Major League Soccer

D.C. United lift title

FOXBORO, Massachusetts, Nov 22: Jaime Moreno scored in the 19th minute and Ben Olsen added another goal in the 45th to give D.C. United a 2-0 victory over Los Angeles in the Major League Soccer championship game, reports AFP.

The triumph gave United its third title in the four-year history of the United States premier football league. United was upset 2-0 by first-year Chicago in last year's MLS final.

"We're too young to be a dynasty," United defender Eddie Pope said. "We've only won three. When we've won five, come back and talk to me."

United capitalized on two mistakes by Los Angeles goalkeeper Kevin Hartman, named the MLS Goalkeeper of the Year last week.

Moreno poked home a rebound after a scramble in front of the Galaxy goal after Hartman failed to control a shot. Roy Lassiter had his initial shot stopped by Hartman, but Moreno followed the rebound for the goal.

"We made a few mistakes in the first half and gave up goals," Galaxy coach Sigi Schmid said. "DC took advantage of our mistakes."

Hartman committed a blunder three minutes into first-half injury time when he failed to clear a back pass. Hartman was pressured by Lassiter inside the box, escaped but got his right boot stuck in the turf as he attempted to kick the ball.

United midfielder Olsen received the gift unchallenged just outside the penalty area and placed the ball into the back of an open net.

"Getting on the board early was a key for us," Rongen said. "LA turned it on and tried to be the aggressor, but the difference came with the second goal. Getting two goals by the second half was important."

Three years ago, the United beat Los Angeles 3-2 in overtime for the first of two consecutive league titles. United beat Colorado 2-1 in 1997.

Asian Cup

Indonesia gurantee qualification

JAKARTA, Nov 22: Indonesia guaranteed itself a place in the finals of next year's Asian Cup after slaughtering the visiting Cambodian team 9-2 in the two teams' group seven qualifying clash here Sunday, reports AFP.

The host team, which only need draw against bottom-placed Cambodia in the final group match, played aggressively since the match opened, with Indonesia's flamboyant striker Rochy Putiray scoring the first goal in two minutes into the game.

The Indonesian kept the pressure in front of the Cambodian goal, lodging another goal before Cambodia's Teng Saknida kicked a penalty ball into the Indonesian goal 16 minutes into the match.

The first half closed with three other goals for the Indonesians.

In the second half, the same pattern of play surfaced with the host team relentlessly attacking the Cambodia goal. Indonesia scored four other goals, including one header by Bambang Pamungkas, while Cambodian striker Hok Sochetra, in a rare play near the Indonesian goal, scored his team's second goal.

The aggressiveness, both from the attackers and the defenders, forced referee Krishnan Manoharan to issue four yellow cards -- all but one to the Indonesians.

Bima Sakti received two of the cards, leading to his expulsion from the match 25 minutes into the second half.

The match, watched by some 20,000 people, was held at the Senayan main sport stadium which had been doused by rain just an hour earlier.

Brown about to leave ?

GLASGOW, Nov 22: Scotland coach Craig Brown was quoted as saying in a Sunday newspaper that he intended to quit if his side did not qualify for the 2002 World Cup finals in Japan and Korea, reports AFP.

Brown's current contract with the Scottish Football Association expires in December 2001 and he plans to move aside then, unless his employers tempt him with a new deal.

The former school teacher, who was appointed national coach in 1993, has come in for heavy criticism following Scotland's failure to qualify for the European Championship finals in Holland and Belgium.

Scotland were defeated 2-1 on aggregate in a play-off with old foes England, after a dismal first-leg display at Hampden Park where Kevin Keegan's men ran out 2-0 victors.

Some pundits believe that, despite Scotland's heroic 1-0 win in the second leg at Wembley on Wednesday, now is the right time for Brown to step down.

Brown told the News of the World: "If all things are equal I'll go at the end of my current contract - if we qualify for the World Cup finals and I'm invited to stay on, I will.

"Anything prior to that would be determined by my employer, the SFA.

