

King to coach Queensland

BRISBANE, Nov 2 (Internet report): Former rugby league winger for the Gold Coast Giants Bennett King is the new coach of the Queensland cricket team.
Bennett King, 34, was appointed today to replace John Buchanan, who takes charge of the Australian Test squad tomorrow for the series opener against Pakistan at the Gabba from Friday.
King, a Queensland and Australian under-19 cricketer in the late 1980s, was coached by Buchanan for Queensland Colts and has been his right-hand man for the past few seasons.
He quit cricket to play for the now defunct Chargers in 1986-89 but a knee injury cut short his career, so he returned to a less physically demanding sport.
King has been contracted for the remainder of this season and next.

WTA rankings

MIAMI, Florida, Nov 2 (AFP): WTA Tour rankings issued here Monday:

Player	Points
Hings	6084
Davenport	4412
V Williams	4000
S Williams	3021
Seles	2625
Pierce	2526
Schett	2092
Tauziat	2074
Maillard-Decugis	1966
1919	1853
Mauresmo	1853
Van Roost	1740
Kournikova	1546
Testud	1501
Martinez	1482
Sanchez-Vicario	1435
Novotna	1421
Likhovtseva	1408
Huber	1392
Frazier	1306

Miami Herald smells a rat

MIAMI, Nov 2: More than 30 prizefighters including one involving former heavyweight champion George Foreman have been fixed or tainted with fraud in the last 12 years, the Miami Herald reported yesterday, reports Reuters.
Some fighters took payments to throw fights while others took bribes to avoid injury and earn a quick paycheck, the newspaper reported, citing interviews with participants in the fights.
One-time world ranked heavyweight Tony Fullang said he faked a second-round knockout by Foreman on Oct 27, 1988, in Marshall, Texas, the Herald said.
"I really hate to say this because it's not good for the sport," the newspaper quoted Fullang as saying. "I took a dive."
The Herald report cited sworn statements and interviews with more than 60 fighters, promoters, trainers, managers, matchmakers and commissioners.
Professionals boxing has been shaken in recent months by a number of incidents including a March 13 bout at Madison Square Garden in New York between Evander Holyfield, holder of the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation titles, and Lennox Lewis, the World Boxing Council champ.
Many expert observers were shocked when the bout was called a draw, believing Lewis had clearly won.
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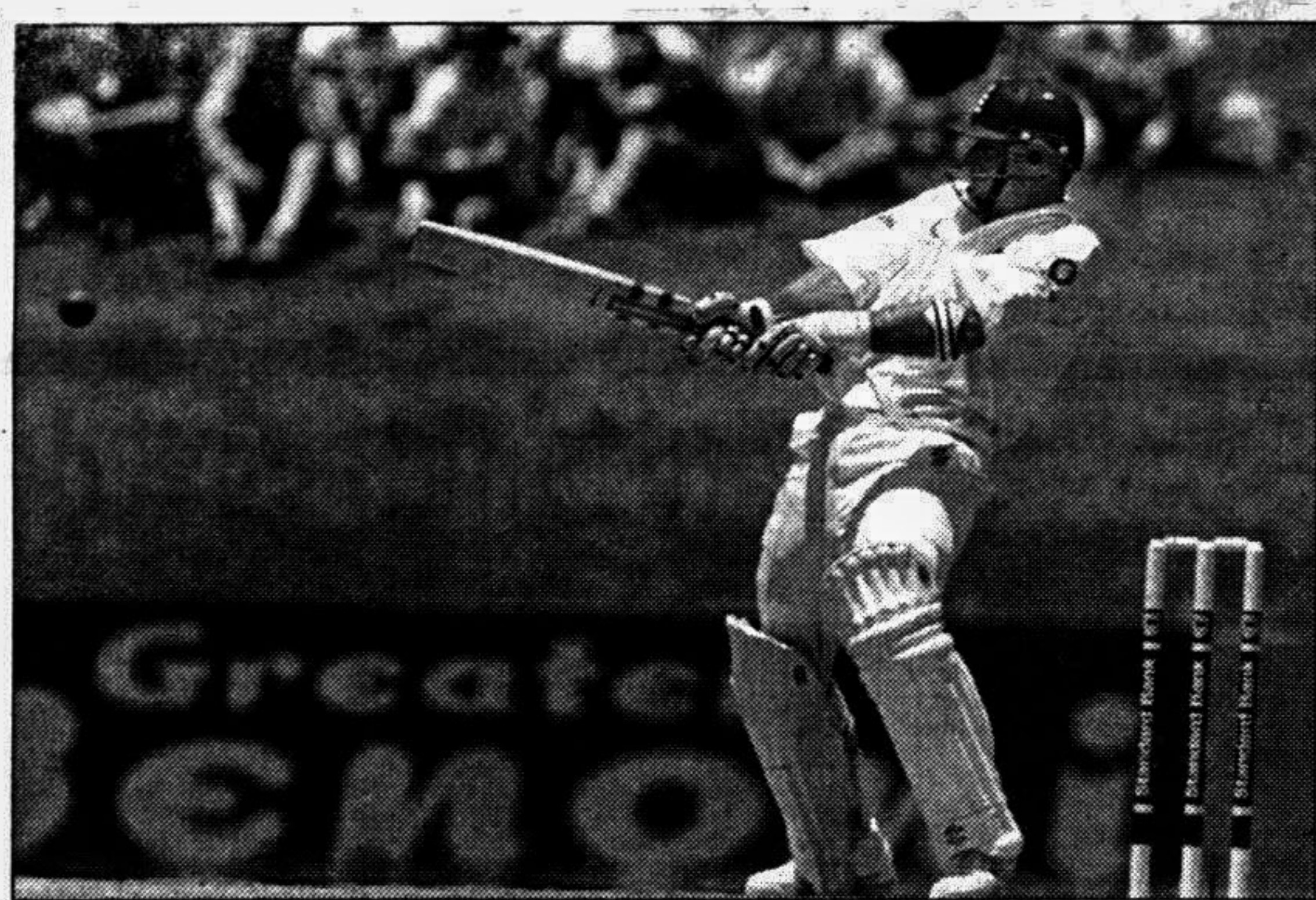
BRISBANE, Nov 2: Pakistan's low key start to their Australian tour continued today when they were bowled out on the final day of a four-day cricket match here today, reports AFP.
Pakistan, set 317 runs at the start of the final day for victory, were rolled for 204 despite dogged innings from Inzamam-ul-Haq (57) and Saad Anwar (54). The last six wickets collapsed for 33 runs and the tourists have now lost all their three tour matches since arriving in Australia leading up to Friday's opening Test here.
Queensland all-rounder Geoff Foley was the destroyer, claiming 5-25 from 16.2 overs for the first five-wicket haul of his first-class career.
Paceman Scott Muller had an early confidence boost before his Test debut against Pakistan at the Gabba this week by trapping Mohamud Waseem lbw in his opening spell for 13.
However, that was his first and last success as he finished with 1-48. Queensland captain Stuart Law opted not to bowl Muller after tea, resting him up for the biggest match of his career.

