ICC body

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tions with the ICC president at Calcutta. The documentary evidence

comes from Doordarshan's 27page report on the ICC knockout tournament and is countersigned by Doordarshan's deputy director-general (finance), P K Seth and by the chief executive officer at the time, S S Gill. "I can authenticate it," said Gill's successor as CEO, Dr K Ajariwal, from New Delhi, yesterday

Pakistan make

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221 for five, were tied down by purposeful bowling from West Indies and saw their last five wickets surrender for 43 runs. West Indies broke the sixth-

wicket partnership between Inzamam-ul-Haq and Abdur after 80 minutes in the morning period, but had they accepted the chances and half-chances offered by the Pakistani batsmen, the complexion of the match might be different.

Fast bowler Reon King captured the prized wicket of century-maker Inzamam-ul-Haq with the first ball of his first spell of the day, but West Indies allowed Pakistan to reach 262 for six at lunch. Inzamam and Abdur had batted through from 50 minutes prior to lunch on the opening day until the close

to lift Pakistan's innings from the tatters of 39 for five to 221 for five.

They got firmly rooted into their work when play commenced on Saturday and were encroaching on Pakistan's sixth-wicket partnership record of 216 set by Hanif Mohammed and Majid Khan against New Zealand at Lahore in the 1964-65 series.

Inzamam could have been dismissed as early as the sixth over of the day, when on 121 he drove back a sharp, but comfortable return chance to fast bowler Courtney Walsh.

West Indies however, had to wait about eight overs to dislodge him after he had batted for close to seven hours to add 206 with Abdur. Failing to properly negotiate his fulllength 254th ball, he was struck coming forward by King.

Inzamam struck 20 boundaries in his third century against West Indies to take his tally of runs in seven Tests against them to 580 at a healthy average of 72.50.

When he departed, Pakistan had only added 24 runs in just over an hour to their bedtime score, and Abdur only seven to his first day 80. Such was the restraint the West Indies had placed upon the opposition bat-

Their predicament could have been even worse had Wasim's two early chances not been muffed. On nought, he cut hard through the hands of gully Chanderpaul off King, and on five, he edged a straightforward chance to Adams at second slip.

After the interval, Pakistan lost their last four wickets for 26 runs to be dismissed about 45 minutes prior to the tea break.

They suffered an immediate setback when left-hander Wasim Akram edged a forward defensive stroke at the first ball after lunch from Courtney Walsh to wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs.

In the next over, Abdur fell 13 short of a maiden Test century when he edged a backfoot drive at a rising ball from fast bowler Nixon McLean chesthigh to Chris Gayle at first slip. He batted two minutes shy of

seven hours, faced 320 balls and struck 11 boundaries in his innings which was critical to Pakistan mounting a meaningful, rather than meaningless first innings total.

Pakistan then eked out a further 36 to extend the innings for more than an hour after the interval but would have been disappointed with their final total Ambrose was West Indies'

most successful bowler with four wickets for 43 runs from 25.3 overs, while there were two wickets apiece for the other three fast bowlers Courtney Walsh, Reon King and McLean.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the opening Test between West Indies and Pakistan at Bourda Oval on Saturday. PAKISTAN: First innings

(overnight 221 for five) M Wasim b Ambrose Wasti b Walsh Younis Khan lbw b Ambrose 135 goal of the season gives them a Inzamam lbw b King Youhana c Jacobs b Ambrose Moin Khan c Adams b King Razzaq c Gayle b McLean W Akram c Jacobs b Walsh Waqar b McLean 8 time. It softens the blow after Saglain not out Mushtaq c Gayle b Ambrose Extras: (lb-2, nb-3) Total: (All out in 123.3 overs) 288 Fall of wickets: 1-12; 2-12; 3-

21; 4-21; 5-39; 6-245; 7-262; 8-0 M

266: 9-277. Bowler 25.3 Ambrose Walsh McLean 26 King 57 Adams 0 31

ell admitted his side got exactly what they deserved after an abject performance. WEST INDIES: First innings Jewell said: "The disappoint-Campbell c Younis Khan ing thing was the way we did not b Wasim Akram

perform. We were not at the Griffith Ibw b Abdur Razzaq races from the first whistle and Hinds st Moin Khan b Mushtaq Ahmed Sparta Czech Adams not out Chanderpaul not out Extras: (lb-1, nb-6)

Total: (For 3 wkts, in 43 overs) 101 To bat: C. Gayle, R Jacobs, C. Ambrose, N McLean, C Walsh, R

Prague won their fourth consecutive Czech Republic league Fall of wickets: 1-2; 2-69; 3title when they thrashed closest rivals Slavia Prague 5-1 here on Bowler Saturday, reports AFP. R Akram Waqar three draws and only two de-Mushtag feats, Sparta moved seven Razzaq points clear of Slavia with only Saglain two matches to go giving them a Umpires: S Bucknor, R. Koremarkable eighth title in the ertzen (TV Replays: C Alfred). last ten years.



