

### Lee warned for hostility

HAMILTON, Mar 5 (AP/Internet): Brett Lee was accused of deliberately trying to hurt a tail-end batsman with a lethal bouncer late on the first day of Australia's cricket tour match against Northern Districts on Sunday.

Experienced umpire Dave Quested warned Lee to tone down his bowling, insisting the young bowler overstepped the popping crease by "2 1/2 feet" when he bounced No 11 batsman Bruce Martin on the second-last ball of the day.

The day passed harmlessly to wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist but it sent Quested marching down the wicket to pass on the warning to captain Shane Warne, who took over the reins when Steve and Mark Waugh were rested from the four-day match.

Lee (1-57) was clearly frustrated during a luckless day as Northern Districts finished the opening day at 295-9.

The day was ideal for the Australians, who have spent just three full days in the field in their last 10 Tests. Glenn McGrath (3-40) was among those who benefited after a series of one-day matches.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the four-day tour match between Australia and Northern Districts on Sunday.

#### NORTHERN DISTRICTS:

First Innings	
Marshall c Fleming b Warne	64
Parlane c Martin b McGrath	2
Bailey c McGrath b Warne	32
Parlane c Warne b Miller	47
Marshall c Martin b Blewett	45
Styris b Miller	6
Yovich c Slater b Lee	35
Bradburn c Warne b McGrath	4
Hart c Gilchrist b McGrath	6
Tulley not out	5
Martin not out	2
Extras (b-6, lb-19, w-5, nb-17)	47

Total: (For 9 wickets in 97 overs) 295  
Fall of wickets: 1-35; 2-122; 3-143; 4-201; 5-211; 6-247; 7-255; 8-281; 9-292.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
McGrath	23	8	40	3
Fleming	17	6	44	0
Lee	16	2	57	1
Miller	23	4	70	2
Warne	14	2	53	2
Blewett	4	0	16	1

### Match won

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sedate 49 off 86. Another Sri Lankan Test cap Hassan Tillekeratne scored an enterprising 33 before limping off the ground with a strained groin.

It was Agra's third consecutive defeat in the league.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Premier Division cricket league clash between Mohammedan Sporting Club and Agra Bank at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

#### AGRA BANK

Jamal c Dharmasena b Shamsul	9
Sajjad c Murtaza b Shamsul	3
A Hanif b Kalpage	5
A Haidar c Murtaza b Monjurul	0
Mofizul run out	35
Mazhar c Nadeem b Kalpage	35
S Malik c Athar b Kalpage	28
Mofizul c Murtaza b Rafique	28
Ziauddin not out	23
asaddeq not out	12
Extras (lb-4, w-9)	13
Total: (For 8 wickets in 49 overs)	184

Did not bat: Monibur Rahman.

Fall of wickets: 1-14; 2-15; 3-17; 4-28; 5-30; 6-117; 7-121; 8-162

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Monjurul	9	1	39	1
Shamsul	7	3	11	2
Kalpage	10	0	28	3
Dharmasena	8	1	33	0
Rafique	10	0	35	1
Tillekeratne	4	0	17	0
Neyamur	1	0	7	0

#### MOHAMMEDAN SC

Rashedul c Mofizul b Mofizul	27
Athar b Monibur	31
Nasirul run out	31
Kalpage c & b S Malik	49
Tillekeratne c Haidar b S Malik	33
Dharmasena not out	7
Neyamur not out	6
Extras (lb-4, lb-11, nb-5, w-13)	33
Total: (For 5 wickets in 44.5 overs)	188

Did not bat: Golam Murtaza, Mohammed Rafique, Monjurul Islam and Shamsul Arefin.

Fall of wickets: 1-22; 2-44; 3-113; 4-169; 5-176

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Monibur	4	1	21	1
Mofizul	5	0	22	0
Mofizul	3	0	3	1
S Malik	9.5	0	37	2
Mosaddeq	10	0	38	0
Haidar	9	0	36	0
Mazhar	4	0	16	0

Result: Mohammedan SC won by five wickets.

