

Rolland to replace Roux

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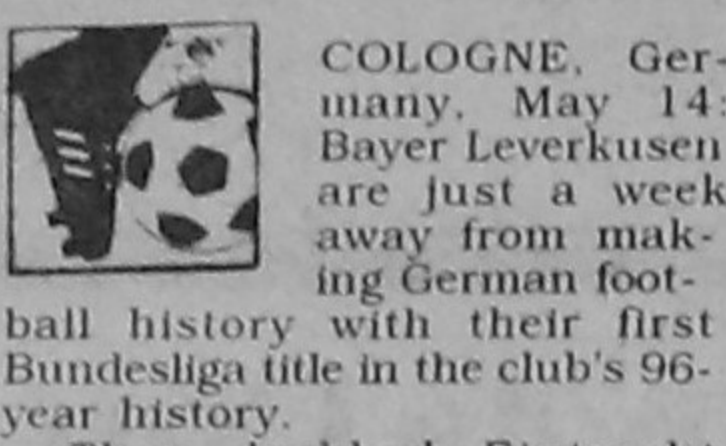
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Bundesliga

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but would still be happy with just a draw," Daum added. A single point is enough for Leverkusen while Bayern must win at all costs against Werder Bremen, 4-0 winners over Duisburg Saturday, who are burning to avenge last week's demolition in the German Cup final.

"It's never easy to play against Bayern Munich and today we had the game well under control right from the start," coach Ottmar Hitzfeld said. "We circled the ball well 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 difficult to peg back a lead."

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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.

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

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visitors. Marseille's players and fans, 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.

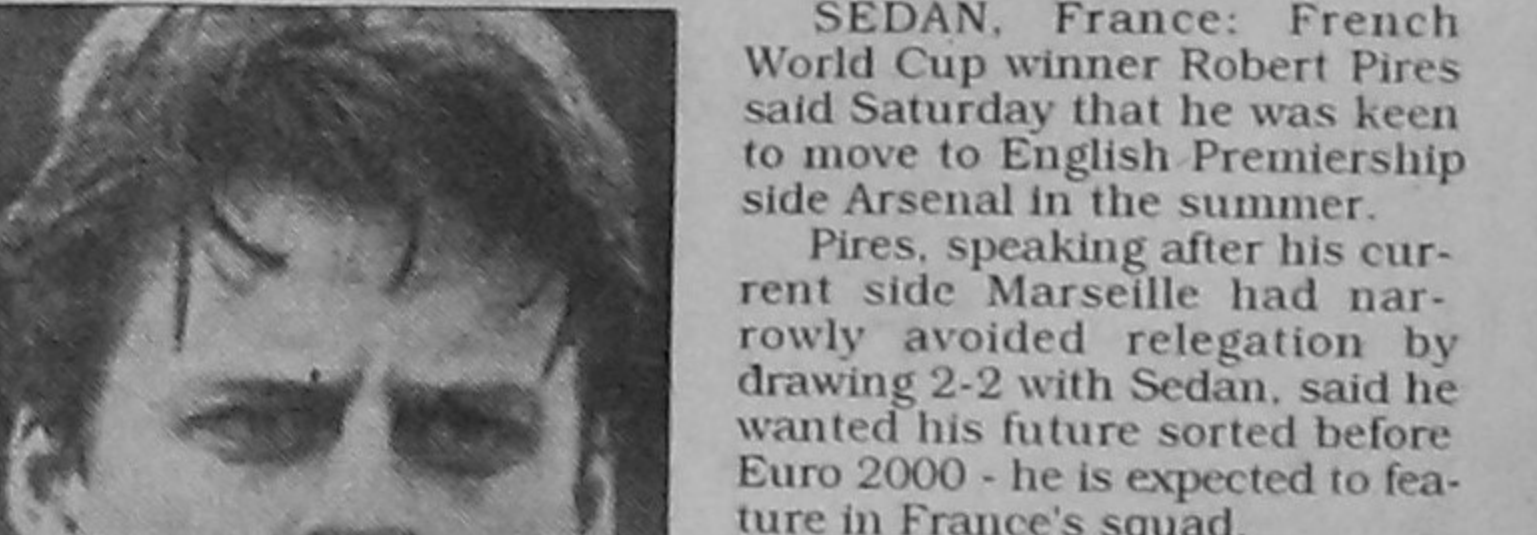
But Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) and former Everton striker Ibrahim Bakayoko soothed the frayed nerves of the large travelling contingent of Marseille fans to make it 2-1 after 72 minutes.

PSG grab the second automatic 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 round.

STANDINGS Final French football league table for the 1999/2000 season following Saturday's matches (M-Matches, W-Wins, D-Draws, L-Losses, GF-Goals For, GA-Goals Against, P-Points).

EURO 2000 BRIEFS

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



BERLIN, May 14 (Reuters/AFP): German 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."

Berlin, May 14 (Reuters/AFP): German international defender Christian Worns could be out of the Euro 2000 squad after suffering a knee ligament injury during Saturday's match between Borussia Dortmund and Bundesliga rivals Schalke.

Dynamo Bucharest complete double

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