

Sport

English press write highly of booters

PARIS, Sept 3: "English football isn't dead" was just one of the glowing headlines British newspaper readers woke up to Sunday after England's impressive performance against France, reports AFP.

"Fighting England restore the faith" screamed the Mail on Sunday, praising the intense attitude of England but also the nature of the match which forced the proud French to battle for their lofty reputation as World and European champions.

The players were still bickering at the final whistle with Arsenal defender Martin Keown involved in an incident coming off the pitch with Marcel Desailly with the Premiership rivals continuing their feud in the tunnel leading to the dressing room.

The Chelsea centre-back who will face Keown again on Wednesday as his side host Arsenal, reacted angrily, live on French television, as the player who wears red boots seemed to brush him into as he was being interviewed.

England spoil the French party was how the Sunday Telegraph saw things in reference to the carnival atmosphere that was laid on for retiring internationals Didier Deschamps, Laurent Blanc and Bernard Lemaire.

"A real match with a dignified farewell" declared French daily Le Parisien in reference to the fighting spirit of both sides as well as paying tribute to the departing veterans.

The holiday's over" was the headline on the front page of sports daily L'Equipe as England and France battled in a style more often seen in the Premiership than on the international stage.

Despite various combinations of present and former team-mates on both sides, there was no love lost between the players and friendships were firmly banished to the closet as victory seemed to be the only thing that mattered.

Africa to know Nations' Cup hosts today

JOHANNESBURG, Sept 3: African Football Confederation (CAF) chiefs meet in Cairo Monday to decide which country hosts the 2004 African Nations' Cup, reports AFP.

The tiny West African states of Benin and Togo have submitted a joint bid. Tunisia and Zimbabwe are going it alone and Zambia may be joined by Malawi in another move to host the biennial championship.

CAF spokesman Dr. Vicken Djizmedjian said in Cairo Sunday it was still unclear whether Zambia would bid alone or be joined by eastern neighbours Malawi.

Tunisia appear favourites despite having staged the showcase of African football twice as they offer the political and economic stability often lacking among contenders.

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Stewart to cut a ball that caught the top edge to be well caught at first slip by Campbell.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard Sunday at tea on the fourth day of the fifth and final cricket Test between England and the West Indies at The Oval.

ENGLAND: First innings 281 WEST INDIES: First innings 125

ENGLAND: Second innings Overnight 56 for two Atherton not out 89 Traschick c Lara b Ambrose 7 Hussain lbw b McLean 0 Thorpe c Griffith b Walsh 10 Stewart c Campbell 25 b Nagamootoo 25 Vaughan lbw b Walsh 9 Hick c Campbell b Walsh 0 White run out 18 Cork not out 1 Extras: (b-1, lb-6, nb-3) 10 Total: (For seven) 169 Fall of wickets: 1-21; 2-29; 3-56; 4-121; 5-139; 6-139; 7-163 Bowlers O M R W Ambrose 18 7 22 1 Walsh 32 15 47 3 McLean 20 5 53 1 Nagamootoo 19 7 29 1 Adams 7 3 11 0



French captain Didier Deschamps (C) trying to make his way through a couple of England defenders during their friendly soccer match at Stade de France in Saint Denis on September 2. —Internet photo



PARIS, Sept 3 (Reuters/Internet): World and European champions France had to settle for a 1-1 draw with England here on Saturday after a late equaliser from substitute Michael Owen.

Owen, angered at being left out of England's starting line-up, grabbed a close-range equaliser with four minutes remaining after the visitors were outplayed for long periods.

The friendly at the Stade de France here also saw French stars Didier Deschamps and Laurent Blanc make emotional farewells to international soccer.

Midfielder Emmanuel Petit gave France the lead, steering the ball home from the edge of the area in the 63-minute after a masterful through ball from Zinedine Zidane.

Deschamps, the most successful captain in French history, was making his 103rd appearance, while Blanc earned his 97th and final cap.

They received standing ovations when replaced early in the second half - just minutes before Petit scored.

"It was special and maybe I realised that too late," said Deschamps. "I'm going to miss it enormously but I'm content to go out tonight. There is suffi-

cient talent in this team that it can cope without us."

Blanc said he had felt very emotional when he left the field for the last time in a French jersey. "For me this was the match of great emotion," Blanc said.

"I'm not showing it but it is very, very strong inside. I could not dream of a better farewell, in this stadium in front of the country who invented football."

"I was thinking about a lot of things when I left the field - but my career goes on."

Deschamps, 31, will continue to play club soccer for Valencia and the 34-year-old Blanc will play on for Inter Milan.

