#### Boucher bags another world record

COLOMBO, July 10 (Internet report): When Mark Boucher took his 100th catch in the oneday international against Pakistan on Saturday, he added a remarkable sixth world record to his CV.

His 100th victim was Inzamamul Haq. This was in Boucher's 65th ODI appearance, beating by a significant margin the previous record of 70 ODI's to get to 100 dismissals, held by Boucher's predecessor, Dave Richardson and Pakistan's Moin Khan.

Meanwhile, Inzamam, who made 47 in that match, became Pakistan's leading one-day

The burly batsman, playing his 228th match, surpassed current coach Javed Miandad's tally of 7,381 runs when he reached 12.

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Zia said Reid was not aware of cricket's laws, which made him ineligible to do the job of a match referee.

"During the Asia Cup in Dhaka last month, Reid warned my team for slow over-rates even when Pakistan had bowled out the opposition," he said. "Reid obviously does not

know that you cannot penalise a team for not sending down it's overs in time if it bowls out the opposition. "I must stress here that I am

not absolving Wagar, only saying that Reid uses the slight est opportunity to embarass Pakistani players," he said.

Zia revealed he had even contemplated pulling Pakistan out of it's last Singer Cup match against South Africa on Wednesday in protest, but decided against it.

"I hope the ICC will take ac tion on my letter and remove Reid from the panel."

Reid, who has been on the in ternational panel of match ref erees since 1992, refused to comment on Zia's outburst.

Two other Pakistani players captain Moin Khan and allrounder Azhar Mahmood, were also hauled up by Reid in connection with the same offence.

Mahmood was fined 30 per cent of his fees and Moin severely reprimanded for "allowing the spirit of the game to be impaired'

Reid said the players had contravened the laws and spirit of the game after both Wagar and Mahmood were caught on television tampering with the

#### Must-win

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forward to exploiting. He also revealed his boys. would keep a close eye on four Bangladeshi players -- Tito, Monwar, Kanchan and Tan-

veer. He rated them as too fast. Homi said that he would once again rely on his striking force, which has so far been proved highly lethal

tice sessions in the afternoon. Bangladesh warmed up at the Rajshahi University ground while Iraq had their practice at the Army School of Physical Training and Sports (ASPTS) ground.

#### PROBABLES

BANGLADESH (From): Titumeer Chowdhury, Aminur Rahman, Rezaul Karim Biplab, Mahmudul Hasan, Firoz Mahmud Hossain Tito, Monwar Hossain (captain), Tanveer Chowdhury, Asadur Rahman, Maksudul Alam Bulbul, Kamruzzaman Selim and Rokonuzzaman Kanchan.

Iraq (From): Ahmad Jabar, Emad Ridha Al-Rajik Hossain Hassan Atea, Amir Sameeh, Basim Kati, Ahmad Adwan, Abdul Zahra Jassim Kalim, Abdul Hassan Khudair. Munaim Ibrahim and Mohamed Shiltag.

#### Horror

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"During the retaliation people began to jump out of their seats, thereby creating a stampede." Mugunbate blamed the police

for inciting the violence. "I think the police are to blame. They incited people to start violence.

He claimed that when the police realised the stampede was getting out of hand the police fired more canisters and the fans retaliated by throwing the canisters back.

Speaking before the reports of the casualties, former English Premiership star John Fashanu also criticised the police for their "heavy-handed re-

"When the bottles were thrown, we needed good crowd control, not panic. The police were under no threat so why did they make such a stupid decision," the former Wimbledon striker told AFP.

