Premiership

Spurs

LONDON, April 20: French

icester City in the English Pre-

from substitute Matthew Ether-

ington in one of the few memo-

rable moments of an eminently

only effort on target in the en-

tire game before the goal was a

low shot from Leicester substi-

tute Theo Zagorakis - and that

failed to fully extend Totten-

The statistics show that the

miership, reports AFP.

forgettable match.

break the deadlock.

the ball wide of Tim Flowers.

Rivaldo

million dollars), reports AFP.

Goran Eriksson's Serie A gi-

ports. Neither President Sergio

Cragnotti, nor other officials,

have ever had meetings or con-

tacts with the Catalan club re-

garding the transfer of Ri-

valdo," Lazio said in a state-

to be signing a five-year

contract worth at least 4.7 mil-

Croatian striker Alen Boksic,

Chilean striker Marcelo Salas,

Argentine midfielder Matias

Almeyda and Yugoslav mid-

added: "Assertions relating to

possible player transfers of-

fered by Barcelona for the

transfer of Rivaldo are also

Rivaldo joined the Spanish

champions from Deportivo La

Spanish player of the year ti-

thrilling 5-1 victory over

Chelsea and a place in the

Champions League semi-finals

this week with two goals, in-

cluding a penalty in extra time.

WC qualifier

But the Lazio statement

fielder Dejan Stankovic.

without foundation."

lion dollars a year.

"There is no basis to the re-

From page 13 Mehrab Hossain also chipped in with 34 off 42 balls inclusive of one six and three boundaries while his partner Azam Iqbal added 20 off 29 balls with two

roughly six-runs-per-over proved too daunting a task and the national airlines club reached 145 all out in 31.1 Abahani's left-arm Pak-

istani spinner Mohammed Hussain brought the Biman down with a superb five-wicket haul.

The Lahore-born player conceded only 34 runs in seven overs to earn his best bowling performance in the league so

The leading wicket-taker of the Premier league, raised his individual tally to 27, nine more than Mohammedan leftarm spinner Mohammad

Rafique who follows with 18. Biman opener Javed Omar fought a lone battle with 45 off 60 balls. He has now amassed 489 runs in 11 innings, the highest runs scored by a local batsman this season.

But his heroics went in vain as his teammates could not stay long enough at the crease.

It was Biman's third defeat in eleven matches which left them sharing second spot with Kalabagan and Surjo Tarun each having 16 points.

#### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Premier Division Cricket League match between Abahani Krira Chakra and Biman at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday: ABAHANI KC

Azam c Hasan b Shariful Mehrab c Faruque b Manzoor Nalmur e Igbal b Manzoor Hussain c Habibul b Shariful Akram c Hassan b Aminul jr Rehman c Iqbal b Manzoor Asad not out

Anis not out Extras: (lb-1, nb-1, w-5) Total: (For 6 wkts in 33 overs) 191

Did not bat: Mizanur Rahman, Amir Wasim and Iqbal Hossain Fall of wickets: 1/49: 2/63;

3/74; 4/171; 5/182; 6/190. OMR Bowler: 6.3 0 31 Aminul jr Jahangir 2.3 23 0 Aminul sr 35 Shariful Manzoor Iqbal BIMAN

Javed Omar c Naimur b Hossain Manzoor st Mizan b Wasim Habibul b Rehman Faruque c Anis b Naimur Aminul sr c & b Hussain Hasan c Mizan b Hussain Igbal c Anis b Hussain Atiar lbw b Iqbal Jahangir c Mizan b Hussain Aminul jr not out Shariful c Asad b Rehman Extras: (lb-4, w-7) Total: (All out in 31.1 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1/49; 2/63; 3/74: 4/171: 5/182: 6/190 Igbal 0 22 A Rehman Naimur Hussain Result: Abahani KC won by 46 runs.

