

## Spain squad for Germany friendly

MADRID, Aug 11 (AFP) - Spain squad for the friendly international against Germany in Hannover next Wednesday, announced by coach Jose Antonio Camacho on Thursday:

### SQUAD

**Goalkeepers:** Esteban (Oviedo), Cesar (Real Madrid).  
**Defenders:** Abelardo (FC Barcelona), Ivan Campo (Real), Velasco (Celta Vigo), Manuel Pablo (Deportivo La Coruna), Pato (Real Zaragoza).

**Midfielders:** Gerard, Guardiola (FC Barcelona), Juanfran (Celta Vigo), Victor (Deportivo La Coruna), Rufete (Malaga), Mendieta (Valencia).

**Strikers:** Etxeberria (Athletic Bilbao), Dani (FC Barcelona), Guti, Morientes, Raul (Real Madrid).

## Henman tames Sampras

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Aug 11: Britain's Tim Henman downed a sub-par Pete Sampras for the first time in seven career meetings, taking a 6-3, 6-4 victory in the third round of the 2.95-million-dollar ATP Masters Series here Thursday, reports AFP.

"This was my biggest win. Henman said, 'It's my best individual effort. It has been a long time coming. It's great to finally get a victory against him.'"

Sampras, the second seed and a three-time champion here, looked well under tone in the contest against his golf and tennis practise partner.

"He played great and served well," said the disappointed American. "He played some unbelievable passing shots. I was not at my best, but it was just a pain pill that the trainer gave me."

"I let the match slip away after a good start. He was too good for me."

The rivalry began in 1994 in Tokyo when Henman was a green ATP rookie aged 20. Their most recent prior meeting came in the 1999 Wimbledon semifinals. Coming in, Sampras had won 15 sets against his rival while losing just three.

"I tried to go in positive," Henman said. "You can't think about the six previous defeats. You cannot dwell on the losses. I took my chances and got the victory. It was very satisfying."

The victory was a massive confidence boost for Henman, without a title this year from two finals. The Briton has bounced back smartly from a first-round defeat last week in Toronto at another Masters hardcourt event.

Defending champion Sampras, in the past three finals here, went into the contest having won 16 of his last 18 matches with setbacks coming only in the final at Queen's and the Toronto quarterfinals.

Sampras must now decide his program, running up to the US Open, which starts in little more than a fortnight. But he will be regretting his play against his longtime rival.

## Panucci heads for Chelsea

LONDON, Aug 11: Chelsea boss Gianluca Vialli on Thursday signed Italian international full-back Christian Panucci from Inter Milan on a one-year loan, reports AFP.

The 27-year-old Panucci arrives as a replacement for Dan Petrescu who left for Bradford. Predominantly a right-back he can also play at centre-back and gives Vialli extra options as he will challenge the likes of Albert Ferrer, Mario Melchiot and Frank Leboeuf for a first team place.

Panucci had apparently been interested in joining up with Fabio Capello, at AS Roma after playing under him at AC Milan and Real Madrid. But that deal fell through and Chelsea swooped to agree the loan with a view to a permanent transfer if Panucci proves to be a hit at Stamford Bridge.

His top flight career started at Genoa, where he won two European Under-21 Championships with Italy before being signed by AC Milan.

Playing alongside Marcel Desailly his four-year spell there saw him win two Italian titles as well as the European Cup and the European Super Cup.

When Capello left for Real Madrid he took Panucci with him and the defender enjoyed further success in his three seasons in Spain, winning the Spanish title as well as the European Cup for the second time in his career.

He returned to Italy and Milan last year with Inter where he made 31 appearances last season but then fell out with coach Marcello Lippi.

# None censured

## King report unveiled



CAPE TOWN, Aug 11: Judge Edwin King, head of a commission of inquiry into the Hansie Cronje match-fixing scandal, submitted an interim report to the South African government Friday, but made no recommendations for disciplinary action, reports AFP.

Presenting the report to Sport and Recreation Minister Ngconde Balfour in Cape Town, King said he was sure measures would be taken to eradicate malpractice in cricket.

Balfour will in turn present the report to President Thabo Mbeki and Justice Minister Penuell Maduna.

King said that although there were no final recommendations in the report, cricket authorities would be able to convene a hearing on international players Herschelle Gibbs, Henry Williams and Pieter Strydom.

The United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) has scheduled a disciplinary hearing for the three players in Johannesburg on August 19.

King said he saw no reason why the board should not go ahead with the hearing, subject to the proviso, which he said was purely hypothetical, that further evidence could emerge when the commission reconvenes in October.

