India cricketers | off to Nairobi

MUMBAI, Sept 22: The Indian squad, led by Ajay Jadeja. left here this morning by a Kenyan Airways flight for Nairobi to take part in the fournation LG Cup cricket tournament to be held there from September 25-October 3, reports

Two members of the 14strong squad. Mohammed Kaif and Vijay Bhardwaj, are to join the team in Nairobi after flying out from Los Angeles where they were part of the India "A" squad which lost 1-4 yesterday to Australia "A" in the America Challenge series.

The manager of squad, who is to be named by the cricket board at its ongoing annual general meeting in Jaipur, did not leave with the team. He is expected to reach Nairobi later. India's first match, against South Africa, is scheduled on

September 26. The squad: Ajay Jadeja (Capt). Saurav Ganguly (vicecapt), Sadagopan Ramesh, Rahul Dravid, Robin Singh, Vijay Bharadwaj, Mohd Kaif, M S K Prasad (WK), Nikhil Chopra, Sunil Joshi, Debasish Mohanty, B K Venkatesh Prasad, Jacob Martin, and Laxmi Ratan Shukla. Coach Anshuman Gaekwad.

FIXTURES

Sept 25: Kenya v Zimbabwe Sept 26: India v South Africa Sept 28: South Africa v Zim-

Sept 29: India v Kenya Sept 30: Kenya v South Oct 1: Zimbabwe v India

Oct 3: Finals Oct 4: Reserve day

America cricket

Australia A widen margin

LOS ANGELES, Sept 22: India A completed their dismal outing with yet another pathetic batting display that left the bowlers fighting in vain against Australia 'A', who coasted to a five-wicket win in the final tie to win the America Challenge one-day cricket series 4-1 here on Tuesday, reports PTI. ·

The Indian batsmen, on being put in by Damien Martyn. who led the side after skipper Adam Gilchrist chose to rest once again faltered on a dubious pitch of uneven bounce to be bundled out for 121 runs in 44.3

Shoaib eyes From page 13

what a nice, friendly place Trent Bridge is and what a wonderful ground it is, so that played a part in my decision."

Shoaib is not concerned about the demands of playing county cricket, coming as it will next year after a busy winter schedule in which he will tour Australia and the West Indies with Pakistan. "I know it will be a big strain

on my body but I also know it will help me to develop as a fast bowler because I am still on a steep learning curve," said the fast bowler. "You have to accept that in

this line of work there are going to be times when you're tired and you'll be carrying one or two niggles, but that won't hold

"Notts can rest assured that I'm not going to come here, pick up the money and not give it everything. That's not my style." Shoaib recently pulled out of

a tournament in Toronto with Pakistan due to a shoulder injury, but although he is booked in for a routine check with a specialist he said that the problem was not serious.

"I expect to be fit for the tournament that takes place in Sharjah next month," he said. Notts cricket manager Rice

is understandably excited about the prospect of having Shoaib to spearhead his attack and said: "He'll sort out the men from the boys. "He has the capacity to have

three or four of them out before a ball is bowled because a lot of batsmen won't be relishing the prospect of facing someone who can bowl at nearly 100 miles per hour.

"Once I knew Shoaib wanted to come here and play for a county he was our number one target. Not only is he faster than anyone else in the game. the fact that he is so young and so eager to learn appealed to

Kapil for From page 13

"I am ready to take up the challenge. I have just got the message from the BCCI. I will talk to the BCCI officials on Wednesday to know the details," Kapil said.

Meanwhile, outgoing president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Raj Singh Dungarpur said: "Usually, the term of national coach is for one year, but Kapil Dev wanted a two-year term. The BCCI considered the request and decided to grant it as a special case."

Kapil's predecessor Gaekwad said: "I expect him to do a better job with his enormous experience as a player and as the former captain of the Indian team. I wish him and the team under his guidance all the best and the boys will gain a lot from his ex-

perience." Gaekwad, whose last assignment as the coach would be the four-nation tournament at Nairobi starting September 25. said he wanted to quit on a

winning note. "Well, I would love to finish (my stint as coach) on a winning note," he was quoted as saying by the Press Trust of India.