### 5th IM Masters

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Syed Sujauddin revealed that all the players except Zia and Reefat are in the city. The Bangladesh IMs are yet to return after taking part in the Commonwealth Chess in Shanghai, India which ended on March 2.

Reefat finished the tournament with seven points from 11 matches while Zia ended with six and a half points.

According to the BCF general secretary both players were due back today.

The winner of the meet will receive 500 dollars while the runner-up will be richer by 300 dollars.

United Insurance is providing Taka two lakh.

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series. After that they go to the Caribbean for a triangular one-day tournament with West Indies and Zimbabwe, followed by three Tests against the hosts.

Pakistan then travel to Dhaka for the Asia Cup, followed by a trip to Sri Lanka for three Tests and a triangular series that also includes South Africa.

### Primera Liga

## Barca blow Numancia away



MADRID, March 5: Barcelona's emphatic second-half display in a 4-0 win over Numancia here on Saturday maintained their hopes of a third consecutive Spanish title and gave a stark warning to their European Champions League rivals, reports AFP.

With world player of the year Rivaldo watching from the stands, Louis van Gaal's side went ahead at the break through a goal from Gabriel Gabri, but then exploded in the second half with two more from Dani and a late goal from Luis Figo.

Also on Saturday, Real Madrid could only manage a 1-1 result at Real Oviedo to leave them second on 44 points, five points behind Deportivo La Coruna, who travel to Malaga on Sunday.

Barcelona moved up from fifth to third spot level on points with Madrid, who thrashed them 3-0 in last week's match. Valencia beat Athletic Bilbao 2-0 in the night's other game.

In the first half, Barcelona were continually dangerous with Figo on the right wing and midfielders Gabri and Ronald De Boer in superb form.

Barcelona, who kept pushing forward, left gaps at the back however, and Numancia could have scored three times on the break.

The Catalonians were a different class, however, in a high-octane second half and though Numancia did hit the crossbar, the gulf in class was evident, as Barcelona tested the durability of their opponent's net.

Striker Ruben Navarro, taking advantage of a Frank De Boer stumble, found himself with only recalled keeper Ruud Hesp to beat but fired wide in one of Numancia's best chances early on.

Barcelona, against the run of play, went ahead.

In the 28th minute, Ronald De Boer on the left cut inside to get past Numancia's Alberio Belsue, then did a one-two with Figo before teeing the ball up for Gabri, at 21 the youngest player on the pitch, to fire home.

Argentinian striker Pedro Ojeda only had Hesp to beat on another counter attack, thanks to a Michael Reiziger mistake, but the Dutch keeper was

quickly off his line and blocked the shot. Alberto Rivero then set up Francisco Castano with a backheel but his shot from the edge of the box hit the left hand upright before careering back across goal to safety.

Seconds before half-time Figo, continually dangerous on the right wing, was put through by Gabri and his powerful shot only just flew over the crossbar. Hardly letting up after the break, Figo motored down the right to yet again just miss the goal, this time into the side netting.

In the 62nd minute, Barcelona scored their second. A superb long ball from Ronald De Boer on the left found Figo at the far post and he headed down the ball home from six metres.

