

Sohel Asif wins snooker contest

Sports Reporter
The prize-giving ceremony of the 2 Inter-club Snooker Championship was held in the city on Monday.
Director-general of External Publicity Wing of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, MA Hossain Komol, who was the chief guest, distributed prizes among the winners, said a press release yesterday.
Sohel Asif of the hosts Dhaka Billiard Centre won the championship while Anwar Hossain of Narayanjan Club finished runner-up in the nine-day meet.
The tournament attracted 29 players from four affiliated clubs of the Bangladesh Billiard and Snooker Federation.

Div III cricket
Sumon rises for New Sun

Sports Reporter
New Sun Cricket Club and Anushilong Sangha won their matches of the Lotus-Kamal Third Division Qualifying Cricket Championship at different city venues yesterday.
At the Mohakhali T&T Club ground, New Sun cricketers recorded an impressive 59-run win over Astral Cricket Club.
Sent in to bat, New Sun scored 188 before being all out in 34.5 overs with opener Biswajit notching a brilliant 57.
In reply, Astral Cricket Club were bundled out for 129 with six balls left in the 35-over-a-side contest.
Sumon, with six for only 13 runs, was the wrecker-in-chief among the New Sun bowlers.
In the other match of the day at the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Anushilong Sangha pulled off an exciting one-wicket win against Future CC.
In a low-scoring affair Anushilong, chasing a paltry Future total of 116 all out in 33 overs, reached 117 for the loss of nine wickets with only four balls to spare, thanks to some wayward bowling from the Future boys who gave away a staggering 57 extra runs.

MacGill feels offended

SYDNEY, Sept 28: Australian leg-spinner Stuart MacGill has described as excessive and unreasonable his 1,500 Australian dollars (975 US) fine for swearing at a Colombo casino dealer, reports AFP.
MacGill was today fined and reprimanded by Australian team management after the incident at the Bally Club casino in Colombo on Sunday night.
MacGill was at the casino with teammate Colin Miller and the Australian squad's security officer, Reg Dickinson.
MacGill, who had won about 580 US at the casino, said he complained to the casino's supervisor after believing a dealer was cheating him.
"Basically two nights ago I went to the casino, won money, a bloke had been cheating all night and I really had enough," MacGill told Australian Associated Press.
"I complained to the supervisor a couple of times, I had finally had enough and said 'that's it, we're leaving.'"
"I swore at him and have been fined for swearing.
"As soon as it happened ... I said to Reg 'we're going' and we left."
"They didn't kick me out, I left voluntarily."
MacGill said he voiced his anger to team management after being summoned to a meeting Monday with captain Steve Waugh, vice-captain Shane Warne, coach Geoff Marsh and team manager Steve Bernard.
"I think the fine is over the top, I think a reprimand would have been appropriate because I swore and it's offensive to some people," MacGill said.

Mullally mulling over Hants offer

LONDON, Sept 28 (Internet report): England paceman Alan Mullally is considering an offer to play for Hampshire and is expected to respond in the next few days.
Mullally, disaffected at Leicestershire and long linked with a move to Hampshire for whom he made his one-off county debut 11 years ago, will be out of contract at Grace Road from the end of this week.
Hampshire chief executive Tony Baker, meanwhile, who last week insisted his county were merely in the race to sign left-armers Mullally along with a string of other counties, said negotiations had moved on.
"Contact and some negotiations have taken place, and we are now just waiting to see whether he decides to accept our offer or not," said Baker, whose club have already signed Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne for next summer.
"It goes ahead I am sure he would like to get it done before his winter commitments."

Prasara Bharati okays tele deal

NEW DELHI, Sept 28: Prasara Bharati has put its seal of approval on the telecast deal between the Board of Control for Cricket in India and Doordarshan for the five-year period of 1999-2004 which has raised much controversy.
"We have ratified the agreement and now it is for the board to ratify it," top Prasara Bharati sources said yesterday adding it had authorised its chief executive officer Rajiv Ratan Shah to finalise the details at Prasara Bharati Board's meeting held on September 25.



