

WC 2002 qualifier
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better own
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AFP, Coffs Harbour
Australia shattered their own world record with a 31-0 rout of tiny American Samoa in their Oceania World Cup football qualifier here Wednesday night.
The Australians, who smashed Tonga 22-0 in a world record score in their last match here on Monday, led 16-0 at halftime.
Home-based striker Archie Thompson netted a world record 13 goals in the football farce.
Thompson, who had only scored once before at senior level for Australia, bettered the 10 goals scored by Sophus Nielsen of Denmark in the 17-1 win over the French 'B' team at the 1908 London Olympics.
German-based striker David Zoricic was Australia's second top scorer with eight goals against the hapless American Samoans, who are ranked the lowest side in world football by governing body FIFA.
Earlier, Fiji, considered Australia's only rival in the Oceania group one tournament, beat Samoa 6-1.

FIFA rankings

REUTERS, Zurich
Leading FIFA World rankings announced on Wednesday (last month's ranking in brackets):

- (1) Brazil 807
- (2) France 792
- (3) Argentina 770
- (5) Italy 750
- (4) Portugal 735
- (6) Czech Republic 732
- (7) Spain 725
- (11) Germany 714
- (8) Paraguay 713
- (9) Netherlands 709
- (10) Yugoslavia 697
- (12) Romania 688
- (13) Mexico 681
- (16) England 677
- (15) Colombia 667
- (14) Norway 666
- (17) Croatia 665
- (18) United States 659
- (21) Sweden 645
- (19) Russia 642

This season
Guardiola's
last at Barca

AFP, Barcelona
Barcelona skipper Josep Guardiola said Wednesday he will leave the club at the end of the season after 11 years at the Spanish giants.
The talented 30-year-old centre-half has been an ever-present at the Nou Camp but recently has been linked with a move to England.
News of his decision to leave Barcelona at the end of the season came as newspaper reports in London tipped as a possible target for Newcastle.
A move to the Magpies would see Guardiola reunite with Bobby Robson, who coached the Spanish international during his spell at Barcelona.
Robson was quoted in Wednesday's Sun newspaper as saying that he would not hesitate to snap up Guardiola if he became available.
"There is nobody I would be afraid to go out and buy," Robson said.
"If Guardiola was willing to leave Spain - and we could afford him - he would be prepared to come to Newcastle," Robson told the paper.