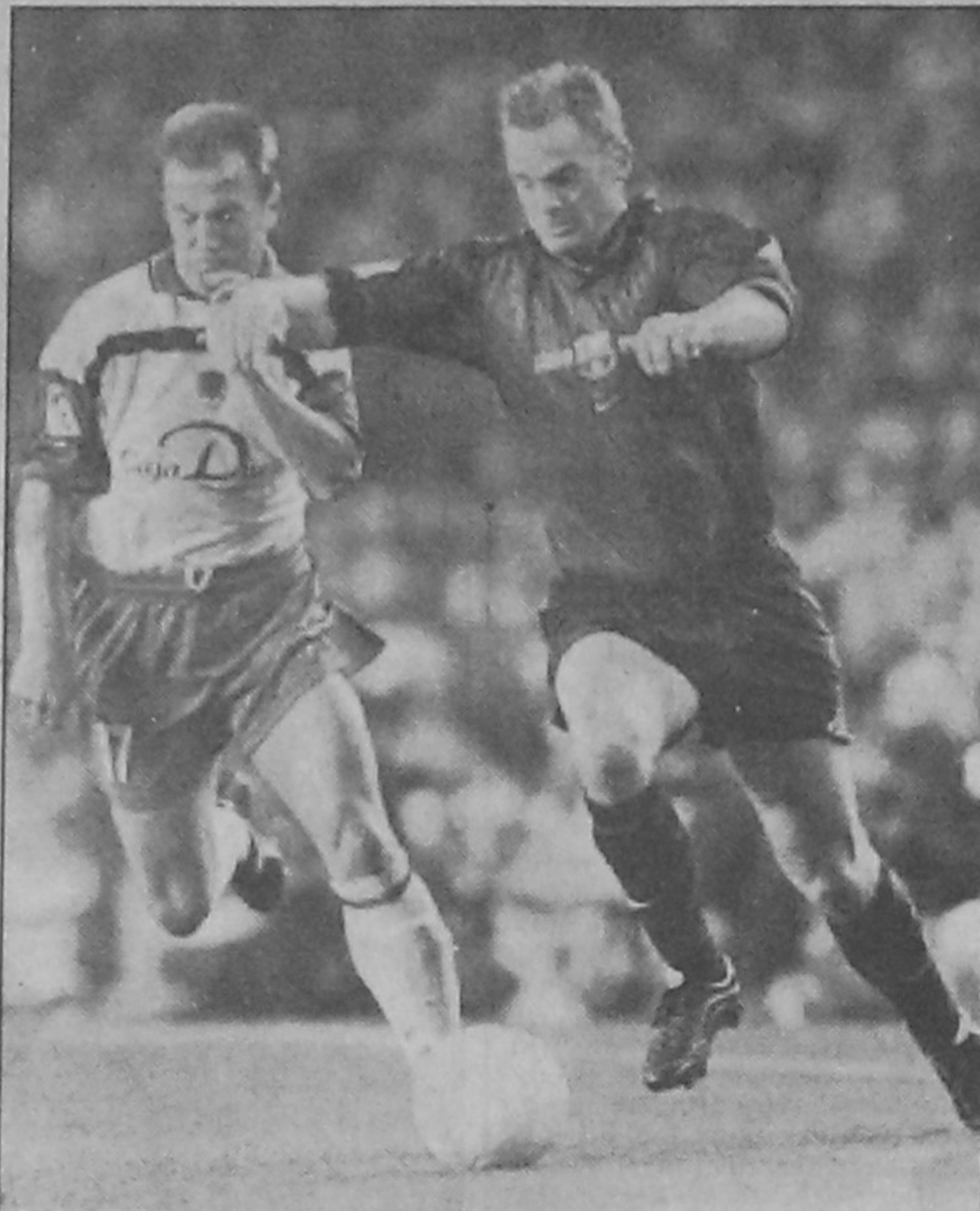
A header on to Barcelona's crossbar could have pulled one

back but a beaten Hesp counted himself lucky.

Playmaker Guardiola, not selected by van Gaal for much of the season, sliced open Numancia's defence with a perfectly-weighted pass to Philip Cocu on the left who squared the ball for Dani to once again lodge home from six metres in the 76th minute.

Figo made it 4-0 in the 85th minute with his eighth goal of the season with an accurate left foot shot from inside the box, leaving Barcelona on a high in advance of Tuesday's Champions League match at Porto.

Real Madrid, with World Cup winning utility man Christian Karembeu out injured with a strained left thigh, went ahead through Raul in the 75th minute but Oviedo's Juan Gonzalez levelled the match with seven minutes remaining.