Sohel Asif (standing R), champion in the Benson and Hedges Inter Club snooker championship, and runner-up Anwar Hossain pose with the officials during the presentation ceremony on September 27.

Premiership

Everton prevail in Merseyside mayhem

LONDON, Sept 28: A fourth-minute Kevin Campbell goal handed Everton a 1-0 victory Monday in an emotion-charged Merseyside derby at Anfield which ended with Liverpool down to nine men and the visitors down to ten, reports AFP.
Campbell struck his third goal of the season to send the Everton contingent into raptures after Francis Jeffers had touched on Nick Barmby's pass, shooting home past Liverpool's Dutch keeper Sander Westerveld at the famous Kop end.
That was just the start of Westerveld's problems as he was red-carded along with Jeffers after they exchanged blows to earn an early bath with a quarter of an hour remaining for squaring up to each other.
Steve Staunton took over between the Liverpool posts for the closing stages and made a fine late save from Abel Xavier.
Liverpool, who also lost Steven Gerrard for a clumsy high tackle on Campbell in injury time, foundered on Everton's defensive rock of veteran central defender Richard Gough to crash to their third home defeat of the season and slide to 12th in the table as their neighbours leapt into the top six.
The Anfielders' French coach Gerard Houllier, who laid some of the blame for his side's loss on the fact a number of first teamers were returning from injuries, described Westerveld's dismissal as "unforgivable" but conceded the result was a fair one.
"I think some of our players

lost the plot and maybe the game was too big for them. The second reason is obviously we have some players who were injured coming back into the team," said Houllier.
"Everton played well, they packed their defence and they really raised a problem to us," Houllier went on, admitting, "We didn't create enough chances."
Everton boss Walter Smith praised his side's determined showing.
"I was very pleased with the first half hour and it was as well as we have played since I have been manager here," said Smith.
"The most important thing was the way we competed. We had by far the best of the first half and I felt we were a bit unfortunate not to get more goals."
Huge helpings of goalmouth action at either end kept the crowd on the edge of their seats despite the game's ill-tempered undertones.
Both sides could have found themselves with less than a full complement of players much earlier than they did as Liverpool's Michael Owen and Everton's ex-Red Don Hutchinson were both lucky to stay on the pitch, picking up bookings for crude fouls, as the match bubbled under before reaching boiling point.
Owen lost control of the ball midway through the first half and as David Weir looked to clear his lines the England striker made an atrocious lunge which caught the defender at the top of his thigh.
But there was plenty of superb football as well and West-

erveld, before he lost his head, made a superb stop to foil a Jeffers header on 19 minutes following Don Hutchinson's corner, the keeper diving to his right to palm the ball over.
Westerveld's opposite number Paul Gerrard had just two saves to make in the first period, beating away a Jamie Redknapp pleyer and then denying Fowler in the run-up to the Owen penalty claim.
But he more than earned his win bonus with a brilliant late stop after Erik Meijer's drive from the edge of the box deflected wickedly off Michael Ball.
Jeffers might have made the game safe before his inglorious exit but skewed his right-foot shot past the post after cutting through on the left, midway through the second period.
Houllier reacted by bringing on former Marseille striker Titu Camara for Czech international Vladimir Smicer but that only inspired Everton, who almost scored again as Campbell sent a header just over.

STANDINGS										
English Premiership table after Monday's match (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):										
Man Utd	9	6	3	0	23	10	21			
Leeds	9	6	1	2	17	11	19			
Arsenal	9	6	1	2	12	7	19			
Sunderland	9	5	2	2	14	8	17			
Chelsea	7	5	1	1	10	3	16			
Everton	9	5	1	3	15	9	16			
Aston Villa	9	5	1	3	11	9	16			
Leicester	9	4	2	3	14	11	14			
Tottenham	8	4	2	2	14	11	14			
West Ham	7	4	1	2	9	5	13			
Middlesbrough	9	4	0	5	10	13	12			
Liverpool	8	3	1	4	10	10	10			
Southampton	8	3	1	4	13	16	10			
Watford	9	3	0	6	5	9	9			
Coventry	9	2	2	5	11	13	8			
Wimbledon	9	1	2	6	13	18	8			
Bradford	8	2	2	4	4	9	8			
Derby	9	2	2	5	7	15	8			
Newcastle	9	1	1	7	18	22	4			
Sheff Wed	9	0	1	8	3	24	1			

