

Beckham pays for fashion!

LONDON, Oct 1: Manchester United and England midfielder David Beckham has been fined by boss Alex Ferguson for breaking a club curfew to attend a fashion show last week, media reports said Friday, reports AFP.

Beckham, already facing a Football Association meeting to discuss his behaviour on the pitch, is understood to have been fined 50,000 pounds (£80,000 dollars) with United insisting the issue is an internal matter. London's Evening Standard reported.

Beckham attended the function, at which he was pictured wearing a head scarf with his wife Posh Spice Victoria Adams, two days before United's Champions League match against Sturm Graz in Austria.

Beckham was widely criticised for an incident in the Sturm Graz match in which he kicked out at Tomislav Kocijan.

Fowler to undergo surgery

LIVERPOOL, England, Oct 1: Robbie Fowler, striker with English Premiership club Liverpool, will go into hospital on Saturday for an ankle operation that could keep him out until December, reports AFP.

Liverpool's medical experts took the decision on Friday when it became clear that the problem Fowler has had since he returned from international duty in Poland a month ago was not going to clear up with rest.

Antfield boss Gerard Houllier said: 'It's a massive blow for Robbie and the club.'

India storm

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ZIMBABWE

M Johnson c Joshi b Chopra	52
G Flower c Dravid b V Prasad	38
A Campbell run out	2
S Carlisle c Dravid b Mohanty	21
M Goodwin c Jadeja b Chopra	11
A Flower lbw Chopra	0
G Renade c Singh b Bharadwaj	20
C Whittall c V Prasad b Bharadwaj	11
A Whittall c Jadeja b Bharadwaj	6
H Jorga c Ramesh b Chopra	4
M Mbangwa not out	0
Extras: (fb-1, w-2, nb-2)	5
Total: (All out in 38.3 overs)	170
Fall of wickets: 1-52; 2-65; 3-92; 4-120; 5-120; 6-131; 7-158; 8-160; 9-170	

Bowler: O M R W

Prasad	8	1	23	1
Mohanty	8	0	45	1
Chopra	8.3	0	33	4
Joshi	7	0	26	0
Bharadwaj	6	0	34	3
Ramesh	1	0	8	0

Result: India win by 107 runs.
Man-of-the-match: Saurav Ganguly

UEFA Cup

No problems for big boys

PARIS, Oct 1: The UEFA Cup may be a poor relation to the European Champions League but clubs from Europe's big leagues had an excellent night Thursday in their first round, second leg matches at the expense of Europe's more unfashionable domestic leagues, reports AFP.

Not a single team from Italy, Spain, Germany, France and England went out at the first hurdle of the competition proper on a night where the aspiring giants learned that a good big 'un will always beat a good little 'un.

England's quartet of Newcastle, West Ham, Leeds United and Tottenham all coasted through although in all cases the hard work had been done in the first leg.

Leeds beat Yugoslavia's Partizan Belgrade 1-0 at home thanks to a goal from Darren Huckerby for a 4-1 aggregate win while Newcastle and Spurs

first division leaders Lyon proving the undisputed stars. They were defending a slender 1-0 first leg lead but spanked Finland's HJK Helsinki 5-1 after taking a 3-0 lead within 20 minutes.

Substitute Tony Vairelles weighed in with two late goals to celebrate his call-up for France's vital European Championship qualifier with Iceland.

Lens had to work harder, though, against Israel's Maccabi Tel Aviv.

With the first leg all square in Israel 2-2, Liran Basis gave Maccabi a 1-0 lead in France with a crafty freekick from the left flank with Lens keeper Guillaume Warmuz clearly expecting a cross rather than a shot.

But late goals from Pascal Nounou and Christophe Delporte secured passage to the second round for Lens.

Nantes progressed quietly with a 1-0 home win giving them a 4-2 aggregate scoreline securing a 10-2 aggregate win. Darko Kovacevic scored a hat-trick for Juve.

Holders Parma, the last winners of the competition before it absorbed the now defunct Cup Winners Cup in the summer, won easily 3-0 in the Ukraine against Krivoli Rog after an unconvincing 3-2 triumph in their home leg.

French World Cup winner Alain Boghossian, Argentinian striker Hernan Crespo and Italian Marco Di Vaio scored the goals.

And Bologna and Udinese made it a night to remember for Italy with aggregate victories over Zenit St Petersburg of Russia and Denmark's Aalborg respectively. Roma, despite a 1-0 defeat by Portugal's Vitoria Setubal, prevailed easily thanks to a 7-0 first leg victory.