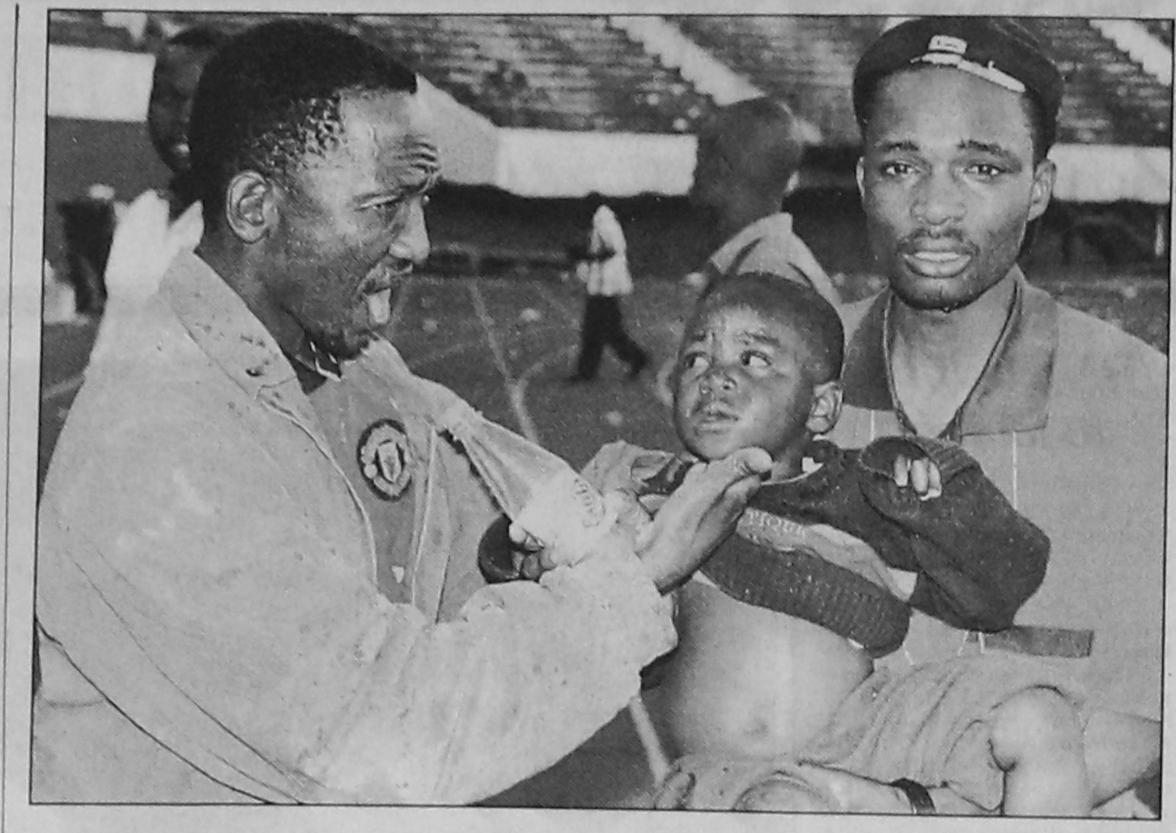
Fashanu, who played international soccer for Nigeria, said enemies of African football would pounce on the incident and use it as justification for not taking the 2006 World

Cup finals to South Africa. "Once again South Africa will take the blame for something that happened beyond their borders. I have been to South Africa many times and this incident would not have

happened there." Germany controversially pipped South Africa 12-11 Thursday for the right to host the 2006 World Cup after Oceania delegate Charles Dempsey abstained despite being told by

his confederation to back South Africa. The Egyptian match commissioner said he would send a report to world football author-

Ittes.



Two men attending a child who was affected by tear gas during the illfated 2002 World Cup qualifier between South Africa and Zimbabwe at Harare on July 9.

## Fingers pointed at the Police

HARARE, July 10: Zimbabwe police came under attack Monday for their heavy-handed action to control a rowdy crowd at a weekend World Cup qualifier match here between Zimbabwe and South Africa when 12 people died and several were seriously wounded, reports AFP.

The 12 were trampled to death Sunday afternoon as an estimated 60,000 people rushed to get through narrow exits when police fired teargas into the stadium after fans flung bottles and cans at the players.

The independent Daily News called the tragedy "the worst in the history of sport in Zimbabwe.

The trouble began after South African striker Delron Buckley scored his country's second goal in the 83rd minute of the World Cup qualifying match. One eyewitness blamed the

police for aggravating the situation, the state-owned Herald reported.

"There were individual hooligans who could have been handled by individual police-

"But ... the police simply fired the teargas and that worsened the situation as people tried to leave yet the exit points were blocked by other policemen waiting to fire more teargas," the paper quoted Isaac Chimwi as saving.