"If the international committee was to ask me to stand down I would say 'thanks - it has been a privilege, an honour and a delight.'

"I've never thought of resigning and I retain the same enthusiasm for the job."

Brown added that England would hold no fears for him should Scotland face a rematch with the Auld Enemy when the World Cup draw takes place in Tokyo next month.

American Carl Lewis and Holland's Fanny Blankers-Koen, who were named the male and female athlete of the century respectively, pose with their trophies at an IAAF gala in Monaco on November 21. —AFP photo

Europe's best gear up for action again

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

PARIS, Nov 22: Football's giant clubs of Europe remount the Champions League treadmill this week as the second-phase of this restructured event swings into action, reports AFP.

Champions Manchester United, who face Fiorentina, and last season's runners-up Bayern Munich, who meet Rosenborg, both have away trips.

Barcelona are also on their travels against Hertha Berlin and Lazio, one of the favourites who have never won this competition, have a tricky first match at Marseille.

Louis Van Gaal's Barcelona are in a troubling period however having lost their last three league matches, including their

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3-1 loss at Valencia on Saturday, their fifth loss in seven matches against their perennial rivals.

Van Gaal's comments after the Valencia game will hardly inspire fear into the hearts of Hertha Berlin. "When I look at my team, it's difficult to have much confidence in it," he said.

The Catalan team is going to the German capital without injured central defenders Winston Bogarde and Abelardo Fernandez, and their likely replacements will be French international Frederic Dehu and Dutchman Frank De Boer.

Perhaps more worrying, the superb array of technical skills of Brazilian Rivaldo may not be on show because he has tendinitis in his left leg.

Hertha meanwhile are hardly on the crest of a wave, having lost 1-0 to Kaiserslautern for their first home *Bundesliga* defeat of the season leaving them in 13th place.

No win in their last five matches has led coach Jurgen Rober to say: "We know we are under enormous pressure. I don't want to deny the seriousness of the situation but I think the team has potential."

Sparta Prague, so far unbeaten in the competition, host Portugal's Porto in the less glamorous of the two Group A games.

Porto coach Fernando Santos has kept the same squad as in Saturday's 2-0 home win over leaders Benfica, who are now just one point ahead.

Brazilian Jardel, who scored the second goal and was man-of-the-match, will, on this form, cause a great deal of trouble for Sparta.

Manchester United are surely unlikely to make similar mistakes to Arsenal against Fiorentina, who knocked the Gunners out of the competition with a 1-0 win at Wembley.

Though United haven't shown their treble-winning form of their 1998-99 vintage, they nevertheless won 2-1 at Derby at the weekend with England striker Andy Cole on the scoresheet.

Manager Alex Ferguson revealed that Mark Bosnich missed the game because of a swollen knee and he is doubtful for Tuesday's Group B game.

"He trained on Friday but he woke up on Saturday morning with some swelling in his knee, which makes him maybe doubtful for Tuesday," said Ferguson.

Looking ahead to his English opponents, Fiorentina coach Giovanni Trapattoni tried to sound hopeful by claiming: "There's nothing to say they'll cause us any more trouble than Perugia did.

"If anything, they might even allow us more space to play in."

Then good news for Fiorentina at the weekend, in their 1-0 win over Perugia, was an inspired return from injury of Angelo Di Livio's former Juventus teammate, wingback Moreno Torricelli, who had been out for six months.

Valencia, who have adopted a shorter passing style since being under Argentine coach Hector Cuper this season, are squaring up as strong contenders for the group.

Argentina's Claudio Lopez is likely to trouble Bordeaux in Tuesday's other Group B game as may little midfielder Gaizka Mendieta.

First-choice keeper Santiago Canizares is set to make his return after two months with a leg injury, after a clash with PSV Eindhoven's Ruud Van Nistelrooy, in place of Andres Palop, who had a great game in against Barcelona on Saturday.

The thigh problems of striker Miguel Angel Angulo might keep him out of the game and former Bordeaux player Alain Roche is doubtful with a recurrence of an old knee injury.

