

## Sport

Friendly against Brazil  
Socceroos at full strength

SYDNEY, Oct 19: New coach Frank Farina Tuesday named a full-strength Australian squad for next month's two home football internationals with Brazil, reports AFP.

Farina, just back from talking to most of his European-based stars, announced a squad that includes Mark Bosnich, Mark Schwarzer, Paul Okon, Mark Viduka, Harry Kewell and Tony Vidmar.

Brazil's tour is being funded by the International Management Group (IMG), who manage Viduka, Kewell, Josip Skoko and John Aloisi and they are all likely to make the trip for the games at Sydney's Olympic stadium on November 14 and three days later at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

## Libya turns to Diego

TRIPOLI, Oct 19: Argentine footballing legend Diego Maradona is due here Wednesday to give a boost to Libyan football after the isolation of seven years of UN sanctions, newspapers reported, reports AFP.

Libyan leader Moamer Kadhafi's son Saadi, who heads the national football federation, invited the help of the player notorious for his "hand of God" and his cocaine habit in a bid to "develop Libyan football," the newspapers said.

Libyan football has not made an entirely happy return to the world stage since UN sanctions were suspended in April.

More than 30 people, including nine policemen, were injured when violent clashes broke out between Libyan fans and security forces during Libya's Arab Games clash with Iraq in Amman in August.

Libya went out of the games after play was suspended for a second time during the match.

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The traditionally Indian area of Chatsworth in Durban has been earmarked as a venue and at least one black township is to stage a match.

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## Karnataka rout NZ

BANGALORE, Oct 19: Karnataka state beat New Zealand by seven wickets in their three-day match today, reports Reuters.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard on the final day of the three-day match between Karnataka state and New Zealand on Tuesday:

**NEW ZEALAND:** First innings 269 for six declared (S Fleming 115 not out).

**KARNATAKA:** First innings 269 for six declared (V Bharadwaj 96).

**NEW ZEALAND:** Second innings (Overnight 12-0)

Horne c Naidu b Ganesh 12

Bell c Arun Kumar b Joshi 26

Harris c Vijay b Joshi 0

Spearman c Ganesh 1

Cairns c Ganesh 8

Ast c Vijay b Kumble 33

Parore b Joshi 0

Penr b Kumble 1

Fleming c Vijay b Bharadwaj 4

Wiseman c Arun Kumar b Joshi 6

Drum not out 1

Extras (lb-1, lb-12) 13

Total: (All out) 105

Fall of wickets: 1-30; 2-35; 3-

36; 4-48; 5-78; 6-78; 7-85; 8-96; 9-98

**Bowler** O M R W

Ganesh 14 3 41 3

M A Khan 4 2 11 0

Bharadwaj 4 1 14 1

Kumble 10 5 9 2

Joshi 15.5 7 17 4

**KARNATAKA:** Second innings

Somasundar c Harris b Wiseman 19

Arun Kumar c Spearman b Cairns 4

David c Parore b Drum 18

Bharadwaj not out 33

Naidu not out 7

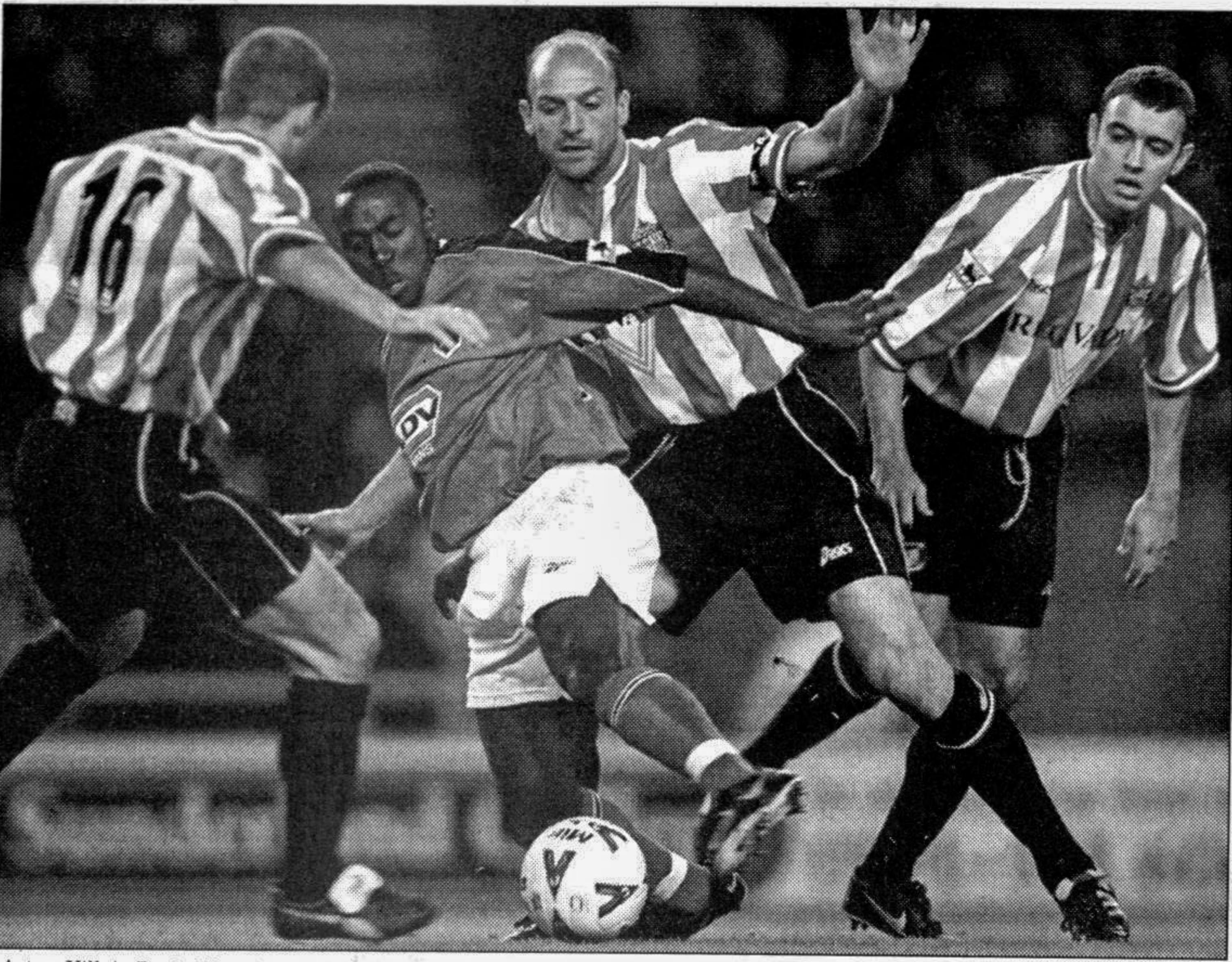
Extras (lb-1, nb-4) 5

Total: (For three wickets) 86

Fall of wickets: 1-5; 2-43; 3-

56

**Karnataka won by seven wickets.**



Aston Villa's Daris Vassell (2nd from L) is sandwiched between two Sunderland players in their Premiership encounter on October 18.

—AFP photo

## Premiership

## Phillips double sinks Villa



SUNDERLAND, England, Oct 19: England striker Kevin Phillips scored both goals as Sunderland came from a goal down to beat Aston Villa 2-1 in the English Premiership Monday, reports AFP.

Dixon Dublin had given Villa a 46th-minute lead but Phillips, who had a spell in non-league football with Baldock Town, showed once again how easily he has acclimated to the top flight after proving a prolific scorer in the first division. He now has 12 goals this season.

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referee David Elleray correctly ruled that the offence was outside the area.

Finally on the half hour Sunderland carved out their first real chance. Swede Stefan Schwarz floated in a cross and Niall Quinn's header drifted just inches wide.

But Villa were looking dangerous on the break and Lee Hendrie should have done better when played through by Dublin.

Sunderland survived until the interval but it only took Villa one minute after the restart to open the scoring.

Alan Thompson floated in a freekick and Dublin rose unopposed to power a header past Sorenson.

Just two minutes later veteran Sunderland defender Steve Bould made a vital tackle with his trailing leg as Vassell threatened to dribble through and score.

Villa boss John Gregory then brought on Paul Merson for

Vassell who had picked up a hamstring strain and was aprehended from the field.

But on the hour a controversial penalty allowed Sunderland to square the match.

Quinn tangled with Villa's Mark Delaney. The ball struck Quinn's hand and then Delaney's arm and Elleray penalised the Villa player.

England striker Kevin Phillips made no mistake from the spot.

Sunderland boss Peter Reid then introduced Irish youngster Michael Reddy to make a three-pronged attack with the home team clearly hunting the three points.