Local and foreign soccer officials said the heavy-handed police reaction was uncalled

"I do not think the teargas was necessary. We have to demonstrate to the world that going to pay for this heavily,"

JOHANNESBURG, July 10:

South African midfielder Del-

ron Buckley said Monday that

he did not want to ever play

football in Zimbabwe again af-

ter the violence-marred World

Cup qualifier in Harare at the

the crowd of about 60,000

hurled plastic bottles into the

pitch six minutes before full-

time after the Germany-based

midfielder scored a second goal

for Bafana Bafana (The Boys) to

causing a stampede in which at

least 13 people were killed. The

South Africans only learned of

the deaths when they had re-

Buckley told SABC public radio,

whose ear was split open by a

tle bit of danger but it wasn't so

serious. It is lucky that we all

not play in front a Zimbabwean

crowd again. "No ways ... rather

put the match somewhere else. I

bottle tossed onto the field.

ran into the changeroom.'

"People just went haywire,"

He said: "My life was in a lit-

However, he would rather

Police reacted with teargas,

Disgruntled spectators from

weekend, reports AFP.

Zimbabwe's nil.

turned home.

said Zimbabwe Football Association (ZIFA) vice chairman Vincent Pamire

International sports marketing expert and TV Africa executive Ambrose Mendy, who was at the match, also criticised apology. the police action.

"The crowd did not riot, they did not invade the pitch but think the police needlessly



overeacted, and I don't think that is in line with doctrines of crowd control," Mendy said.

Police spokesman Superintendent Wayne Byudzijena however rejected accusations of heavy-handedness.

"It's a wrong assumption that people are making, particularly from ZIFA, especially when they knew there wasn't enough police officers in the He said he was still waiting tragedy.

A lesson learnt

Buckley fell to the ground with

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"Someone threw a bottle

from the stands and it bonneed.

open so then I stood up and

turned around to the stand and

put my finger on my lip to tell

It hit my ear and cut my ear

an injured ankle.

am not going back there," he them to calm down," he said.

The furore started soon after things and then one thing led to

for full details of what had hap-

He also accused ZIFA of allowing the sale of beer in glass bottles in the stadium. Mendy called for a police

"We have seen worse things in Europe where there is real hooliganism, but that was just a natural reaction by the fans and those plastic bottles were going to die within two minutes," Mendy said

Secretary for the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture Stephen Chipfunyise said that although it appeared police were trying to protect the South African visitors by firing teargas, Zimbabwe had dug its own grave.

"What happened here ... will certainly do more harm than good," Chipfunyise was quoted by the Daily News as saying. Former English Premiership

star John Fashanu also criticised the police for their reaction. "When the bottles were

thrown, we needed good crowd control, not panic. The police were under no threat, so why did they make such a stupid decision?" the former Wimbledon striker asked. Fashanu said enemies of

African football would pounce on the incident and use it as justification for preferring Germany over South Africa as a venue for the 2006 World Cup

Germany controversially pipped South Africa 12-11 Thursday for the right to host the 2006 World Cup.

ZIFA was to hold emergency Both teams had light prac- we can control ourselves. We are stadium," Byudzijena told AFP. talks Monday to discuss the

"But they kept on throwing

another and we saw there was

teargas on the field. It started to

burn our eyes, and we couldn't

breathe properly. All the play-

"It got worse so we got up and

He said that at first only a

handful of people in the stands

However, "When the police-

men came and they tried to stop

them, then the whole crowd got

on to them. They were throwing

things at the policemen and try-

ing to jump over the gate to

South African soccer offi-

"It was not crowd violence

cials blamed police for the vio-

but rather the response from

the police (who) ... forced them

to try and get out from under the

teargas canisters fired into the

crowd," chairman of South

Africa's failed bid for the 2006

World Cup Danny Jordaan said

fore full-time but the score

The match was called off be-

ers had to lie on the ground.

ran to the changing rooms."

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#### South Africa awarded points

JOHANNESBURG, July 10: The Egyptian match commissioner at the World Cup qualifier between Zimbabwe and South Africa in Harare Sunday has said the result of the aban doned match will stand, reports

Hisham al-Azmy told the South African Broadcasting Corporation that South Africa would be awarded a 2-0 victory from a game that came to a

tragic end with six minutes left. Al-Azmy said he would inform the competition organisers - world governing body FIFA - of his decision by fax and give them a report of the incidents

that left at least 12 people dead. Zimbabwe supporters flung bottles, cans and blocks of ice on the pitch after Delron Buckley scored his second goal for South Africa and police reacted by firing teargas.