## City ride

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3/147; 4/151;	5/184			
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T Mehmud	6	0	38	
Fahim	7	0	34	1
Z Elahi	5	0	38	
Saiful	7	0	37	
Mustadir	3	0	18	

#### KALABAGAN KC

Z Elahi b Saifullah

Rajin c Sajid b Nafis

Masud Rana

S Elahi c Rehan b Wasim

Harun c Nuruzzaman b Rehan

Bikash run out T Mehmud c & b Saifullah Saiful run out Mustadir b Masud Rana Fahim c Nafis b Rehan Ishtiaq not out Ashfaq c Sajid b Saifullah Extras: (b-2, lb-5, nb-1, w-12) Total: (All out in 29.3 overs) Fall of wickets: 1/27; 2/45: 3/70: 4/116: 5/134: 6/138: 7/148: 8/154: 9/164 R Bowler: Rezaul Al-Amin 0 10 Rehan Wasim 0 21 Nafis 0 29 Jewel 0 33 5.3 Saifullah

#### runs. Pakistan peak

Result: City Club won by 25

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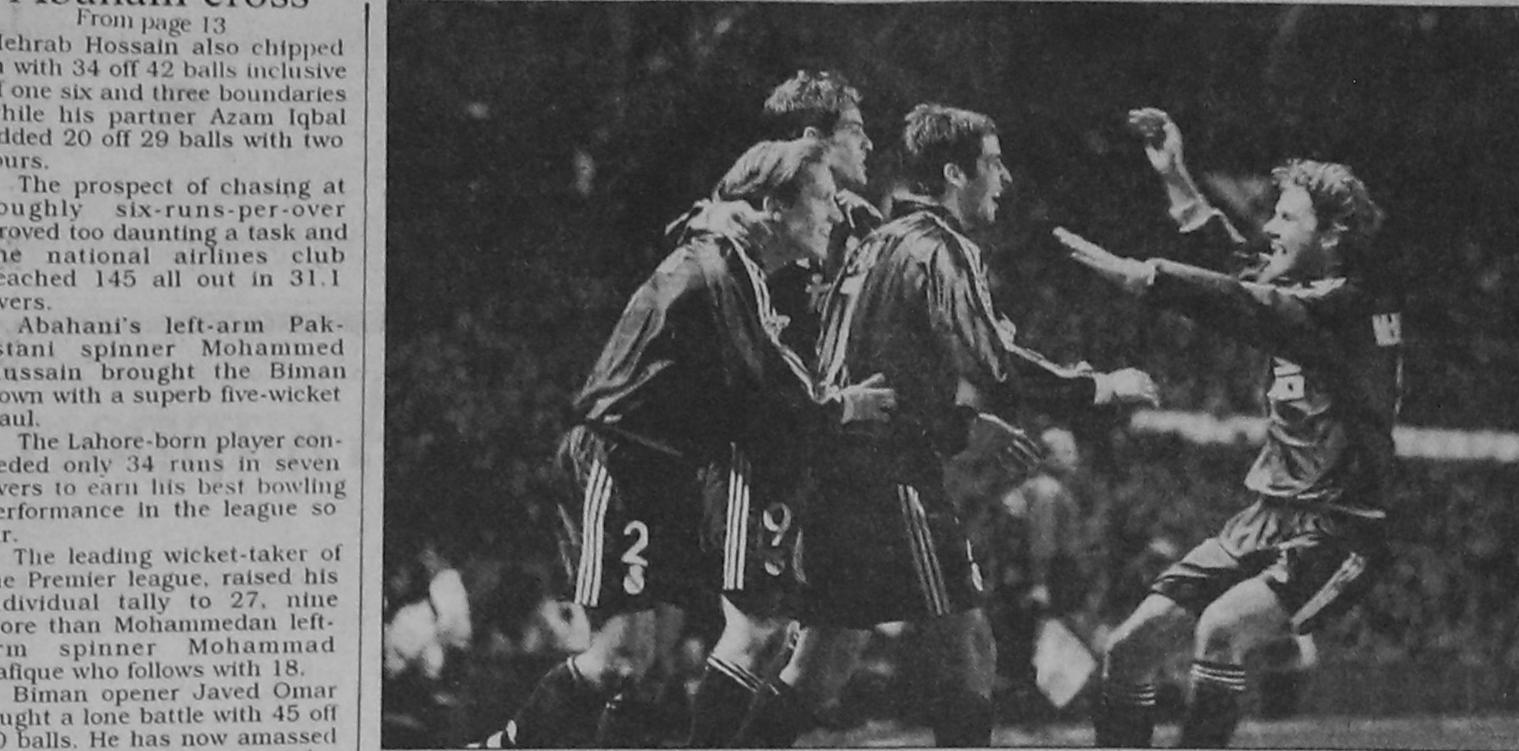
Adams b Razzaq Jacobs c Younis b Arshad Joseph b Afridi Rose b Afridi McLean run out (Younis) Ambrose c (sub) Malik b Afridi King not out Extras: (b-1; lb-4; w-12; nb-2)

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3.3 0 16 Afridi Result: Pakistan won by 17 runs to lead best-of-three finals

of-Spain, Trinidad.