Also Tuesday, AC Muthiah, a leading industrialist, replaced Dungarpur as president of BCCI. The board appointed South Africa's Andrew Leipus as the Indian team's physical trainer.

Milan owe Leonardo one

tryman Serginho chipped a

cross to the far post, but there

was more soul than system to

saray looked unlikely to score.

while Umit was booked for

At the other end, Galata-

Milan's attack.

MILAN, Sept 22: Brazilian star Leonardo put AC Milan's Champi-CHAMPIONS ons League campaign right on track here on Tuesday night.

scoring one goal and making

the other in a 2-1 victory over

It wasn't champagne foot-

ball, but the Group H win eased

the bitter memory of Milan's 0-

0 draw against Chelsea at

Stamford Bridge last week and

set the five-times winners on

the long road to the second

by smacking the ball past his

World Cup teammate Taffarel

in the 44th minute and then

supplying a defence-splitting

pass for Andriy Shevchenko to

Galatasaray hauled them-

selves off the ropes five minutes

after the re-start when Davala

Umit drilled the ball home, and

the Turkish side had several

chances to level before the final

Alberto Zaccheroni said: 'The

first 45 minutes were splendid:

we were dynamic, aggressive

every three days. We were the

last team to play last week and

the first to play this week, and

by the second half the team had

"It was only inevitable that

Galatasaray would come out in

the second half, because they had expended a lot less energy

than we had. They were more

aggressive than we were. They

Turkish coach Fatih Terim

"But in the second half we

"There are another four

After a drab start, Leonardo

wouldn't be tempted into saying

that Milan were fortunate to

win. "Whoever wins is always

played really well, we showed

matches to go and each one is a

new match. We will keep on

set up Milan's first half-chance

of the evening in the 12th

Oliver Bierhoff headed over.

minute with a corner which

any momentum moving for-

ward, partly because of the con-

stant harrying by Milan's mid-

field and partly due to their

Milan's first shot on target

didn't come until the 23rd

minute when Leonardo's over-

into Taffarel's waiting arms.

head kick soared comfortably

a minute later when the

Brazilian striker hoisted over a

corner from the left and

Bierhoff's powerful header

header wide after fellow coun-

Leonardo himself sent a

GLASGOW, Sept Wessels.

21: A deflected

free-kick by

Michael Tarnat in

the 90th minute

enthused:

Isalvaged

draw for Bayern Munich in

their Group F Champions'

League clash with Scottish side

Rangers at Ibrox on Tuesday,

one of his own players and ca-

reered past French goalkeeper

Lionel Charbonnier just as

Rangers looked to have secured

"Everything is just going fan-

tastic for me right now. I set the

ball up in the 90th minute and

four points from their first two

games after last week's 2-1 win

over PSV Eindhoven. Rangers

have just one point having lost

2-0 to Valencia in their opening

coach said: "The team showed

great heart and played at a high

level right until the end.

Rangers won the first half but

the second half was ours. The

draw is a fair result when you

look at how many chances we

president added: "That was a

tough game and a really hard

piece of work against a side

which was really on the ball. We

pressed them hard though in

in the 22nd-minute when a typ-

ically fierce shot by German

Jorg Albertz beat Bayern's

fourth-choice keeper Stefan

Rangers had taken the lead

the end so the draw is okay."

Franz Beckenbauer, Bayern

Ottmar Hitzfeld, Bayern

The draw leaves Bayern with

a memorable victory.

just slammed it.

match.

had to score."

Tarnat's strike deflected off

reports AFP.

flashed just beyond the far post.

But they were nearly in front

woefully imprecise passing.

Galatasaray failed to build

that we meet the standard.

"But we've also been playing

A relieved Milan coach

whistle.

and fast

did well.

fighting."

right," he said.

given everything.

make it 2-0 a minute later.

Leonardo broke the deadlock

Galatasaray, reports AFP.

diving just outside the penalty area in the 35th minute. But two minutes later, Umit



Taffarel.

Milan looked to be cruising,

only for Galatasaray to sud-

denly hit back after the re-start

Hakan Unsal broke down the

left, crossed into the middle and

Umit crashed the ball past a

in the 62nd minute when

It could easily have been 2-2

helpless Christian Abbiati.

