

A combo of photos showing (L), Bayern Munich head coach Ottmar Hitzfeld addressing his charges and (R), Boca Juniors players fooling around during their respective training sessions in Tokyo on November 26.

Inter-Continental Cup Europe v South America today

Football

AFP, Tokyo

European champions Bayern Munich arrived in Tokyo Monday without key player Stefan Effenberg for Tuesday's Inter-Continental Cup showdown with South American counterparts Boca Juniors

"His absence is a big disadvantage for our team," admitted head coach Ottmar Hitzfeld, who went to bed soon after arriving and overslept, delaying a press conference by 30 minutes.

"But we played many good games without him in the past and two forwards, (Marcelo Alejandro) I'm sure we will have no problem in Delgado and (Guillermo Barros) tomorrow's match. Schelotto "Overall, their defenders are well-

Effenberg, being hailed as the best skipper in Germany, pulled a thigh muscle on Saturday when never make a mistake. We shall Bayern fought out a goalless draw with FC Nuremberg in the Bundesliga.

Michael Tarnat also got a foot injury while striker Alexander Zickler is down with a fever. Both are likely to miss the world club championship clash

On the contrary, the South American champions arrived here last Wednesday from Argentina and have been practicing hard to shake off their jet lag.

Sagnol and Bixente Lizarazu, and "Of course, it's better to have one week for preparation, but it's imposare expected to fend off the Argensible for us because of the tight tine attacks. match schedule," said Hitzfeld, who denied jet lag would affect their play

UCB didn't want

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chance on any Boca mistake to

break through the Argentine defend-

he can control a game alone. (Jose

can kick a shot with his left foot,'

balanced, but it doesn't mean they

take the chance on their mistake in

considered a dangerous striker with

his speed and ability to rifle shots on

play patiently." added Hitzfeld.

"Riquelme is a very skilful player,

tomorrow."

said Hitzfeld

session.

goal from any angle

"But my players are young and won the Cup in 1981, I watched the they can recover soon, not like me. game on TV and I was delighted very much," said Elber. I'm sure they will be ready and concentrate on the pitch very well And I'm here now this time. I'll do

my best to win the Cup. I've won Hitzfeld picked Boca Juniors many titles, and this is the one I really want to win. It's not important midfielder Juan Roman Riquelme as the player to watch, and said the how many goals I can score." German team will try to take their

Bayern, the 1976 winners, are determined to put their nightmares from the 1999 UEFA Champions League final behind them. Then they bowed out to Manchester United through two goals in injury time to miss the world club final.

Maria) Calvo is also dangerous, he Boca Juniors midfielder Walter Nicolas Gaitan looks doubtful for "And we must be careful of the their line up in defence, the Argen-

tine head coach said Monday. "I haven't yet decided the starting line up, because Walter Gaitan got a slight injury during the practice vesterday and it's not sure he can play tomorrow," said Carlos Bianchi on the eve of the world club title match

defence, and I think we will have to "He felt something wrong when he hit the ball yesterday. He already After resting Monday afternoon. received a medical check. I'm going the German's were to go to the National Stadium for a practice to decide the starting players according to his condition tomorrow Among the Bayern side, Brazilian mornina international Giovane Elber is

"I have some choices, (Javier Alejandro) Vilolarreal, (Gustavo Hernan) Pinto and (Julio Javier) Marchant.

French internationals Willy Other starting players are expected to include playmaker Juan Croatian international Robert Kovac Roman Riquelme, goal keeper Oscar Eduardo Cordoba, defenders Rolando Carlos Schiavi, Jorge Daniel Martinez, Nicolas Andres

"For me, it's been my dream to come to Japan and win the Inter-Burdisso and Clemente Juan Rodri-

Continental Cup. When Flamengo

Strikers are Marcelo Alejandro Delgado and Guillermo Barros Schelotto with midfielders Christian Alberto Traverso and Omar Sebastian Perez

> "This team may be not as good as our team last year, because six players left the club and we had to build a new team this season," said Bianchi.

"But we've won the continental championship with this team and I think the level is almost the same. I believe we can cope with Bayern Munich squarely. We have a chance to beat them."

Last year, forward Martin Palermo scored early goals in the third and sixth minutes in the 2-1 win to secure their second world club title, following their 1977 victory.

However, Palermo moved to Spain after his success, and defenders Hugo Benjamin Ibarra and Jorge Hernan Bermudez also left the club.