Man-of-the-match: Wasim Akram. Second final: April 22; Portof-Spain, Trinidad. Third final: April 23; Port-



Raul's (C) Real Madrid teammates rushing towards the ace marksman to celebrate his strike against Manchester United during their Champions' League fixture at Old Trafford on April 19. -AFP photo

### Champions thrown out

# Real, Raul invade Old Trafford

MANCHESTER. England, April 20: Holders Manchester United were CHAMPIONS sent crashing out of European com-LEAGUE

petition on Wednesday after losing 3-2 to Spanish giants Real Madrid in the Champions League quarterfinal second leg clash at Old Trafford, reports AFP.

A first-half own goal by night. United captain Roy Keane was followed by a double strike by Spanish international striker Raul, making it 3-0, before England winger David Beckham and Paul Scholes from the penalty spot replied for the visi-

Real go through to the semifinals winning the tie 3-2 on aggregate after the teams played out a goalless draw at the Bernabeu Stadium two weeks ago.

Vicente del Bosque's side are the third Spanish club to make it through to the last four, joining Barcelona and Valencia. Germany's Bayern Munich are the other qualifiers. The Real coach was a proud

man after watching his side dump the reigning champions out of the competition. "That was an absolutely brilliant victory. Our players showed extraordinary applica-

tion throughout. "This was the best result in my time as a manager and given the quality of the opposition it makes it even more remark-

able, he said. Asked if he was surprised to see his side take a three goal lead against the English Premiership leaders he said: "United were a little cavalier

when we scored the first goal and this gave us spaces to exploit in midfield. "At one-nil they had to come forward in search of goals and this worked in our favour as we were able to hit them on the

break. The Real coach also congratulated Barcelona and Valencia for reaching the semi-finals along with Real and said it was "wonderful for Spanish foot-

United manager Sir Alex Ferguson was understandably upset to lose to Real but paid tribute to the Spanish side's 18year old goalkeeper Iker Casil-

many, April 20:

Thomas Linke's

header in the dy-

ned Bayern

Munich a 2-1 win

HAMPIONS ing seconds ear-

over Porto here Wednesday

night and a Champions league

semi-final date with Real

The German champions

went into this quarter final

second leg with a precious away

goal in the 1-1 first leg tie in

Portugal, courtesy of Paulo Ser-

once again showed his mettle.

putting the Bavarian giants -

seeking their fourth win in Eu-

rope's top competition - ahead

that until an explosive final

minute when Porto's influential

Mario Jardel got the equaliser

only for Linke's goal to save

Bayern's blushes as extra time

Ottmar Hitzfeld observed:

"We've won, that was the essen-

tial thing, but it was hard on the

opening the scoring, but then

couldn't find a second and that

strong qualities as we were at a

disadvantage starting

enbauer, mindful of the way

Manchester United had come

crown in 1999, said: "We were

fortunate but we also showed

our morale in preventing a re-

Bayern's injured French inter-

national defender Bixente

Lizarazu, set up the first goal.

crossing to Sergio, who

streaked in from the right to

Michael Tarnat, replacing

peat of last year's final.'

Club president Franz Beck-

put pressure on ourselves.

"We had the advantage of

"The whole team displayed

A relieved Bayern coach

The scoreline remained like

after quarter of an hour.

loomed.

nerves.

favourites.

And the Brazilian striker

Madrid, reports AFP.

the United coach. "It's unbeliev- his fiercely struck shot was able what he has achieved in blocked by the busy Casillas. such a short time at Real. He was outstanding."

was a shock but they did play very well. They surprised us with three at the back and we really should have sorted it out quickly. The two Raul goals were poor goals for us to lose but they were the better team on the

"We had a lot of great attacking play but you just have to accept it wasn't our night." Ferguson also hailed the

contribution of Argentine Fernando Redondo. "He must have a magnet in his pants because every time the ball came loose it went straight

to him!" After two minutes Real's Brazilian international Roberto Carlos ran at Beckham before drilling a low cross which flashed across the face of

United's Welsh winger Ryan Giggs shot from long range five minutes later but was well wide of Casillas' right hand post.