French coach Roger Lemerre said: "The pair of them have made a very special contribution and it will be difficult for the French team to get the results without them as we did with them."

Goalkeeper Fabien Barthez, who missed Saturday's match through injury, said the pair could have left too soon.

"It will be strange without them," Barthez said. "I feel they could have stayed longer because for me, On the pitch they are still 20 years old."

The pair, along with goalkeeper Bernard Lama, were presented to the crowd before the

match and both the World Cup and European Championship trophies were paraded around the ground.

Lama winning his 44th cap, made three characteristically acrobatic first-half saves to thwart an Andy Cole header and two dangerous strikes from Nicky Barmby.

France ripped England to shreds in the second half, but the resilience of his defence was good news for coach Kevin Keegan, who is trying to rebuild after England's first-round exit from the Euro 2000.

England played with just Andy Cole up front, but held their own early on as Lama had to make several saves.

The French had early chances, too, and Nicolas Anelka and Deschamps both shot wide from good positions. Anelka was also unlucky not to earn a penalty for a clumsy challenge in the box from Martin Keown.

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Germans begin on right foot



HAMBURG, Sept 3 (Reuters/Internet): Sebastian Deisler scored his first goal for Germany on Saturday to help them to a 2-0 victory over Greece in their opening qualifier for the 2002 World Cup finals.

October 7 in their next match on the road to the 2002 finals. Finland and Albania are the other two teams in Group Nine.

minded him he still had plenty of work to do.

The hosts of the 2006 World Cup face England away on



Germany's Sebastian Deisler (on the ground) and Greek Elias Poursnidis (R) fall after colliding during their World Cup 2002 qualifier in Hamburg on September 2. —Internet photo

TV Guide

Monday 4th September

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

BTV

3:00 Opening Announcement, Recitation From The Holy Quran And Programme Outline 3:15 Patriotic Song 3:20 Open University Prog 4:00 Bangla News 4:05 Educational Programme: Learning In The Lab And Fun With Maths/Japanes Video 4:30 Sashtho Thaththa (Health Developing For Mother & Children) 4:45 Sports Programme 5:20 Prayas (magazine) 5:45 Pusti Thaththa 6:05 Live Transmission New Artist Audition From Chittagong Centre 6:10 Sambad (Bangla News) 7:05 Dolanchapa (Song of Nazrul) 7:25 Avizatara 8:00 Bangla News at 8:20 Package Drama: Thake Shudhu Bhabolas (Ferdous, Bipasha Hayat, Rajeb, Nazma Hosan) 10:00 News at Ten

(Engl-Ind) 10:20 Songitanjoli 11:30 Bangla News 11:35 English News

11:40 A) Programme Outline for Tuesday B) National Song 11:45 Closing

DD 7 (BANGLA)

8:40 Khas Khabar 9:05 Amrit Katha 9:20 Sangbad 9:30 Khaba Aar Khaba 10:30 Game Gane 10:35 Daily Sope: Shree Ram Krishna 11:00 Daily Sope: Hay Mohajeebon 11:15 Classical/Folk Songs 11:30 Parliament Hour / Musical 12:00 Bengali Film 2:30 Khas Khabar 3:00 Daily Sope: Maha Prohbu 3:30 Daily Sope: Mohini 3:55 Daily Sope: Bhal Thikanay 4:20 Nepali Programme 5:05 Taruner Janney 5:30 News 5:40 Camera Cholchay 5:50 Palli Katha: 6:10 Serial: 6:40 Khas Khabar 6:70 Daily Soap: Janmabhumi 7:30 Bangla Sambad 7:55 Dinindan 8:00 Serial: 8:30 Serial: Juti/ Banglar Sodeasti Gaan 9:00 Daily Soap: Janmabhumi 9:30 Daily Soap: Shree Ram Krishna 10:00 Khas Khabar 10:20 Mokh

Mukhi 10:50 Sambad 11:00 Bengali Movie

ALPHA BANGLA TV

6:00 Alaa 7:00 Grihosa 7:30 Bharat Bhromon 8:00 Serial: Din Protidin 9:00 Serial: Andolon 9:30 Bhahari Aahar 10:00 Grihosa 10:30 Manabi 11:00 Serial: Jemon Bolben Sir 11:30 Kichu Smriti Kichu Gaan 12:00 Bhahari Aahar 12:30 Mojor Chobi 1:00 Serial: Shyaola 1:30 Serial: Ek Akasher Niche 2:00 Serial: Biraj Bou 2:30 Bangla Movie 5:00 Serial: Ek Akasher Niche 5:30 Mojor Khela Kobieta 6:00 Bharat Bhromon 6:30 Serial: Din Protidin 7:30 News In Bangali 8:00 Serial: Beauty Parlour / Navantara 8:30 Serial: Mon Niye 9:00 Serial: Jibam Rekha (Indrani, Kusheri) 10:00 News in Bangali 10:30 Serial: Din Protidin 11:30 ANZ Serial: Shyaola 12:00 Serial: Lemon Bolben Sir 12:30 Mojor Chobi 1:00 News 2000 New York, NY USA Men / Women First Round 11:30 ANZ Sportsline 11:35 Live: US Open 2000 New York, NY USA Men / Women First Round