Law pulls

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... was rubbed out of the game.
Asked if he was surprised by revelations about the video, Law said: "If I know the source it doesn't surprise me at all."
"This guy Shaohab has got a talent, he's got something that someone else hasn't in life."
"He's at the top and people are trying to knock him down."
"While it may be great for batsmen around the world not to have to face him, cricket's going to be a poorer game for it."
"It's exciting, it gets your heart racing - not only standing at the other end facing him but also standing on the sidelines watching."
"If that ever comes to an end it's going to be a shame."
ACB media manager Brian Murgatroyd Tuesday said the matter was a "grey area" because Inzamam and Prue failed to point to the finger that Akhtar through the appropriate channel, their official match report.
In reference to Shaohab's ten Tests and 27 one-day international appearances Akram said: "It's more than clear. Shaohab's action ... you mean the referees all over the world he played under can't see or can't judge a player?"
"Why, whenever opposition comes here, do people have a go at them in such a way instead of praising the talent we have and thinking Oh God he's the fastest bowler, he's going to get some wickets" and having a go at him in a negative way?
Waseem said of Akhtar: "He is relaxed, he knows these things are going to pop up before an Australian tour, any tour, to divide and divert our attention."
"I'll handle a Pakistan Cricket Board press release says during the match between Pakistan and Queensland XI at Brisbane, the ICC match referee Peter Burge called on Pakistan captain Wasim Akram and categorically expressed regrets on Emerson's action and statement on Shaohab.
Burge was surprised on the statement of umpire Emerson and clearly stated to Wasim that whilst the World Cup matches not even a reference was made on Shaohab in the context of what Emerson has suddenly dropped up. He said that many cricket enthusiasts including some retired cricketers in Australia have regretted the act of Emerson.