Dacourt in
trouble

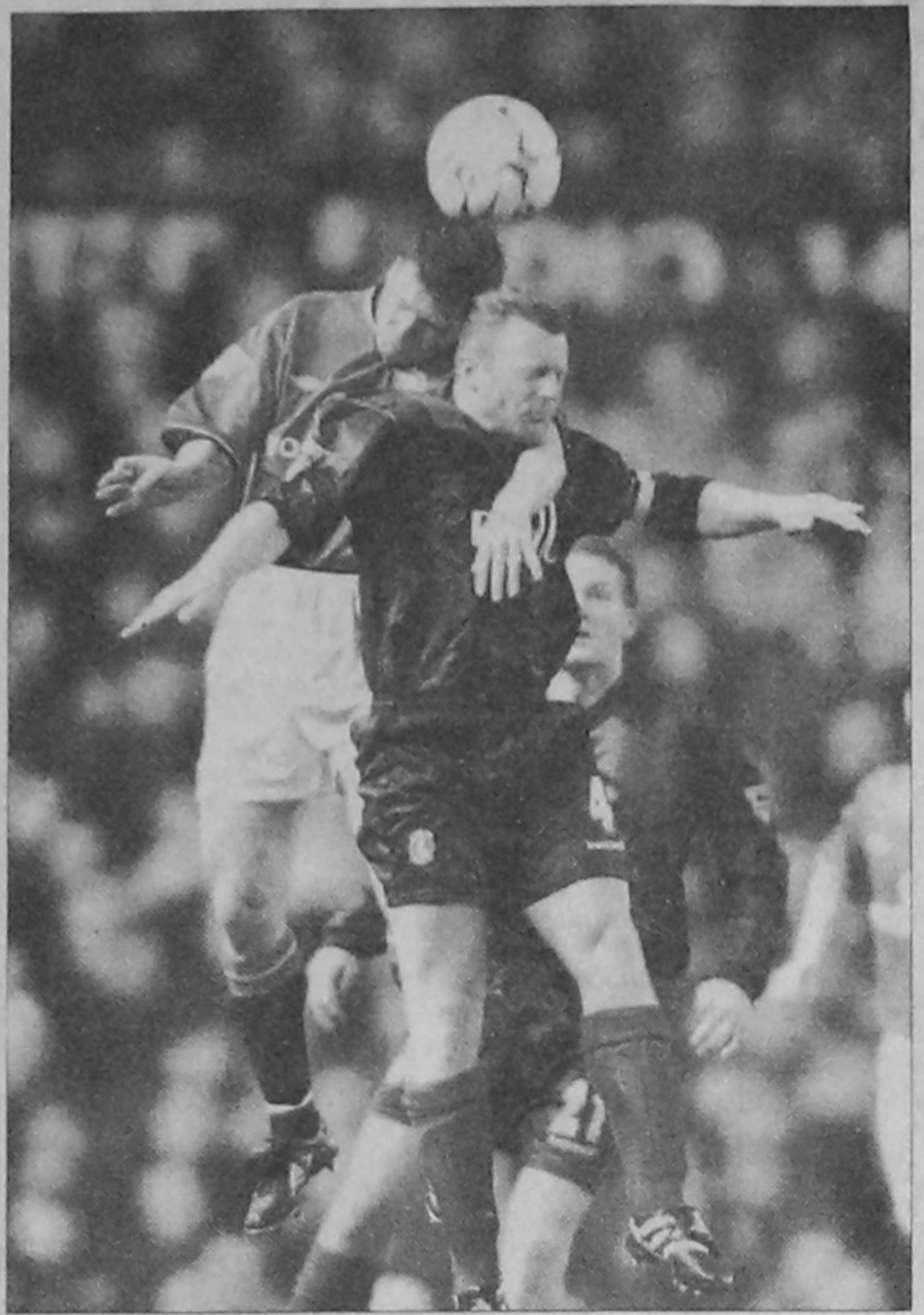
AFP, London
The English Football Association (FA) on Tuesday warned Leeds midfielder Olivier Dacourt that he could face disciplinary action after admitting he lied to protect fellow Frenchman Patrick Vieira at a disciplinary hearing.
Arsenal midfielder Vieira was suspended for one game and fined 10,000 pounds (16,000 dollars) in February for kicking out at Dacourt during their Premiership encounter last November.
But Dacourt prevented Vieira from receiving a lengthier fine and a longer suspension by writing to the FA in his defence, claiming the kick was unintentional.
However, on Sunday Dacourt told French television that Vieira knew exactly what he was doing.
"His action was a deliberate one but if I hadn't written that letter he could have been suspended for eight matches and fined 60,000 pounds (96,000 dollars)."
If found guilty of misleading the FA disciplinary panel Dacourt could be suspended and fined.
An FA spokesman said: "We will be asking Dacourt to explain his story and clarify his comments."
"It's too early to say what the implications could be for Vieira."
Dacourt had told the panel at the time of the hearing: "The challenge was nothing much. He didn't injure me."

Premiership
MU put champagne on ice

Football

AFP, London
Runaway leaders Manchester United took a step nearer their seventh Premiership title in nine seasons with a 2-1 home victory over Charlton on Tuesday.
Substitute Ole Gunnar Solskjaer sealed victory for United with a crisp finish eight minutes from time.
United striker Andy Cole beat visiting goalkeeper Sasa Ilic on the stroke of half-time to give the reigning champions an interval lead.
But a mistake by Gary Neville allowed South African international Mark Fish to equalise for Charlton after 63 minutes.
United are now just two wins away from retaining their title.
United coach Sir Alex Ferguson was a relieved man after watching his side hit the post four times in a one-sided contest.
"I thought it was going to be one of those nights," he said. "Charlton played their part in an entertaining match but the real thrust came from United."
Ipswich climbed into third spot as they came from behind to earn a point in a 1-1 draw against Liverpool, their rivals for a place in next season's Champions League.
England striker Emile Heskey had fired Liverpool into the lead just 14 seconds after the break with a powerful run into the box which saw him hold off two defenders before poking the ball home.
But Ipswich battled back and scored a deserved equaliser with 13 minutes to go.
Chris Makin crossed from the left and Alun Armstrong timed his run to perfection as he arrived at the far post to side-foot the ball home from four yards.
Tottenham bounced back after losing to north London rivals Tottenham in Sunday's FA Cup semi-final with a 2-1 home win over basement club Bradford.
Simon Davies grabbed a 76th-minute winner to give Glenn Hoddle a first Premiership success as new manager at White Hart Lane.

But it was a success Tottenham barely deserved after bottom-of-the-table Bradford hit back with an Eoin Jess equaliser just before half-time, following Steven Iversen's 25th-minute opener.



Manchester United veteran Dennis Irwin (L) locked in an aerial tussle with Charlton Athletic's Graham Stuart during their Premiership game at Old Trafford in April 10.