Barcelona superstar Rivaldo is being tackled from behind by Rayo Vallecano's Poschner during their Primera Liga match at Barcelona on May 6. - AFP photo

Primera Liga

Barca staring at doom



Primera Liga leaders Deportivo La Coruna are on the verge of their first ever title success after rivals Barcelona crashed 2-0 at home Saturday to Rayo

Vallecano, reports AFP. Barca, roundly booed by their fans, now face ending the season empty-handed after their 4-1 Champions League semi-final thrashing at Valen-

They were also kicked out of the Spanish Cup after refusing to play Atletico Madrid in last month's semi-final second leg, saying too many of their players were on international duty.

Real Madrid, who in contrast to Barca are two goals to the good in Europe after beating Bayern Munich in midweek, also flopped as they went down 1-0 at the Bernabeu stadium to Alaves, who rocket up to third in the table.

Barca remain second with a two-point gap to make up on Deportivo, who face fifthplaced Real Zaragoza on Sunday knowing that they are now

LONDON, May 7:

The battle to av-

oid relegation

from the English

Premier League

will go to the final

day of the season but Sheffield

Wednesday look certain to join

doomed Watford in the First

Division after a 4-1 defeat at

Coventry on Saturday, reports

drop zone on goal difference at

the expense of Bradford after a

last minute goal by substitute

John Hartson secured a 2-2

draw at home to Aston Villa.

Bradford were beaten 3-0 at Le-

hand on their rivals but trail

Bradford and Wimbledon by six

points with the worst goal dif-

Arsenal at home on Tuesday

and Leicester on Sunday, were

jeered by their own fans

for abusing a linesman in last

Sunday's 3-0 defeat at Bradford,

struck in the second minute of

left-wing corner to end Wimble-

don's run of eight straight de-

stoppage time, heading home a

The Dons head to Southamp-

ton next weekend, still desper-

ately in need of their first away

win since the opening day of the

Harston, who is banned for

"I'm disappointed I won't be

Bradford have a tougher fi-

Bradford manager Paul Jew-

the Southampton game, said:

"You dream of scoring a goal

that means so much in injury

involved next week but I'll be

nal game - at home to fourth-

placed Liverpool who are chas-

ing a place in next season's

champions

PRAGUE, May 7: Sparta

With a record of 23 wins

there cheering the boys on."

season, but Hartson's ninth

chance of survival.

the week I've had."

Champions League.

The flery Hartson, sent off

ference of the three.

throughout the match.

Wednesday have a game in

The Yorkshire club, who face

Wimbledon edged out of the

Premiership

within touching distance of the championship having led the table since the ninth week of the season.

Last week, they lost their nerve in losing 2-1 in the Galician derby at Vigo. Twice in the 1990s Deportivo

lost the title on the last day of the season when leading at the start of the day - most famously in 1993-4 when their Brazilian striker Bebeto - who two months later won the World Cup with Brazil - missed a penalty that would have secured

But Barca and Real have been dogged by inconsistency and have both done their best to throw the title away. Real, who lost out to an 87th-

minute Jorge Azkoitia goal on Saturday to slide to sixth, can at least look forward to the Champions League final if they keep their heads in Munich next week as they target an eighth European crown.

Two years ago they won their seventh at the expense of Juventus but came just eighth in the league and that low placing signalled the end of German Jupp Heynckes' reign as coach.

Chelsea's Euro hopes dashed

season I would have taken still

being in with a chance with one

game to go but when it's in your

hands with two games left and

Frenchman Thierry Henry

scored twice as Arsenal all but

booked their place in next sea-

son's Champions League with a

2-1 home win over London ri-

last 12 games, now lead third-

placed Leeds by five points and

Liverpool by six with a game in

the top three but it is not quite

done yet," said Arsenal manger

tain Southampton while Leeds

hopes of qualifying for Euro-

pean competition through the

league, although they could still

play in the UEFA Cup if they

beat Aston Villa in the FA Cup

final at Wembley in two weeks'

ester United paraded the title

trophy before a record premier

league crowd of 61,629 after

beating Tottenham 3-1 at Old

Trafford in their final home

key players through injury but

were still too strong for the visi-

tors as they swept to their 27th goalless.

game of the season.