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England's Nasser Hussain square-cuts during their tour match against Easterns in Benoni yesterday. —AFP photo

England maiden victims

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 2 (Reuters/Internet): England became the first touring side to lose the traditional opening South African tour fixture against the Nicky Oppenheimer XI when they were beaten by six wickets on Monday.
After former captain Michael Atherton had top scored with 72, England captain Nasser Hussain set the tourists 204 to win — a target they achieved with 3.4 overs remaining at Randjesfontein near Johannesburg.
It was the first time that a touring side had lost against the invitation team in nine starts since the first fixture against New Zealand in 1991. England beat them by 142 runs in 1995, the last time they played.
For England, still reeling from their 2-1 Test series defeat by New Zealand, it was not an ideal start to a four-month tour.
"The guys are pretty disappointed," coach Duncan Fletcher said. "But we wanted to make a bit of a game of it and they batted extremely well."
England batted first and lost their opening two wickets for 13 before former captain Atherton led a fightback, scoring 72, including 12 fours, off 143 balls.
Atherton shared a sixth-wicket stand of 60 with Michael Vaughan, who made 59 not out, with six fours, off 105 balls.
Hussain declared at 203 for seven, giving the invitation side a target to achieve at a rate of just under five runs an over.
The hosts set about the task with relish, with opener Martin van Jaarsveld scoring 40 off 67 balls with seven fours.
But it was a 62-run sixth-wicket stand off 56 balls between Dale Benkenstein (41) and 22-year-old Justin Kemp which set up the win.
Kemp went on to make 38 not out, with four fours and a six, as he and Nic Pothas (39 not out) put on a quickfire 55 off 39 balls, with an afternoon thunderstorm threatening to wash out play.
England also had an injury scare. Seamer Dean Headley was taken off on a stretcher with a back spasm after bowling just 10 balls. It was later revealed that the injury was not serious and Headley would be fit to bowl in two to three days.
England play their second match against provincial side, Easterns, on Tuesday.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the limited-overs friendly match between England and Nicky Oppenheimer XI at the N.F. Oppenheimer ground in Randjesfontein on Monday:

ENGLAND:
Butcher c McKenzieb 1
Atherton b Kemp 72
Hussain c Symcox b Kemp 59
Maddy c Abrahams b Kemp 2
Stewart run out 22

PAKISTAN: First innings 276 (Azhar Mahmood 83, Moïn Khan, 70; A Dale 5-58).
QUEENSLAND: Second innings
J Maher c Ijaz b Mahmood 19
M Hayden lbw b Akhtar 128
M Love c Wasim b Mahmood 6
S Law c M Wasim b Mushtaq 100
A Symonds lbw b Mushtaq 24
G Foley not out 23
W Secombe not out 23
Extras: (b-1, lb-5, nb-7) 13
Total: (For five wickets dec) 318
Fall of wickets: 1-33; 2-52; 3-249; 4-257; 5-271.

Bowler: O M R W
Shoaib Akhtar 15 4 37 1
Wasim Akram 14 0 49 0
Azhar Mahmood 24 7 58 2
Abdur Razaq 16 4 49 0
Mushtaq Ahmed 28 3 119 2

PAKISTAN: Second innings
Saeed Anwar c Secombe b Anderson 54
M Wasim lbw b Muller 13
Ijaz lbw b Dale 10
Youhana b Bichel 17
Inzamam c Maher b Anderson 57
Razaq c Secombe b Foley 26
Akram c b Foley 6
Mahmood c Love b Foley 1
Moïn c Hayden b Foley 9
Mushtaq c Love b Foley 3
Akhtar not out 8
Extras: (b-2, lb-5, nb-1) 8
Total: (All out) 204
Fall of wickets: 1-27; 2-53; 3-94; 4-104; 5-171; 6-177; 7-187; 8-197; 9-203.

Bowler: O M R W
S Muller 13 1 48 1
A Dale 11 2 24 1
A Bichel 15 3 35 1
M Anderson 33 12 65 2
G Foley 16 2 6 5

Result: Queensland won by 112 runs.

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Kinkladze loaned to Derby

LONDON, Nov 2: Georgi Kinkladze was on Monday loaned to English Premiership side Derby till the end of the season with a view to a permanent move from Dutch club Ajax, reports AFP.

The capture of the Georgian international, who moved from Manchester City to Ajax a year and a half ago, was a major coup for Derby boss Jim Smith. Smith said "I think Georgi is the type of player the Derby public would enjoy." Midfielder Kinkladze will train with the Rams on Tuesday.