Almost immediately the move paid dividends. Schwarz played in a ball from the left touchline and Phillips headed the ball past Villa keeper David James.

Reddy went close with a long range shot as the game drifted into stoppage time but Phillips' second proved the decider.

## STANDINGS

English Premiership table after match played Monday (points, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):						
Leeds	11	8	1	2	21	12
Man Utd	11	7	3	1	27	16
Sunderland	11	7	2	2	20	9
Arsenal	11	7	1	3	17	10
Leicester	11	6	2	3	19	14
Chelsea	9	6	1	2	15	4
Everton	11	5	2	4	17	14
Tottenham	10	5	2	3	17	14
Aston Villa	11	5	2	4	12	11
West Ham	9	5	1	3	11	8
Middlesbrough	11	5	0	6	13	15
Liverpool	10	4	2	4	11	10
Coventry	11	3	3	5	16	15
Southampton	10	3	2	5	17	21
Wimbledon	11	2	5	4	17	25
Watford	11	3	0	8	7	15
Derby	11	2	3	6	10	19
Bradford	10	2	2	6	6	16
Newcastle	11	2	1	8	21	7
Sheff Wed	11	1	1	9	8	27

## Sampdoria's fund raising idea

ROME, Oct 19: Serie A club Sampdoria, has come up with a novel idea for raising 3.5 million euros (3.78 million dollars) from the market in the form of a bond issue on which the annual yield is based on the team's results, reports AFP.

The club, which is lying third in the Serie B, Italy's second division, is issuing a four-year bonds with a minimum yield of 2.5 percent.

The prospectus says that this could rise to 7.0 percent if the team is promoted to the Serie A which would open prospects of lucrative TV rights. If the team remained up, the return would be around 5.0 percent.

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## Crunch time for Bayern

PARIS, Oct 19: Bayern Munich return to Spain for a European Champions League clash with Valencia Wednesday for the first time since their traumatic 2-1 defeat at the hands of Manchester United in last season's final, reports AFP.

With matches in Groups A to D played Tuesday it is Groups E to H that will see all the action on Wednesday night. And while Wednesday's match is important but not critical the German champions are well aware that defeat by Group F leaders Valencia will leave them a lot of work to do to get out of their pool, considered by many to be the Group of Death in this year's tournament.

Their build-up to the Valencia clash has been marred by more signs that the team that came so close to glory in Barcelona in May is on the verge of breaking up.

Last May's final in the Nou Camp has already gone down in the football history books as the most dramatic finish ever to a major final and has even been dubbed by some as "the final of the century."

Bayern produced a near-flawless tactical display during the scheduled 90 minutes, leading United 1-0. The trophy had been brought to the pitch-side in Bayern ribbons as the game drifted into injury time. But suddenly it went pear-shaped for the Germans as United substitutes Teddy Sheringham and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer scored two goals in 95 seconds to snatch the trophy away at the death.

Coach Ottmar Hitzfeld claimed his players had gone into clinical shock when Sheringham equalised and an indifferent start to the current domestic campaign suggests his team are still in need of some therapy.

A convincing 3-1 win over fellow German Champions League contenders Hertha Berlin at the weekend, however, was Bayern's best show so far this term and Hitzfeld will be eager for the Germans to reproduce that form in Valencia, themselves yet to really spark in Spain's Primera Liga.

Now that Bayern team are

pears to be falling apart. Inspirational libero Lothar Matthaus is due to move to the United States in the new year while last week playmaker Mario Basler and Sven Schreuer were effectively sacked for being up in a pizzeria.

And Markus Babbel looks destined to move to English Premiership side Liverpool in the summer.

And Basler's antics were not the only to give Hitzfeld a headache. He had previously been fined for carousing in a nightclub on the eve of a Bundesliga game while Matthaus and French World Cup winner Bixente Lizarazu had a much publicised training ground spat that saw Matthaus slapped by his team-mate and Lizarazu fined.

Better news for Bayern came this week with the news that their Brazilian striker Giovane Elber had extended his deal with the club.

The losing side in Valencia - both teams have five points so far - could be leapfrogged by Rangers in Group F, assuming they beat PSV Eindhoven of Holland in Glasgow.

And a draw in Spain would see the Scots top of the pool if PSV are duly dispatched.

Montenegro defender Nisa Saveljic is an absentee and will be replaced by Herve Alcante while Stephane Ziani is a long-term absentee for the Girondins.

Guinean striker Pascal Feindouno