utes but Alfred Nijhus tied it up

position. At the minute they are

relegation candidates but

Frankfurt will be deducted two

points at the season's end be-

cause of financial irregulari-

But Frankfurt have not vet

Formally that means four

exhausted the appeal process so

Dortmund can't afford to take

teams remain in contention for

the last relegation spot: Dort-

mund (37 points), Frankfurt (36

points - including the two point

deduction), Rostock (35) and

at home by VfB Stuttgart Satur-

in contention with a 2-0 win

a head to head showdown be-

tween Ulm and Frankfurt next

Berlin, who lost 2-1 to 1860

Munich Saturday, while Ros-

moved into safe waters by

beating Kaiserslautern 2-1 and

tock must travel to Schalke.

Rostock were rolled over 4-1

That result paves the way for

Dortmund will host Hertha

SC Freiburg meanwhile

ties, which makes them safe.

Dortmund are in a strange

on 81 minutes.

any chances.

SSV Ulm (35).

over Wolfsburg

terhaching 3-0.

said. "We want to end the season " day while Ulm kept themselves

Bayern Munich's Bosnian international Hasan Sali-

hamidzic (C) being congratulated by teammates Stefan Ef-

against Arminia Bielefeld in the Bundesliga at Bielefeld

week.

### Rolland to replace Roux

AUXERRE, France, May 14 Unknown coach Daniel Rolland was Sunday officially handed one of the toughest jobs in French football - taking over as coach of first division Auxerre from the legendary Guy Roux, reports AFP

Rolland, the team's youth academy director, will replace Roux, who will remain at the club as general manager but has stepped down after 39 years as

Roux's period of continuous service as coach is believed to be unmatched in top-flight football anywhere in the world.

During Roux's reign, Auxerre, a modest town with a 60,000 population, have emerged from the French equivalent of the sixth division tryman Paulo Rink on 72 minto become an established club with their most glorious year being 1996 when they won the League and Cup double.

The appointment was announced officially at a press conference on Sunday morning by club president Jean-Claude

Rolland cut his teeth at the famous Auxerre Youth Academy established by Roux whose most famous product is Eric Cantona, the former Manchester United and France striker.

### Dragila ties her pole vault world mark

MODESTO, California, May 14: One miss from elimination at her opening height in the women's pole vault at the Modesto Relays Saturday, Stacy Dragila went on to match the world record of 4.60m that she shares with Australian Emma George, reports AFP.

Dragila went under the bar on her first two tries at 4.09. then moved her take-off mark one step back for her do-or-die third try.

"My heart was pumping ... trust me,' said Dragila, who later missed three attempts at 4.70 and a a 50,000-dollar bonus offered by meet organiz-

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Oval on Saturday WEST INDIES A: First innings 160 (D Ganga 54; Saqlain

Spanish league title. the hands of fellow Spaniards Valencia. There was also widespread

unrest at Barca's decision to Arshad c sub b Nagamootoo forfeit from the second leg of the Spanish Cup semi-final after they lost the first leg 3-0 to lowly Atletico Madrid.

Barca chief stepping down Nunez was behind the controversial appointment of Dutch coach Louis van Gaal, whose detractors say is guilty of

on May 13.

Champions League

### Mad rush for final tickets

24 European Champions League

was opened at 1p.m. Computer jected problems however delayed the first sales by two hours.

Marca, the new computer sys-. tem had not been mastered by workers in the ticket office and each sale took up to 10 minutes. nation.

after he had scored

- AFP photo

Ajax. handkerchiefs in the air and called for van Gaal's resignation during the second leg of the Barca-Valencia match.

Nunez said.

war which has lasted for 22 years and I do not want to remain under these conditions." Nunez claimed the press and

against Barca. "We have very strong political opposition, which blocks all

our projects," he said. Nunez told La Vanguardia that coach van Gaal had offered

According to sports daily not work in this environment," Nunez told the newspaper. "I however, said to him that I did not accept in any way his resig-



Seville defender Tabare (L) trying to hold off Atletico Madrid's Dutch international

So far so good for Dacourt

LENS, France, March 14: Transfer talks between Lens and English Premiership side Leeds United concerning the French First Division side's midfielder Olivier Dacourt are proving fruitful, Lens president Gervais Martel said Saturday, reports AFP.