Gibbs and Williams admitted to the commission in June that they had agreed to an offer of a bribe from disgraced former captain Cronje, while Strydom made an attempt to place a bet on behalf of Cronje during a Test match.

King said he had not yet made any finding on whether Cronje had told the whole truth and should therefore receive indemnity from criminal prosecution.

Balfour made a veiled criticism of Cronje for granting interviews to "selected media" and his intention to write a book.

"While that might be his prerogative, it should be noted that the work of the commission has not yet been finalised," he said.

The interim report will be made public after it has been examined by Mbeki.

Balfour said this would happen within two weeks and later said in an interview that he expected the release of the report before the UCBSA's August 19 disciplinary hearing.

Balfour said he was con-

vinced that South African cricket was not corrupt.

Negotiations which had taken place with the Indian government would enable two of the King Commission investigating team, headed by state prosecutor Shamila Batohi, to travel to India to hear tape recordings of conversations between Cronje and bookmakers.

He said it was "probable" that some witnesses who had already given evidence would be recalled when the commission reconvened. He said he expected the next hearings to last about two weeks, adding that as a result of the first hearings he had asked for the terms of reference of the commission to be broadened.

The commission ended its first stage of hearings on June 27 and will resume on October 2.

Gibbs and Williams told the

commission that Cronje, sacked as South Africa's skipper in April, had offered them money to under-perform in matches against India this year.

Cronje has admitted to the commission that he received thousands of dollars from gamblers and bookmakers on five separate occasions between 1996 and 2000.

He has already resigned himself to a life-long ban from first class cricket and instead is busy negotiating television and book deals, and is reported to be working on a movie deal.

The initial shock by the South African public at Cronje's confessions to dealing with bookmakers has given way to anger as the one-time cricketing idol has revealed himself to be manipulating and deceitful, motivated by greed and a love of money.



South African Sports Minister Ngconde Balfour (L) listens to a query from a reporter during a press conference after Judge Edwin King (R) handed over his interim report into match-fixing to the former in Cape Town yesterday.

—AFP photo

# Premiership's new stars to watch



LONDON, Aug 11 (AFP) - More than 100 million pounds (£150 million dollars) has been spent by Premiership clubs during the close season and the bulk of the cash has been paid overseas for players of all nationalities. Here are some of those set to make an impact this season:

**MARKEUS BABBEL - Liverpool (free transfer)**

Gerard Houllier moved swiftly to capture the experienced German defender, with more than 50 international caps to his name, on a free transfer.

The deal was agreed during last season but Babel completed the move to Merseyside after helping Bayern Munich clinch yet another Bundesliga title.

He went on to play in Euro 2000, where Erich Ribbeck used him as a right wing-back and as one of three centre halves, but Germany left the low countries at the first exit, having failed to win a game.

**FABIAN BARTHEZ - Manchester United (£11.4 million dollars)**

Sir Alex Ferguson will have allowed himself a smile of satisfaction as he watched France's victorious march through Euro 2000 because the consistent brilliance of Barthez suggested his goalkeeping quandary may be over.

Barthez, 29, is agile and acrobatic. He has a presence to rival the big Dane Peter Schmeichel and has success engrained in his psyche.

**OLIVIER DACOURT - Leeds (£10.5 million dollars)**

French outfit Lens could not resist the chance to make a quick profit on the versatile midfielder they bought from Everton for 4.8 million last summer.

Dacourt, 25, made a favourable impression on Merseyside, where he accumulated an array of disciplinary points but also adapted smartly to the rigours of the Premiership.

**JIMMY FLOYD HASSELBANK - Chelsea (£22.5 million dollars)**

Gianluca Vialli broke the bank to land the Atletico Madrid hitman and hopes the Dutch international will provide the cutting edge Chelsea's pretty approach work has lacked in the past two years.

His goal record speaks for itself. Hasselbank was the Premiership's top scorer in 1998-99 with 18 goals for Leeds and fired home 24 in the Spanish league last season although his club were relegated.

**CHRISTIAN KAREMBEU - Middlesbrough (£3.15 million dollars)**

France's dreadlocked footballer with the supermodel veneer has won the biggest honours in the game over the last two seasons but has done much of his trophy winning from the subs' bench.

Karembu, 29, who can play midfield or full-back, went on strike when Sampdoria tried to sell him to Barcelona. He had already struck a deal with Real Madrid and eventually got his own way. Now he is bound for the Riverside.

**ROBERT PIRES - Arsenal (£11.25 million dollars)**

His fame sky-rocketed this summer when he came off the bench to set up David Trezeguet's 'golden goal' winner for France in the Euro 2000 final.

