

## Sport

## Coach Marsh turns selector

SYDNEY, Sept 18 (Internet report): A five-man panel has been formed to appoint the new Australian coach at a meeting of Australian Cricket Board (ACB) directors on Friday.

The panel, consisting of ACB chairman Denis Rogers, chief executive Malcolm Speed, former Australia Test batsman Wally Edwards, Trevor Robertson of South Australia and the ACB's operations general manager Richard Watson, will draw up a shortlist of candidates and commence interviewing for the post as soon as possible.

The position will not be advertised and it is hoped an appointment can be made by the end of October, prior to the beginning of the domestic international season.

The vacancy was created by the recent resignation of Geoff Marsh, coach since 1996, who leaves the role at the end of Australia's current tour of Sri Lanka.

Meanwhile, Marsh has been named as a new selector.

Marsh has been appointed as an international selector and will join the current three-man panel of chairman Trevor Hohns, Allan Border and Andrew Hilditch.

Board chairman Rogers has been re-appointed to the post for a further 12 months.

Players, from Tasmania, who first became an ACB director in 1989, has been chairman of the board since 1995.

## Ronaldo's visit to Kosovo put back

BRUSSELS, Sept 18: Plans by Inter Milan striker Ronaldo to visit a school in war-ravaged Kosovo have been put back a week, a Belgian charity said today, reports Reuters.

"The reason for this last-minute delay is that Ronaldo's club, Inter Milan, wants to associate itself with this humanitarian gesture... and has asked for a couple of days to organise," Caritas Secours International said in a statement.

Brazil international Ronaldo would now visit the school in Gjakove, which has been rebuilt as part of a United Nations Development Programme, on September 27, rather than on Monday.

Van Brussele said she believed Inter Milan hoped to organise a plane to make Ronaldo's trip easier but full details should become known next week.

## Steffi settles in with Andre

LAS VEGAS, Sept 18 (Internet report): Steffi Graf has moved into the Las Vegas home of Andre Agassi, the mass-circulation newspaper Bild reported today.

"They have a lot of time for each other and are bouncing around in the area."

Bild quoted Graf's manager Hans Engert as saying.

The newspaper, with the largest readership in Germany, devoted a three-page spread, including a front page story, to the reported romance between the two.

Graf announced this week that she had broken up with her boyfriend of seven years, German racing driver Michael Bartels.

Neither Graf nor Agassi have confirmed their romance, which has been making headlines in Germany for three days.

Graf, 30, retired earlier this (northern) summer. The former No.1 attended the men's final of the US Open last Sunday between Agassi and Todd Martin.

New York newspapers said Graf and Agassi spent some time in conversation at the US Open and that they were later seen together at a restaurant.

## Carlos attacks MU's mode of attack

MADRID, Sept 18: Real Madrid full back Roberto Carlos has criticised European champions Manchester United for their limited attacking options, reports Reuters.

In an interview with Spanish daily As published on Friday Robert Carlos compares United's route to goal with that of his club.

"All United do is give the ball to David Beckham on the right for him to cross it into the area."

Real Madrid were very different, said the Brazilian international.

"We create chances differently, from the wing, through the middle, from the back. We give ourselves so many alternatives."

"We're just a short way off being the best team in Europe. All we need is for our forwards to learn to get into the right positions."

The only way other teams try to beat us is through the long ball. It's an ugly type of football."

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## Slater turns up heat



COLOMBO, Sept 18 (AFP): Opening batsman Michael Slater with 119 and rookie fast bowler Scott Muller with five for 64 took the honours for Australia on the second day of their three-day tour game against a Board XI at the Colombo CC grounds Saturday. Slater stroked a magnificent 119 off 136 balls hitting three sixes and 14 fours and Muller, took five wickets for 64 runs on his international debut to give Australia a firm grip on the game.

Australia who took a first innings lead of 41 stretched it to 226 by the close when they reached 223 for three wickets going into the third and final day tomorrow.

Cutting and driving with conviction Slater shared a third wicket stand of 110 with Mark Waugh before being stumped off part time bowler Saman Jayantha shortly before the close.

Waugh whose last seven first class innings in Sri Lanka has produced six ducks, finally got off the mark with a single and raised his bat in relief as he received applause from the small crowd.

He overcame some short-pitched bowling by Ravindra Pushpakumara and Indika Galage to remain unbeaten on 37 at the close. Waugh batted over two hours for his 37.

The Board XI resuming at 29-3 in reply to Australia's first innings of 226, were dismissed for 185 with fast bowlers

Damien Fleming and Muller taking the major honours with nine wickets between them.

Muller bowling at full steam troubled all the batsmen with his pace and bounce, while Fleming also made use of the help of pitch to take 4-40.

Only 19-year-old Chamara Silva batted with some confidence stroking his way to 10 fours in his innings of 66 scored off 86 balls.

Tail-ender Suresh Perera



MICHAEL SLATER

helped the home side recover from 125-8 to their final score of 185, with a rapid knock of 46 off 52 balls. He hit three sixes off leg-spinner Shane Warne. His innings also included five fours.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day tour match between a Sri Lanka Board XI

and Australia on Saturday: AUSTRALIA: First innings

226 BOARD XI: First innings (29-3 overnight)

A Gunawardana lbw b Muller 1 S Dilshan b Fleming 0 S Jayantha c Healy b Fleming 2 S Silva c Slater b Fleming 66 R Kalpage c Slater b Muller 2 I da Saran c Healy b Muller 23 P Jayawardene c Healy b Fleming 19 N Perera c Muller b Warne 1 S Perera b Muller 46 I Gallage c Slater b Muller 2 R Pushpakumara not out 5 Extras: [lb-5, w-2, nb-11] 18 Total: (All out) 185 Fall of wickets: 1-2; 2-8; 3-10; 4-27; 5-96; 6-112; 7-119; 8-125; 9-162.