"Talks are in their advanced stages although nothing has been signed yet," Martel said at half-time of the French First Division match between Lens and Strasbourg.

Martel did not contradict an earlier report by France's Canal Plus TV station that Dacourt had signed a five-year-contract with Leeds in a deal worth 85 million francs (13 million dollars) to Lens

Dacourt had a stint in the English Premiership with Everton and won many admirers across the Channel for his guile and industry but frequently earned yellow cards during his days in England.

But he is known to be keen to return to the Premiership and Leeds have long been linked with him. Arsenal and Aston Villa are among other English teams previously reported to be monitoring Dacourt.

Earlier this week Leeds chairman Peter Ridsdale admitted his club was interested in Dacourt and the player himself said: "I always said I wanted to play in England again and things are moving in that direction.

"I can't say too much at this stage, and I certainly don't want to jump the gun, but Leeds are a big club and very ambitious.

### Liverpool, Fowler fall out

LONDON, May 14: England striker Robbie Fowler has been axed from the Liverpool side to face Bradford in Sunday afternoon's Premiership clash - a move which could spark a huge summer transfer scramble, reports AFP

England hitman Fowler, 25, was allegedly involved in a training ground bust up with coach Gerard Houllier over the striker's fitness and was told on Saturday lunchtime that he would not be travelling to Valley Parade, British media reported on Sunday.

Fowler was annoyed that he was hauled off after an hour against Southampton last Sunday as he tries to gain valuable match fitness ahead of this summer's Euro 2000 Champi-

onships. Only one match into his comeback after an ankle injury, he has fallen behind Michael Owen, Guinean Titi Camara and new signing Emile Heskey in the Anfield pecking order.

Despite signing a new deal only a year ago, Fowler has made it clear he will not be satisfied with just a place on the bench, and this latest controversy is likely to alert many top Premiership clubs.

Leeds are expected to head the chase for the 15 million pound (24 million dollar) hitman, with Arsenal and Chelsea also linked with a close-season

Scottish Premiership

### Rangers see off Hearts

GLASGOW, May 14: Champions Rangers were not at their best but Billy Dodds' 22ndminute strike was enough to see off Hearts in a 1-0 win at Ibrox on Saturday, reports AFP.

Russian Andrei Kanchelskis and Jonatan Johansson combined on the left wing to set up Dodds who netted on the halfvolley with a stunning strike.

Hearts needed a point to be sure of UEFA Cup qualification and must now secure that at home to Hibernian next week.

Motherwell's 2-1 win at Dundee United leaves the Edinburgh outfit only two points clear in third, though Hearts' only consolation is that to be overturned the Fir Park outfit must beat Rangers.

Primera Liga

### Match of the vanquished drawn

MADRID, May 13(Reuters/ Internet): Portuguese midfielder Hugo Leal turned from hero to villain as Atletico Madrid drew 1-1 with Sevilla in a match between the Spanish First Division's two relegated sides on Saturday, reports AFP.

Leal struck from just inside the area after 32 minutes to give the lead to Atletico, who were relegated last week after 66 years in the top flight of Spanish soccer. However, Sevilla's Greek

striker Vassilas Tsartas equalised with his 10th goal of the season just before the break, after eluding several Atletico defenders before slotting the ball past goalkeeper Toni Jimenez. Leal then got his marching

to avoid a humiliating defeat by a team who have not won away all season. Atletico left the field at halftime to a hail of eggs from the crowd, who continued chanting

police protection when the

game ended.

orders after 50 minutes, leaving

Atletico to hang on with 10 men

abusively and throwing objects thoughout the second half. Play was halted several times in the second half as spectators invaded the pitch, and the players left the field under

Ribbeck, who has been under



Sedan's Puis N'Diefi (C) gives a pass while Marseille's Jacques Abardonado (L) looks on during their French First Division encounter at Sedan on May 13.

### French First Division

PARIS, May 14: visitors.

### Marseille live as curtain falls



Scandal-hit Marskin of their teeth Saturday as Nancy joined Montpellier and Le Havre on the trip to the backwaters of the Second Division, reports AFP.

A 2-2 draw for Marseille at Sedan proved just enough to edge Nancy who go down on goal difference despite beating Auxerre 2-0.