The flying winger, who had often been criticised for failing to fulfil his enormous potential at international level, showed all his pace and skill to drive to the by-line and pull the ball back for Trezeguet's memorable strike in extra time, in Rotterdam.

Like his new Arsenal teammate Lauren, Pires had dreamed of a summer move to Real Madrid from Marseille. Even after winning Euro 2000 a switch to the Spanish capital looked likely before he agreed to join the Gunners.

**SERGEI REBROV - Tottenham (£16.5 million dollars)**

George Graham's seemingly endless search for a renowned goalscorer led him to the Ukraine where he shelled out a club record transfer fee to cap-

ture the services of a pocket-sized striker.

Rebrov shot to fame in Dynamo Kiev's prolific strikeforce alongside Andrei Shevchenko, who moved to Milan, 12 months ago and enjoyed a 24-goal debut season in Serie A.

Now Rebrov has joined the exodus after firing Kiev to their seventh Ukrainian title in eight seasons since independence. Kiev won 27 of their 30 league games, drew the other three and picked up the Cup for good measure.

Speed, agility and an eye for goal are Rebrov's main assets. North London rivals Arsenal may remember his late equaliser for Kiev at Wembley, in October 1998, to seriously damage the Gunners' Champions League campaign.

**CLAUS JENSEN - Charlton (£6 million dollars)**

Alan Curbishley shattered Charlton's transfer record as he piped Ipswich to the signature of Bolton's highly-rated Danish international.

The fee was almost four times more than the Addicks' previous record, paid for Neil Redfern in 1998, but the Division One champions were determined to get their man after missing out on various other transfer targets.

Jensen made his international debut in March but missed out on the Euro 2000 squad. Now he hopes a successful season in the Premiership will persuade Denmark to show faith in his talents.

**JOSEPH-DESIRE JOB - Middlesbrough (£4.5 million dollars)**

The 22-year-old Cameroonian international could not command a regular first-team place at Lens last season but his enormous potential still enabled the French club to demand a hefty transfer fee.

Bryan Robson reached for the cheque book after Job impressed during a summer trial at the Riverside.

The young striker said it was a dream to meet the former England skipper, who had been one of his boyhood heroes.

## Figo promises wonderful things

MADRID, Aug 11: Portuguese international Luis Figo, who became the world's most expensive player when he joined European champions Real Madrid for 55.5 million dollars this summer, claimed Thursday that he had not yet reached his peak, reports AFP.

Despite Real going down 2-1 to Figo's former club Sporting Lisbon, Spanish teammate Raul declared they had "recruited a crack player".

And the Euro 2000 star promised there were better things to come.

"It was special to come back to Lisbon, but I am not yet at my top level. It was a pre-season match and that is the way to look at it. Each time out, I feel more at home with the team's play," said Figo.

## Belgian preview Anderlecht the team to beat

BRUSSELS, Aug 11: Defending champions Anderlecht are favourites for this season's Belgian football championship which gets underway at the weekend but will face a strong challenge from the strengthened sides of Standard Liege and Genk, reports AFP.

Anderlecht held on to their title in the Czech international Jan Koller during the summer as well as many of their Belgian internationals though they may be a bit short in the play-making department.

Both Sweden's Par Zetterberg and Belgian veteran Enzo Scifo have moved to Greek side Olympiakos and Belgian club Charleroi respectively meaning the champions may lack a little creativity.

Should their 21-year-old Romanian Alin Stoica fill the void, Anderlecht may be solid enough in all departments of the field to earn their 26th national title.

Standard Liege have made some useful signings in Norwegian striker Ole-Martin Aarst, Czech defender Petr Vizek, left-sided Yugoslav Ivica Dragutinovic and Portuguese playmaker Fofa.

Charleroi could be a good outside bet with Scifo in their starting line-up. Scifo also has the further roles of club vice-president and club shareholder.

While Mouscron, who have been consistent the last few seasons, along with Lierse and Gent could very well find themselves in the top five come the season's end.

### FIXTURES

**Saturday:** Beveren v Charleroi, La Louviere v Lokeren, Germinal-Beerschot v Mouscron, Mechelen v Genk, Westerlo v Antwerp.

**Sunday:** FC Brugge v Gent, Alost v Lierse, Harelbeke v Standard Liege, St Truiden v Anderlecht.

## Bayern lose Jeremies for two months

MUNICH, Aug 11: Bayern Munich defender Jens Jeremies tore knee ligaments at training on Thursday and will be sidelined for around two months just 24 hours after the team lost captain Stefan Effenberg to a torn achilles tendon, reports AFP.