Premiership's top six

After Tuesday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

Manchester United	32	22	7	3	70	22	73
Arsenal	31	16	9	6	49	29	57
Ipswich Town	32	16	5	11	48	37	53
Leeds United	32	15	8	9	48	38	53
Liverpool	30	14	8	8	51	32	50
Surferland	32	13	10	9	37	32	49

French League Cup
Lyon book final berth

Football

AFP, Lyon
Lyon twice came from behind to beat Nantes 3-2 here on Tuesday to reach the French League Cup final and put themselves on course for their first trophy in nearly 30 years.
Jacques Santini's side also ended Nantes' hopes of an unprecedented French League, French Cup and League Cup treble in this topsy-turvy match.
Lyon's Pierre Laigle hit the winner and also equalized Stephane Ziani's early opener after a goal happy initial spell. Marama Vahirua put Nantes 2-1 up in the 10th minute but Sonny Anderson once more put the sides level.
The two sides have been rivals for titles in the past. In 1995, Nantes beat Lyon to win the French league championship and Lyon beat Nantes in the 1973 French Cup final, Lyon's last title.
The winner of Wednesday's match between Monaco and Niort play Lyon in the final.
Ziani's goal came in the fourth minute after good work by Cameroon's Salomon Olembe to get through Lyon's defence.
Just a minute later, Lyon were back in the game. Laigle scored from a powerful shot after Steve Marlet pulled the ball back following a Vikash Dhorasoop pass.
Nantes proved stronger in the opening spell and Vahirua, fed by Nicolas Savinaud, clipped the ball past Lyon keeper Gregory Coupet before firing into an empty net.
Jeremie Brechet missed a chance for Lyon and Ziani did the same at the other end when Coupet parried his effort but it was Nantes, well organized in defence and midfield, who had the best of the first half.
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Kily Gonzalez to miss Valencia-Arsenal tie

AFP, Valencia
Kily Gonzalez will miss Valencia's Champions League quarter-final second-leg tie with Arsenal after tearing a muscle in his club's league tie at the weekend, club doctors said Tuesday.



Nicolas Gillet (R) of Nantes clears while Lyon's Brazilian ace Sonny Anderson looks on during their French League Cup semifinal at Lyon on April 10.

ACU goes to Sharjah

Cricket

REUTERS, London
Two investigators from the International Cricket Council (ICC) were flying to Sharjah on Wednesday to continue enquiries into match-fixing.
The ICC, however, said the four-day trip was not linked to the current triangular one-day tournament in the United Arab Emirates between New Zealand, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
Sir Paul Condon, director of the ICC Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU), said: "In keeping with our consistent policy of confidentiality we will not be commenting on who the investigators plan to see or the nature of their enquiries."
"The fact that a tournament is being played at present makes it useful and practical for members of my team to be there."
The ICC has been coordinating world-wide match-fixing investigations since cricket was rocked last year by the sacking of former South African captain Hansie Cronje after he admitted accepting money from a bookmaker.

Black Caps

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The stylish right-hander reached his century in the 33rd over, flicking Tuffey for a single to mid-wicket.
Jayasuriya completed 50 later in the same over and celebrated by pulling Tuffey for a six over square leg.
The Kiwis removed Jaywardena and Russel Arnold in successive overs to make it 188-4, but Jayasuriya hit out to help Sri Lanka add 77 runs in the last 10 overs.
Sri Lanka were forced to make one change from the team that lost to Pakistan by 16 runs in Sunday's opening match, replacing Romesh Kaluwitharana with off-spinner Kumar Dharmasena.
Kaluwitharana flew home on Monday to attend the funeral of his mother, but is expected to return before Sri Lanka's next match against Pakistan on Friday.

SCOREBOARD

Full scoreboard of the Sharjah tri-series match between New Zealand and Sri Lanka on Tuesday:

Sri Lanka: 269 for nine (M Jayawardena 116, S Jayasuriya 107; J Oram 3/40, D Tuffey 3/49)

NEW ZEALAND

Nevin lbw b M'tharan	48
Sinclair lbw b Arnold	60
Adams c De Saram b M'tharan	1
McMillan c and b Arnold	11
Vincent b J'suriya	2
Oram b J'suriya	4
Harris c J'wardena b M'tharan	14
Bell c and b Dharmasena	2
Franklin run out	1
Walker lbw b D'sena	3
Tuffey not out	7
Extras: (b-4, lb-1, w-4, nb-1)	10
Total: (All out in 42.1 overs)	163
Fall of wickets: 1-82, 2-85, 3-110, 4-116, 5-128, 6-134, 7-137, 8-139, 9-146	

Bowler O M R W
Vaas 5 0 32 0
Zoysa 5 0 24 0
D'sena 10 0 31 2
M'tharan 7 1 12 3
J'suriya 8 0 37 2
Arnold 7 0 22 2

Result: Sri Lanka won by 106 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Mahela Jayawardena.
Next match: Pakistan v New Zealand on Thursday.