Bowler: O M R W

Fleming 17 5 40 4 Muller 152 2 64 5 Miller 10 0 33 0 Warne 9 2 43 1 Blewett 1 1 0 0

AUSTRALIA: Second in-

nings Blewett c Jayawardene b Pushpakumara 16 Slater st Jayawardene b Jayantha 119 Langer b Perera 21 M Waugh not out 37 Ponting not out 9 Extras: [b-5, lb-1, w-2, nb-13] 21 Total: (For three wickets) 223 Fall of wickets: 1-49; 2-89; 3-199.

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## Dortmund move into second

BERLIN, Sept 18: Borussia Dortmund moved level on points with German First Division leaders Hamburg SV with a 3-0 win at TSV 1860 Munich on Friday, reports Reuters.

Three days after their 1-1 draw at Feyenoord in their opening Champions League group match the 1997 European champions, who are now second, confirmed they travel well. They have now won two of their three away league matches.

Veteran midfielder Andreas Mueller put Dortmund ahead in the 24th minute and an own goal by TSV 1860 defender Marco Kurz gave them a 2-0 lead in the 38th minute.

Fredi Bobic sealed Dortmund's win five minutes into the second half.

In Friday's other match three goals by Tunisian striker Abel Selimi helped SC Freiburg to a 5-0 win over 10-man Hansa Rostock — their largest Bundesliga victory.

Defender Stefan Mueller and Tunisian midfielder Zoubaier Baya were the other marksmen.

Bremen had Egyptian mid-

fielder Yasser Radwan sent off for handling the ball in the 25th minute.

Hamburg visit Kaiserslautern on Sunday. Champions Bayern Munich are away to Eintracht Frankfurt today.

## STANDINGS

Bundesliga table after match on Friday (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):

	Hamburg	5	3	1	0	13	4	10
Borussia	5	3	1	1	7	3	10	
Freiburg	4	3	1	0	7	3	10	
1860 Munich	5	2	2	1	12	5	8	
Wolfsburg	4	2	1	1	8	6	7	
Bayern	4	2	1	1	5	3	7	
Bielefeld	4	2	0	4	2	6	6	
Unterhaching	4	2	0	2	4	4	6	
Kaiserslautern	5	2	0	3	7	9	6	
Duisburg	4	0	2	2	3	6	2	
Ulm	4	0	1	3	3	8	1	
Stuttgart	4	0	1	3	1	7	1	

## Boro will miss

Juninho, Gazza

MIDDLESBROUGH, England, Sept 18: Neither newly-signed Brazilian Juninho nor Paul Gascoigne will play for Middlesbrough in the Premiership clash with Leeds United on Sunday, reports AFP.

Juninho has not received international clearance from Spain to play against Leeds United, while former England star Gascoigne is ruled out with a calf injury.

A Premier League spokesman said: "Friday is the last day to register players for games on a Saturday or a Sunday."

Juninho arrived in Middlesbrough on Friday to start a loan spell at his old club with a view to a permanent move from Atletico Madrid.

Of Gascoigne, manager Bryan Robson said: "Gazza was troubled with a calf injury after the Worthington (League) Cup tie at Chesterfield on Tuesday night."

"If he played against Leeds he would probably rip his calf and that would keep him out for weeks. I want to give him enough time to recover and do himself justice."

Russia reached the final by defeating France 3-2 in Moscow in the first round, then ousting the Slovak Republic 3-2 in the semifinals.

The United States blanked Croatia 5-0 at home in the first round then beat Italy in Ancona in the semifinals.

Spain, who defeated Switzerland 2-1 in the 1998 final, were ousted by Italy in the first round, when the Swiss bowed out to Slovakia.

"I try to go mostly by rankings," US captain Billie Jean King said of a team selection that leaves veteran Monica Seles on the sidelines throughout the two-day tie. "Not always, but mostly by rankings."

Serena Williams, 17, moved up to fourth in the world after her triumph over world number one Martina Hingis of Switzerland last Sunday, one place in front of Seles.

But Davenport is still the top-ranked US player at number two, and Venus Williams is ranked third.

"It's hard," King said of the selection process. "I think they all deserve to play."

Venus Williams will open play against Elena Likhovtseva, ranked 17th in the world, on Saturday. The matches start on both days at 20:00 GMT at the Taube Family Tennis Center on the campus of Stanford University.

Williams has won all three of their previous meetings, in Moscow in 1997 and 1998 and at the WTA Tour event here in Stanford in 1998.

After that, Davenport will take on the 68th-ranked 17-year-old, who she has never beaten before.

"I've heard of her. I've never watched her play," said Davenport, who admitted that she had been expecting to play Tatiana Panova. "We'll talk about it tonight and figure out what to do."

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## JOHANNESBURG,

Sept 18 (Reuters/AFP): Zambia beat South Africa 1-0 after extra time to reach

Sunday's soccer final of the All Africa Games when they will face Cameroon.

The goal by substitute

Bernard Makulu in the 106th

minute earned a poignant vic-

tory coming six years after a

tragic plane crash destroyed the

heart of the national soccer

side.