'Eagle' to fly Carbone away from the 'Owls'

DERBY, England, Sept 28: Jim Smith, coach of ailing English Premiership side Derby County, confirmed on Monday that he had made an inquiry about bottom placed Premiership side Sheffield Wednesday's disenchanted Italian striker Benito Carbone, reports AFP.
Smith, nicknamed the 'Bald Eagle' and who has watched his side slump to two successive home defeats to newly promoted sides Sunderland and Bradford, had made it clear at

the weekend that he wanted to bring in fresh blood to boost his side.
Now he has admitted he is interested in Carbone, who is on the transfer list at Hillsborough and should be available at less than the 3 million pounds Sheffield paid Serie A side Inter Milan for him in 1996.
"We have approached Wednesday but that hasn't progressed any further," Smith said.
Derby are still waiting to hear back from Owls manager Danny Wilson, who has had a string of problems with the 28-year-old Italian, who is out of favour after several bust-ups with the former Northern Ireland international midfielder.
He was fined two weeks' wages last month after walking out of the bench for his side's game with Southampton - on hearing that Carbone wanted to go back to Italy Wilson offered to drive him to the airport.
Carbone is in the final year of his contract at Hillsborough and will be a free agent under the Bosman ruling this summer unless he signs a new contract.
Smith, meanwhile, is anxious to delve into the transfer market after his side's poor start to the season.
Their 1-0 defeat to Bradford on Saturday was their fourth in five home games and after the match the Derby manager said:

"There are two ways of going about it. The first is by winning our next five games which we'll try to do.
"The other way is to try and change things a little bit and generate some new faces. There is scope to do that. Not Manchester United's kind of scope but there's some scope.
"We need new faces in the squad. We need to change a couple of things and there's money available.
"I've always got transfer targets and I'm always talking. The ones we really want are outside our bracket but it's about getting new faces in as much as who you bring in."

Pedersen joins Bregenz

VIENNA, Sept 28: Austrian League newcomers Bregenz have signed Norwegian international midfielder Jan-Ove Pedersen from Brann Bergen until 2001, reports Reuters.
Pedersen, capped 17 times, will complete the Norwegian season on October 31 for Brann Bergen before moving to Bregenz.
The club from Austria's western-most province of Vorarlberg are bottom of the league with just two wins from 13 matches.

Euro 2000 qualifier
Wales name team

CARDIFF, Sept 28 (AFP): Wales football squad selected on Monday to play Switzerland at Wrexham on October 9 in Euro 2000 qualifying Group One:
SQUAD
Goalkeepers: Paul Jones (Southampton), Mark Crossley (Nottm Forest), Darren Ward (Notts Co)
Defenders: Darren Barnard (Barnsley), Mark Delaney (Aston Villa), Robert Page (Watford), Chris Coleman, Andrew Melville, Kit Symons (all Fulham), John Robinson (Charlton Athletic)
Midfielders: Robbie Savage (Leicester), Gary Speed (Newcastle), Mark Pembroke (Everton), Carl Robinson (Wolves), John Ooster (Sunderland)
Forwards: John Hartson (Wimbledon), Nathan Blake (Blackburn Rovers), Dean Saunders (Bradford), Ryan Giggs (Manchester Utd), David Johnson (Ipswich).

CONCACAF no more

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Sept 28: After 38 years with an unwieldy name, the Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football will now be known as The Football Confederation, reports AFP.
The simplified name for what became known commonly as CONCACAF came along with a new logo for the 38 North American continental football associations adopted at meetings here.
"We thought it was time to make a change, to present a more vibrant and modern image to a part of the world which is making such headway in the game," said organization president Jack Warner.
"Now instead of an awkward acronym, we have three simple and appropriate words."
The confederation's eight-team club championship opens here Tuesday with D.C. United of the United States hoping to defend its title and advance to the first FIFA World Cup Championship in Brazil next January.

