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1	Who scored the first hat-trick in this year's Fed Cup football?	Ritu	Kanchan	Tanveer
2	Who is Pakistan's cricket team captain?	Wasim	Wasim	Wasim
3	Who is the captain of Bangladesh cricket team?	Amanul	Akram	Naimur
4	Who won the AB Bank Men's TT title?	Amritpal	Biman	Manish
5	Who was voted Germany's footballer-of-the-year in 2000?	Kahn	Schuster	Ritter

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September 22. —Sports Editor

## SPORTS TALK



Ian Thorpe

(Australian ace swimmer)

I've competed at every major  
ampionship except the Olympic  
Games."E Timor only  
the second

SYDNEY, Sept 15: A team of athletes from East Timor took part on Friday in an opening ceremony for the first time in Olympic history, entering Stadium Australia just ahead of the host nation at the Sydney Games, reports Reuters.

The four team members will compete as independent athletes at the Games as, although it gained independence from Indonesia last year, their homeland does not yet have an elected government or a national Olympic committee.

The athletes - two marathon runners, a boxer and a weight lifter - danced with joy around the athletics track in white track suits, waving to all sides of the stadium.

Their appearance marks only the second time that a team of independent athletes has taken part in the Olympic Games. A squad of Yugoslavs was the first in 1992.

East Timor, a former Portuguese colony, was invaded by Indonesia in 1975. It was left in ruins by pro-Indonesian militias after voting for independence in August last year.

## UEFA CUP first round first leg

## Not too many hiccups

PARIS, Sept 15: For once there were few surprises as the UEFA Cup got underway in earnest on Thursday and most of the big guns came through unscathed, reports AFP.

Only Italy's Fiorentina and Benfica of Portugal appear to be

facing an impossible task in the first round, second leg ties in a fortnight's time.

Fiorentina went down 3-1 at FC Tyrol in Innsbruck as the unheralded Austrian side caught them cold - the Italian League season still not underway.

The Austrians were 3-0 up in 50 minutes but a 54th minute strike by Mijatovic gave the

big guns a surprising 3-1 win over Dynamo Moscow.

But elsewhere everything went more or less according to the script.

Italian giants Inter Milan, the biggest draw of them all, cruised to a 3-0 away win over Ruch Chorzow in Poland with all three goals coming in an eight-minute spell in the second half.

Two-time winners Parma also won away, 2-0 over FK Podebrady in Macedonia and Udinese and AS Roma completed a fine night for the Italian contingent.

Udinese won 1-0 away to Polonia Warsaw, while Marco Delvecchio bagged a hat-trick as Roma travelled to Slovenia where they breezed past Gorica 4-1.

German side Hertha Berlin won away at Zimbru Chisinau, beating the Moldovians 2-1 to add to their two impressive 4-0 League victories so far this season.

There were two games in the Russian capital. Locomotiv Moscow beating Bulgarian side Burgas 4-2 and CSKA Moscow scraping a dull 0-0 draw with Danish side Viborg.

Elsewhere, Inter Bratislava got a useful 2-0 result in the Netherlands against Roda JC Kerkrade, but the other Bratislava side, Slovan, did less well, going down 3-0 at home to Croatia's Dynamo Zagreb.

Barcelona's poor relations, Espanyol, went down 2-1 to Slovenia's Olimpija Ljubljana.

Nick Barnby of Liverpool (L) being congratulated by teammates Michael Owen (R) and Dietmar Hamann after the former scored against Rapid Bucharest during their UEFA Cup first round first leg fixture at Bucharest on September 14. — AFP photo

— AFP photo

of the twisted wreckage of the metallic blue four-wheel-drive jeep before it was cut free by rescuers. He said his first words after the collision were "Call my Mum and tell her I'm OK."

The bus suffered lesser damage.

Maradona offered no explanation as to why, according to local people and accident investigators at the crash site, he had been heading the wrong way down one side of a divided roadway in darkness when the collision occurred.

"It was raining and misty ... there was a closed bridge which a minute before had forced me

to swing the wheel around and go in a different direction," he told Argentine radio.

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After the Nigerians opened the defence of their title in Sydney with a 3-3 draw against Honduras, Bonfrene was still smarting at the decision to let Arsenal hold on to their 24-year-old striker.

Friends and witnesses said Maradona, who has been undergoing treatment for cocaine addiction in communist-ruled Cuba, was driving his jeep the wrong way down a road at night when the crash occurred at night on the outskirts of Havana.

A friend travelling with Maradona, Carlos Ferro Viera, and the Cuban driver of the tourist bus, which carried no passengers, also escaped uninjured.

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Following the crash, an ambulance took Maradona and Ferro Viera to hospital. After medical checks, including X-rays, they were released and returned to the Havana health hotel where the former star was being undergoing rehabilitation for drugs abuse.

The two had set off Wednesday night to visit friends at Guanabao, east of Havana, after watching on satellite television a match played by Maradona's former team Boca Juniors.

They had been forced to take a long detour around Havana Bay because the bay road tunnel, which normally carries traffic directly east, was being repaired.

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