosovo crisis.

A group of fans threw a seat at a Croatian coach Miroslav Blazevic, who had come onto the pitch to check whether the game would continue.

The calls for Milosevic to step down echoed similar calls from opposition rallies over the past two months.

If the quality of the football failed to live up to expectations, the all-Yugoslav crowd made up for it with a constant barrage of jeers and whistles directed against the visitors.

The capacity crowd of 52,000, with not a Croatian supporter in sight - no tickets were asked for or supplied for such a potentially explosive encounter - drowned out the Croatian national anthem with whistles and pounding on seats.

Norway-Turkey friendly called off

ZURICH, Switzerland, Aug 19: A friendly international between Norway and Turkey, scheduled to take place in Oslo on Wednesday night, has been cancelled due to the earthquake in Turkey, reports AFP.

The Norwegians will instead play a match against Lithuania, UEFA, the sport's European governing body, said.

Kiwi defender for Leeds

LEEDS, England, Aug 19: English Premiership side Leeds United on Thursday signed New Zealand international central defender Danny Hay from Australian club Perth Glory, reports AFP.

The 200,000 pound (320,000 dollar) fee for the 24-year-old could rise to 300,000 pounds depending on appearances.

Hay, impressed manager David O'Leary during a recent two-week trial.

They chanted "kill Ustashi," a reference to fighters of the fascist puppet government installed by Hitler in Croatia during World War Two.

In the night's other qualifier Slovenia beat Albania 2-0 in Group Two while a rash of friendlies across the continent included wins for world champions France, Spain, Norway, Finland and the Czech Republic.

The power failure early in the second half raised tensions at the politically-charged game and after some minor crowd trouble the police had to restore order.

Things remained generally calm on the pitch, however, and both teams had chances to win the game.

Fredrag Mijatovic almost gave Yugoslavia the lead in the first minute when he hit a post from close range, but the visitors hit the woodwork twice themselves before the interval.

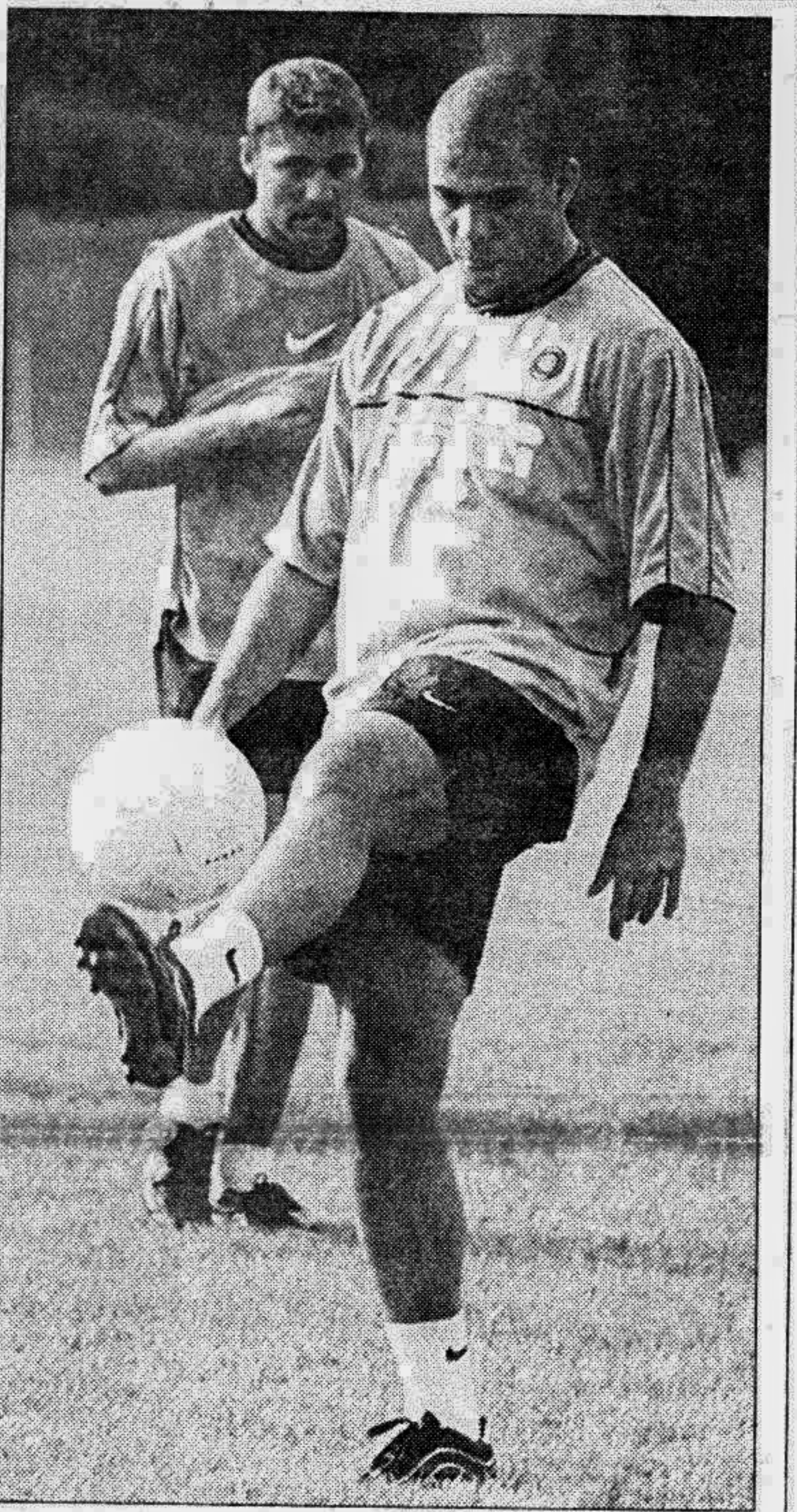
Although Yugoslavia lost their 100 per cent record in the group after three straight wins, the result keeps them top of the group with 10 points, a point ahead of Ireland and two clear of Croatia, who have played a game more.