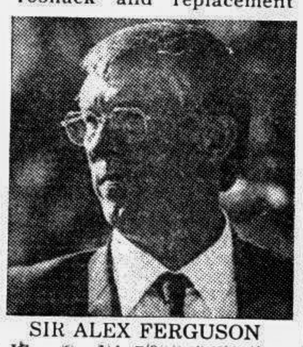
Left back Jerome Bonissel is Bordeaux's only real doubt having torn a left thigh muscle three weeks ago.

Stephane Ziani however, who missed all the first phase of this competition with a leg injury, is set to make return after the former Deportivo La Coruna player came through unscathed in Friday's league match against St Etienne.

In Wednesday's games, Bayern Munich, who have been complaining the Champions League schedule is too heavy, travel to Norway's Rosenborg in Group C. Bayern's injury situation has led to them trying to hang on to veteran sweeper Lothar Matthaeus, who was supposed to leave to play in America's Major League Soccer (MLS).

Dynamo Kyiv host Real Madrid in the other Group C game and the Ukrainian players, many of whom feature in the national side, will need to lift themselves having being surprisingly knocked out of Euro 2000 by Slovenia in midweek.

Real are still in crisis following the sacking of John Toshack and replacement



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Vicente del Bosque made a mediocre start with a 1-1 draw on Sunday at home to Real Sociedad.

Lazio, who travel to Marseille, are surely the favourites to win group D despite losing their influential striker Christian Vieri in the summer.

To compensate, Croatian striker Alen Boksic, who missed the 1998 World Cup and most of last season with a knee injury, is fit and back to his top form. Chile's Marcelo Salas is also at his best.

Chelsea host Dutch side Feyenoord in the other group game. Looking ahead for Chelsea, they can be optimistic of grabbing second spot, especially if they can play at Lazio in the same fashion as their 1-1 draw at AC Milan in the first phase.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SECOND PHASE:

TUESDAY

Group A: Hertha Berlin (Ger) v Barcelona (Spa), Sparta Prague (Cze) v Porto (Por)

Group B: Fiorentina (Ita) v Manchester United (Eng), Valencia (Spa) v Bordeaux (Fra)

WEDNESDAY

Group C: Dynamo Kyiv (Ukr) v Real Madrid (Spa), Rosenborg (Nor) v Bayern Munich (Ger)

Group D: Marseille (Fra) v Lazio (Ita), Chelsea (Eng) v Feyenoord (Ned)

'Batigol' ready to pounce on MU

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

FLORENCE, Italy, Nov 22: Gabriel Batistuta, the man who knocked Arsenal out of the Champions League, is looking to upset a few more English fans here on Tuesday when Fiorentina face holders Manchester United, reports AFP.

Batistuta's angled shot into the far corner at Wembley sealed Fiorentina's place in the second round and the Argentinian is clearly the danger man for Alex Ferguson's defence here at the Franchi stadium.

United will nevertheless start out as favourites for the Group B tie, with the European champions welcoming back England stars Paul Scholes and David Beckham from suspension and Andy Cole appearing on top form.

Cole, who headed Saturday's winner against Derby - bringing United their fifth consecutive win between cup and Premiership action - will be partnered up front as usual by Dwight Yorke.

Republic of Ireland midfielder Roy Keane, who has himself been linked with a move to Italy in recent weeks, should dictate the kind of rhythm which saw United eliminate both Juventus and Inter Milan last season.

Italy now holds no fear for the Premiership club, although Fiorentina do have an enviable home record - being unbeaten here throughout the whole of last season.

Ferguson's only injury worry concerns goalkeeper Mark Bosnich, who has a swollen knee and may have to make way for Raimond Van Der Gouw between the posts, ready to defy Batistuta.

The Argentinian skipper, dubbed "Batigol" and "The Lion King" for his goalscoring exploits, will be looking for the

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same kind of team performance as the erratic Italian side delivered against the Gunners.

"I hope that this win will be an important one for the future, because this is a good team," he said at Wembley. "This is everyone's victory."