Barcelona's Dutch international Frank de Boer trying to speed past Numancia's Beluse during their Primera Liga match at Barcelona on March 4.

—AFP photo

### Antic ready for Atletico

MADRID, March 5: Yugoslav coach Radomir Antic finally agreed terms with ailing Spanish giants Atletico Madrid here on Saturday evening after earlier holding a training session even though at the time his re-appointment as coach had yet to be confirmed, reports AFP.

Antic, who is to coach the side for the third time, agreed a contract that will keep him at the club until the end of the 2001 season.

The Yugoslav, who has also coached Atletico's city rivals Real, replaced Italian Claudio Ranieri, who quit on Friday after watching his side draw 2-2 at home to unfashionable French outfit Lens in their UEFA Cup fourth round first leg tie.

"I would like to thank the club for believing I am the man to help them in this difficult time," he said.

"I am proud that they (the directors) thought of me and I owe a debt to this club. Atletico is very important to me," he added.

Ranieri had replaced Antic in bizarre circumstances last season at Atletico.

On Saturday morning Antic held talks with judicial administrator Luis Manuel Rubi, who has been running the ailing club since Jesus Gil and the board were sacked in December by Spanish judges.

Antic will take his place on the bench for Atletico's match with Real Betis on Sunday.

Antic had two previous spells at the reins of the once-mighty club now menaced with relegation in a season blighted by the scandal surrounding the removal of the controversial Gil.

He knows the highs and lows of managing Atletico - in 1996 he led the club to their only Cup and League double before moving on.

### Euro 2000

## Co hosts to tighten up borders

LISBON, March 5: Belgian and Dutch ministers have informed their European counterparts of their intention to tighten up the borders during Euro 2000 in an attempt to stop hooliganism, the Portuguese interior minister Fernando Gomes said here on Saturday, reports AFP.

The ministers were speaking to fellow EU politicians during an informal meeting between representatives of justice and interior ministries.

### English Div One

## No stopping Charlton

LONDON, March 5: Swedish striker Martin Pringle and English strikepartner Andy Hunt both scored in the last 10 minutes to earn Charlton Athletic a 2-0 win at Bolton Wanderers on Saturday - a result which keeps Alan Curbishley's men 10 points clear at the top of the First Division, reports AFP.

Victory also gave Charlton their 11th league victory on the trot and their first away at Bolton in 35 years.

The performance of the day, however, belonged to Portsmouth, who ended promotion-chasing Ipswich's 18-match unbeaten run with a 1-0 win at Portman Road.

The goal came from Steve Claridge after 26 minutes, his 11th of the season.

Manchester City moved above Ipswich into the second automatic play-off spot on goal difference, although they had to settle for a 1-1 draw at Crystal Palace.

Robert Taylor gave City an early lead but Clinton Morrison cancelled out the ex-Gillingham striker's effort from a corner in the 27th minute.

### French Cup

## Nantes in quarters

PARIS, March 5: Cup-holders Nantes reached the quarter-finals of the French Cup on Saturday despite failing to score in 120 minutes of football against Second Division Gueugnon, reports AFP.

Nantes went through 5-3 on penalties after the two sides finished 0-0 at the end of extra-time.

There was cup glory for fourth division Calais who qualified for the quarter-finals of the French Cup for the first time by defeating Second Division Cannes 4-1 on penalties after the game had finished 1-1 after extra-time.

In the other three ties played on Saturday, league champions Bordeaux squeezed past Metz 1-0 in a clash between First Division sides, thanks to a 15th minute goal from Lillian Laslandes, while First Division Lyon beat Third Division Red Star of Paris 2-1 and Nimes defeated Amiens 2-0 in an all-Second Division clash.

There was bad news for Lyon, however as they lost their French international striker Tony Vairelles with a badly sprained right ankle after 77 minutes.