Carlos put Fernando Morientes through after 13 minutes but his tame shot failed to trouble United's Dutch keeper Raimond Van der Gouw, replacing the injured Mark Bosnich in goal.

Two minutes later Dwight Yorke rose unmarked to meet Giggs' cross in the penalty area but could not get his header on

Moments later Gary Neville's weak back-pass put Van der Gouw in trouble with Carlos closing in, but the keeper saved his defender's blushes by blocking the pacy Brazilian.

But United failed to heed the early warning signs and Real, who have scored on each of their previous away trips in Europe this season, took the lead after 20 minutes. Michel Salgado picked up

the ball out on the right wing and fired in a low driven cross which Republic of Ireland star Keane turned into his own net. Yorke's goalbound header almost brought the home side the excellent Casillas. level two minutes later but the

palmed away by Casillas. After 25 minutes Beckham, who was rather subdued in at-

Linke takes Bayern through

A below par first half from

Bayern, defeated by Porto in

keeper Oliver Kahn denied bril- Mehmet Scholl.

Jardel's header left Porto's against 1860 Munich which al-

static and referee Hugh Dallas top of the Bundesliga.

Porto had one golden moment

when only heroics from Bayern

liant Brazilian Jardel's 23rd

the classic 1987 Champions

league final, held on to their

crowd at the Olympic Stadium

until that dramatic 90th

band of 600 travelling fans ec-

advantage in front of a 45,000

minute header from going in.

MUNICH, Ger- score from close range.

Four minutes later Keane nearly atoned for his earlier er-The United boss added: "It for but again Casillas came to Real's rescue with another stunning save. United threatened to

equalise with almost every attack and Cole had a wonderful chance to bring the holders back into the game but his close-range header looped over the bar. Three minutes before the

break Raul nearly gave United a mountain to climb but his right-foot shot sailed over bar. Four minutes after half time

Raul put Madrid 2-0 up. Former Liverpool midfielder Steve McManaman broke from his own half before releasing Raul who side-stepped Keane and slotted the ball past a helpless Van der Gouw. Keane immediately had an-

other great chance to reduce the deficit but side-footed his shot over an open goal. Real punished the error as

Fernando Redondo produced a Redondo knocked the ball

through the legs of Hennig Berg with an audacious piece of skill from a seemingly no-win situation and crossed tantalisingly close from the touchline to leave Raul with the simplest of tap ins. 3-0.

Real were now controlling the game with United in need of four goals to win the tie, but as United struggled to keep possession the home crowd's frustration became more and more evident. -

However, United reduced the of the World, European and deficit after 64 minutes when Beckham went on a mazy run into the Real penalty area before crashing a right-foot shot into the top corner beyond Casilla's reach.

Morientes made way for Frenchman Nicolas Anelka eight minutes later as Real freshened their attacking options while United's Paul Scholes and substitute Ole Gunnar Solskjaer were kept at bay by Keane was felled in the box

Trinidadian's effort was in the final seconds and Scholes crashed home the resulting penalty to lift the home crowd but the Spaniards held on for a "Casillas was brilliant," said tack, raced into the Real box but memorable victory.

contemplating extra time but

along came Linke to kill the

game off, his head connecting

sweetly with a free kick from

remarked: "We didn't play a

great match but we couldn't

without their talismanic play-

maker Stefan Effenberg - will

have eased the pain of losing

lowed Bayer Leverkusen to go

last Saturday's local derby

have fought any better."

The unheralded defender

Bayern's win - achieved

#### One Kanu for Nigeria

LAGOS, April 20: Christopher Kanu, younger brother of Arsenal's Nwankwo Kanu, has been ruled out of Nigeria's World Cup qualifier at home to Eritrea on Saturday after his Dutch club Ajax refused his release, reports AFP.

Nigeria's Dutch coach Jo Bonfrere told reporters here Thursday that Ajax are holding on to the young defender after they received Nigeria's application for the player's release late. "I spoke with the Ajax coach

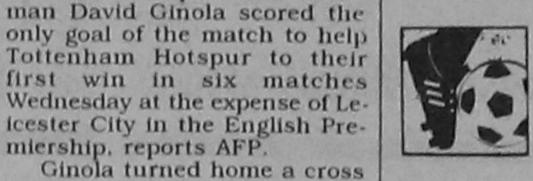
and he told me he can only release Tijjani Babangida for Saturday's match while AFP. Christopher Kanu won't be making the trip as our application for his release was made 12 days, and not the stipulated 14 days, before the match", Bonfrere said.