AC Milan's former Brazilian international Leonardo (No 18) becomes the toast of his teammates after putting Milan in front against Galatasary at the San Siro on September 21.

marked inside the area, he was picked out by Romanian Gheorghe Hagi's free-kick but his angled shot from the edge of the six-metre box crept just wide of the far post.

It looked destined to finish all square at the break, only for the score to be turned on its head after Taffarel botched an easy clearance.

Bierhoff won possession and curled a high ball over to the right hand post, Leonardo chested it down past Romanian defender Gheorghe Popescu and then blasted home a left-foot

It was 2-0 just a minute later when Leonardo provided a superb ball through the middle and Shevchenko, the Champions League's top scorer last season with Dynamo Kyiv. ran on to steer it past the advancing

Tarnat Bayern's savior

Rangers gave a rousing lirst-

half display which went a long

way to banishing the memory

of that defeat by Valencia last

season, fielded debutant keeper

Wessels after a catalogue of in-

juries to their senior shot-stop-

sign of nerves early in the game.

diving at the feet of Jonatan

Johansson in the first minute

after Barry Ferguson had clev-

erly played the ball through the

middle. And he reacted instinc-

tively in the 10th minute to

touch away a shot from Joha-

stride and almost took the lead

six minutes later when Thomas

Linke steered a header wide

from a good position following

Then Giovane Elber saw his

Valencia atop

Group F

Valencia went top of Group F on

goal difference after a useful 1-1

draw at PSV Eindhoven in their

European Champions League

encounter on Tuesday, reports

tacular volleyed opener for the

Spaniards but Ruud Van

Nistelrooy levelled with a sec-

Valencia and German cham-

pions Bayern Munich both have

four points but the Spaniards

have conceded one goal less.

ond-half penalty.

Claudio Lopez scored a spec-

EINDHOVEN, Sept 22:

a corner from Mehmet Scholl.

Bayern took it all in their

nsson at the near post.

Bayern, beaten finalists last

The 20-year-old showed no

- AFP photo tute Erdem Arif's free-kick Seven minutes later,

Leonardo left to an ovation, re-

placed by midfielder Federico Giunti, as Galatasaray looked increasingly dangerous. Giunti soon made his presence felt, getting booked and then hitting the crossbar in the

78th with a chip which had Taffarel well beaten. Abbiati saved Milan five minutes from the whistle when he fended off Arif's well-taken free-kick into the top right hand corner and the Turkish

substitute headed just wide after

a goalmouth scramble in in-

jury-time. Abbiati was soon back in action, scrambling back to push Arif's looping header away from the goalline in a dramatic finale, seconds before the San Siro erupted at the final whis-

shot cannon off Charbonnier

after Hasan Salihamidzic had

the lead in the 22nd minute

with a clinical finish from

Albertz from the edge of the

area that wrong-footed Wessels.

Michael Mols and Johansson

both had chances to add to

Rangers' tally while Elber

dragged a shot wide when in a

good position in front of goal

half where they left off, with

Mols turning the Bayern de-

fence inside out before slam-

ming in a fierce shot which

Veteran Lothar Matthaeus

But the Germans were still

produced a superb clearing

header to thwart another

threatening and Jens Jeremies

fired a snapshot over while

with 10 minutes left, giving a

passable impression of

Superman diving about his

penalty area with his arm aloft

nowhere near the ball but

somehow the Frenchman got

Advocaat sensed danger and

Bayern won a free-kick on

back to divert a Bayern shot

brought on Scot Colin Hendry

to bolster his defence but with

full-time up his worst fears

the right of the penalty area and

Tarnat's drive skewed off

teenage striker Roque Santa

Cruz and past Charbonnier.

Charbonnier lost his head

Rangers attack on the hour.

Scholl put a fleader wide.

Wessel pawed away.

Rangers began the second

Dangerous Dutchman

Dick Advocaat's side took

split the defence.

for Bayern,

over the bar.

were realised

Jardel stars for Porto

OPORTO, Sept 22: Porto be-came leaders of Group E after ousting Greek outfit Olympiakos 2-0 in Portugal in their second outing of the Champions League on Tuesday having already won at Molde, reports

Porto, the 1987 European Cup winners, coasted home after taking the lead in the seventh minute through Esquer-dinho's brilliantly-flighted freekick from some 35 metres out. Brazilian wizard Jardel bagged the second two minutes after the restart

Anelka getting on Toshack's nerves

MADRID, Sept 22: Real Madrid's controversial multimillion dollar signing Nicolas Anelka has been blasted by the Spanish side's Welsh coach John Toshack, reports AFP.