Slovenia can start thinking of securing second place behind Norway and a place in the play-offs as they are now three points clear of third-placed Latvia.

Zlatko Zahovic shot home their first goal after 49 minutes and Milan Osterc got the second with a great header 10 minutes from time.

STANDINGS Table after Wednesday's Euro 2000 qualifying matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points).

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BILLION DOLLAR PROPERTY: Inter Milan superstars Ronaldo (R) and Christian Vieri in practice at the Pinetina training camp in Appiano Gentile on August 18. Inter have spent nearly one billion dollars to acquire the two strikers.

Atletico ready to pay

LEEDS, England, Aug 19: Atletico Madrid have promised to pay English Premiership club Leeds United the full 12 million pound (19.2 million dollar) transfer fee for Dutch striker Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink in one go, reports AFP.

TV Guide

Friday 20th August (All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)
BTV Morning Session 9:00 Opening announcement, Holy Al-Quran, programme summary 9:05 Patriotic song 9:10 Khabar 9:15 Alor De-shari 9:35 Nijer Jannya 10:00 News 10:05 Animation Film 10:30 Mythaskria 11:00 Sangeet Sammelon 12:30 Close down
Evening Session 3:00 Opening announcement, Holy Al-Quran, programme summary 3:10 Recitation from the Tripitak 3:15 Patriotic song 3:20 Bengali Film 4:00 Khabar 4:45 UNDP Programme 6:00 Special Programme in memory of Sufi Mottahar Hossain 6:15 Programme on Cooperative and Rural Development 6:30 Khabar 6:40 Programme from the Chittagong Centre 7:05 Malancha 7:25 Drama Serial: Shilpi 8:00 News in Bangla 8:35 Film Show: The New Adventure of Sindbad 9:00 Selected Programme 10:00 New at Ten (English) 10:30 Amader Katha 11:00 Film Show: The X-Files 11:30 Khabar/The News 11:45 Close down.
BBC 6:00 BBC World News 6:05 USA Direct 6:30 World Living: Talking Movies 7:00 BBC World News in World Business & Asia Today 10:00 BBC Focus: USA Direct 11:30 Europe Direct 12:00 World News 12:30 Moneywise Presented by Sucharita Ghose 1:00 World News 1:30 World Living: Top Gear-The Air Show 2:30 World Focus: The Sky At

Headlines News 10:00

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STAR WORLD 6:00 Aerobics Oz Style 6:30 Hollywood Squares 7:00 Brittas Empire 7:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventure 8:00 2 Point 4 Children 8:30 Newhart 9:00 Walker Texas Ranger 10:00 Duet South 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 "World's Greatest Hoaxes Finally Revealed" 1:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 1:30 Tropical Heat 2:30 Movie-TV: 3:00 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventure 3:30 2 Point 4 Children 4:00 Hollywood Squares 4:30 World News 5:00 Asia News Update 5:15 World Business Report 5:30 Home Improvement 6:00 Dr Quinn Medicine Woman 6:45 Asia News Update 7:00 Heartbeat 8:00 Peak Practice 9:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 9:30 Home Improvement 10:00 Dr Quinn Medicine Woman 11:00 Heartbeat 12:00 The Simpsons 12:30 3rd Rock From the Sun 1:00 Home Improvement 1:30 Dr Quinn Medicine Woman 2:30 Heartbeat 3:30 Exalted Word 4:00 Aerobics Oz Style 4:30 World News 5:00 Voyage To The Bottom of the Sea
ZEE INDIA TV 7:00 Jagran 7:30 to 11:30 PM Every Half Hour-Zee News Hindi 12:30 News in Hindi 1:57 News Headlines 1:00 Ru Ba Ru 1:30 Jaanch Ya Aanch 2:00 The Tech Show 2:30 Ap Ki Adalat 3:00 India Debates 3:30 Bourvita Quiz Contest 4:00 Teen Kaman 4:30 Session With Seshan