Batistuta will probably be partnered up front by fellow Argentinian Abel Balbo, who scored twice in their entertaining 3-3 draw here with Barcelona.

For the hosts, much will depend on psychology, and whether veteran coach Giovanni Trapattoni is able convince his men before they walk out that they can topple the European champions.

Trapattoni, a member of Italy's first ever European Cup winning team back in 1963, when AC Milan lifted the trophy at Wembley, was disappointed with the limp display in Saturday's 1-0 win over Perugia - their first in the *Serie A* for two months.

"There were times when one of our players had the ball but no-one came forward to collect it - even if a teammate was two metres away," Trapattoni lamented. "It's a question of character.

"A lot of our players need to get their self-confidence back," he admitted.

However, Saturday saw an inspired return from injury for wingback Moreno Torricelli, who had been out for six months. Torricelli, like midfielder Angelo Di Livio, won this tournament with Juventus in 1996.

Aside from the poor quality of the football against Perugia, Fiorentina also have doubts over whether striker Enrico Chiesa will recover from a recent thigh injury in time for Tuesday's second round tie.

The Franchi stadium, where Arsenal drew 0-0 in the last round, should nevertheless be a sell-out for the first time in Fiorentina's European campaign this season.

Carl, Fanny athletes of the century

MONACO, Nov 22: American Carl Lewis and Holland's Fanny Blankers-Koen were named respectively best male and female athlete of the century at the International Amateur Athletics Federation gala here Sunday, reports AFP.

America's Michael Johnson and Romania's Gabriela Szabo, meanwhile, won the awards for the best athletes of 1999.

Lewis and Blankers-Koen were honoured by the world governing body at a glittering occasion attended by top current champions Maurice Greene and Wilson Kipketer as well as leading names from the past such as Sebastian Coe, Edwin Moses and Jackie Joyner-Kersee.

Lewis said: "It's an enormous honour but I cannot say I am better than Jesse Owens." That was a reference to his legendary compatriot, the Afro-American who cocked a snook at the racist ideology of Adolf Hitler by winning four gold medals at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

Lewis added: "Perhaps I would never have achieved in Los Angeles (in 1984 when Lewis emulated Owens' achievement) what I achieved if Jesse Owens had not done what he did."

Other leading contenders for the mens' award were Finn Paavo Nurmi and Ethiopian Abebe Bikila.

Blankers-Koen, now 82, was clearly delighted with her award. Apparently unaware she had won the award she leaped out of her chair when told she was the winner and said to Lewis, who had already spoken at length: "Did you know about this?"

The Dutchwoman's legendary achievement was winning four gold medals in the 1948 Olympics, staged at Wembley in London. She prevailed in the 100m, 200m, 4 x 100m and 80m hurdles.

Reflecting on her London performance she said: "I remember every race, every second of the London games... of my tears when I wanted to stop after my first two medals when my husband was insisting I continue. And he was right."

Johnson succeeded Ethiopia's Haile Gebreselassie while Szabo replaced American Marion Jones as winners of the annual award.

Johnson said 1999 had been his first truly injury-free year. It was the second time he had won the award - his previous triumph was in 1996. This year he had won two gold medals in the Seville World Championships in the 400m and 4x400m.

The Texan has said he will retire after the Sydney Olympics and said ominously: "I am looking forward to next season with impatience."

Szabo, who beat Marion Jones and Kenya's Kenyane Tegla to the annual award, also hopes for a successful Olympics -- an Olympic gold is the one honour to elude her in an otherwise glittering career. She said: "I do not want to talk about the future if it is not of Sydney."

Lareau, O'Brien victors again

HARTFORD, Connecticut, Nov 22: For the second time in two months, Canadian Sebastien Lareau and American Alex O'Brien defeated top-ranked Indians Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes for a major championship, reports Reuters.

Lareau and O'Brien claimed their first ATP Tour World Doubles Championship yesterday by making quick work of Bhupathi and Paes 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

The duo needed only 86 minutes to claim their eighth doubles title as a team and fourth this season. They posted a 7-6, 6-4 win over the Indians in September's US Open final.