Lisbon fire Materazzi

LISBON, Sept 28: Sporting Lisbon on Monday sacked Italian coach Giuseppe Materazzi just five matches into the season because of the side's poor performances, reports Reuters.

Onus on champions

PARIS, Sept 28: European Cup holders Manchester United have been keeping their powder dry and Champions League Group D rivals Marseille will reap the whirlwind Wednesday, if United coach Sir Alex Ferguson has his way, reports AFP.
United have managed to garner four points from their opening two matches without reaching their top form having opened with a goalless home draw against Croatia Zagreb before scoring a not wholly convincing 3-0 win at group tail-enders Sturm Graz.
Sir Alex insists, however, that when the going gets tough - which he expects it to against the French - United's tough guys will get going, even in the absence of knee injury victim Roy Keane.
Ferguson adds it is to his side's advantage that Marseille arrive at Old Trafford as a known quantity compared to their previous opponents.
Strikers Fabrizio Ravanelli and Ibrahim Bakayoko, who scored the opener in last week's 2-1 win in Zagreb which put the 1993 European champions top of the group, have both played in the Premiership.
"I think it's the right sort of European game, and our players and supporters will recognise Marseille as one of the bigger European teams," said Ferguson.

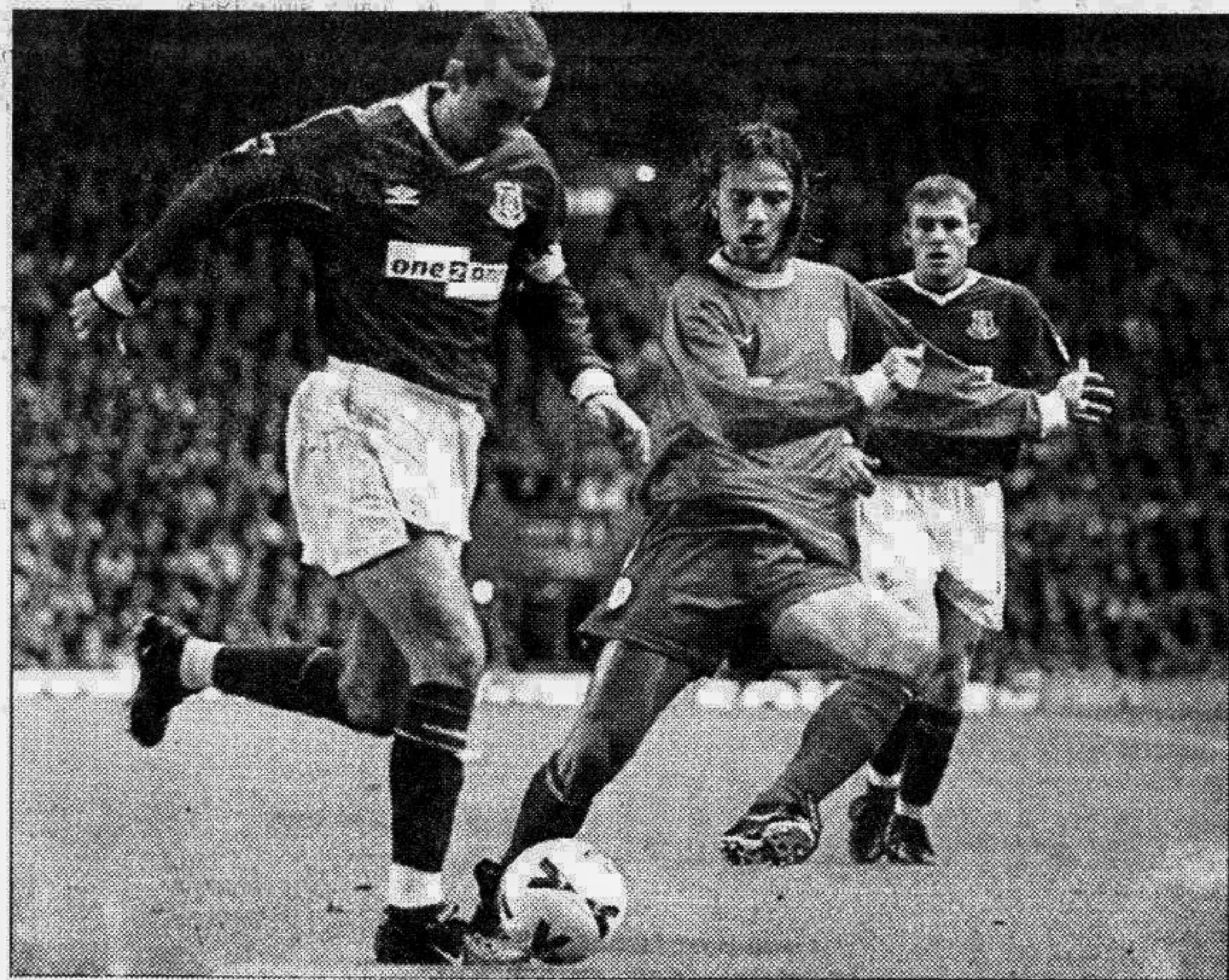
"Our players can identify with some of their players and they know about these players."
Full back Patrick Blondeau, who has recovered from a knock which kept him out of Sunday's league win at Rennes, had a spell at Sheffield Wednesday, while Sebastian Perez, who scored a brilliant goal to complete the win in Zagreb, had a brief spell with Blackburn Rovers more than a year ago.
"Obviously it won't be an easy game, but I feel we are capable of getting the result we need."
Marseille coach Roland Courbis, under fire for his team's poor start to the season - they won just two of their opening six matches - saw the pressure lift slightly with the wins in Zagreb and Rennes - the latter putting the side into the top six in the table.
United, held by Southampton at the weekend, bring back Phil Neville in place of the ineligible Mickael Silvestre, while Raymond van der Gouw is expected to replace Massimo Taibi who also is not available for Europe and who in any case is still getting over a dreadful howler which gave Southampton a goal.
Andy Cole is available after suspension and will return to the attack.