It means Marseille, the bestsupported club in France, avoid what would have been a humiliating return to the Second Division seven years after they were demoted after the matchfixing scandal surrounding the club's former president Bernard Tapie.

But the south coast club's survival is not without controversy as the points they won against Monaco last month in controversial circumstances have proved the difference between safety and relegation. That match is still the subject of a police investigation.

- Nancy's veteran Irish striker Tony Cascarino, who next season will play for Third Division Parisian outfit Red Star 93, scored both goals in his team's 2-0 win over Auxerre - coached for the last time by Guy Roux who is stepping down after a world record 39 years in charge son. of a top flight club.

Cascarino, a veteran of two World Cups with the Republic of Ireland, struck twice with trademark headers in the second period to finish on a creditable 15 goals for the season

but it was not enough. It proved a pyrrhic victory for Nancy who were doomed because Marseille hung on for a 2-2 draw at Sedan to pip Cascari-

no's men on goal difference. The giant Irishman - formerly of Gillingham, Millwall, Aston Villa, Celtic, Chelsea and Marseille - bowed out of top flight football in style but it was a less auspicious exit for Roux.

The 61-year-old, a muchloved figure in France, joined then unheard of Auxerre as coach in 1961 - the year Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man in space - after leaving university.

Marseille went a goal down after 34 minutes when Pierre Leschuere put Sedan ahead after 34 minutes but on the interval Jerome Leroy equalised for the

with 24 goals. Marseille's players and fans,

seille retained aware that Cascarino had given Nancy the lead and that Nantes and Rennes were winning were clearly nervous, aware that one more Sedan goal would condemn them to relegation. But Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory

Coast) and former Everton striker Ibrahima Bakayoko soothed the frayed nerves of the large travelling contingent of Marseille fans to make it 2-1 after 72 minutes. Laurent Huard equalised as

the game drifted into injury time and Marseille survived a tense two minutes of injury time.

French Cup winners Nantes beat Le Havre 1-0 while Rennes defeated Metz 2-0 to ensure they would avoid the drop while Troyes also pulled off a 2-2 draw with Paris St Germain to survive. PSG grab the second auto-

matic Champions League spot behind champions Monaco while Lyon - who drew 2-2 at Montpellier - will also compete in the top continental competition albeit via the qualifying

Another man to say good bye to the French First Division was PSG's French international goalkeeper Bernard Lama, who hopes to play in Brazil next sea-

One of Lyon's goals came from Brazilian striker Sonny Anderson who tops the French First Division scoring charts

That means deposed French

champions Bordeaux will have to settle for a UEFA Cup spot following their 1-1 draw at Bastia who remained unbeaten in Corsica throughout the season.

Marseille's survival is at least in part due to their hugely controversial 4-2 win over Monaco last month.

In that match Monaco's Argentinian midfielder Marcelo Gallardo, voted France's player of the year, was sent off at halftime apparently after defending himself against an unprovoked attack by Marseille staff in the dressing room area - an incident currently the subject of a police probe.

The fact that Marseille had taken the unprecedented decision to ban TV cameras from the tunnel area for that match has raised suspicions that the attack may have been premedi-

Monaco's Italian striker Marco Simone also claimed he was assaulted by Marseille defender Patrick Blondeau and told to play badly before that match while since then Monaco goalkeeper Fabien Barthez - a French World Cup winner claimed his coach Claude Puel had accused him of throwing

the match.

Barthez, a former Marseille player, has since made his peace with Monaco.

Champions Monaco ended in lacklustre fashion, losing 3-

I at St Etienne.

### **STANDINGS**

Final French football league table for the 1999/2000 season following Saturday's matches (M-Matches, W-Wins, D-draws, Llosses, GF-Goals For, GA-Goals Against, P-Points): Team GA Monaco Paris Saint Germain Lvon Bordeaux 54 Lens St Etienne Sedan Auxerre Strasbourg Bastia Metz Nantes Rennes Troves Marseille Nancy Le Havre Montpellier 39 50

## EURO 2000 BRIEFS



BERLIN, May 14 (Reuters/AFP): Germany captain Oliver Bierhoff has asked head coach Erich Ribbeck to take veteran Thomas Haessler to Euro 2000.