Those killed were caught in a stampede as about 55,000 spectators rushed to the exits at the bowl-shape Chinese-built stadium on the southern outskirts of the Zimbabwe capital.

FIFA is likely to ban international fixtures at the National Stadium for a defined period. Zimbabwe are scheduled to play Seychelles in Harare next weekend in an African Nations Cup eliminator.

Previous World Cup games where the result stood when play was abandoned include the 0-0 draw between Kenya and Malawi in Nairobi last April and a 4-0 win for Morocco over Gabon in Libreville in the previous competition.

### Mugabe shocked

HARARE, July 10: Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe expressed "great shock" at the country's worst sporting tragedy which left 13 people killed during a stampede Sunday, reports AFP.

He also offered apologies to South Africa for "our shocking and unseemly behaviour" and condolences to the bereaved families.

"I ... wish to express our apologies to the South African public and their gallant victorious team for our shocking and unseemly behaviour which disrupted what had gone on as a clean game," Mugabe said in a statement.

"Sport should never turn into warfare!" he said.

"What this country witnessed and experienced yesterday is a big blow to the role of sport as a unifier of race, colour, creed, tribe and nation," Mugabe said.

He expressed concern at the news that the trouble was sparked by a group of people planted to sloganeer for a particular party, which he did not name.

"It is quite disturbing that to hear that the people who sparked off the disturbances were members of a planted group that has been taking advantage of the huge crowd to sloganeer and exhibit their symbols and finally started throwing missiles into the pitch." Mugabe said. Witnesses said some specta-

tors chanted the opposition Movement for Democractic Change (MDC) slogan and waved open hands -- a symbol for the same party.

At least 13 people died in the stampede after police fired tear gas into the crowd at a football match in Zimbabwe on Sunday. A six-year-old child was among those crushed to death

when a section of the 60,000 crowd stampeded to get out of the National Stadium after police let off the tear gas.

Police were trying to control the fans who threw bottles onto the pitch during the Zimbabwe-South Africa World Cup qualifying match.

### New Zealand to say sorry

AUCKLAND, July 10: New Zealand Soccer (NZS) said Monday it will apologise to every soccer-playing nation for Charlie Dempsey's failure to vote in the deciding ballot for the 2006 World Cup, with a "special" apology for South Africa, reports AFP.

Dempsey, the Oceania Football Confederation (OFC) president. ignored OFC instructions and failed to support South Africa's bid, effectively gilting it to Germany at last week's vote at the FIFA headquarters in

After a meeting of OFC delegates in Auckland on Sunday. Dempsey announced that he would retire at the end of September, two years earlier than planned.

However, he stood by his abstention in the Zurich vote and has refused to apologise, leaving New Zealand Soccer chief executive Bill MacGowan said it was necessary to apologise for Dempsey. "We will be (apologising). We

certainly will be," MacGowan said Monday. "We will write, today, to all

countries associated with FIFA. explaining New Zealand Soccer's position because I think New Zealand Soccer's taken too much of the brunt of this decision, only because Charlie resides here. "It's clearly not a New

Zealand Soccer decision." MacGowan said it was appropriate to write to all nations.

sure, there'll be a special letter ing our position again.'

### Dempsey denies being under instructions



AUCKLAND, July 10: Beleaguered New Zealand football official Charlie Dempsey claimed Monday he

had been given a free vote in the FIFA ballot which awarded the 2006 World Cup to Germany. rejecting allegations he was under orders to back South Africa, reports AFP.

The long-serving Oceania Football Confederation (OFC) president said he abstained from the crucial ballot to avoid offending powerful, mostly European, FIFA representatives.

Dempsey, forced on Sunday to stand down after 18 years as OFC chief, told a news conference in Auckland the majority of OFC members agreed he was free to act as he thought best, and he was not under orders to vote for South Africa.

OFC delegates have said Dempsey was told to abide by the decision taken at a meeting in Samoa in May to support South Africa once England was eliminated from the bidding.