Jeremies, who, like most of the German team was not at his best at Euro 2000, will wear a restrictive reinforced bandage to immobilise the joint and won't be able to start jogging again for seven weeks.

The German international will also miss next Wednesday's friendly against Spain in Hannover as well as World Cup qualifiers against Greece on September 2 in Hamburg, and England on October 7 in London.

Jeremies' woes add to Bayern's terrible injury streak right now. Even before the first game of the new Bundesliga season, which is at home to Hertha Berlin Saturday, Bayern will be without half a dozen key players.

Effenberg's achilles operation came out of the blue on Wednesday and he will need at least three months to recover. Fellow midfielder star Paulo Sergio is resting a torn calf muscle.

Brazilian striker Giovane Elber is still wearing a light cast after breaking a foot while training with the Brazilian national team during the summer break.

Defender Thomas Strunz is also out for 10 days after pulling a thigh muscle last weekend in Bayern's Masters 2000 friendly against Manchester United.



A diving Manchester United custodian Fabien Barthez sees an Andy Cole shot flying past him into net during a practice session at Old Trafford yesterday.

—AFP photo

## Champions meet Chelsea in Charity Shield

# English season takes off tomorrow



LONDON, Aug 11: Premiership holders and perennial title favourites Manchester United tackle FA Cup winners Chelsea in Sunday's Charity Shield at Wembley, but both sides have their eye on more distant glory, reports AFP.

The annual curtain-raiser between the league champions and Cup holders is often billed as a foretaste of the season to come, and Sir Alex Ferguson's rival managers will be looking for some sign -- any sign -- of vulnerability in the Old Trafford side.

Six titles in eight seasons speaks for itself, including a winning margin of 18 points in the last campaign, but increasingly United's real ambition is the European Champions Cup.

They won it memorably in 1998, but collapsed at home to Real Madrid in the quarter-finals last year.

Ferguson has a large and talented enough squad to cope well with the dual demands of Premiership and Europe, a challenge Chelsea failed last year when they faded away both at home and in the Champions League.

Gianluca Vialli's men must win the bread-and-butter of a 38-match league campaign for the first time since 1954-55 before they can entertain

thoughts of European glamour.

They have however built up a reputation as something of a Cup team, taking the FA Cup twice in four seasons and the European Cup Winners Cup in 1998.

"We've certainly crossed the bridge as regards FA Cup and cup competitions in general," Chelsea coach Graham Rix agreed.

"But to be the best team in the Premiership is everybody's aim. We have to get a championship, there is no doubt about it."

As for United, captain Roy Keane, the club's driving force, named Chelsea as one of a clutch of four clubs to challenge his side for league honours.

"I think we could have done a bit better (last year) and hopefully we can do that this time," he said.

For both sides therefore, Sunday's match is about setting the standard for what they hope will be end-of-season glory.

Ferguson's side will include his only major signing of the summer, French World Cup and Euro 2000 winning goalkeeper Fabien Barthez, signed from Monaco for 7.8 million pounds (£12.48 million dollars).

It is their failure to sign a star striker that may ultimately prove their undoing. A forward line of Dwight Yorke, Andy Cole and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer may wreak havoc in

Premiership defences but was worryingly short of firepower in Europe.

Apart from the welcome return of Ronny Johnsen after injury, it's pretty much the usual suspects in the rest of the United line-up, with Irishman Roy Keane powering the usual lung-bursting midfield engine room.

Chelsea for their part signed Dutch international Jimmy Floyd Hasselbank for 15 million pounds (£22.5 million dollars).

Hasselbank scored 34 Premiership goals in two seasons with Leeds United, before another 24 league strikes for relegated Atletico Madrid last season.

Vialli also signed Icelandic striker Einar Gudjohnsen from Bolton and the Croatian Mario Stanic from Parma.

Inter Milan full-back Christian Panucci became his latest deal this week, signing on loan for a year, although he is only likely to make the bench for Sunday's match.

Not too much should be read into the result of one match though.

Arsenal beat United 3-0 in the Charity Shield in August 1998 -- the start of a season that ended with the Old Trafford outfit winning an unprecedented triple of Premiership, FA Cup and Champions Cup.

## French First Division preview

# Monaco's test of credibility



PARIS, Aug 11: Champions Monaco may not quite be pressing the panic button after just two games of the new French campaign but after their 5-2 thrashing at home last week to Nantes, a normally routine match at Strasbourg on Saturday takes on new significance as they attempt to stabilize their wobbling ship, reports AFP.