Germany's Wolfsburg, who played their tie Tuesday, were joined in the hat by Kaiserslautern, who saw off Kilmarnock of Scotland, and Werder Bremen, conquerors of



Juventus' Yugoslav striker Darko Kovacevic controlling the ball in the match against Omonia Nicosia on September 30. — AFP photo

drew on the night with Bulgaria's CSKA Sofia and Zimbru Chisinau of Moldova in ties that were too all intents and purposes already in the bag.

Alan Shearer confirmed his return to form with a goal in Newcastle's 2-2 draw.

West Ham posted a 3-1 win against Osijek in Croatia to record a 6-1 aggregate triumph.

French teams also had a night to remember with French

over Ionikos of Greece while Monaco completed the job against Scotland's St Johnstone despite only drawing 3-3 in Perth.

Italy's Juventus may be unused to the UEFA Cup after being a regular feature in the Champions League in recent years but they showed they still take the second string competition seriously with a 5-0 win over Cypriots Omonia Nicosia.

Norway's Bodo.

Spain also saw their contingent go through. Atletico Madrid lost 1-0 on the night in Turkey to Ankaragucu but prevailed 3-1 overall while Deportivo La Coruna and Celta Vigo surmounted first leg deficits to see off Norway's Stabæk and Switzerland's Lausanne, respectively. Real Mallorca also went through.

UEFA CUP SECOND ROUND DRAW

- GENEVA, Oct 1 (AFP): UEFA Cup second round draw made here on Friday:
- Group 1:** Steaua Bucharest (Rom) v West Ham United (Eng)
MTK Hungaria FC (Hun) v AEK Athens (Gre)
Levski Sofia (Bul) v Juventus (Ita)
- Group 2:** Deportivo La Coruna (Spa) v Montpellier (Fra)
Leeds United (ng) v Lokomotiv Moscow (Rus)
Aris Salonika (Gre) v Celta Vigo (Spa)
Hapoel Haifa (Isr) v Ajax (Ned)
Udinese (Ita) v Legia Warsaw (Pol)
- Group 3:** Parma (Ita) v Helsingborg (Swe)
Inter Bratislava (Svk) v Nantes (Fra)
Roda JC (Ned) v VfL Wolfsburg (Ger)
Newcastle United (Eng) v FC Zurich (Swi)
- Group 4:** Graz AK (Aut) v Panathinaikos (Gre)
Atletico Madrid (Spa) v Wronki (Pol)
Anderlecht (Bel) v Bologna (Ita)
Lens (Fra) v Vitesse Arnhem (Ned)
- Group 5:** Werder Bremen (Ger) v Viking FK (Nor)
Slavia Prague (Cze) v Grasshopper (Swi)
PAOK Salonika (Gre) v Benfica (Por)
Widzew Lodz (Pol) v Monaco (Fra)
- Group 6:** Tottenham (Eng) v Kaiserslautern (Ger)
IFK Gothenburg (Swe) v AS Rome (Ita)
Teplize (Cze) v Real Mallorca (Spa)
- Lyon (Fra) v Celtic (Sco)



Australian batsman Ricky Ponting sweeping on the Day Two in Colombo yesterday. — AFP photo

Ponting pushes total past 300

Rain hampers Aussie cause



COLOMBO, Oct 1: Australia were in danger of losing their first Test series to Sri Lanka when rain washed out play in mid-afternoon of the second day of the third and final cricket Test here Friday.

Ricky Ponting and Damien Fleming had raised the first 300-plus total in the series when two heavy showers forced the umpires to abandon play for the day leaving Australia at 318 for seven.

With only three days remaining, Australia who trail Sri Lanka 1-0 in the series are in danger of conceding the rubber to their hosts for the first time.

Ponting who scored 96 in the first Test at Kandy, which Australia lost by six wickets, was 10 runs away from completing his fourth Test century before play came to an abrupt end.

Ponting batted 179 minutes and hit eight fours in an innings which has held the Australian middle and late order batting together.

Fleming gave Ponting admirable support scoring 23 not

out and helping to add 63 runs in 72 minutes in an unfinished eighth wicket stand.

Fleming held on for over an hour as Sri Lanka hit back in the first 15 minutes after lunch to send back Ian Healy for seven and Shane Warne for a duck.

Both fell victims to fast bowler Chaminda Vaas who achieved the breakthrough with the second new ball which was taken shortly before lunch.