By disregarding the OFC directive, Glasgow-born Dempsey effectively handed Germany the 2006 World Cup with the final vote at FIFA headquarters in Zurich last week 12-11 in favour of the European nation.

At the news conference chaired by a lawyer friend Peter Clapshaw and attended by his daughter Josephine King, the OFC general secretary, Dempsey read out a statement saying he informed FIFA, football's governing body, he would abstain from voting once England was eliminated

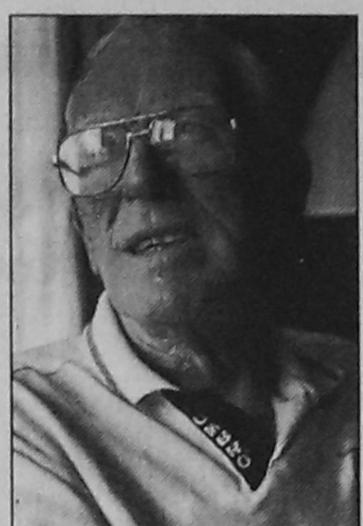
"No objection was taken to this at any time by any of the FIFA executive," he said. He released a letter from

FIFA vice-president David Hill confirming Dempsey had told the executive he had been under "intolerable pressure from the two sides."

Dempsey said he was concerned at the pressure being applied "by various interested parties" and as a result his daughter had asked the OFC executive whether he was free to exercise his judgment when it came time to vote. He said he was told that after

telephone calls to executive members, the majority agreed he was "free to act" in the best interests of the Confederation. King said she had obtained approval from six OFC mem-

bers, but refused to name them. New Zealand Soccer delegates at the press conference said they had not been called, which King disputed.



AUCKLAND, July 10: Members of the Oceania Football Confederation (OFC) lined up Monday to deny claims by Charlie Dempsey that he had approval not to vote for South Africa's football World Cup bid, reports AFP.

Dempsey, the long serving OFC president, told a press conbers to abandon pre-arranged support for South Africa.

FIFA ballot last week, Dempsey handed Germany the 2006 World Cup by 12 votes to 11 win. His abstention was greeted

against instructions. OFC general secretary.

Josephine King, who is Dempsey's daughter, said six of the organisation's 11 members had given last minute support

membership. But the private Television Three said it had called seven OFC members and five categori-

Only two, Western Samoa and Samoa, supported

ence said they had not been called, which King disputed.

"The night before the FIFA meeting I received a number of anonymous calls which disturbed me, one of them was a threatening call," Dempsey "It had also been made clear to me by influential European

interests that if I cast my vote in favour of South Africa there would be adverse effects for OFC in FIFA." those European interests were.

Dempsey did not say who As a result of the calls, Dempsey said felt under intolerable pressure and had sought legal advice. One of the options he was given was to abstain, he

"After careful consideration I decided to follow this course, acting on the knowledge that the majority of the executive committee had confirmed that I was now free to use my judgement to act in whatever I considered to be in the best interest of the OFC," he said.

Dempsey, who was several times stopped from answering questions either by King or Clapshaw, said regardless of who he voted for "it was going to create Oceania a lot of problems.

He said in the two or three days leading up to the meeting he was made aware of allegations that he had accepted bribes to influence his vote.

His actions have created outrage in New Zealand, embarrassing Prime Minister Helen Clark who had assured her South African counterpart Thabo Mbeki of New Zealand's backing.

Sports Minister Trevor Mallard had assured Clark that New Zealand would support South Africa before she called Mbeki.

But Dempsey said: "No one had authority to give the New Zealand minister for sport or anyone else a commitment as to which way I would vote in the 2006 World Cup ballot." He refused to apologise for

not voting, leaving New Zealand Soccer chief executive Bill MacGowan to say it was necessary to apologise for Dempsey. MacGowan described Dempsey's decision as mis-

judged and said New Zealand Soccer would apologise to every football-playing nation with South Africa receiving a "special" apology

South Africa was said to be investigating whether Dempsey's actions rendered the FIFA vote invalid

### Bid team for legal guidence



July 10: South Africa's unsuccessful World Cup 2006 bid commit-

BIDDING tee is to examine the possibilty of legal action over losing last week's vote in Zurich, the committee chairman said Monday, reports

The committee was due to meet lawyers on Monday to seek advice on what action was open to them over New Zealander Charles Dempsey's crucial abstention, the committee

chairman said. The abstention cost South Africa the World Cup, awarded 11-12 to Germany in the FIFA vote last Thursday.