However, Christopher's more famous brother, Nwankwo, is expected in the country Friday after Arsenal's UEFA Cup semi-final match against French side Lens for the match against Eritrea.

Bayern Munich's Brazilian Paulo Sergio (L) is under pressure from Porto's fellow countryman Esquerdinha during their Champions' League encounter at the Olympic Stadium in Munich on April 19. -AFP photo

### Terim apologises for slain fans Ginola inspires

# Galatasary land in Leeds



LEEDS, England, April 20: Turkish side Galatasaray touched down here Wednesday at the start of a tense 24-hours before

their UEFA Cup semi-final second leg match against Leeds United, reports AFP.

The security surrounding the side was tight with a sharpsuited anti-terrorist squad, all wearing dark glasses, first off the team's Turkish Airlines Boeing 737 after the plane landed at Leeds Bradford Airport.

ham goalkeeper lan Walker. Tottenham were even more They were followed by the lacklustre, and the withdrawal team, wearing red and yellow of twin strikers Chris Armtracksuits, who immediately strong and Steffen Iversen after boarded a coach on the runway 75 minutes summed up their along with their protection contribution to proceedings. squad and some VIPs who will Ironically, it was one of attend Thursday's game.

their replacements Ethering-There was tight security at ton, who wasted their best the airport due to fears of rechance of the game before the crimination from fans over the same player helped Ginola murder of Leeds United supporters Kevin Speight and Etherington had just mis-Christopher Loftus in Istanbul cued a shot but made amends in two weeks ago before the UEFA the last minute when he Cup semi-final first-leg.

squared the ball across the But the team did not enter the terminal, where there was a area, and Ginola side-stepped Phil Gilchrist before drilling heavy police presence, and there were no lans waiting out-

#### Lazio not after MP's hunt for ticket!

ROME, April 20: Italian soc-ANKARA, April 20: A Turkcer club Lazio on Thursday deish member of parliament was nied reports they have signed on Wednesday desperately seek-Barcelona's Brazilian striker ing tickets for Thursday's UEFA Rivaldo for 99 billion lire (48 Cup clash between Leeds United and Galatasaray to which only Respected Italian sports a handful of Turkish spectators daily Gazzetta Dello Sport had will be admitted, the Anatolia claimed the Brazilian hotshot news agency reported, reports would leave the Nou Camp in the summer and join Sven-

the centre-right True path Party (DYP), even brought up the issue in the parliament's general assembly hall, accusing Sports Minister Fikret Unlu of "unlawfully seizing" the small number of tickets given to Galatasaray.

"Eighty-five MPs have got British visas, but we cannot find any tickets," Zaimoglu The 28-year-old was reported complained from the parliament's rostrum.

"We have even leased a Turkish Airlines plane, capable The newspaper report had of carrying 117 passengers, and claimed that Lazio would be this has cost us 30,000 dollars, selling several players to help finance the purchase, including European football's govern-

ing body UEFA last week banned Turkish supporters from the UEFA Cup semi-final second leg match at Elland Road over security fears following the stabbing deaths of two Britsh fans in Istanbul before the first leg game two weeks ago. The decision left Galatasaray with only 80 tickets to be distributed to fans who

were not likely to cause trouble. Faced with a wave of re-Coruna for 25 million dollars quests from Turkish MPs for ball," he asserted in August 1997 and is the holder tickets, the Istanbul-based club asked Leeds for an additional 30 passes, but the request was mail. But we are not concerned denied, Turkish press reports He helped Barcelona to a

Minister Unlu is scheduled to take off for Leeds Thursday on an official plane along with be any occurrences in the statwo other minister, parliament speaker Yildirim Akbulut and two of his deputies.

the five political parties in parliament and two bureaucrats.

It is believed that immigration officials went on to the plane after it landed to check the team's protection squad was

not carrying weapons. After leaving the airport the team headed straight for Elland Road for a training session.