SA's maiden

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SCOREBOARD
Final scoreboard on the fifth and final day of the fourth Test between West Indies and South Africa at the Antigua Recreation Ground on Tuesday:
SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 247 (H Gibbs 85, S Pollock 48 not out; M Dillon 3-47, N McGarrell 4-72)
WEST INDIES: First innings 140 (S Chanderpaul 40, L Klusener 3-15)
SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings 215-7 declared (H Gibbs 45, N McKenzie 44, S Pollock 41 not out; C Walsh 4-56)
WEST INDIES: Second innings (overnight 101-4)
Gayle c McKenzie b Boje 12
Hinds c Kirsten b Boje 29
Chanderpaul lbw b Boje 16
Hooper c McKenzie b Klusener 21
Lara c McKenzie b Kallis 91
Sarvan c Boucher b Pollock 26
Jacobs c Kirsten b Pollock 0
McGarrell c Kemp b Pollock 6
Dillon c Cullinan b Boje 1
Rammarine c Kirsten b Kallis 9
Walsh not out 4
Extras: (b-18, lb-3, nb-1) 25
Total: (All out in 99.4 overs) 240
Fall of wickets: 1-36, 2-56, 3-86, 4-89, 5-138, 6-138, 7-155, 8-176, 9-229

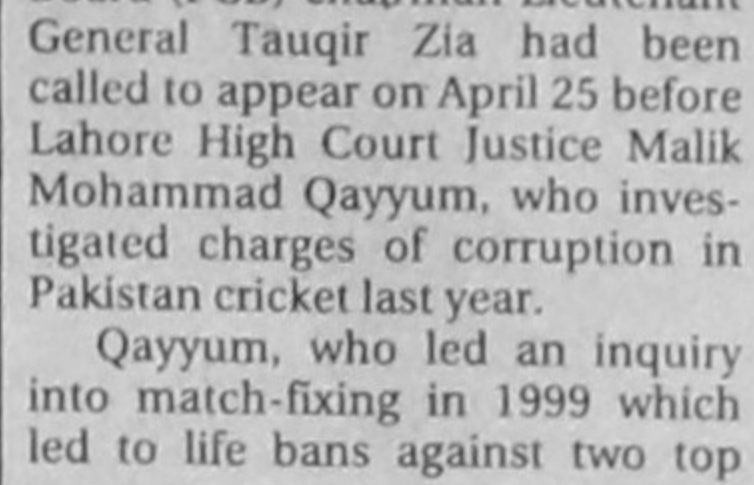
Bowler O M R W
Pollock 19 5 41 3
Kallis 15 4 6 23 2
Boje 45 9 118 4
Kemp 6 3 7 0
Klusener 14 6 30 1

Result: South Africa won by 82 runs and take an unassailable 2-0 lead.
Man-of-the-match: Shaun Pollock.
Next Test: April 19-23, Jamaica.

Miandad, Zia summoned

Cricket

AGENCIES, Lahore
A Pakistani court has summoned former cricket coach Javed Miandad to clarify his allegations of match-fixing following his team's poor show in New Zealand, officials said Wednesday.
Miandad and Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Lieutenant General Tauqir Zia had been called to appear on April 25 before Lahore High Court Justice Malik Mohammad Qayyum, who investigated charges of corruption in Pakistan cricket last year.
Qayyum, who led an inquiry into match-fixing in 1999 which led to life bans against two top players, took the action on a petition filed by advocate Afab Bajwa demanding a probe into Miandad's allegations.
"Miandad's allegations must be inquired into and if he proves them, action should be taken against the players involved," Bajwa said in his petition.
"And if Miandad fails to substantiate his claims a case should be filed against him."
Miandad, who was sacked as coach after the New Zealand tour, last week accused the team of deliberately losing the one-day series in February and demanded an inquiry.
"Enough is enough. I was silent for the sake of the country but now I demand an inquiry into Pakistan's loss in the one-day series," he said.
"Video and audio footage are available to prove the wrongdoings."
Pakistan lost the one-day series 3-2 and levelled the three-match Test series 1-1 in New Zealand.
Following the Qayyum commission's report, the PCB banned former captain Salim Malik and pacer Ata-ur-Rehman in May last year.
Six other players, including Wasim Akram and current captain Waqar Younis, were also fined.
Zia has ordered a probe into the team's fitness, attitude and