STAR SPORTS

7:30 Asian Basketball Show 8:00 Sports India 8:30 Celebrity Golf Tournament 9:30 Golf Tournament Ericsson China PGA Challenge 2000 Shanghai, CHINA Shanghai Challenge 10:30 Gillette World Sports Special 11:00 Asian Football Show 12:00 Race Day Spa, Belgium- Belgian Grand Prix 12:45 Formula One 2000 Formula One World Championship SPA, Belgium- Belgian Grand Prix 3:00 National Sports Report 4:00 Cricket Up Close- Nikhil Chopra 4:30 ATP Tour World Series Tournament Hamlet Cup Long Island, NY USA Semifinals 7:30 Ans Sportsline 7:35 Trans World Sport 8:30 Fib Beach Volleyball — French Open Marseille, France Men's & Women's Highlights 9:00 Live: US Open 2000 New York, NY USA Men / Women First Round 11:30 ANZ Sportsline 11:35 Live: US Open 2000 New York, NY USA Men / Women First Round

ESPN

6:00 ESPN's Sunday Night Baseball 9:00 U.S. Amateur Open Golf Tournament 9:30 Golf Tournament Ericsson China PGA Challenge 2000 Shanghai, CHINA Shanghai Challenge 10:30 Gillette World Sports Special 11:00 Asian Football Show 12:00 Race Day Spa, Belgium- Belgian Grand Prix 12:45 Formula One 2000 Formula One World Championship SPA, Belgium- Belgian Grand Prix 3:00 National Sports Report 4:00 Cricket Up Close- Nikhil Chopra 4:30 ATP Tour World Series Tournament Hamlet Cup Long Island, NY USA Semifinals 7:30 Ans Sportsline 7:35 Trans World Sport 8:30 Fib Beach Volleyball — French Open Marseille, France Men's & Women's Highlights 9:00 Live: US Open 2000 New York, NY USA Men / Women First Round 11:30 ANZ Sportsline 11:35 Live: US Open 2000 New York, NY USA Men / Women First Round

Springfield, NJ USA Final Round 12:30 Motoworld 12:57 Live- English Premier Football League

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Go For It! 7:30 Ushuaia 8:30

Lonely Planet III 9:30 Animals in

Danger 10:00 Eyewitness 10:30

Danger Zone 11:00 Outer Bounds

11:30 Shark Files 12:30 Wild Dis-

covery 1:30 Medical Detectives 2:30

Discover Magazine 3:30 Go For It!

4:30 Ushuaia 5:30 Lonely Planet

6:30 Crocodile Hunter's Croc Files

7:00 Jaws and Claws II 7:30 Wild

Discovery 9:30 Discover Magazine

10:00 Medical Detectives 10:30 On

The Inside 11:30 Discovery Profile

Series 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30

Horoscope 7:10 Musical Prog

8:25 Magazine Prog 9:00 Magazine

9:35 Musical Prog 10:10

The Legend/First Take 10:00 Tarana 10:15 Movie Fare 10:30 Film Show 1:30 Cine News 1:45 Madhyantara 2:00 Film Show 5:30 Abhinetra 6:00 Chehren 6:15 Film Time

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10:30 Film Show 2:20 Moods

Melody 2:30 Film Show

ATN BANGLA

5:30 Islamic Programme 6:32 Film

Songs 7:10 Magazine Prog 7:50

Musical Prog 8:25 Musical Prog

9:00 Musical Prog 9:35 Musical

Prog 10:10 Film Show 10:45

Bangla Film: Chandana Daku 6:32

Horoscope Prog 7:10 Musical Prog

8:25 Magazine Prog 9:00 Magazine

9:35 Musical Prog 10:10

Bangla film: Protigat

ZEE CINEMA

6:15 Drama Everyday. Fifteen

episode 7:00 Jokti Tarko 7:40 Ami

Se & Sangit 8:00 Din Protidin 8:25

Job Line 8:50 I Focus 9:00 Amar