Toshack pulled the former Arsenal striker off in the 55th minute of Real's European Championship match against Norway's Molde on Tuesday night.

Real crushed the Norwegians 4-1 but Toshack made no attempt to hide his feelings about Anelka's performance.

"He does not look comfortable at the moment and after that performance he is probably lacking even more confi-

"The last thing I wanted to do was substitute him. But I had to think of the team," said

Toshack afterwards. The 20-year-old Anelka admitted earlier this month he was not happy and had even contemplated quitting football.

But despite Anelka's failure to deliver Real, seven-times European Champions, gave an imperial performance at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium.

Madrid, whose last European Cup came two seasons ago. started their European campaign with an enthralling 3-3 draw last week in Greece at Olympiakos, a match which showed up the Spaniards' defensive frailties.

Molde meanwhile came into the match without any inferiority complex, despite having lost their opening tie at home to Porto, as the Norwegians had dumped Real Mallorca out of the qualifiers.

Real turned to Spanish international striker Fernando Morientes, an injury doubt before the game with a muscle strain, to spearhead their attack alongside the disaffected Anelka.

Brazilian Savio was lurking just behind the front pair with England star Steve McManaman, enjoying a good run of form following his summer move from Liverpool, given free fein on the wing.

Toshack opted to rest Spanish star Raul, who had been suffering from a leg strain and with so many other alternatives available the young striker was hardly missed.

English League Cup

Boro edge Chesterfield

MIDDLESBROUGH, England, Sept 22: Brazilian Juninho returned to play for Middlesbrough on Tuesday but they needed a late goal from defender Steve Vickers to see off Chesterfield 2-1 in the League Cup second round, reports AFP.

The little Brazilian, who was only given international clearance to play at 5.22 pm (1622 GMT), turned in a glittering first-half display and set up Paul Ince's 24th-minute opener.

But Boro still needed Vickers to pop up three minutes from time to give them a 2-1 win on the night after the goalless first leg.

Just as Bryan Robson's men appeared to be coasting to a 1-0 aggregate victory, plucky Chesterfield equalised with five minutes left through David Reeves.

The second division side were preparing for extra time when Vickers struck two minutes later to salvage Middlesbrough's pride.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Collated results of European Champions League matches played Tuesday night: GROUP E At Madrid

Real Madrid (Spa) 4 (Morientes 27, Savio 60, 70-pen, Guti 81) Molde (Nor) 1 (Lindback 79) At Porto FC Porto (Por) 2 (Esquerdinha

5. Jardel 46) Olympiakos (Gre) 0 GROUP F At Glasgow Rangers (Sco) 1 (Albertz 22)

Bayern Munich (Ger) 1 (Tarnat

PSV Eindhoven (Ned) 1 (Van

Nistelrooy 72-pen) Valencia (Spa) 1 (Lopez 4)

At Eindhoven

GROUP G At Moscow Spartak Moscow (Rus) (Bezrodny 73) Sparta Prague (Cze) 1 (Lokvenc 17)

At Bordeaux Bordeaux (Fra) 3 (Victoria 15og, Laslandes 21, Feindouno 83) Willem II (Ned) 2 (Abdellaoui 40, Sanou 70)

GROUP H At Berlin Hertha Berlin (Ger) 2 (Daei 2, 70) Chelsea (Eng) 1 (Leboeuf 86-pen)

At Milan AC Milan (Ita) 2 (Leonardo 4.4. Shevchenko 45) Galatasaray (Tur) 1 (Umit 50)