Healy drove upshilly to be caught by Mahela Jayawardene at point and Warne was trapped lbw when he pushed forward tentatively.

Steve Waugh was the other wicket to fall during the day for 14.

The Australian captain was at the receiving end of a poor umpiring decision by England's Peter Willey who gave him out caught behind off left-arm spinner Rangana Herath when his bat was at least three inches away from the ball.

Steve's brother Mark Waugh was also dismissed in doubtful circumstances on Thursday when umpire Kandiah Francis ruled him out caught bat and pad when his bat was nowhere near the ball.

Play began an hour late as

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the third and final Test between Australia and Sri Lanka on Friday:

AUSTRALIA: First innings overnight 203 for 4

Blewett c Alapattu b Herath	70
Slater c Kaluwitharana b Arnold	59
Langer c Ranatunga b Muralitharan	32
M Waugh c Arnold	13
S Waugh c Kaluwitharana b Herath	14
Ponting not out	90
Healy c Jayawardene b Vaas	7
Warne lbw b Vaas	0
Fleming not out	23
Extras: (nb-10)	10
Total: (For 7 wkts at close in 26.2 overs)	318

Fall of wickets: 1-126; 2-147; 3-182; 4-183; 5-221; 6-253; 7-255.

To bat: Colin Miller, Glenn McGrath.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Vaas	19	3	51	2
Zoysa	10	4	23	0
Herath	35	10	98	2
Muralitharan	47	5	130	2
Jayasuriya	8.2	2	13	0
Arnold	7	4	3	1

European weekend preview



PARIS, Oct 1: Europe's reigning domestic champions are all looking for tonics in the form of victory this weekend although all for different reasons, reports AFP.

In Germany and France Bayern Munich and Bordeaux have made poor starts in defence of their crowns and need to stay in touch with the leaders while AC Milan are currently being outperformed domestically by their San Siro co-tenants Inter, who lead Italy's Serie A.

PRIMERA LIGA

In Spain Barcelona at least head the Primera Liga but had a disappointing week in the Champions League.

Barcelona could only draw 1-1 with Arsenal at the Nou Camp stadium on Wednesday and visit mid-table Real Valladolid on Sunday.

Barcelona have 12 points from five games, exactly the same as second-placed Rayo Vallecano, based in the Madrid suburbs, who travel to Racing Santander.

Rayo will be keen to regain top spot in the Spanish First Division after reaching the summit for the first time in their 75-year history a fortnight ago.

Third-placed Real Madrid, 3-1 winners against FC Porto on Tuesday, host bottom club Valencia, who only have a single point from their five games under new Argentinian coach

Hector Cuper.

Real's troubled French international striker Nicolas Anelka will again miss that match through injury.

SERIE A

In Italy there is no doubt about which game tops the bill as Lazio host AC Milan, the team that denied them a title within sight of the winning post last season.

Lazio were seven points clear before a run of home defeats and an ill-fated draw with Fiorentina cost them a trophy they had only won once before, and that was 25 years ago.

Now their tormentors, with little to smile about after their 1-1 home draw with Hertha Berlin, are heading for a hostile Olympic stadium.

Lazio president Sergio Cragnotti admitted: 'The tension is really building up for this match... against AC Milan we must get back what was taken from us last season.'

The Rome club, midweek winners in the Champions League over Maribor, are level on points with Inter Milan at the top of the Serie A, despite having sold star striker Christian Vieri to their rivals.

Lazio coach Sven Goran Eriksson will again look to Chilean striker Marcelo Salas and Croatian Alen Boksic to lead the attack, supported by Argentinian Juan Sebastian Veron.

Meanwhile, Lazio have been linked with Argentinian forward Martin Palermo of Boca

Juniors, whose dubious claim to fame outside his home country is missing three penalties in a single international match against Colombia.

Milan clearly missed their suspended Liberian veteran George Weah against the Germans here in midweek, but FIFA's former World Player of the Year should be back alongside Oliver Bierhoff up front.

Sunday night's battle is not the only high-profile fixture this weekend, with two of the other pre-season favourites, Fiorentina and AS Roma, meeting earlier on Sunday afternoon.

League leaders Inter Milan play on Saturday night against plucky Piacenza, coached by the man who guided Inter to the 1998 UEFA Cup before being sacked early last season: Gigi Simoni.

Inter fans will be hoping for a double celebration at San Siro - a sparkling return for Christian Vieri's superb run of form - five goals in four games.