Crunch time for Group A-D rivals

PARIS, Sept 28: The Champions League opening phase picture will begin to get a little clearer after Wednesday, when the sides in Groups A to D play their third ties with holders Manchester United looking to leapfrog Marseille as the two rivals clash at Old Trafford, reports AFP.
Marseille have shrugged off regularly abject form in the French league to collect a maximum six points to date, whereas United dropped two home points against Croatia Zagreb in their first Group D match before waiting past group tailenders Sturm Graz 3-0 in Austria.
If that match were not already enough to whet the appetite, Arsenal, who have not shone in recent excursions into Europe, have to brave the frenetic atmosphere of Barcelona's Nou Camp in Group B.
The situation in Arsenal's

group mirrors that of United's with the English sides lying second on four points and this week's opponents top on maximum points.
Croatia Zagreb host Sturm Graz in the group's other match with the Croats hoping to stay in touch with the leading pair.
Barca's Patrick Kluijert believes his side's thrilling victory over Fiorentina a week ago has already given Louis Van Gaal's side a psychological advantage.
"It will be a good match. But the English will be a little afraid after seeing our game against Fiorentina," forecast Kluijert, who watched from the stands as Dani smashed home a hat-trick in Saturday's 4-1 win over Real Betis which propelled Barca to the top of the Primera Liga.
Kluijert added he expected to start Wednesday. Less certain of a place is Frank de Boer, who is a doubt with an ankle injury.
Fiorentina, now desperate for points after drawing - fortu-

itously - at home to Arsenal and losing in Barcelona, travel to Sweden's Aik Solna for their match.
Group A is shaping up to be a battle between Lazio and Bayer Leverkusen for top spot and Lazio, currently second to the Germans on goal difference, can go top with a win in Rome over Slovenia's Maribor, still in touch a point adrift of the top two.
Pointless Dynamo Kyiv, the big disappointment of the tournament so far after last year's semi-final appearance, travel to Leverkusen where a third defeat would all but finish the Ukrainians' challenge.
The top two meet in Group C as Norway's Rosenborg host 1997 champions Borussia Dortmund, who both have a win and a draw to their credit.
Dutch side Feyenoord, with two draws to date, play at Portugal's Boavista, who have already lost twice and are fast slipping out of contention.