The victory meant Lareau and O'Brien would finish the year ranked second in the world behind Bhupathi and Paes after the final ATP doubles rankings were released today.

Runners-up in 1996, Lareau and O'Brien pocketed a total of 170,000 dollars for the week, having accumulated 90,000 dollars in winnings up to Sunday's match and an additional 80,000 for claiming the tournament.

It was a disappointing end to the season for Bhupathi and Paes, who also lost in the 1997 final to Rick Leach and Jonathan Stark.

The Indians won three titles in 1999 and became the first team in 47 years to reach the final at all four Grand Slams, winning the French Open and Wimbledon. They were seeking their 16th doubles title together.

Bhupathi and Paes still lead the all-time series with Lareau and O'Brien 5-4.

The total purse for the eight-team field was 900,000 dollars.

London withdraws 2003 World athletics bid

MONACO, Nov 22: London is withdrawing its bid to stage the 2003 World Athletics Championships to prepare a campaign for 2005 instead, Secretary of State for Sport Kate Hoey announced yesterday, reports AFP.

Hoey made the announcement after talks with new IAAF president Lamine Diack in Monaco.

"We confirmed our wish to concentrate on 2005 and they (the IAAF) seemed very happy that Paris could get 2003," Hoey said after also meeting French athletics federation head Philippe Lamblin.

The IAAF Council will decide the 2003 and 2005 venues in April when it meets in Paris.

Determined Davenport

NEW YORK, Nov 22 (AP): Lindsay Davenport came up with a winning game and the word for it, awesome.

"Just an awesome way to end the year," Davenport said Sunday after beating top-ranked Martina Hingis 6-4, 6-2 to win the season-ending Chase Championships.

And it was.

Taking charge from the outset, Davenport overpowered Hingis to reverse the outcome of last year's title match at Madison Square Garden between the two.

Lindsay Davenport executing a backhand against Martina Hingis in the Chase Championship final on Sunday. — AFP photo

"I went for it today, something I don't think I did last year," Davenport said. "So when I woke up today I just wanted to go for my shots, go for my winners and be the one who was dictating, and was able to do it all. Fortunately, it was a day where more of them went in than went out."

Sixty-one minutes after she had started, Davenport had earned the Billie Jean King Trophy and dlrs 500,000.

The final game was a perfect example.

Serving for the match, Davenport, from the United States, began with a wide ace. Then Hingis badly misplayed the next serve. Davenport closed the match with her eighth and ninth aces.

"The way I played the last three games, not letting her back in the match and closing her out, that's great," Davenport said. "That's something you hope you can do when you get into a situation to win a big title, and that's exactly what I did today."

The victory elevated Davenport into the exalted company of other Championships winners, including Hingis, Martina Navratilova, Steffi Graf and Monica Seles. A blue banner with the names of all the winners, including Davenport, was raised to the rafters of the arena during post match ceremonies.

"I think I'm very lucky for accomplishing everything I did," Davenport said. "I never thought I'd be at this point in my career to have won a major, let along any titles."

Last year, she came into the Chase Championships ranked No 1 in the world. Hingis has regained that honour, but this year Davenport won just as many tournaments — seven — and captured Wimbledon and the Chase Championships.

To get to the final in this elite 16-player event, Hingis beat Venus Williams in the semifinals and Davenport defeated Nathalie Tauziat.

"Yesterday I had a great victory against Venus, but Lindsay was a level too good today," Hingis said. "Venus has the hardest serve, but Lindsay the best placed, and pretty big, too. She doesn't miss from the baseline."

Davenport used her power to control the points. Hingis is a master at changing speeds, directions and tactics.

But Davenport set up points with her huge serve or booming ground strokes, looking for an opening.

She started the match that way, breaking Hingis in the opening game at 30.

A huge forehand down the line took her to game point, then another big forehand, this time going crosscourt, closed the break.