The committee's lawyer Michael Katz, who has been collecting information about the vote, will advise the committee on whether some sort of redress was viable, committee chairman Irvin Khoza said on SABC public radio. "We have asked him to inves-

tigate the administrative law in Switzerland, and the (international) law in The Hague and all other issues that related to the statutes of FIFA and the voting process, regulations, all those things," Khoza

"We hope Michael Katz will come up with options available to us to challenge (the vote) as a

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JOHANNESBURG, matter of principle." he said. Any challenge would be to "protect the integrity of FIFA and the principle of fairplay,"

> He supported a call reportedly made by New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clarke that FIFA should look at the possibility of a fresh vote if the 'pressure" alleged by Dempsey

Anelka not going to

PARIS, July 10: Reports that French international Nicholas Anelka had agreed terms with Paris Saint Germain were firmly denied by the player's brother on Monday, reports

The sports newspaper L'Equipe claimed that Anelka had signed am agreement which would pave the way for him to leave Real Madrid and sign a five-year contract with PSG. But his brother, Didier, who

also acts as his agent, dismissed the report as "rubbish" "I don't even want to comment, there is nothing to say,

it's just rubbish,' he told AFP.

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down as Oceania confederation president Sunday after he was called in to explain his abstention in FIFA's final round of voting Thursday which directly

ter Ngconde Balfour is planning to visit New Zealand within two weeks to heal the wounds caused by Dempsey's action, his spokesman Graham Abrahams The visit is "not to discuss

New Zealand," Abrahams said. "Obviously sporting contacts have taken a bit of a battering and New Zealand feels bad about it," he added.

### World Cup 2002 African zone qualifier

Hadda inspires Morocco JOHANNESBURG. July 10: Striker Abdeljalil Hadda scored twice in the second half as Morocco came from behind to defeat Algeria 2-1 in a World Cup African zone qualifier at the

weekend, reports AFP. Spain-based Hadda struck after 51 and 75 minutes for the Atlas Lions in Fes after Ali Sabih had given the Desert Warriors a 38th-minute lead in the North African derby. Victory took Morocco two

points clear at the top of Group C - branded the Group of Death because it contains four potential qualifers for the 2002 finals in Japan and South Korea. Senegal, who fought a 0-0 draw with Egypt in Dakar, lie second with two points after

two rounds of the mini-league

competition. Egypt, Namibia

and Algeria have one point each. Algeria, who have slipped a few rungs of the African football ladder since playing in the 1982 and 1986 tournaments. began impressively and it came as no surprise when Sabih converted a Abdelhafid Tasfaout A Moroccan revival was



triggered by midfielder Youssef Chippo from English Premiership club Coventry City and

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once Hadda struck his second goal. Algeria looked a beaten Senegal, who began their

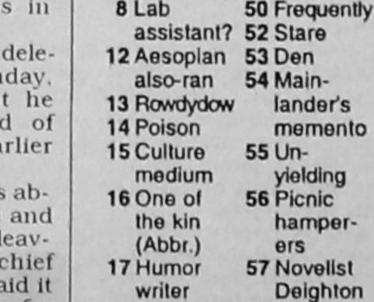
meanest defences in Africa. Democratic Republic of Congo shrugged off a shock first-round loss against Madagascar in Group D to overcome

Yemweni. percent record in Group E through a thrilling 3-2 win in Burkina Faso with Francebased teenage striker Pascal Feindouno hitting the 81stminute winner.

campaign last month with an impressive draw in Algeria, won plenty of possession against Egypt, but could not find a way through one of the

neighbours Congo 2-0 in Kinshasa with goals by Jason Mayele and Jean-Jacques Guinea maintained their 100

Another rising star, Souleymane Youla, gave Guinea an early lead and Romeo Kambou levelled only for Abdoulaye 'Kapi' Sylla to edge the visitors ahead again midway through the opening half.