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Gavaskar for bouncer

Cricket

AP, New Delhi
India's former cricket captain, Sunil Gavaskar, wants pace bowlers to be permitted the use of bouncers in the initial stages of limited-over internationals when fielding restrictions put them at a disadvantage against pinch hitters.
Opening India's batting for nearly two decades, Gavaskar consistently came in the line of fire against some of the most fiery pace bowlers in the game's history.
The Indian opener's 34 Test centuries - the highest in Test cricket - stand testimony to his mastery over the fast bowlers.
It's payback time now for Gavaskar, who wants the paces to get back one of their most potent weapons - the bouncer - for the one-dayers. He proposes some restrictions on its use.
Bouncers passing over the batsman's shoulder in one-dayers are ruled 'no ball' under the existing playing conditions.
The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), on Gavaskar's initiative, has decided to propose to the International Cricket Council that one bouncer per over be allowed in the one-dayers while fielding restrictions remain in place.
The ICC technical committee, with Gavaskar among its members, will meet in London next month to review the game's playing conditions for the first time in three years.
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O'Leary's woes

Football

AFP, Leeds
Leeds manager David O'Leary is planning to bolster his squad with a summer spending spree after the trial of stars Lee Bowyer and Jonathan Woodgate collapsed this week.
The Guardian reported O'Leary would be given the go-ahead to draft in replacements with Bowyer and Woodgate both likely to be missing a large chunk of next season because of a retriad scheduled for October.
O'Leary's priority is at centre-back, where only Rio Ferdinand and Dominic Matteo are fit for duty.
Michael Duberry, acquitted last week of conspiracy to pervert the course of justice in the Leeds trial is suffering from a ruptured

achilles and Lucas Radebe is also out with a long-term injury.
"We're devastated at centre-back," O'Leary was quoted by the paper as saying.
"Michael would be fit if it hadn't been for the obvious problems and the nine weeks we've not been able to train him."
"We've not seen Jonathan Woodgate and he's not been able to play. The pairing of Dominic Matteo and Rio Ferdinand has been class but heaven forbid if we lose either one of them with the vital games coming up because we've nobody else to come in."
However Leeds chairman Peter Ridsdale told BBC Radio Five Live on Wednesday Woodgate and Duberry might be ready for a return to action by the end of the month.
"Both Jonathan and Michael are now available to David, as they have been all the way along, subject to fitness," Ridsdale said.

"Michael Duberry will be hopefully fit in the next three or four weeks, he would have been fit by now had he been receiving treatment and been able to train during the trial."
"And Jonathan hasn't trained over the last few weeks but he trained yesterday and could be back in contention within the next couple of weeks," Ridsdale said.
Leeds play Deportivo La Coruna in the Champions League quarter-finals next week and are also chasing automatic qualification into next season's competition in the Premiership.
They face Liverpool in a crunch battle at Anfield on Friday.
O'Leary is believed to be eyeing Spanish side Alaves's Romanian international Cosmin Contra, who scored twice in the Spanish side's 5-1 UEFA Cup mauling of Kaiserslautern last week, as a possible replacement.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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4 Crashing sound	44 Roundup equipment	1 Masculine pronoun	23 Make like Johnny Appleseed
8 "E-mc ² " factor	46 Mayflower traveler	3 Thatcher or Truman	27 Stocky horse
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13 Hawaiian seaport	51 Exam format	5 With it	30 "... against - of troubles"
14 Author James Hooper	52 Insignificant	6 "Tis a pity!"	31 Collars
15 Almond treat	56 Small insects	7 \$\$\$	33 1935
17 Pickle flavor	57 Entertainer	8 "The creation of Montpelier"	37 Colliers
18 Whitney's creation	58 Swelled head	9 Not "er"	38 Apiece
19 Original	59 Inquires advice	10 Actress	39 Attacks from all sides
21 Curtains	60 Socialist candidate	11 Broker's call	43 Under the clock
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28 John Lennon hit			48 Delicacy
32 Ceaselessly			49 Put together
34 Court			53 Tease
36 Houston acronym			54 Count
37 Arrangement			55 Bagel topping
39 Kramden's vehicle			
41 CSA soldier			

Solution time: 27 mins.

CRYPTOQUIP
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D A W T L V L T M R K P P
T M V J U R M F Y D K F Y
M W V M H L V G K F M W F
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHENEVER CALLING AN ELECTRICIAN, I WILL REVERSE THE CHARGES.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals S

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals Q, it will equal Q throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.
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