Paris police were called in at the end of the Red Star-Lyon match after fighting broke out between rival fans.

First Division Rennes reached the quarter-finals on Friday by beating Second Division Lorient 3-2 in a hard-fought Brittany derby.



Bayer Leverkusen's Brazilian striker Paulo Rink(C) heads during a Bundesliga match against Kaiserslautern at Kaiserslautern on March 4.

—AFP photo

### Bundesliga

## Bayern's first loss of the year



BERLIN, March 5: VfB Stuttgart's Krassimir Balakov of Bulgaria and Krisztian Lisztes of Hungary scored in a 2-0 home win over Bayern Munich who suffered their first defeat since the winter break and their fourth of the season and saw their Bundesliga lead cut to two points, reports AFP.

It was also the last Bundesliga match of the season - and probably of his career - for Bayern defender Lothar Matthaeus who joins the New York/New Jersey MetroStars in a week's time.

Stuttgart coach Ralf Rangnick said afterwards: "We were lucky to take the lead through Balakov but it was a goal scored just at the right time. Now the team knows how they shouldn't play and what they should do. We're on the right path."

Stuttgart are in seventh spot, with striking distance of a UEFA Cup place but Rangnick added: "The table doesn't mean

anything till the 34th and last round of matches."

Bayern coach Ottmar Hitzfeld was disappointed with his team's performance. "We played badly right from the start and made too many mistakes. Our errors in the build-up played into Stuttgart's hands."

Bayern, who won 4-2 at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium against Real Madrid on Tuesday, were clearly not at their best. Hitzfeld added: "It's difficult after Champions League matches to find your rhythm again."

Munich had come without their first-choice keeper Oliver Kahn, presumably to rest him for this week's home game against Real Madrid, which contributed to their demise.

Ironically it was a foul by Matthaeus on Lisztes which led to Balakov opening the score in the 51st minute from a free-

kick, before Lisztes himself added a second strike.

Second-placed Bayer Lev-

erkusen won 3-1 at Kaiserslautern to keep their Bavarian rivals within striking distance with just 11 matches to go.

Former Bayern star Mario Basler scored the first goal for Kaiserslautern, but Leverkusen hit back with goals from Brazilian Ze Roberto, Ulf Kirsten and Croatian Robert Kovac in front of 41,500.

A hat-trick by VfL Wolfsburg's Zoltan Sebesen helped them twice come back from three-goal deficits to draw 4-4 with SV Hamburg on Friday.

Wolfsburg thereby held on to their unbeaten record since the winter break and Hamburg suffered a setback in their attempt for Champions League qualification.

1860 Munich, who beat Hansa Rostock 4-3 at home including a Martin Max hat-trick, moved up to provisional fourth spot though it would prove shortlived should Werder Bremen win at SSV Ulm on Sunday.

## Matthaeus bids Bundesliga bye



BERLIN, Mar 5 (Reuters/AP): Lothar Matthaeus would have willingly accepted any other Bundesliga farewell than Saturday's 2-0 defeat by VfB Stuttgart.

The 38-year-old veteran,

He has scored 121 Bundesliga goals, 85 for Bayern.

Matthaeus helped the superior force in German soccer to six league crowns, two German Cups and 1996 UEFA Cup victory. He wore the captain's armband for four seasons and was on the losing side in two

Matthaeus said success has not slaked his desire to play, that he still burns with the hunger of 1992, when he said, "I'm simply crazy about soccer, I love it and I'll do everything for it."

The midfielder-defender says his most memorable match was a 3-1 victory against Yugoslavia in Germany's 1990 World Cup opener, a contest in which he scored twice. He believes the triumph paved the way for the country's title.

The Germans beat Maradona and Argentina in the final, a rematch of the 1986 decider in which Argentina emerged with the World Cup crown.

"Maradona was, in the time I played, the biggest genius," recalls Matthaeus. "He owned the ball like no other. He acted like the ball belongs to him - and you had to get it back."