"The team chief should think again about Icke (Haessler)," the AC Milan striker told Sunday newspaper Bild am Sonntag. "He has such a lot of experience and it would make him so happy. We need players like him who are so good at sending crosses."

Ribbeck said it was unlikely he would pick TSV 1860 Munich playmaker Haessler, a member of Germany's 1990 World Cupwinning squad. He has not played for his country since the 1998 World Cup finals. Bierhoff said he felt Bayern

Munich midfielder and captain Stefan Effenberg and Kaiserslautern midfielder Mario Basler should also be in the squad for the European championship finals. "We could use an Effenberg

and Mario Basler would be important as well," Bierhoff said. Effenberg has said he was not available for selection but Basler has asked Ribbeck to take him.

pressure to resign after a string of dismal showings by the European champions, is expected, to name his squad on May 22. WORNS UNCERTAIN



CHRISTIAN WORNS BERLIN, May 14: German in-

ternational defender Christian Worns could be out of the Euro 2000 squad after suffering a knee ligament injury during has had an indifferent time at Saturday's match between Borussia Dortmund and Bundesliga rivals Schalke.

"He will need a lot of luck to play in Euro 2000," Dortmund coach Udo Lattek said Sunday, adding that Worns will undergo tests Monday but will miss his club's last league match of the

Borussia Dortmund, European champions just three years ago, remain relegationthreatened after drawing 1-1 with derby rivals Schalke.

PIRES WANTS IT BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT

SEDAN, France: French World Cup winner Robert Pires said Saturday that he was keen to move to English Premiership side Arsenal in the summer.

Pires, speaking after his current side Marseille had narrowly avoided relegation by drawing 2-2 with Sedan, said he wanted his future sorted before Euro 2000 - he is expected to feature in France's squad.

Pires said: "I don't know what my future is. I must see my agent to ensure everything is done before Euro 2000. Arsenal? Who would not want to go there?"

Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger has previously been linked with Pires who during his Metz days was seen by many as the brightest prospect in French football.

He played a role in France's successful World Cup campaign - usually as a substitute - but Marseille and is yet to make a first-team place his own with the national team.

### Dynamo Bucharest complete double

BUCHAREST, May 14: Dvnamo Bucharest completed a League and Cup double in Romania after beating Universitatea Craiova 2-0 in the Cup final on Saturday, reports AFP.

Extras: (lb-4, nb-1, w-7) Total: (For 9 wickets in 44.5 overs) 182

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Wasim's timely From page 13

PAKISTAN: First innings (overnight 154-2) M Wasim c Browne b Dillon Wasti c Browne b Collins Youhana run out Younis Khan c Joseph b Samuels 26 Nazir c Ganga b Samuels Afridi c Browne b Dillon Wagar b Dillon Saglain c and b Collins

S Akhtar c Nagamootoo b Collins 18 M Akram not out Extras: (b-3, lb-2, nb-14) Total: Fall of wickets: 1-54; 2-152;

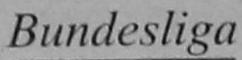
3-209; 4-221; 5-271; 6-271; 7-280; 8-306; 9-331 Bowler 52 Dillon 74 Collymore Collins Nagamootoo

#### 21 Samuels Shoaib's

From page 13 Now Shoaib keeps his right arm straighter in his delivery stride and his left arm higher as he bowls, moves which everybody involved in Pakistan cricket thought had solved the

problem. The Pakistan tourists were reluctant to talk about either Shoaib's problems or the match-fixing controversy in Barbados yesterday. Shoaib and Mushtaq Ahmed were banned by the management from commenting on any issue, while tour manager Brigadier Mohammad Nasir would not talk to The Sunday Telegraph. But Nasir did talk to The Dawn of Pakistan: "I had a talk with the PCB chief Lt. Gen. Tauqir Zia and now we have come to a decision that Shabbir stays and

Shoaib goes." Fast bowler Wasim Akram is also suffering from a painful right leg and remained in the hotel all day on Friday, he said. "He has developed some kind of pain in his right leg. I wonder if it has anything to do with his ailment (diabetes)."