A spokesman for the Dutch club explained: "Ajax and Derby County have agreed on the loan of Georgi Kinkladze to the Premiership club for the remainder of the 1999-2000 season with the intention of agreeing a deal for the sale of the player at the end of the campaign."

Kinkladze, 26, will definitely miss Saturday's trip to Liverpool but there is a chance he could make his Rams debut at home to Manchester United on November 20.
Despite splashing out on Seth Johnson and Lee Morris since the end of last season, the County boss still has money to spend and Kinkladze was not among the two unnamed players Smith made unsuccessful bids for last week.

The former Dynamo Tbilisi star made a massive impact at City even though they were relegated twice during his three years at the Maine Road club.
Kinkladze, who moved to England for 2 million pounds (£2 million dollars) four years ago, left when City were relegated to Division Two in May 1998.

He cost Ajax around five million pounds but he has struggled to establish himself in Amsterdam and has long been linked with a return to the Premiership.

Ntini set to play again

EAST LONDON, Nov 2 (Internet report): Fast bowler Makshaya Ntini is to play his first match in seven months for Border this week, after his rape conviction was overturned in the Grahamstown High Court last Friday.
Ntini has been included in the Border B cricket team to play North West B in a three-day UCB Bowl match.

It will be his first match in Border colours since the Standard Cup final against Griquas at Buffalo Park in March.
Ntini, who is short of match practice, will have to prove to the Border selectors he is back to form and fitness before taking the step up to Supersport Series matches for the senior team.
Ntini automatically became eligible to play for the South African team when his rape conviction was overturned.
United Cricket Board managing director Ali Bacher said on Friday Ntini was eligible to play "at all levels of cricket".
But the 22-year-old bowler is not an automatic choice to reclaim his place in Hansie Cronje's national side, which easily won the first Test against Zimbabwe in Bloemfontein at the weekend.

National selection committee convenor Rusdi Magiet said the East London-based fast bowler would have to earn his position in a South African squad.
"He'll have to play (for Border) first," Magiet said.
"He hasn't played for a while and he must prove his fitness and form. It's the same as if someone has been out injured."
Ntini, who earns just more than R19 000 a month in combined salary from the UCB and Border, will struggle to regain his place.
He is unlikely to oust anyone of the likes of speed king Allan Donald or all-rounders Jacques Kallis, Lance Klusener and Shaun Pollock.
Ntini has represented South Africa in eight Tests and one limited-overs match.
The captain was also disappointed by the performance of star strike bowler Allan Donald, who picked up only one wicket in the match.

"I'm not happy with the way Allan is bowling. I think he bowled a spell today that was a lot better than what he did throughout the Test match. He looks like he's getting into that rhythm again."
But he was pleased with Kallis' efforts. Apart from his batting, the all-rounder finished the game with figures of seven wickets for 113 runs.
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Rangers on guard against Bayern

PARIS, Nov 2: Rangers midfielder Claudio Reyna has warned his teammates to be on guard against Bayern Munich as they attempt to qualify for the second phase of the European Champions League on Wednesday night, reports AFP.

Reyna, who is expected to return to the starting line-up on Wednesday against the German side, watched as his former club Wolfsburg were thrashed 5-0 at the weekend.
The American midfielder was very impressed with Bayern's overall display.
He said: "I saw Bayern's victory against Wolfsburg and they were something special. They are always confident as a team at home. But the Olympic Stadium is not as intimidating as Valencia and Ibrox as the fans are so far back from the pitch."
"German teams, in particular Bayern Munich, play 90 minutes much the same way, whether they are winning 1-0 or losing 1-0."
"Bayern Munich play to their strengths and often get a result when they don't deserve it. That's what makes them special."
Rangers need to get a point from their final Group F game if they are to advance to the second phase with Spanish side Valencia and Reyna believes they have to be positive.
From the first minute we have to attack the loose balls and try and force the game," he said.
"We can't afford to play for a draw. There is a lot of pressure on them as they reached the final last year and they want to win it."