At Elland Road club workers had spent most of the day removing floral tributes and scarves from the statue of Leeds legend, Billy Bremner. They had been placed in memory of Speight and Loftus but it was felt that such tributes could be misinterpreted as provocative ahead of an already tense clash with the Turkish side.

There will be no Galatasary fans present at the game Thursday night - after UEFA upheld Leeds' request to ban Turkish supporters from travelling to Yorkshire 1,750 tickets have been returned - but Leeds chairman Peter Risdale appealed for calm from the Leeds supporters with tensions continuing to run high.

He said: "I sincerely hope that in the depths of despair at the totally unnecessary loss of life, we all ensure that football can never again become a reason to justify anybody being injured or killed.

And Risdale, clearly aware that any sort of violence would be a severe blow to English hopes of hosting the 2006 World Cup, added: "I appeal to all Leeds United supporters to ensure that neither this week, when we play Galatasary, nor at any time in the future, do they do anything to undermine our reputation or put anyone's personal safety at risk.

Galatasaray fear reprisals after their players have been subjected to a barrage of death Rasim Zaimoglu, a deputy of threats from English fans according to the club's Romanian international Gheorghe "At club headquarters we re-

ceive dozens of faxes and emails daily from England threatening to kill us if we come to Leeds," Popescu said. "There's more talk now about our safety than the

match. Our families are worried," said the 32-year-old defender. Later Galatasaray turned down an invitation to a wel-

coming dinner. Ridsdale observed: "We merely extend the hospitality. Whether or not they accept is up to them. They felt they would like to spend this evening in a strange city in the company of their players. Such is life."

Galatasaray had trained at Elland Road for an hour, managing a light workout with coach Fatih Terim afterwards dismissing suggestions his players would be wearing bulletproof vests during the match. "We are coming for the foot-

"As for the death threats, everybody writes things on the eand we are not taking it seriously. We have never seen something happen through e-mail. "We don't believe there will

dium. The players, the club and those who are generally supportive and involved in soccer Other guests on the plane in- are not responsible for what clude one deputy from each of happened and therefore I don't think there will be any prob-

Terim then added: "I would like to say how sorry we are for the two deaths which occurred

two weeks ago. "I want to pass on all my sincere sympathies to the families of the deceased because I feel very bad for what happened.

"Of course you always hope nothing like this will ever happen. But we have a very sad situation and as I said after the game in Istanbul, I would rather have lost the game than have

two people murdered." Risdale said that he believed the club would have been kicked out of Europe had the trouble in Istanbul, which resulted in the deaths of Speight and Loftus. occurred in Yorkshire.

"I have been acutely aware that the eyes of the world would be on the game this week and we would be accountable for whatever happened," Risdale said.

"In my view if what happened in Istanbul had taken place in Leeds we would not now be in the tournament. We would have been condemned around the world and facing expulsion from the UEFA Cup.

### Turkish politicians off to England

ANKARA, April 20: A group of Turkish politicians left Ankara Thursday for Britain to watch the UEFA Cup clash between Leeds United and Galatasaray which was marred by the murder two weeks ago of two British fans in Istanbul, the Anatolia news agency reported, reports AFP.

The group, travelling free of charge on the prime minister's official plane, included parliament speaker Yildirim Akbulut, state ministers Fikret Unlu. Ramazan Mirzaoglu, Mehmet Ali Irtemcelik, as well as chairwoman of the centre-right True Path Party and former prime minister Tansu Ciller.

Two deputy parliament speakers, one deputy from each of the five political parties represented in parliament and a senior bureaucrat from the prime ministry also boarded the plane.

"Our aim is to boost the morale of Galatasaray," Akbulut told reporters at a press conference before their departure. "I wish both teams success. We hope for a friendly and peaceful game without inci-

Last week, European football's governing body UEFA barred Turkish supporters from Thursday's UEFA Cup semi-final second leg at Elland Road after two Leeds fans were stabbed to death in a fight with Galatasaray fans on April 5 in Istanbul on the eve of the first

The decision left the Istanbul club with only 80 tickets to be distributed to VIPs and fans unlikely to cause trouble in the game that is anticipated to be played in a tense atmosphere.

About 30 other Turkish MPs were scheduled to take off later for Leeds to try and get into the stadium even though they have only five tickets among themselves, the all-news NTV channel said.