An intriguing match on Sunday will see Sedan come to the Parc des Princes in Paris where the highly anticipated full debut of record French signing Nicolas Anelka is set to take place while early front-runners Lens visit Marseille in the other match on Sunday.

Other key matches on Saturday feature co-leaders Bastia making the trip to Auxerre, First Division gatemakers Lille hosting Rennes and St. Etienne taking on Toulouse at the Municipal stadium.

Fans at the Meinau stadium in Strasbourg will not want to see a repeat of the shock 4-0 thrashing their boys suffered last weekend as the hands of newly promoted Lille which has left them bottom of the table, but should Strasbourg turn things around, it would be the rich boys from Monaco who prop up the table.

Monaco president Jean-Louis Campora was philosophical earlier this week but warned against a repeat of the Nantes debacle: "It was just of those days, you can't read too much into it as it's so early in the season but it is a serious wake-up call and we must make sure it doesn't happen again".

Champions League hopefuls Lyon are coming off their most important game of the young

season Monday, when they escaped from Slovakia with a priceless 2-1 win over Inter Bratislava in the first leg of their European Champions League third round qualifier.

Just one match from the lucrative group phase of Europe's most prestigious competition, Lyon can now concentrate on their league campaign after draws in their opening two matches against Rennes and Sedan respectively as they take on Metz in front on their fickle fans at the Gerland stadium.

Corsean side Bastia, who failed to win away from home all last season, quickly broke that streak in their opening day

victory at Toulouse, followed that up with an impressive 2-0 win over Bordeaux and now lie joint-top with Lens albeit after just two games.

The closest they came to European glory came in 1978 when they lost the UEFA Cup final to PSV Eindhoven but did lift the French Cup three years later.

As they try to make it two away wins on the trot at Auxerre, they will have to do it without defender Laurent Casanova who is still not match-fit and is still two weeks from being ready.

Denmark's Dan Petersen rejoined training this week after recovering from a heel injury and should be challenging for a starting place, although Christophe Deguerville is defi-

nately not following an operation on his Achilles heel.

Last season's UEFA Cup semi-finalists Lens are making a case to repeat their success of 1999 when they won their first French title as former Marseille coach Roland Courbis has guided the club to two wins out of two.

As he prepares to return to what will certainly be a hostile reception at the Velodrome on Sunday, he will have the same squad that beat Guingamp 3-2 last Saturday in Lens.

In the French capital, all eyes will be on the Paris Saint Germain number nine on Sunday as the ever controversial Nicolas Anelka starts his first ever French league match against last season's surprise packages Sedan.

The 30-million-dollar man came on as a substitute in the 1-1 draw at Rennes and caused havoc running at defenders and even forced what Parisians thought was a certain penalty despite not being completely match fit.

He shot to stardom after joining English club Arsenal as a 17-year-old and helped them to the double in 1998 scoring in the FA Cup final before demanding a well documented transfer to Spanish giants Real Madrid.

His first campaign in Spain was a roller coaster affair which hit rock bottom when he skipped three days of training saying the team were not playing to his style but paid the price with a 45-day ban and over 300,000 dollar fine.

He is now back in Paris and the PSG shirts emblazoned with his name have been selling like hot cakes as the saga continues Sunday with the expectations of a city firmly on his shoulders.

## TV Guide

### Saturday 12th August

(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

### BTV

Morning Prog.

9:00 Opening Announcement, Recitation From The Holy Quran And Programme Outline 9:05 Patriotic Song 9:10 Khela Dhula 9:40 English Debating 10:05 Sastho Tathto: Serial 10:35 Hasi Khushi 10:50 Movie Of The Week: Back To The Future 12:35 A) Programme Outline For 2nd Session B) National Song 12:40 Closing

### Evening Prog

3:00 Opening Announcement, Recitation From The Holy Quran And Programme Outline 3:15 Patriotic Song 3:20 Tele Film/Serial: Durer Akash #14 (Toni Daves, Mitunur, Shams Suman) 4:00 Sambad (Bangla News) 4:05 Nabagato (New Artist Audition Live Coverage) 5:25 Kishor Mancho 6:05 Nibedan 6:30 Transmission From Chittagong Center 7:00 Sambad (Bangla News) 7:05 Geetimalyo (Song of Robinranth) 7:25 Serial: Mowgli (Bangla Dub) 8:00 Bangla News At 8:20 Weekly Drama: Deyal 10:00 News At Ten (English) 10:20 Khola Jaanala (Talk Show) 10:50 Mini Series: A Son of Good

Earth 11:30 Sambad (Bangla News) 11:35 English News 11:40 A) Programme Outline For Sunday B) National Song 11:45 Closing