Serie A fixture (1600 GMT unless stated)

Saturday: Cagliari v Torino, Inter Milan v Piacenza (1930 GMT)

Sunday: Bari v Udinese, Bologna v Lecce, Fiorentina v AS Roma, Juventus v Venezia, Parma v Verona, Perugia v Reggina, Lazio v AC Milan (1930 GMT)

FRENCH FIRST DIVISION

French league defending champions Bordeaux have in-

jury doubts as they try to bounce back from their disappointing ninth position in France.

Midfielder Jean-Christophe Rouviere and Guinea's Pascal Feindouno both have twisted ankles and are uncertain for Saturday's trip to Strasbourg.

Bordeaux coach Elie Baup must also do without central defender Nisa Saveljic and is set to field Kodjo Afanou and Herve Alcantara in the middle of defence.

French international striker Laurent Robert is back for fourth-placed PSG following a three-match suspension in Sunday's trip to Nantes. However coach Philippe Bergeroo is unlikely to make any other changes.

Lyon defender Patrice Carteron, suspended against Strasbourg in the last match, should play in the top-of-the-table clash at second-placed Monaco on Sunday.

In Sunday's other big game, third-placed Auxerre host Lens, who also secured a place in the second round of the UEFA Cup by defeating Israel's Maccabi Tel Aviv on Thursday night.

BUNDESLIGA

German champions Bayern Munich visit Schalke Saturday, after what has been a disappointing campaign so far domestically and in Europe.

Bayern, who won the Bundesliga by a mile last season, are looking a far less formidable proposition this time with indifferent displays on the field and signs of friction off it.

There are hopes that Brazilian Paulo Sergio and Markus Babbel will comeback from injury at Schalke while the hosts face the possibility that Dutch defender Johann Der Kock may never play again because of a knee injury.

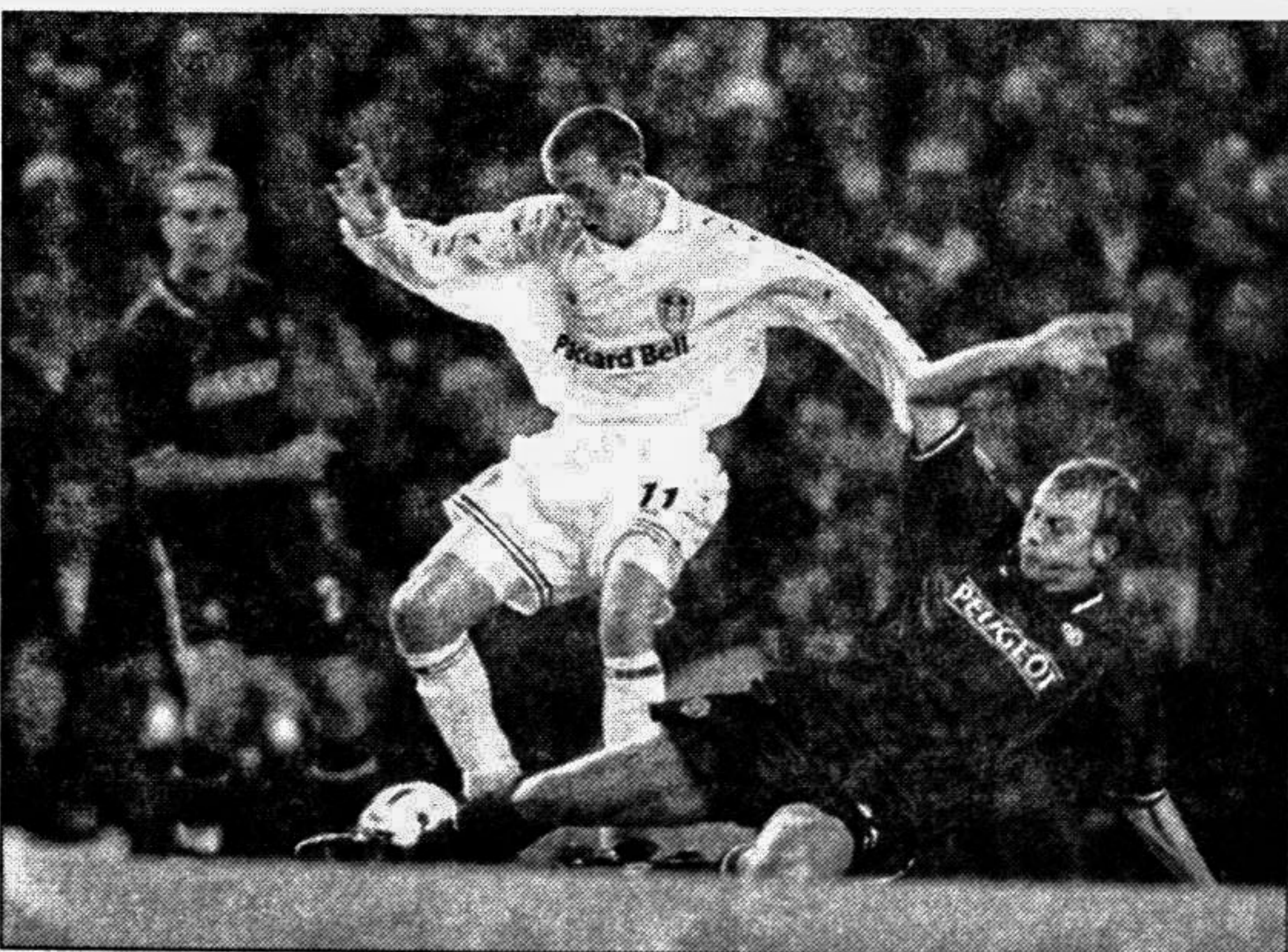
Coach Christoph Daum was livid after Schalke's Bayer Leverkusen squandered a handful of scoring possibilities against Dynamo Kiev Wednesday and then - in the Ukrainians' only shot on goal all night - conceded an equalising draw.