Reyna has missed the last five weeks of Rangers campaign after suffering a hamstring injury in the 1-0 defeat of PSV Eindhoven in Holland and is desperate to play a part in Munich.
"I am ready to come back as there are no problems with my fitness," he said. "I have trained the last three days, kicking the ball as well, and there has been no reaction."
Chelsea host Hertha Berlin in another crunch match on Wednesday night in the closest pool of all in Group H.
Chelsea lost their third Premiership game in succession at the weekend when losing 3-1 at Derby, but worse, French defender Franck Leboeuf limped off after 52 minutes with an ankle injury sustained as he scored the equaliser and could be doubtful for the match.
A draw at Stamford Bridge would mean both Chelsea and Hertha Berlin would qualify for the next phase.
In group E, the issues are already decided with Real Madrid and Porto qualifying, and in group G with Bordeaux and Sparta Prague the top two.

WOLFSBURG: Bayern Munich thrashed Wolfsburg 5-0 at the weekend. The American midfielder was very impressed with Bayern's overall display.



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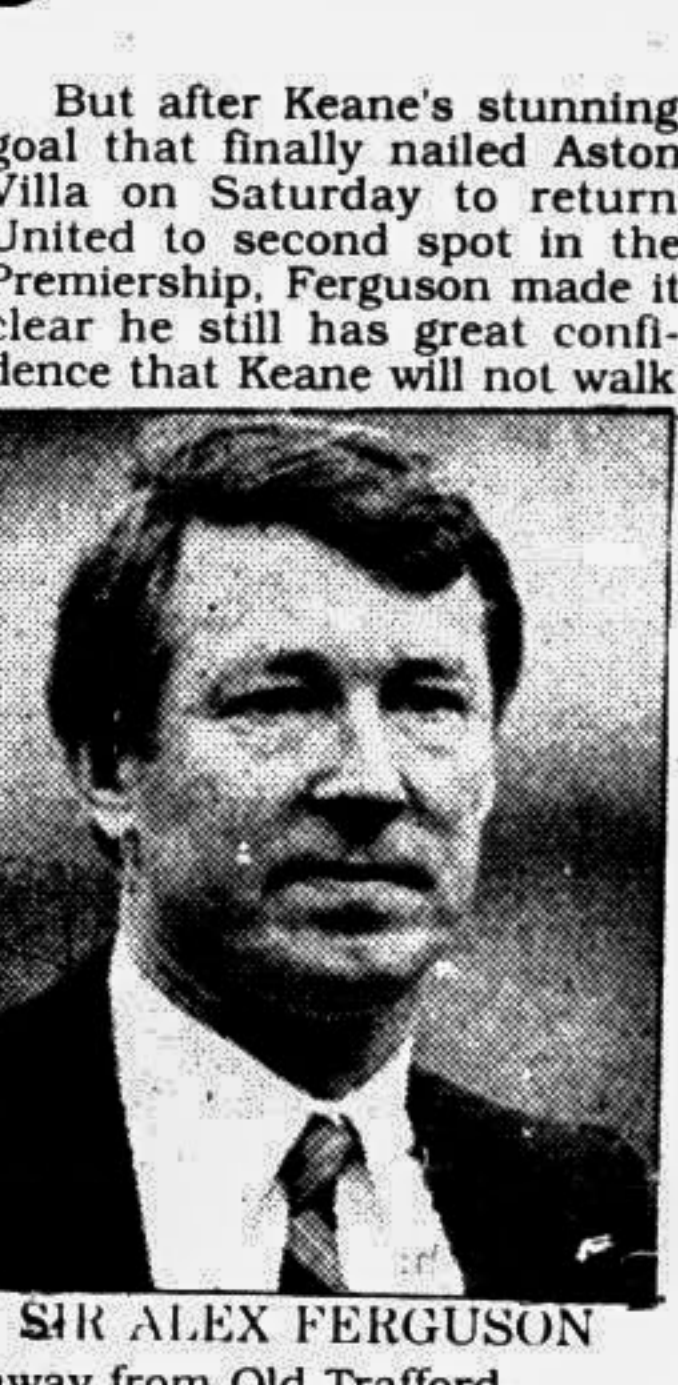
The Scottish Premier League leaders warmed up for the match by thrashing Aberdeen 5-1 despite being without Neil McCann, Rod Wallace, Jorg Albertz and Reyna, who were all injured.
Finland striker Jonatan Johansson struck his claim for a place in the side to face Bayern by grabbing a hat-trick.
Manager Dick Advocaat said: "We will have to discuss that matter with some of the players. I don't know yet about the team in Munich but most of our players should be fit for the game."
Michael Mols came off with a knock at Aberdeen but is expected to be fit to face the Germans.
He said: "This is a massive, massive night for Rangers. The stakes are so high for us because it is the dream of all players to go into the last 16."
Chelsea host Hertha Berlin in another crunch match on Wednesday night in the closest pool of all in Group H.
Chelsea lost their third Premiership game in succession at the weekend when losing 3-1 at Derby, but worse, French defender Franck Leboeuf limped off after 52 minutes with an ankle injury sustained as he scored the equaliser and could be doubtful for the match.
A draw at Stamford Bridge would mean both Chelsea and Hertha Berlin would qualify for the next phase.
In group E, the issues are already decided with Real Madrid and Porto qualifying, and in group G with Bordeaux and Sparta Prague the top two.