# Bundesliga preview

# Bremen test for leaders



Bayer Leverkusen face a difficult trip to Werder Breas they look to a key game for both clubs. pull away from

Bayern Munich in the race for the Bundesliga title, reports Champions League quarter-

finalists Bayern do not play until Sunday when they visit struggling Borussia Dortmund who are trying to halt a slide into the relegation zone under

#### Kluivert's accuser told to pay damages AMSTERDAM, April 20: A

Dutch court has ordered a woman who claimed that she was raped by Dutch striker Patrick Kluivert three years ago to pay him compensation for loses incurred by the player during a failed lawsuit, legal sources confirmed Thursday. reports AFP. The ruling made Wednesday

by a court in Amsterdam puts to an end the action taken against the 23-year-old Barcelona player by the plaintiff Marielle Boon. The 20-year-old Dutch woman brought charges against

Kluivert accusing the footballer

and three of his friends of rap-

ing her at his home in Amsterdam after a night out clubbing in 1997. After boasting of her "adventure" and selling her story to a Dutch tabloid, she claimed she was raped and that Kluivert pressurized her not to report the

incident A court in 1998 dismissed the case, finding that there was insufficient evidence. Nevertheless Boon took a civil case for damages.

lawsuit.

BERLIN, April 20: new coach Udo Latter. Third-placed Hamburg travel to relegation threatened Eintracht Frankfurt, while SSV men on Thursday Ulm entertain Hertha Berlin in

> Leverkusen chasing their first league title and first success of any kind since they lifted the German Cup in 1993 take on a Bremen side at the Weserstadion who are fighting for the fourth and final Champions League spot.

The top three places will definitely go to Leverkusen, Bayern and Hamburg but there are six clubs chasing the final spot and Bremen need the three points to stay in the race.

A well-earned 0-0 draw at Hamburg in their last outing left the fallen UEFA Cup quarter-finalists still in the chase but 1860 Munich who entertain day. VfB Stuttgart on Saturday turned up the pressure on the tough loss against Stuttgart last other Champions League hope- week when they gave up a late fuls by beating co-tenants Bay- winner while Schalke could ern Munich 2-1 at the only draw at home against SSV Olympiastadion.

Leverkusen are just four games away from glory after coming so close in previous years. They have hit form at just the right time and with their 4-1 thrashing of relega-

If Leverkusen come unstuck Duisburg at Bremen, Bayern could draw level and go top on goal differmund's miserable run.

Dortmund who have not won this year sacked Austrian coach Bernd Krauss 10 days ago but new coach Lattek could not give the relegation-threatened club victory in his first match as they let a two-goal lead slip to draw with basement dwellers MSV Duisburg.

Hanging precariously just one point above the relegation The court found that her zone, Dortmund will be hoping claims were unfounded and or- that Bayern's Champions dered that the Dutch player be League commitments catch up paid 18,000 dollars in compen- with them as they will be comsation for losses incurred by the ing off their quarter-final second-leg with Portuguese side

Hamburg may have said goodbye to their title aspirations last week with the draw with Bremen but are solid in their third-place positioning as they visit Frankfurt. Frankfurt were stunned by

the German football federation

when told they would be docked

two points at the end of the season for infringing financial regulations. It could mean the difference between staying in the top flight or relegation to the Second Division as Frankfurt are only above the relegation zone on

goal difference although they are to appeal the deduction. SC Freiburg are another club fighting for survival as they host mid-table Schalke 04 at the Dreisamstadion on Satur-

Freiburg are coming off a

FIXTURES: Thursday: Eintracht Frankfurt v Hamburg SV, Werder Bremen v Bayer Lev-

erkusen Saturday: Vil Wolfsburg v Kaiserslautern, SSV Ulm v

Sunday: Armenia Bielefeld v SpVgg Unterhaching, Borussia

#### Arsenal to push ahead with plans for new stadium

LONDON, April 19: English Premiership side Arsenal will submit planning application for their proposed 150 million pounds (230 million dollars) 60,000-capacity new stadium in October, the Press Association reported Tuesday, reports AFP.

If the relocation plan succeeds the new stadium is still likely to bear the Highbury

tion candidates Arminia Biele- Hertha Berlin, SC Freiburg v feld last week moved three Schalke 04, 1860 Munich v VIL points clear as Bayern crashed. Stuttgart, Hansa Rostock v MSV ence were they to add to Dort- Dortmund v Bayern Munich