

## Franz for changes

COLOGNE, Germany, Nov 5 (AP) - German football great Franz Beckenbauer, who is vice president of the German Football Federation, wants changes to the Champions League so that matches are no longer bunched together on a weekly basis.

"Three European Cup matches in three weeks are too many. We need a reform for next season," Beckenbauer told the Bild newspaper.

"When you have such top teams the fans have a right to see top games. They don't want to see players who are weary and who can't deliver their true form because the physical demands are too heavy."

"That's why there need to be changes next season with European Cup matches only every two weeks," added Beckenbauer, who is also president of German champions Bayern Munich.

## Aarthie U-18 World chess champ

OROPESA DEL MORE, Spain, Nov 6: India's Aarthie Ramaswamy scored a facile last-round win to keep top seeded Russian Evgenija Ovod at bay, and claimed the girls' under-18 World Championship title here yesterday, reports PTI.

Former national under-14 champion Aarthie gave India a deserving world crown after the defending girls' U-12 champion Koneru Humpy's challenge was subdued in the final rounds of the world boys' and girls' age-group chess championships.

Humpy, the 1998 world champion and top seed, finished second to claim silver medal — a consolation after the Andhra girl led her category midway through the championships.

Aarthie defeated Wang Yu of China in the final round Friday morning to end a suspense-filled day as the world crown depended on her outright victory.

The Indian was unexpectedly beaten in the penultimate round last night by sixth seed Jana Jackova of the Czech Republic and was in danger of losing her sole lead to Evgenija.

The high drama continued as the Russian drew her 10th round game and both the aspirants went into the final round with eight points each.

Evgenija played excellently to defeat second seed Dana Reznicek in four hours to jump into the lead with nine points to her credit.

At this point, Aarthie was still fighting the battle with the Chinese, but she had a clear goal-win her game and overtake Evgenija on a better progressive score.

## DC Cup soccer

GAZIPUR, Nov 6: Narsingdi District emerged champions in the Dhaka Divisional Commissioner Cup football tournament beating Sherpur District by 3-1 goals at the local stadium today, reports UNB.

Rabiu netted two goals and Nazmul one for the winners.

Arman of Narsingdi was adjudged best player-of-the-tournament.

## Judges picked for Holyfield-Lewis rematch

LAS VEGAS, Nov 6: An all-American group of judges was picked Friday for the Nov 13 rematch between heavyweight champions Evander Holyfield and Lennox Lewis, reports AP.

Their March bout in New York ended in a controversial draw. Most ringsiders gave Lewis the fight, but the only judge to score the match for Holyfield — the IBF and WBA titlist — was the judge chosen by the IBF.

The referee for the rematch in Las Vegas will be Mitch Halpern, and the judges will be Chuck Giampa, Bill Graham and Jerry Roth, said Marc Ratner, executive director of the Nevada Athletic Commission.

Unlike in New York, the sanctioning groups did not have a role, he said.

"We did not pick them with sanctioning organisations. We picked them," Ratner said, noting that is required under Nevada law.

All four are US citizens licensed by Nevada, and have a total of 220 world championship fights among them, including 60 for Halpern, he said.

Holyfield will meet Lewis, the WBC champ, at the Thomas and Mack Center.

Each is guaranteed dls 15 million. In the first fight, Holyfield was guaranteed dls 20 million and Lewis dls 10 million.

Their March 13 fight at Madison Square Garden prompted a New York investigation, and the IBF judge also testified before a federal grand jury in Newark, New Jersey, that indicted top IBF officials this week in a bribery scandal regarding rankings.

No charges were brought regarding the judge, Eugenia Williams of Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Williams, who filed for bankruptcy before the fight, told the Newark grand jury that no one attempted to sway her decision, her lawyer has said.

She judged the fight 115-113 for Holyfield, English judge Jerry O'Connell scored it 115-113, while South African judge Christodoulou favored 116-113.

After watching a replay, Williams testified in New York that she would have scored it differently had photographers been well used in recent weeks.

## Tributes keep flowing



UNDATED, Nov 6 (PTI/ AFP/ Interpress): Indian bowling legend Kapil Dev Friday paid tributes to West Indian fast bowler Malcolm Marshall with skipper Sachin Tendulkar describing the death as a great loss to cricket lovers world over.

Malcolm, who died in Barbados on Thursday after losing a battle with cancer, could bowl under any conditions and was a match-winner, Indian coach Kapil Dev said in Rajkot after the first one-day tie against New Zealand.