In the fifth game, Davenport broke again, this time from deuce and this time with a big backhand crosscourt that ticked off the top of Hingis' racquet.

This was just the thing she needed as Hingis broke back in the sixth game at 30, helped by three unforced errors by Davenport. Hingis tried to exploit Davenport's lack of speed by occasionally tossing in a drop shot, then lobbing or chipping and charging, anything to change the momentum.

Davenport had most of the answers. A couple of times she reached a drop shot and flicked the ball crosscourt. Davenport broke Hingis in the third and seventh games of the second set. In that set, she didn't face a break point on her service.

Hingis did wind up the year a winner, however. She teamed with Russia's Anna Kournikova to win the doubles title, defeating Larisa Neiland of Latvia and Spain's Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario 6-4, 6-4.

Prior to the doubles final, there was an on-court ceremony honouring Jana Novotna, who has retired after a career that saw her win the Championships in 1997 and Wimbledon in 1998.

Neiland also played her final match on the WTA Tour. She won the French Open doubles in 1989 and Wimbledon doubles in 1991, both with Natasha Zvereva. On the final point of her career, she double-faulted.

Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic waves to the crowd during her retirement ceremony before the start of the Chase Championship final at Madison Square Garden in New York on November 21. — AFP photo

Mother's Martina

NEW YORK, Nov 22 (Reuters): Martina Hingis, the top-ranked women's tennis player in the world, learned some valuable lessons this year, among them: Mother knows best.

Like any rebellious teenager, Hingis decided earlier this year that she didn't need her mother around so much any more — even if she was her coach. As a RICH rebellious teenager, Hingis was able to go out on her own.

"That's what I tried to do. I wasn't different from anybody (my age), but I realised pretty quick it's not the right way," Hingis said Sunday after falling to second seed Lindsay Davenport in the final of the Chase Championships.

The much publicised but brief separation of Hingis and mother, coach Melanie Molitor occurred at the height of the Grand Slam season.

The break came shortly after Molitor dragged her distraught daughter back onto the Roland Garros Centre Court to accept her consolation prize after then 18-year-old Hingis behaved badly in losing the final to Steffi Graf.

Hingis, who was named for tennis great Martina Navratilova, then turned up at Wimbledon — Navratilova's favourite venue — without the ever-present Molitor in tow and disaster ensured as the top seed went crashing out in the first round.

They were back together again in short order, and by August Hingis had regained the top ranking she had briefly ceded to Davenport. Molitor was never far from Hingis during her week in New York.

"We are best friends. I can trust her on anything I do," was the tune Hingis, 19, was a singing yesterday.

"She is one of the few people around me — there are not many — who tell you the truth, so it's very important to have her around," said Hingis.

The slightly older and a little bit wiser Swiss sensation noted that when you are at the top people close to you are often afraid to criticise you.

"But she's not," she said of her mother. "Maybe sometimes I hate her for that, but it's good, you know."

Hingis enjoyed another extremely successful, if not dominating, year in which her tournament winnings totalled 3,051,280 dollars — the third consecutive year she has surpassed the $3 million mark.

CROSSWORD *By Eugene Sheffer*

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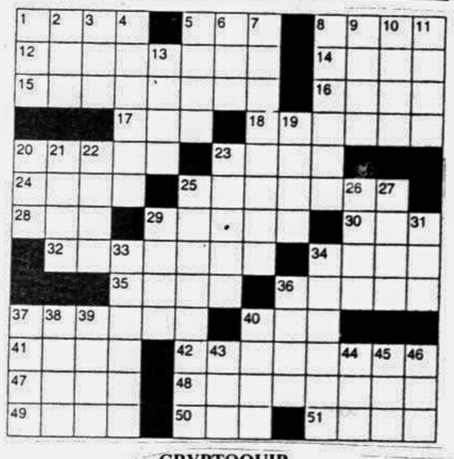

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: MIGHT A GLASS-REPAIR SHOP APTLY BE CALLED "GOODBYE, MR. CHIPS"?

Today's Cryptoquip clue: D equals A

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.