Earlier, champions Manch

"We are close to finishing in

On Sunday Liverpool enter-

The result ends Chelsea's

hand over both of them.

host Everton on Monday.

Arsenal, who have won their

then it's not with one game to go

I suppose at the start of the

we got what we deserved.

it's very disappointment."

vals Chelsea.

Arsene Wenger.

The future of Barca's Dutch coach Louis Van Gaal, who had insisted before the game that a third straight title was the Catalan club's priority - after earlier insisting the European Cup was the target - is now very much in doubt.

Barca were stung by a goal eight minutes after the start and eight before the final whistle from Jon Perez 'Bolo' for midtable Vallecano and the Nou Camp crowd shrieked their disapproval.

Valencia showed, meanwhile, that the punishment they meted out to Barcelona was no fluke by blitzing lowly Real Sociedad 4-0 with midweek heroes Miguel Angel Angulo and Claudio "Piojo" Lopez both on target alongside defender Amadeo Carboni and midfield general Gaizka Mendieta.

fourth - enough for a Champions League slot even if they fail to land the trophy in three weeks time.

The win sent Valencia up to However, veteran French

defender Jocelyn Angloma had to go off injured and is doubtful for the Champions League return in Barcelona.

league win of the season with

first half goals goals from Ole

Gunnar Solskjaer, Teddy

Sheringham and David Beck-

new league record of just over

At the top of the table, attendance during the cam-

58,000 for their average home

paign, which beat their own

ton Villa in their final game

next Sunday to become the first

team to score 100 goals in a

Manager Sir Alex Ferguson

hailed United's sixth premier

league triumph in eight years as

Ferguson said. "This is defi-

nitely the best championship

to win this league. The players

know that and that's why you

saw them celebrate in the way

the last few years in March and

April when the chips are down

they produce. It's great to be able

Phillips joined a select group of

players to score 30 goals in a

premier league season as he

fired Sunderland to a 1-0 home

while the match between Derby

County and Newcastle finished

Middlesbrough were held to

win over West Ham.

In other matches, Kevin

"I'm proud of my players,

"We realise how difficult it is

'As we've experienced over

premier league season.

their greatest.

they have won.

they did.

United were without several a 1-1 home draw by Watford

United need four goals at As-

previous best set 32 years ago.

The match saw United set a

German Cup Hoeness blasts Matthaeus' Bayern's 10th triumph

choice COLOGNE, Germany, May 7: Lothar Matthaeus, the world's most capped player, made a tremendous blunder in choosing to end his career in the United States according to his former boss Bayern Munich manager Uli Hoeness, reports

Hoeness told the "Welt am Sonntag" newspaper in an interview released ahead of publication it was "the biggest mistake of Matthaeus' career" months ago, reports AFP.

"I am not just saving that because the Metrostars aren't playing well. I said that to him right from the start," Hoeness

said. The 39-year-old Matthaeus has left a giant hole in Bayern's defence since he left for the New York/New Jersey Metrostars in March. It's a gap which the German champions continue to struggle in plugging with Jens Jeremies clearly struggling after two own goals in the last three weeks.

Hoeness flatly rejects Matthaeus' claims, however that he would have stayed in Munich if Bayern had treated him better and let him know he really was wanted.

"That's rubbish," Hoeness countered. "We always held our discussions in private or with one other person present and he always said in those talks he couldn't get out of the New York

As difficult as life has been for Bayern since Matthaeus left - Bayern are three points behind Bayer Leverkusen in the Bundesliga with only two games left and may exit the Champions League after losing the first leg of their semi-final to Real Madrid 2-0 - Hoeness insists there is no way back for him.

"I would say, Lothar, we are all looking forward to your benefit match on May 26th. But as far as the new season goes we are going to have to find an alternative.

English thugs worry Charlton

LONDON, May 7: Former England international Sir Bobby Charlton is worried trouble with English hooligans at this year's European championship could upset England's hopes of winning the right to stage the 2006 World Cup finals, reports Reuters.

World soccer chiefs will make the decision on the venue of the finals after a meeting on July 5 and 6, just a few days after the end of the Euro 2000 tournament in Belgium and the Netherlands.

Charlton, who is helping to front England's bid for the finals, told Britain's Sunday Times newspaper that he was very proud of the way hooliganism had largely been cleaned up in the domestic English game.

But he added: "I just hope that this summer our police are on top of what is a potential problem. That also applies to the Dutch and Belgian police who I hope are on the alert.

"A disastrous Euro 2000 with the hooligans would undermine everything we have worked so hard for.