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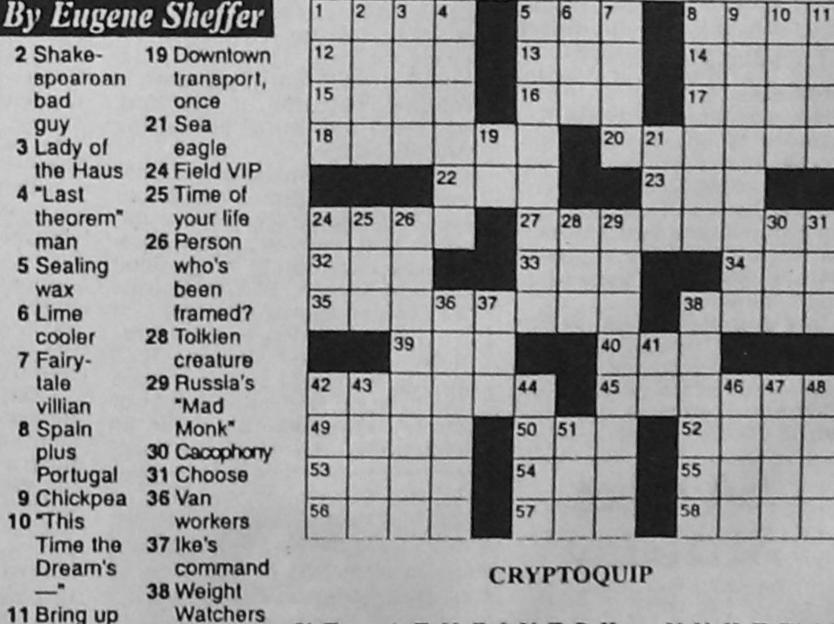
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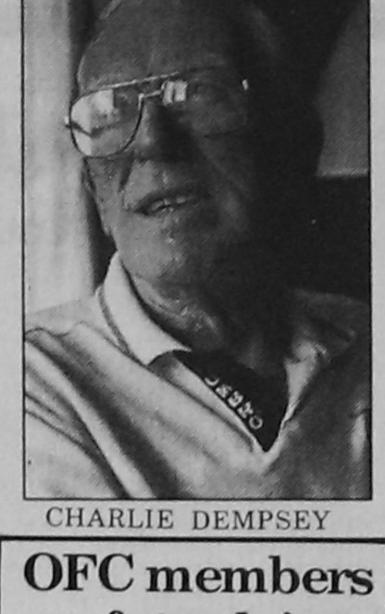
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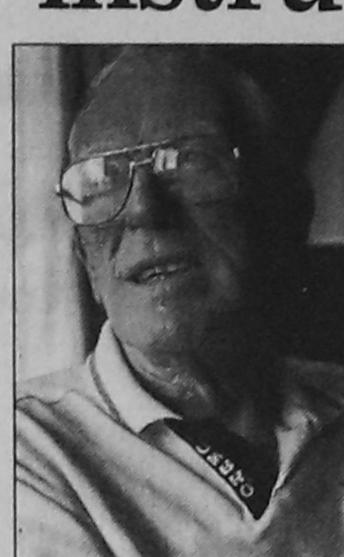
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# refute claim

ference in Auckland he had the blessing of most of the 11 mem-By abstaining in the final

with condemnation by many OFC members, including New Zealand, who said he had acted

to Dempsey voting with a free She would not name the six without first speaking to the

cally denied Dempsey had a free hand.

Dempsey's claim, TV 3 said without naming those that dis-New Zealand Soccer delegates at Dempsey's press confer-

was found to have hampered the voting process. Khoza however stopped short of calling for a new vote

himself.

for the democratisation of the FIFA executive, weighted heavilv in favour of Europe. He rejected claims by Dempsey that he had been un-

Chief of the bid committee

Danny Jordaan added that the

incident showed the urgent need

"This thing about an old man under pressure is a lot of nonsense," he said. "Anyone who knows Dempsey ... nothing can unravel and ruffle him.' Dempsey was forced to step

led to Germany winning the battle to host the cup. South Africa's Sports Minis-

the disaster exclusively but to discuss sporting contacts with PSG would neither confirm