MTV INDIA

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MUSIC ASIA 7:30 Aalaap 8:00 B&W Gems 8:30 All Time Hits 9:00 Hit Parade 9:30 World Premiere 9:45 Brake Fall 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Colgate Zig Zag Best Of The Day 11:30 Bajaj Music Box 12:00 World Premiere 12:15 Medixim Madhur Moments 12:30 Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek 12:45 Pop Re Pop 1:00 Jharokha 1:30 Teat 2:00 Pop Re Pop 2:15 World Premiere 2:30 Orpat Telephone Pop O Mania 3:00 All Time Hits 3:30 Medixim Madhur Moments 3:45 Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek 4:00 World Premiere 4:15 Pop Re Pop 4:30 Bajaj Music Box 5:00 Super Vassool 5:30 Keshkaha Old Is Gold 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 Brake Fall 6:45 World Premiere 7:00 Hit Parade 7:30 All Time Hits 8:00 Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek 8:15 Med-

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SONY TV

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ZEE TV 6:00 Yaadon Ki Pal-B/V Songs 6:30 Zee News 6:50 Jhalak-Trailor 7:30 Jagran 8:00 Guldasta 8:30 Zara Has Ke-Hai Zindagi 9:00 Zara Has Ke-Filmi Chakkari 9:30 Disney Hour 10:30 Ek Nazar 8:30 Perils Of Penelope 9:00 Josie & Pussycat 9:30 Drink The Little

DD METRO

DD METRO 3:00 Jharokha 3:10 Sports Time 3:30 Dhalti Sham Ki Suraj 4:00 Ank Ajoba 4:30 Sports Hour 5:30 Jaldi Jaldi Game 6:00 Mickey And Donald 6:30 He Man & The Masters of Universe 7:00 Chip And Dale 7:00 Telescooper 7:50 Entertainment Show: Cinema Cinema 8:00 Light Music/Mazhab Nahi Shikha 8:30 Shreeman Shreemati (Serial) 9:00 All The Best 10:00 Bhasas 10:30 Aaj Tak 10:50 Road Watch 11:00 Jharokha 11:05 Journeys To Art 11:30 Feature Film in English
DD Int'l 9:30 Opening & News in English 9:45 Business Plus 10:00 Chitrahara (Meet the Film Star) 10:30 Asian AM 11:00 Light Music 11:15 Suravi (Renuka Sahani) 11:45 Gul Gulshan Gulshan 12:15 Bharat Samachar 12:30 TBA 1:00 Hindi Film 10:00 Hindi Film (Rpt) (Underrun Closed)

Home TV

Home TV 8:00 Club 700 8:30 High Five 9:00 Pahl Nazari 9:15 Cartoons 10:00 Action Drama 10:45 Chalte Chalte 11:00 Hit-Hit Hurry 12:00 Hollywood Hangame 12:30 Satya 1:00 Tele Shopping Network 1:30 Telebrands 2:00 Guban Sambhal Ke 2:30 Ga Mere Man Ga 3:30 Duniya Gol Hai 4:00 Safar 4:30 Matinee Show 5:00 Tele Shopping Network 5:30 Chalte Chalte 5:45 Cartoon 6:30 Action Drama 7:15 Chalte Chalte 8:30 Born Lucky 9:00 Popularly Yours 9:30 First Cut 10:00 Gaane yako tune kahi 10:30 Duniya Gol Hai 11:30 Amma & Family 12:00 Zuban Sambhal Ke 12:30 Panther 1:00 Bollywood Reporter 2:30 Kabhi Icher

ZEE CINEMA

ZEE CINEMA 8:15 Film Show 11:15 Movie Fare 11:30 Movie Zone 2:30 Madhyantar 2:45 Top of The Tops 3:15 Film Show 6:15 Top Noptch 6:30 Music Of A Magic 6:45 Making Of A Legend 7:15 Friday Favourite Film Show 10:30 Film Show 1:45 Film Baatein 2:15 Film Show

AXN ACTION TV

AXN ACTION TV 7:30 Highlander I #Ep-The Watchers 8:30 Ghostweeper 9:00 Yamato Takara 9:30 Extremists 10:00 Xtreme Sports 12:30 Polic Rescue #Ep-Rush Hour 11:30 AXN The