# Leverkusen a point away

but would still be happy with

Leverkusen while Bayern must

win at all costs against Werder

Bremen, 4-0 winners over Duis-

to avenge last week's demoli-

against Bayern Munich and to-

day we had the game well under

control right from the start,"

and never let Bielefeld into the

game. They always had them

chasing us, we scored just when

we needed to and in this heat it's

now against Bremen," Hitzfeld

with a win and who knows, it

season though and we can't ex-

pect they will lose at Unter-

pean champions just three

years ago, remain relegation-

threatened after drawing 1-1

minutes to be played."

haching. But there are still 90

Borussia Dortmund, Euro-

Their cause seemed lost

may be enough to win the title.

"We have one last chance

"Leverkusen have had a great

coach Ottmar Hitzfeld said.

difficult to peg back a lead.

tion in the German Cup final.

burg Saturday, who are burning

"It's never easy to play

"We circulated the ball well

A single point is enough for

just a draw," Daum added.



ball history with their first Bundesliga title in the club's 96year history. They drubbed Eintracht Frankfurt 4-1 Saturday and only need to draw at Unter-

haching next weekend to finally have their name engraved on Germany's most coveted trophy. Victory was sealed with a flourish. Brazilian star Emerson made a miraculous comeback after a month out with damaged knee tendons and delivered a superb pass to coun-

utes for Leverkusen's third goal to kill the match. It was Rink's 10th goal in 15 matches since returning from a stint in South America and Stefan Beinlich later made it 4-1

from the penalty spot. Ulf Kirsten had put Leverkusen back in front after 56 minutes after Frankfurt's Thorsten Kracht had struck before the interval to cancel out Oliver Neuville's 10th-minute with derby rivals Schalke.

opener. "Only once were we not care- when Danish striker Ebbe Sand third placed Hamburg beat Unful and Frankfurt used it to put Schalke ahead on 57 minequalise," Leverkusen striker

Ulf Kirsten said. "Otherwise we dominated them and didn't give them another shot on goal. We should really have tied things up in the

Bayern Munich climinated from the Champions League by Real Madrid in midweek, kept things alive in the title race with a comfortable 3-0 win at Arminia Bielefeld, sending

Bielefeld back to the Second Di-Hasan Salihamidzic scored on 28 minutes and Giovane Elber struck twice before the break. Brazilian Elber will miss next week's must-win game at home to Werder Bremen

Second placed Bayern have 70 points - enough to give them the title a year ago - but Leverkusen are in the box seat with 73 and feeling comfortable about the job ahead of them. "The team is confident, they know what they have to do and

they will show it next week at

Unterhaching," an unusually

though because of suspension.

calm coach Christoph Daum "Being a Munich club I'm sure Unterhaching will receive some extra motivation from Bayern and Uli Hoeness to try extra hard against us," Daum added, a reference to the Bayern manager's offer of free beer and a barbecue if their small neigh-

bours beat Leverkusen. "We don't expect it to be easy there. We will play for a win it

BARCELONA, May 14: Josep Lluis Nunez, president of Barcelona football club for the last 22 years,

on Sunday confirmed his decision to quit the post at the end of the season, reports AFP. Nunez told the La Vanguardia newspaper that he would present his resignation

to the club's general meeting in

"It is absolutely clear," Nunez said. "I have made my decision and I am quitting." Sports daily El Mundo Deportivo had reported on Saturday that Nunez, whose term was scheduled to expire in 2002, would leave the club at the end

of the season regardless of whether Barcelona win the Nunez considers himself a victim of persecution and was widely criticised by fans following Barca's European Champions League semi-final exit at

creating a club which is a mere

fenberg (L) and Paulo Sergio

VALENCIA, Spain, May 14: Up to 20 thousand people queued at Valencia's stadium during the night of Friday to Saturday for tickets for the May

press reported on Saturday, reports AFP

17,000 tickets to each club for the final. Crowds appeared outside the Mestalla stadium on Friday afternoon before the ticket office

European football's governing body UEFA has allocated

final in Paris, the Spanish

annex to the Dutch national side. He has eight Dutchman on his books and a Finn, Jari Litmanen, who used to play for

Barca fans waved white

"If our public waves signs and throws streamers and boos its own team in a European semi-final then all is lost," "This is the conclusion of a

politicians had consipred

to resign on Thursday but that his resignation had been re-"He said to me that he did not want to continue, that he could

striker Jimmy Floyd Hasselbank during their Primera Liga fixture at Madrid on May 13. - AFP photo