"He could be very devastating. It is a great shock to me as we have played cricket against each other for 15 years," Kapil Dev whose career ran parallel with the Barbadian said. "I met him during the World Cup before he fell ill. I knew he was serious, but didn't realize it was so bad," he said.

Kapil, Dev's international career ran from 1978 to 1994 while Marshall, who also made his debut in 1978, played his last Test in 1991.

Marshall, who achieved the all-round double of 1000 runs and 100 wickets in 49 Tests and scored 1810 runs and took 376 wickets from 81 matches, had proved his worth time and again in the formidable Caribbean squad of the '80s.

Kapil Dev, one of the game's great all-rounders who notched up 5248 runs and took the world record 434 wickets, said it was a big loss to the cricket fraternity world over.

Condoling the death, Tendulkar said, "To lose anybody is bad, more so when he happens to be a great fast bowler."

Former Kiwi stumper and TV commentator Ian Smith said Marshall was one of the most devastating and most respected fast bowlers of the modern era.

In Cape Town, the world's top-ranked bowler South African Shaun Pollock Friday praised the late West Indian paceman as his inspiration.

"He had a huge influence on my career," said Pollock.

The national vice-captain this week took over from fellow South African Allan Donald as the world's number one-ranked Test bowler.

Pollock was a newcomer in the Natal side when Marshall joined the team in the 1992/1993 season.

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Hansa Rostock's Timo Lange takes a left-foot shot to score the first goal against Hamburg during their Bundesliga clash at Rostock on November 5. — AFP photo

## Bundesliga

## Rostock hold Hamburg



COLOGNE, Nov 6: A 3-3 draw at Hansa Rostock was sufficient for Hamburg to move top of the Bundesliga Friday while Duisburg remain the only club without a win this season after losing 3-0 at Freiburg, reports AFP.

Hamburg are level on 20 points with Bayern Munich and Borussia Dortmund, both of whom play on Saturday, while Bayer Leverkusen are fourth on 19.

Rostock threatened to walk away with the game in the first half hour when Timo Lange and Steffen Baumgart put goals on the board in the opening five minutes.

"When you look at the open-

ing 30 minutes we could have led three- or four-nil," Rostock coach Andreas Zachhuber said.

"At the end though when Hamburg threw everything at us we were under pressure and have to feel satisfied with the 3-3 draw. It was a great game though for the fans and was fun to watch."

Hans-Jorg Butt began Hamburg's comeback in the 39th minute. His converted penalty put the Hanseatic side back in the hunt. It was Butt's fifth goal this season and, despite being a goalkeeper, makes him one of the Bundesliga's top goalscorers.

"At some point he'll miss a penalty," Hamburg coach Frank Pagelsdorf growled with satisfaction.

## STANDINGS

|                     | won | drawn | lost | goals for | against | points |
|---------------------|-----|-------|------|-----------|---------|--------|
| SV Hamburg          | 11  | 5     | 5    | 1         | 23      | 13     |
| Bayern Munich       | 10  | 6     | 2    | 2         | 18      | 9      |
| Borussia Dortmund   | 10  | 6     | 3    | 1         | 15      | 7      |
| Bayer Leverkusen    | 10  | 5     | 4    | 1         | 16      | 9      |
| Schalke 04          | 10  | 4     | 4    | 2         | 13      | 10     |
| Werder Bremen       | 10  | 4     | 3    | 3         | 22      | 13     |
| SC Freiburg         | 11  | 4     | 3    | 4         | 18      | 11     |
| Munich 1860         | 10  | 4     | 3    | 3         | 16      | 11     |
| VfL Wolfsburg       | 10  | 4     | 3    | 3         | 14      | 19     |
| Hansa Rostock       | 11  | 4     | 2    | 5         | 17      | 25     |
| Kaiserslautern      | 10  | 4     | 1    | 5         | 13      | 20     |
| Hertha Berlin       | 10  | 2     | 6    | 2         | 14      | 16     |
| Unterhaching        | 10  | 3     | 2    | 5         | 9       | 12     |
| VfB Stuttgart       | 10  | 3     | 2    | 5         | 8       | 13     |
| Arminia Bielefeld   | 10  | 2     | 4    | 4         | 8       | 15     |
| SSV Ulm             | 10  | 2     | 3    | 5         | 10      | 10     |
| Eintracht Frankfurt | 10  | 2     | 2    | 6         | 11      | 16     |
| MSV Duisburg        | 11  | 0     | 5    | 6         | 9       | 19     |

## Japan qualify for Sydney

TOYOKO, Nov 6: Japan rebounded from a 1-0 first half deficit and defeated Kazakhstan 3-1 Saturday to qualify for the Sydney Olympics next year with three wins against no defeats in the Asian final qualifying round, reports AP.