Daei disturbs Chelsea's hopes

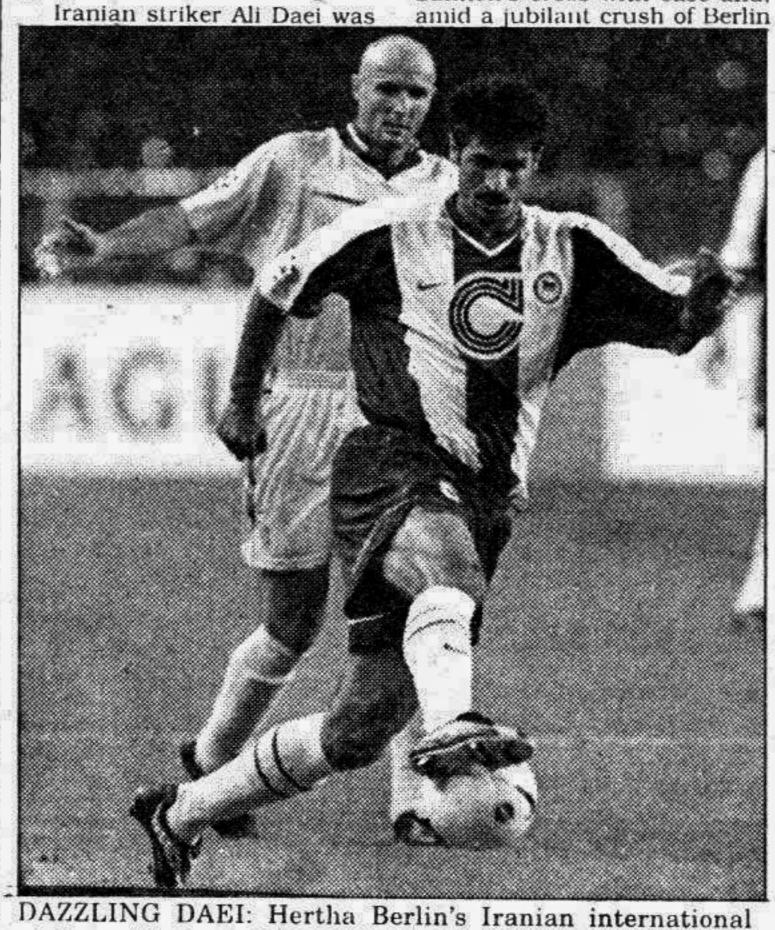


BERLIN, Sept 22: Injury-wracked Hertha Berlin pulled off a superb 2-1 win Tuesday Jevening in the

Champions League over highlyfancied English aristocrats Chelsea, who are now winless and bottom of Group H, reports

back and wait for loose balls to make sporadic forays forward. but that strategy was turned on its head after just three minutes when Daei was left unmarked by Chelsea's experienced French defenders Marcel Desailly and Frank Lebouef.

Daei headed home Tony Sanneh's cross with ease and,



striker Ali Daei (R) is under pressure from Chelsea's French international defender Frank Leboeuf during their Champions' League tussle. - AFP photo the man of the evening, hitting

a goal in either half for a side which had struggled to find enough fit players to complete their line-up. The hosts' concerns were

deepened by the loss of Rene Tretschok in the 12th minute. Hertha were sent out with explicit orders to close up the

players, thanked Allah with outstretched arms as he looked skywards while the crowd celebrated.

Chelsea, strangely muted in attack, turned up the heat after the break but good runs by Celestine Babayaro and Zola went un-rewarded in the 53rd

and 56th minutes because of poor finishing.

Disaster then struck as Daei netted his second goal in the 70th minute against the run of play, stealing the ball from last defender Leboeuf and flicked

the ball home with a low angled shot off the near post. Leboeuf's converted penalty four minutes from time was small consolation for Chelsea. coming much too late-in the day against a side playing international football for the first time

in 20 years. Daei was ecstatic with his goals and the result. "It was a good day for me, but not the best in my career," said

Hertha's match winner. "I know that (Leboeuf and Desailly) are world class players but I could sense tonight that I could score and help

Hertha to victory." Hertha's coach Jurgen Rober said he was proud of his team. "We have had some pretty heavy personnel difficulties in

the last few weeks but we have always been able to compensate for them," Rober said. "We played strongly in Istanbul a week ago but it comes down to the tight knit nature of the team with everyone working for everyone else. And when you see how hard our two strik-

ers (Ali Daei and Michael Preetz) work in defence, I really have to compliment them." Chelsea, for reasons best known to themselves, seemed happy to wait for cracks to appear in the Germans' defence rather than punching through holes of their own. Zola was particularly quiet up front giv-

ing Hertha keeper Gabor Kiraly a fairly easy evening. It was only when Hertha's Dutch defender Dick van Burik foolishly grabbed 64th minute substitute Chris Sutton by the shirt and pulled him to the turf that they had their chance to get back in the game via Leboeul's

spotkick. After two rounds Hertha now lead Group H on goal difference. level on four points with AC Milan who beat Galatasaray 2-1 in the San Siro. Galatasary are third and Chelsea bottom, both with just one point apiece.