He will face Real Madrid in the Champions Cup before heading to New York and relative anonymity. That will be a big switch for a man who has never been publicity-shy and has faced decades of seeing cameras wherever he turns.

"I'm looking forward to it, just to be able to eat in a restaurant in peace, just to go out all," Matthaeus said.

The Champions Cup is the only trophy that Matthaeus has not won in his long career, having it snatched away last season when Bayern Munich lost a heartbreaking 2-1 final to Manchester United by yielding two injury-time goals.

But Matthaeus believes Bayern will reach the final again because of coach Ottmar Hitzfeld, whom he praises as one of the best of his career.

"He is a guarantee of success," said Matthaeus. "After the loss last year, everybody said we were finished, but we're back on top again."

Not everyone believes Matthaeus' Bundesliga days are over. The German star has dangled the possibility of taking a lucrative offer to play in Dubai after his MetroStars' stint.

Then again, he's hinted at a return to Germany.

"Bye bye Lothar, but I'm sure we'll be seeing each other again," said Christoph Daum, coach of Bundesliga rival Bayer Leverkusen.

Valencia Metrostars bound

NEW YORK, March 5: Colombian international forward Adolfo Valencia, currently playing in Greece for PAOK Salonika, is to join Major Soccer League club the New York/New Jersey MetroStars, the club announced, reports AFP.

Valencia, 31, has made 60 international appearances and played for Colombia in the last two World Cup tournaments.

He joins veteran German star Lothar Matthaeus in joining the MetroStars, who have been consistent underachievers since the MSL began.



GOOD LUCK IN COWBOY COUNTRY! VfB Stuttgart captain and Bulgarian international Krassimir Balakov embraces Bayern Munich superstar Lothar Matthaeus after presenting him with a cowboy hat before the start of their Bundesliga encounter.

—AFP photo

bound for New York-New Jersey MetroStars next week, suffered on a snowy afternoon.

His foul on Krisztian Lisztes enabled Krassimir Balakov to open the scoring from a free kick in the 50th minute.

He had been substituted and had left the pitch to loud applause from a packed Stuttgart stadium when Lisztes added Stuttgart's second in the 69th minute.

Before the start Matthaeus received a gift from Stuttgart defender Thomas Berthold. His teammate in Germany's 1990 World Cup-winning side gave him a shirt displaying all the colours he has sported in his prolific career - Borussia Moenchengladbach, Inter Milan, Germany, and, naturally, Bayern.

Matthaeus, a teenager when he made his Bundesliga debut for Moenchengladbach in 1979, will make one more appearance for Bayern when they host Real Madrid in the Champions League on Wednesday.

"I've had plenty of time to get ready for this," he said after Saturday's match. "My real farewell was on Wednesday at the Olympic stadium."

"But there are a lot of things I will miss, like the German stadiums, the fans and the atmosphere."

The game was his 464th in the German first division and his 302nd for the Bavarian side.

European Cup finals, in 1987 and 1999.

After Bayern celebrated its centenary last Sunday, Sport Bild issued a list of the club's top 100 personalities.

Matthaeus came third behind Franz Beckenbauer and Gerd Mueller.

Matthaeus, who won a world record 144th cap in last month's friendly against the Netherlands, plans to end his international career after Euro 2000.

He has signed a one-year contract with MetroStars and was quoted as saying in an interview with German daily Sueddeutsche Zeitung that he might then join Dubai.

"I have a lot of plans and I'm not quite sure what I will do," he said after the Stuttgart game. "I might decide to stay longer with MetroStars or I might do something totally different."

"But for the time being let me concentrate on New York and on the European championship."

With his last match, congratulations poured in from all over Germany for the outspoken Matthaeus, who has sometimes been a controversial figure during his long career.

"Matthaeus was an honest player who always gave the fans his best," said German chancellor Gerhard Schroeder. "What I especially liked about him was his free kicks."