Everton's Don Hutchinson (L) going past Liverpool's Patrik Berger during their Premiership encounter at Anfield on September 27.

Terim disgusted by Chelsea

LONDON, Sept 28: Fatih Terim, coach of Turkish side Galatasaray, has accused Chelsea of "ungentlemanly and disgraceful behaviour" over the English Premiership for Tuesday's Champions League clash at Stamford Bridge, reports AFP.
Terim, who coached Turkey to the Euro 96 finals, is furious over the treatment his side have received since arriving in London and accuses Chelsea chairman Ken Bates of being the worst host in two decades of international football experience.
"Chelsea may have a lot of foreign players but they are still an English club and they should act like proper English gentlemen," said Terim.
"England is famous for its courtesy and etiquette, but we have not seen any evidence of that."
"When we arrived at the airport there was not one official from Chelsea to greet us. They provided no security or escort, even though we had been given assurances by fax that they would."
"Although it is not a UEFA requirement, the clubs have a gentlemen's agreement they will look after their guests. Chelsea have provided absolutely nothing, and it's disgraceful."
"We spent hours waiting at the airport, and my coaching staff were asked too many unnecessary questions. I can give answers because I speak a little

English, but they could not. I have spent my life travelling the world as a player or a coach, and it was with a great deal of sadness that this happened. I feel very strongly about it and I had to speak out."
Terim also hit out at Chelsea's provision of training facilities and the ticket allocation for the Turkish side's travelling and London-based supporters.
"They have provided us with a training ground which is an hour's drive from our hotel. Even worse they are charging us for it, which I have never experienced before."
"UEFA also state that 10-12% of tickets must go to the visiting side, and we never got anywhere near that amount despite our very large support abroad and in England."
Galatasaray supporters are famed for their hostile attitude to visiting teams, and Chelsea's perceived snub to their Turkish visitors will only fuel the flames of what promises to be a super-charged contest.
"When they arrive in Turkey they will only be asked questions in Turkish. Whatever we've seen here will be returned when they visit us," added Terim.
The Galatasaray chief was also critical of the amount of foreigners employed by Gianluca Vialli at the Stamford Bridge club.
"Chelsea have too many foreign players, and it will harm England's national team. In our country we play under some limits, and the system is successful," he added.

DAVE JONES FACTFILE

David Jones
Marital status: married with four children
1956: Born August 17, Liverpool
1971: Begins footballing career as apprentice at Everton, aged 15.
1974: Signs professional contract as a centre half at Everton.
1975: Makes debut for Everton and goes on to be virtually an ever-present over the next four seasons. Wins England Youth and England Under-21 caps.
1979: Moves to Coventry for 275,000 pounds, but later suffers career-threatening knee injury.
Recovers sufficiently to join Hong Kong club Seiko.
1983: Advised to stop playing on his return to England but made 50 appearances for Preston over the next two years, scoring one goal.
1986-1990: Managed non-league Southport, Mossley and Morecambe combined with work as care worker in children's home.
1990: Joins Stockport

County as chief coach in July.
1995: Appointed team manager on the same day as Danny Bergara leaves the club in March.
1996-1997: Stockport beat Premiership sides Blackburn, West Ham and Southampton before losing to Middlesbrough over two legs in the League Cup semi-final.
May: Stockport finish runners-up in second division to champions Bury and win promotion to First Division.
June: Jones and assistant John Sainty move to Southampton and leads them to 12th place finish in Premier League in a season which includes victories over Manchester United, Chelsea, Blackburn and a 3-2 win over Liverpool at Anfield.
1998-99: Saints struggle at start of campaign but recover at end of season to finish 17th and avoid relegation.
September 25: Southampton draw 3-3 at Manchester United.
September 27: Jones charged by police with nine offences against children.