Real too good for Molde

MADRID, Sept 22: Seventimes European Champions Real Madrid CHAMPIONS showed they fully intend to land

their eighth crown next May with an imperial performance at the Santia-go Bernabeu stadium Tuesday, hammering Norway's Molde 4-1 in Champions League Group E, reports AFP.

the qualifiers. Real turned to Spanish in-

ternational striker Fernando Morientes, an injury doubt before the game with a muscle strain, to spearhead their attack alongside disaffected Frenchman Nicolas Anelka.

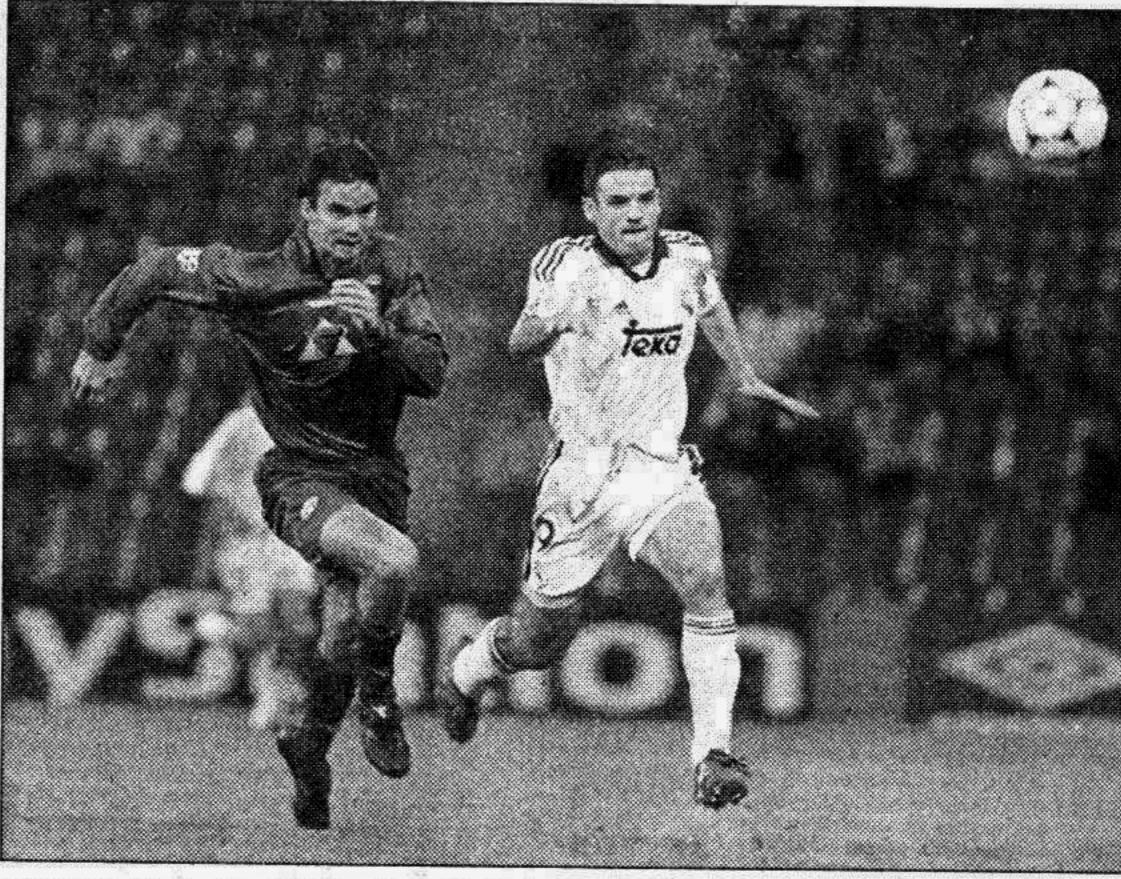
Brazilian Savio was lurking just behind the front pair with England star Steve McMaraman, enjoying a good run of form following his summer

striker was hardly missed. Real sat back for a time after the opening goal but stepped up several gears after the break as Savio twice got on the scoresheet - on the hour with a sole effort and then in the 70th

minute from the spot after a

foul on the foraging Jose Maria

Gutierrez "Guti". Guti, who came on for Anelka, still looking for his first goal for the 'meringues' ten