On Saturday he will fire up the team's killer instinct at Wolfsburg who have made it to the second round of the UEFA Cup.

Injury-ridden Hertha Berlin continue to stagger from one game to the next but Iranian striker Ali Daei is proving worth his weight in gold.

He scored again this week in the Champions League to secure a 1-1 draw with AC Milan. Saturday's game at home to bottom club Duisburg however promises to be a much more down to earth affair.

Borussia Dortmund's petulant Nigerian striker Victor Ikpeba may get finally get a run-out against Hansa Rostock Saturday.



Lee Bowyer (L) of Leeds United being challenged by a Partizan Belgrade defender in their UEFA Cup first round, second leg Match at Elland Road, Leeds on September 30. — AFP photo

KNOW THE TOURISTS

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M	I	NO	R	HS	Ave	SR	100	50	Ct	St
Batting	5	5	0	29	15	5.80	42.64			
W	Ave	Best	4w	5w	SR	Econ				
Bowling	25.5	1	127	3	42.33	2-18			59.6	4.25

ADRIAN FRANK GORDON GRIFFITH
Born: 19 November 1971, Barbados
Major Teams: West Indies, Barbados.
Known As: Adrian Griffith
Batting Style: Left Hand Bat
Bowling Style: Right Arm Medium

ODI Debut: West Indies v Australia at Sydney, Carlton & United Series, 1996/97
Latest ODI: West Indies v Pakistan at Toronto, DMC Trophy, 1999

Statistical Record
ONE-DAY INTERNATIONALS
(including 19/09/1999)

M	I	NO	R	HS	Ave	SR	100	50	Ct	St
Batting	7	6	1	54	47	10.80	53.46		5	5
W	Ave	Best	4w	5w	SR	Econ				
Bowling										

WAVELL WAYNE HINDS
Born: 07 September 1976, Kingston Jamaica
Major Teams: Jamaica.
Known As: Wavell Hinds
Batting Style: Left Hand Bat
Bowling Style: Right Arm Medium

ODI Debut: West Indies v India at Singapore, Singapore Challenge, 1999/00
Latest ODI: West Indies v Pakistan at Toronto, DMC Trophy, 1999

Statistical Record
ONE-DAY INTERNATIONALS
(including 19/09/1999)

M	I	NO	R	HS	Ave	SR	100	50	Ct	St
Batting	4	4	0	109	65	27.25	46.78		1	2
W	Ave	Best	4w	5w	SR	Econ				
Bowling	4	0	28	1	28.00	16			24.0	7.00

RIDLEY DETAMORE JACOBS
Born: 26 November 1967, Antigua
Major Teams: West Indies, Leeward Islands.
Known As: Ridley Jacobs
Batting Style: Left Hand Bat
Other: Wicket-Keeper
ODI Debut: West Indies v New Zealand at Kingston, 1st ODI, 1995/96
Latest ODI: West Indies v Pakistan at Toronto, DMC Trophy, 1999