England faces fierce opposition from strong bids by South Africa and Germany.

England and Germany play each other during the finals in a potentially explosive game in Charleroi in Belgium on June

"The England v Germany match has an obvious potential for trouble and it would be just fantastic, for them and for us, if that game passed without problems," Charlton said.

Scottish Premiership

Hearts kept waiting

GLASGOW, May 7: Hearts' UEFA Cup dreams were put on hold for another week after their ten men hung on for a point at home to St Johnstone in the Scottish Premier League clash on Saturday, reports AFP

The Edinburgh club needed victory to clinch third place and qualification for Europe next season, but their efforts were not helped by the second half dismissal of striker Gary Naysmith for kicking out at Darren Dods.

Bayern Munich's Brazilian recruit Paulo Sergio kissing

was said that the German Cup is not so important but we showed back after three weeks out with today it is important, to us and

a calf injury and played for a full 80 minutes, longer than wanted to win." Effenberg was the key to Bayern's success, transforming year's disappointment and refthem from the sorry band of eree Alfons Berg struggled to also-rans who were steam

vane Elber in the 57th minute the game beyond Bremen's reach in the 83rd minute when he flipped the ball cleverly over the shoulder of defender Viktor Skripnik and then toed it past

Bayern, in particular Elber, keeper Frank Rost. had a host of opportunities to take the lead in the opening 20 minutes but on each occasion they were profligate in front of

"We closed ranks today, put in a fabulous team performance and really deserved to win." Effenberg said. "We played great football in the first half, we had a lot of chances to score and then used those chances in the second half.

Midfield star Stefan Effen-

He was the man who fed Gio-

with a bouncing pass which the

Brazilian sank high into the

net with his left foot for Bay-

berg even made an early come-

planned.

winners.

ern's opener.

Bayern Munich

snared their first

and possibly only

title this season

in beating Werder

Bremen 3-0 in Saturday's Ger-

man Cup final, exacting sweet

revenge for last year's loss

against opponents who won a

shootout against them 12

in 12 final appearances and, de-

spite all the negative hype be-

fore the game, was an emo-

tional and hotly contested

After last week's bitter 0-2

semi-final first leg defeat by

Real Madrid in the Champions

League club president Franz.

Beckenbauer proclaimed no-

one was interested in the Ger-

man Cup and said all Bayern's

energies would be devoted to

next Tuesday's return game

even declared he would send out

a B-team to save the energy of

Club manager Uli Hoeness

game

against Real.

Bayern's big guns.

It was Bayern's 10th victory

"In the lead up to this game it



the German Cup after the final victory against Werder Bremen at Berlin on May 6. - AFP photo

to the fans, and that's why we

Emotions were high with Bayern keen to avenge last keep a lid on fiery moods which rolled in Madrid to worthy Cup eventually settled after the

Brazilian Paulo Sergio put

As the 78,500 strong crowd in Berlin's Olympic stadium celebrated the first real highpoint of Bayern's season late substitute Mehmut Scholl, who came in for Elber, chipped in a third goal seconds before the

"It wasn't just the Cup itself which was important but also a win in relation to Tuesday's Champions League game against Real Madrid," Bayern coach Ottmar Hitzfeld said.

'If we hadn't won today we would have copped some heavy criticism. We have played well over the last 10 months and achieved a lot. When you are high up but not right at the top you have a lot to lose. That's why winning this trophy is important for our work over the whole season.

Bayern face an uphill battle to reach the Champions League final after last week's humbling defeat in Madrid.

In addition, Bayer Leverkusen, three points ahead of Bayern, are set to win their first ever Bundesliga title with only two games to play.

As they celebrated Saturday's triumph team joker Giovane Elber drenched Hitzfeld by dumping an oversized glass of beer over his head while fellow Brazilian goal scorer Paulo Sergio struggled to wave an enormous flag bearing Bayern's club emblem. Bremen, meanwhile, preferred to forget a bad day at the

office. They hardly tested Bayern keeper Oliver Kahn, leaving coach Thomas Schaaf to apologise for a poor performance. "You can always tell how things are going to go in the first few minutes and today you

could see clearly we didn't have a chance." Schaaf said. "Bayern were by far the better side and as Ottmar said, we only had one or two chances to

score over the full 90 minutes. That's just not enough."