Fernando Morientes (R), the Real Madrid striker, racing for the ball with Molde defender Daniel Berg during their Champions' League clash at Madrid. AFP photo

move from Liverpool, given free

Madrid, whose last European Cup came two seasons ago, started their campaign with an enthralling 3-3 draw last week in Greece at Olympiakos, a match which showed up the Spaniards' defensive frailties. Molde meanwhile came ir to

the match without any inferiority complex, despite having lost their opening tie at home to Porto, as the Norwegians had dumped Real Mallorca out of

rein on the wing. After a tense start it was Morientes who broke the deadlock with a thumping header from a Savio cross in the 27th

side off to a fine start. Toshack opted to rest Spanish star Raul, who had been suffering from a leg strain - and with so many other alternatives available the young

minute to get John Toshack's

minutes after the break, completed the scoring nine minutes from the end after Andrei Schei Lindback had briefly reduced the deficit. Toshack, seeing the result

was all but in the bag after Savio's goal for 2-0, withdrew McManaman after 63 minutes and threw on Bosnian Elvir Balic for a taste of the action after recovering from an injuryplagued start to the season.

Bordeaux prevail in thriller

France, Sept 22: Young substitute Pascal Feindouno CHAMPIONS poached a brilliant late winner as Bordeaux edged Dutch outfit Willem II 3-2 in a thrilling

BORDEAUX.

Champions League Group G match on Tuesday, reports Al'P. Feindouno, a second half substitute for off-form Sylvein Wiltord, rescued the French league champions with a cheeky chip from the edge of the box with seven minutes left on the clock to hand the 'Girondins' a vital win which takes them joint top of the

group with Spartak Moscow. It was the second time that 18-year-old Feindouno had scored a crucial goal for Bordeaux in barely half a dozen first team starts - his late effort at Paris Saint Germain having won the league title last May. The Guinean teenager also

Victoria. had an injury-time effort chalked off for offside. His entry made the difference on an evening which started well but threatened to go impulsively and headed the ball

awry for Bordeaux, who began their campaign by garnering a useful point at Sparta Prague. The hosts should have gone

ahead after just four minutes when Jean-Francois Rouviere smacked a fine drive just wide. Wiltord then sent over an inch-perfect cross from the left but strike partner Lilian

Laslandes fired into the side The Dutch had opened with a home defeat against Spartak Moscow and had to avoid at all costs a second reverse which

would have left them all but out of the reckoning for a place in the next phase. Yet they were all at sea in the opening quarter of an hour as Bordeaux resolved to shrug off the disappointment of last weekend's home league defeat by Lyon and the visitors

cracked in the 17 minute with an own goal from Raymond There seemed little danger as Corentin Martins swung over a freekick from way out on the left but Victoria rushed back

down past keeper Kris Mampaey.

Within five minutes it was 2-0. Johan Micoud leading the charge through the middle and finding Laslandes, who skipped past Mampaey before burying the ball in the net from six me-

Willem II stunned the Parc Lescure crowd, however, when Yassine Abdellaoui took advantage of slack marking to pull a goal back with a close-range header five minutes before the

break. The second half was much more evenly matched as the Dutch raised their game while Bordeaux were increasingly afflicted by the self-doubt which has emerged following a poor run in the French league.

Suddenly gaps were opening in the home defence and the Dutch pressure paid off with just over 20 minutes remaining when Ousmane Sanou hared onto a line through ball to round Ulrich Rame in the Bordeaux goal and flick home the equaliser. -

Bayern Munich's German international Mehmet Scholl (C) being tackled by Glasgow Rangers' Craig More (R) during their Champions' League fixture at Glasgow. - AFP photo