The victory assured the Japanese national U-22 of clinching the top spot in the Group C three-nation Asian final qualifying round and winning an Olympic berth.

Japan's success taught coaches around the world, including those as innovative as Bob Woolmer, that a bowler's action does not necessarily determine his ability to swing the ball.

"Malcolm had a profound effect on cricket," said Woolmer. "He proved that an open-chested action does not prevent a bowler from moving the ball both ways and that a small man could generate great pace."

"He changed the coaching of cricket in a profound way and he was great at imparting his knowledge of the game to others and his legacy will be those players passing on that knowledge."

"Shawn Pollock rang me in tears when he heard the news and he was also extremely helpful to Lance Klusener at Natal, where he is still revered after his four years there."

It is a view shared by Bob Cottam, who is currently England's specialist bowling coach but has also helped bowlers like Allan Donald and Andrew Caddick during their careers.

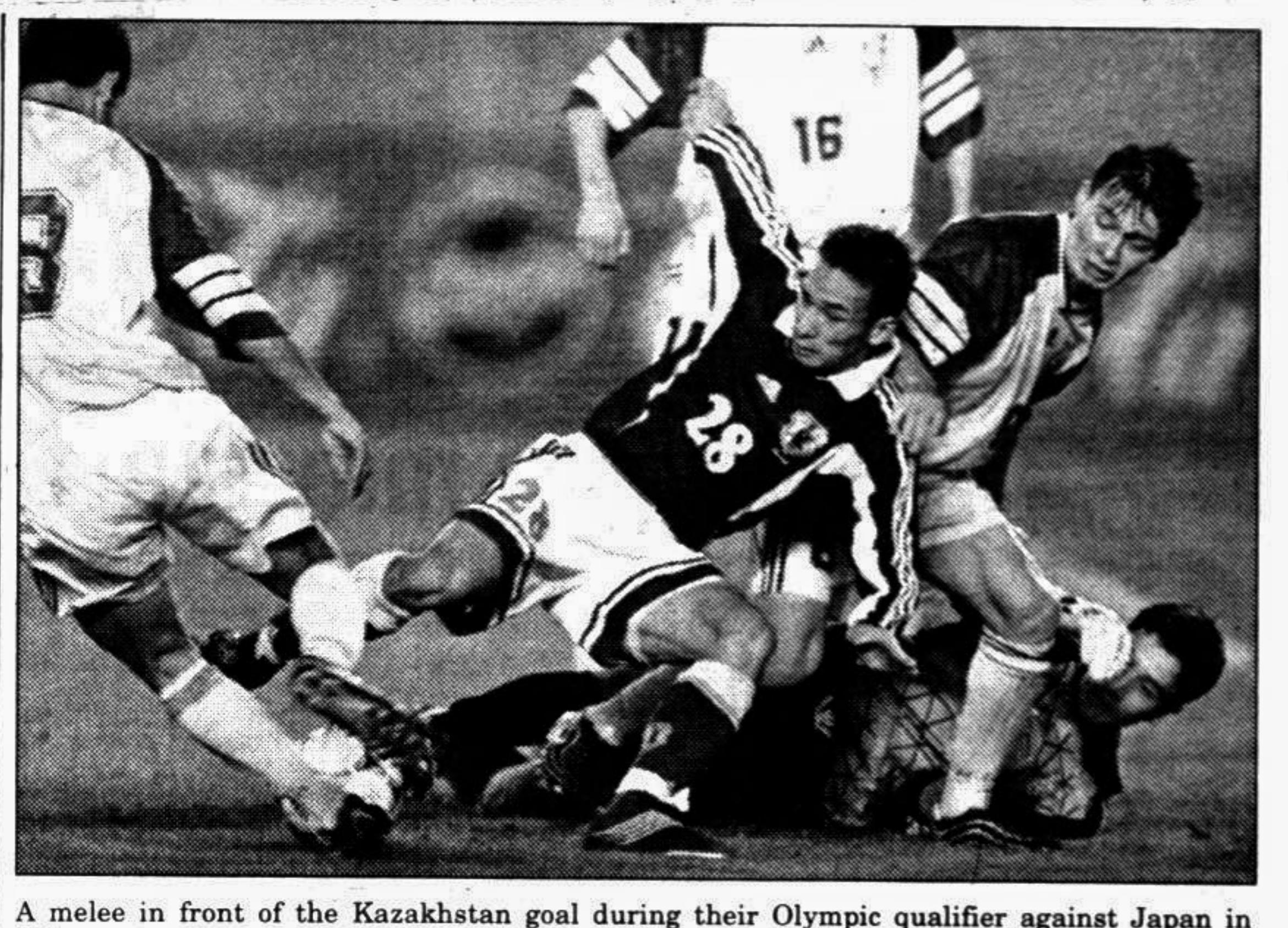
"My schoolboy idols were Brian Statham and Fred Trueman but in later years Malcolm Marshall was the one bowler I would travel to watch," said Cottam.