Bergkamp loves Gunners! "The club would really like vite me to have some talks over



LONDON, May 7: Dutch internatio- to know my plans right now. nal striker Dennis Bergkamp has indicated he wou-

ld like to stay at English Premiership side Arsenal when his contract runs

out, reports AFP. Bergkamp, who turns 31 on Wednesday, was expected to

leave the north London club as a free agent when his contract expires next summer. But the former Ajax and Inter Milan star has rubbished suggestions he will move back

to Holland or join the Dutch exiles playing under Louis van Gaal at Barcelona in Spain. "I have another year to go at Arsenal and after that I want to carry on for a few more years. I will be 32 when my contract

expires," he told The Mail on

Sunday. "Because I have always looked after my body I know I am not worn out yet, like some strikers. I can see myself staying at Arsenal.



DENNIS BERGKAMP

my future very soon.

But Bergkamp hinted that his decision to stay at the club depended on whether they were prepared to invest in new play-"I want to know if the club is prepared to strengthen the

team," he added. "I know I will still be good enough to play at the highest level in two years' "I would like to have quality players around me. Then we can

have another aim at winning big things at Arsenal." Bergkamp said the atmosphere in the Premiership was

one of the main reasons for wanting to stay in England. He added: "People in England

appreciate my football much better than in Holland. Everywhere in England I feel warmth. love from the fans and passion.

"At Arsenal the fans know I have guided the club to a higher level. I feel at home and I feel respect from the fans.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL BRIEFS

to remain active in the game

after his time as United coach

and could take up some consul-

contract last year to manage

SIR ALEX FERGUSON

1986, turning them into the

dominant force in English soc-

cer and winning an unprece-

dented treble last season of Eu-

ropean Cup, English premier

league and F.A. Cup. They re-

cently retained their league ti-

EFFENBERG NOT

INTERESTED IN

EURO 2000

whose brilliant playmaking in-

spired Bayern Munich to their

3-0 win over Werder Bremen in

BERLIN: Stefan Effenberg,

He has been at the club since

United until June 2002.

The Scot signed a three-year

tancy work.

LONDON, May 6 (Reuters/ Internet): Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson is reportedly keen to stay on at the English champions when his contract expires in 2002. "I'd like to stay here after my

guson was reported as saying in Britain's News of the World newspaper. "If it is time to move on I have no problem with that. But

current two years are up," Fer-

it would be nice to play some part and to remain attached to this club.

Ferguson said at the beginning of the year that he planned

Violence kills Swansea fan

ROTHERHAM, England. May 7: A Swansea City fan died in hospital after he was injured in violence before an English Third Division football match on Saturday, reports AFP. Terry Coles, 41, suffered se-

rious injuries after rival sup-

porters threw bricks and stones before the division decider at Rotherham's Millmoor ground. Police said on Sunday they believe Coles fell and hit his head and was then trampled by a police horse.

He was taken to Rotherham District General Hospital where he died in theatre. A police spokesman said

penalty.

I the title for Swansea.

trouble erupted in Rotherham Saturday's German Cup final. town centre before the match has ruled out playing for Ger-many at Euro 2000. and 20 fans were arrested. The match was stopped twice "I want to give all I have to by police after pitch invasions, Bayern," said Effenberg who once when Swansea scored near has repeatedly ignored calls for

the end and again when him to return to the national Rotherham equalised with a team. "He has never been so The game ended 1-1, securing strong," Kaiserslautern coach Otto Rehhagel said of Effenberg July 2.

after watching Saturday's game in Berlin. "He must absolutely be in the Euro 2000 squad."

Effenberg was back in action

on Saturday after three weeks

on the sidelines with a torn thigh muscle. He was sorely missed in Bayern's 2-0 defeat by Real Madrid in the first leg of their Champions League semifinal but will

play in the return leg in Munich on Tuesday. Effenberg, capped 35 times, was sent home in disgrace from the 1994 World Cup for making an obscene gesture to German fans. He was recalled in the wake of Germany's 1998 World Cup quarter-final defeat but after just two matches said he was

ending his international career because he wanted to concentrate on playing for Bayern. DUTCH PUBLIC FEAR HOOLIGANS AMSTERDAM: Almost

three-quarters of the Dutch

population fear riots during this summer's European soccer championships, with most believing any trouble will involve English supporters, a survey published on Saturday showed. More than half -- 59 percent

keep order, but 34 percent are not so sure, according to the survey commissioned by Dutch TV programme RTL Nieuws. Just over a quarter believe home favourites the Netherlands will win the tournament,

-- have faith in the police to

jointly hosted with Belgium. but 58 percent are confident in the national coach Frank Rijkaard. The three-week tournament

kicks off in Brussels on June 10. The final is in Rotterdam on



Patrick Vieira (R), Arsenal's French international, fighting for possession with Chelsea's Mario Melchiot during their Premiership fixture at Highbury on May 6