Statistical Record
ONE-DAY INTERNATIONALS
(including 19/09/1999)

M	I	NO	R	HS	Ave	SR	100	50	Ct	St
Batting	38	31	5	604	80*	23.23		4	54	8
W	Ave	Best	4w	5w	SR	Econ				
Bowling										

REON DANE KING
Born: 06 October 1975, Guyana
Major Teams: West Indies, Guyana.
Known As: Reon King
Batting Style: Right Hand Bat
Bowling Style: Right Arm Fast Medium

ODI Debut: West Indies v India at Dhaka, Wills International Cup, 1998/99
Latest ODI: West Indies v Pakistan at Toronto, DMC Trophy, 1999

Statistical Record
ONE-DAY INTERNATIONALS
(including 16/09/1999)

M	I	NO	R	HS	Ave	SR	100	50	Ct	St	
Batting	11	10	1	358	124	39.77	104.37		1	2	4
W	Ave	Best	4w	5w	SR	Econ					
Bowling	3.3	0	41	0						11.71	

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Batting	24	12	7	40	12*	8.00	29.41			2	
Bowling	209.3	17	855	35	24.42	3.25				35.9	4.08

BRIAN CHARLES LARA
Born: 02 May 1969, Santa Cruz, Trinidad
Major Teams: West Indies, Northern Transvaal, Warwickshire, Trinidad & Tobago.
Known As: Brian Lara
Pronounced: Brian Lara
Batting Style: Left Hand Bat
Bowling Style: Leg Break
ODI Debut: West Indies v Pakistan at Karachi, 1st ODI, 1990/91
Latest ODI: West Indies v Pakistan at Toronto, DMC Trophy, 1999

Statistical Record
ONE-DAY INTERNATIONALS
(including 19/09/1999)

M	I	NO	R	HS	Ave	SR	100	50	Ct	St	
Batting	156	153	15	581	169	43.34		12	38	72	
W	Ave	Best	4w	5w	SR	Econ					
Bowling	5	0	34	2	17.00	2.5				15.0	6.80

NIXON ALEXEI MCNAMARA MCLEAN
Born: 28 July 1973, St Vincent
Major Teams: Hampshire, West Indies, Windward Islands.
Known As: Nixon McLean
Batting Style: Left Hand Bat
Bowling Style: Right Arm Fast
ODI Debut: West Indies v Australia at Melbourne, Carlton & United Series, 1996/97
Latest ODI: West Indies v India at Singapore, Singapore Challenge, 1999/00

Statistical Record
ONE-DAY INTERNATIONALS
(including 05/09/1999)

M	I	NO	R	HS	Ave	SR	100	50	Ct	St
Batting	17	12	0	22	23	7.66	83.63			4
W	Ave	Best	4w	5w	SR	Econ				
Bowling	123.5	3	622	16	34.55	3-41			41.2	5.02

NEHEMIAH ODOLPHUS PERRY
Born: 16 June 1968, Jamaica
Major Teams: Jamaica.
Known As: Nehemiah Perry
Batting Style: Right Hand Bat
Bowling Style: Right Arm Off Break

ODI Debut: West Indies v Australia at Kingston, 1st ODI, 1998/99
Latest ODI: West Indies v India at Singapore, Singapore Challenge, 1999/00

Statistical Record
ONE-DAY INTERNATIONALS
(including 08/09/1999)

M	I	NO	R	HS	Ave	SR	100	50	Ct	St
Batting	9	5	4	76	38*	76.00	65.51			4
W	Ave	Best	4w	5w	SR	Econ				
Bowling	61.4	2	303	9	33.66	3-45			41.1	4.91

RICARDO L POWELL
Born: 16 December 1978, St Elizabeth, Jamaica
Major Teams: Jamaica, West Indies.
Known As: Ricardo Powell
Batting Style: Right Hand Bat

ODI Debut: West Indies v Pakistan at Bristol, World Cup, 1999
Latest ODI: West Indies v Pakistan at Toronto, DMC Trophy, 1999

Statistical Record
ONE-DAY INTERNATIONALS
(including 19/09/1999)

M	I	NO	R	HS	Ave	SR	100	50	Ct	St	
Batting	11	10	1	358	124	39.77	104.37		1	2	4
W	Ave	Best	4w	5w	SR	Econ					
Bowling	3.3	0	41	0						11.71	