Fergie's fingers crossed for Keane

LONDON, Nov 2: Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson has held midfielder Roy Keane to take his time amid speculation in the English media about his future career plans, reports AFP.

With Keane's contract running out in June, in the build-up to Tuesday's European Champions League Group D match at home to Sturm Graz, interest has focused on whether the Irish midfielder will still be at the club next season.
Real Madrid, Lazio, Inter Milan and Juventus have all reportedly been linked again with a bidding war for Keane, who is free to open talks with interested clubs from January 1.
With United getting their act together in European and domestic competition after a dreadful run - by their standards - the last thing Ferguson wants is the battle to keep Keane rearing its head again at such an inconvenient time.

But after Keane's stunning goal that finally nailed Aston Villa on Saturday to return United to second spot in the Premiership, Ferguson made it clear he still has great confidence that Keane will not walk away from Old Trafford.
The impasse over his new contract may be one thing, but Ferguson clearly implied there was a deeper, emotional bond between player and manager which could overcome all.
His reaction to being questioned on Keane's future was clear. He said: "I think I know more about the situation than you!"
Keane will undoubtedly become, and probably already is, the subject of much jockeying for position among Europe's elite.
But Ferguson will not for one moment give the impression that it is a battle that United cannot win.
He said: "I don't think Roy has expressed his thoughts to anyone on this subject, but that's not the impression you get from reading the papers."
"Reality paints a different picture. I have told Roy to make his decision when he is ready."
And Ferguson was scathing of suggestions that the player, if he was contemplating leaving, would let his high standards drop and said: "He's above things like that, like letting his form slip."



SIR ALEX FERGUSON

SA only can get better

BLOEMFONTEIN, Nov 2 (Internet report): South Africa crushed Zimbabwe by six wickets in their first Test in Bloemfontein on Monday, but skipper Hansie Cronje is still demanding improvement.

The national selectors rewarded the team, which wrapped up the match shortly after lunch on the fourth day, by naming an unchanged side for the second game of the two-Test home and away series in Harare from November 11-15.
For selection committee convenor Rusdi Magiet, there was no need for changes. "The team did very well as a whole," he said.
Cronje, however, quickly pinpointed the weaknesses.
"From a batting point view, (we need to) try to build bigger scores, rather than our 50s and 60s, but overall I'm reasonably happy."

But he was pleased with Kallis' efforts. Apart from his batting, the all-rounder finished the game with figures of seven wickets for 113 runs.
Cronje has described Kallis as the quickest bowler in the side, but the 24-year-old Glamorgan star declined the compliment.
"I think our fast man (Donald) is still a lot quicker. Perhaps I've picked up a few yards, but when Allan gets it right he's quicker by a long way."
"I don't need to worry about that," he added. "As long as the ball is swinging out of my hand, I'm happy."
Cronje has expressed concern that Kallis, the number three bat and one of the key bowlers who plays the full year round, may be exerting himself too much.
The 24-year-old all-rounder, however, believed age was still on his side.
"At the moment I'm still young enough and my body's still good enough to last ... Maybe in a few years' time I might have to look at either cutting down on the bowling or going down the order."
"We'll see what happens."
"But at the moment I'm very happy with the way it's going."
Cronje also praised left-arm wrist-spinner Paul Adams, who wrapped up the match with four wickets.
"He's a good cleaner-up of the tail, and it's always valuable in the second innings when your quick men have done a lot of hard work and the ball's getting soft. It's fantastic to have someone like that at the tail."
Selector Mike Proctor pointed out that, with the exception of Adams, South Africa was seriously lacking in the spin department.
"If you look at a situation where you wanted to play two spinners in a Test match, the first problem you've got is who to leave out, and the second problem is who else do you pick."
Zimbabwe captain Alistair Campbell blamed the heavy defeat on his team