"He had a big, big heart and would bowl all day for you in any conditions — he just wanted to fill in that end wickets column day and day out."

"I loved to talk bowling with him. With his open-chested action he differed from the coaching manuals but from my point of view as a coach, that was great because it showed you there were other alternatives. Cricket will miss him hugely."

Ex-England batsman and Hampshire captain Robin Smith who played with the fearsome paceman in county cricket and against him in the international game said: "It's a desperate news. Malcolm was respected the whole world over and he's going to be badly missed."

"Malcolm had a great deal of affection for Hampshire where he was worked as a coach in recent seasons, and I'm particularly sad he won't be around to see the new era we're beginning at the club with a new ground and the signing of players like Shane Warne."



A melee in front of the Kazakhstan goal during their Olympic qualifier against Japan in Tokyo yesterday. — AFP photo

## Lennart still worried



GOTHENBURG, Sweden, Nov 6: UEFA president Lennart Johansson, who turned 70 on Friday, told

Reuters he feared there will be renewed attempts in the future to set up a breakaway European Super League.

Johansson, who helped see off a threat by marketing group, Media Partners a year ago, said he feared another challenge to UEFA's position was inevitable — even though UEFA expanded the Champions' League from 16 to 32 teams this season and vastly increased the prize money on offer to the top clubs to over 800 million Swiss francs.

"A Europe-wide league would drain money from other domestic leagues. A league where all the money is gathered is a threat to solidarity," he added.

Johansson, who intends staying on as UEFA president until his term of office expires in 2002 when he is 72, also returned to his old hobby-horse of the Bosman ruling saying he would fight to overturn the decision that effectively changed the face of soccer in 1995.

The 24-year-old is the only debutant in the squad.

Desiller's Hertha Berlin teammate, Dariusz Wosz also has knee trouble and he will tell team coach Ribbeck later on Friday whether he can play.

Bayer Leverkusen's Jens Nowotny and Borussia Dortmund's Christian Woerner both return to the squad from injury.

This will be Germany's last game this year and they are planning five friendlies in the run-up to the European Championship in the Netherlands and Belgium next summer.

These will include playing Netherlands in Amsterdam on February 23, Croatia in Zagreb on March 29 and Switzerland on April 26 to celebrate the German FA's centenary.

## SQUAD

Goalkeepers: Oliver Kahn (Bayern Munich), Jens Lehmann (Borussia Dortmund).

Defence: Markus Babbel (Bayern Munich), Frank Baumann (Werder Bremen), Thomas Linke (Bayern Munich), Lothar Matthaeus (Bayern Munich), Jens Nowotny (Bayer Leverkusen), Christian Woerner (Borussia Dortmund).

Middlefield: Dietmar Hamann (Liverpool), Jens Jeremies (Bayern Munich), Bernd Schneider (Bayer Leverkusen), Mehmet Scholl (Bayern Munich), Dariusz Wosz (Hertha Berlin), Christian Ziege (Middlesbrough).

Forwards: Oliver Bierhoff (AC Milan), Marco Bode (Werder Bremen), Carsten Jancker (Bayern Munich), Ulf Kirsten (Bayer Leverkusen), Oliver Neuville (Bayer Leverkusen).

Kaiserslautern went on to score two injury-time goals to knock Spurs out of Europe 2-1 on aggregate.

And Graham fumed: "I'd liked to think UEFA will do something after what went on

on this idea. Johansson is totally opposed to the notion."</p