"It's difficult to beat Bayern Munich. They are the number one club in Europe. We just try to do our best to win. We prepared for the match very well and we are ready to play in our top form," added Bianchi. It is the third Inter-Continental Cup challenge for Bianchi, who also guided Velez Sarsfield to victory over Italy's AC Milan in the 1994 final

The match kicks off at 7:10 pm local time (1010 GMT).

World Chess C'ships on AFP, Moscow

The World Chess Championships started in Moscow with an opening ceremony on Sunday at the Kremlin but without the two players rated the best in the world, Garry Kasparov and Vladimir Karmnik, Interfax news agency reported.

Playing is due to start on Tuesday for the 128 players in the open section and the 64 players in the women's section. Elimination rounds should end

on December 13, with the final being staged between January 3-13. The winner of the open tourna-

ment will take home three million dollars (3.42 million euros) while the women's tournament winner will receive 500,000 dollars. Last year the Indian Grand

Master Viswanathan Anand won the title. Kasparov and Karmnik do not recognise the World Chess

Federation (Fédération Internationale des Echecs, referred to as FIDE from its French acronym) and will be playing in another tournament being held at the same time, organised to honour to former Soviet champion Mikhael Botvinnik. Karmnik beat Kasparov to

become the world's number one ranked plaver at a tournament in London in November 2000. On Monday players will take part in registration procedings, including

Rainy draw at Hobart

Cricket

AFP, Hobart

This week's final Perth Test will decide the bedraggled Australia-New Zealand cricket series after the second Test here fizzled out to a draw following four days of matchinterrupting rain

The trans-Tasman series has been dogged by wretched weather, with rain intervening on seven of the 10 days' scheduled play in the Brisbane and Hobart Tests.

The Kiwis, who have chased massive Australian first innings declarations of 486-9 and 558-8 in the opening two Tests, will get a chance to shoot for a one-off Test and series win with conducive conditions at the WACA Ground starting Friday.

Only 19.2 overs were possible on Monday's final day when rain yet again washed out play with New Zealand at 243 for seven in their first innings, still 146 runs behind the follow-on target of 359.

Whereas rival captains Steve Waugh and Stephen Fleming contrived a marvellous finish in the Brisbane Test with some creative declarations for Australia to hang on for a dramatic draw after 10 hours' play had been lost, there was never that possibility here.

Rain sent the players off the field at 11.56am local time (0056 GMT) Monday. Adam Parore was on 10 over the previous three playing

and Daniel Vettori also on 10. A couple of pitch inspections stayed around to end a frustrating under weeping skies continued through mid-afternoon before both SCOREBOARD captains bit the bullet and settled for

Final scoreboard on the fifth and a draw at 3.08pm (0408 GMT). final day of the second Test between New-ball bowlers, Glenn Australia and New Zealand at the McGrath and Jason Gillespie, gave Bellerive Oval in Hobart on Monday: AUSTRALIA: First innings 558 for 8 Australia a sniff of a result at the declared (R Ponting 157 not out, J outset with three key wickets before the return of rain. Fleming was out Ibw to the day's 5-138 NEW ZEALAND: First innings

first ball in comical circumstances when McGrath got one to cut back. West Indian Steve Bucknor took

Richardson lbw b Gillespie ages before finally raising his finger Sinclair b Gillespie dismiss Fleming for 71. Fleming lbw b McGrath Yet again the Kiwi captain failed Astle c Warne b M Waugh to convert a half-century into only McMillan b Gillespie s third Test hundred in 62 Tests. Cairns c Gilchrist b McGrath

Craig McMillan, who was 51 not out overnight with Fleming, added four runs before he was bowled by Gillespie

McMillan shouldered arms and didn't play a shot to a delivery which cut back.

Six balls later big-hitting Chris Cairns, who almost stole the Brisbane Test with prodigious hitting, was out for 20 to a brilliant diving catch by wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist.

Gilchrist flung himself across Shane Warne at first slip to glove a marvellous catch off McGrath. New Zealand plunged to 223 for seven and still 136 runs short of the follow-on target after Australia's first

Umpires: Steve Bucknor and Steve Davis innings of 558 for eight declared. But rain, which punctuated play

December 4, Perth.

days, again lashed the ground and

Langer 123, M Hayden 91; D Vettori

Total: (For 7 wkts in 105.2 overs)243

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Result: Match drawn and series

Man-of-the-match: Ricky

Ponting. Third Test: November 30-

"We'll still be aggressive and

"Three or four of our guys haven't

New Zealand captain Stephen

back ourselves," said Waugh. "Our

done much so far in this series. of

which I'm one, so I'm keen to do well

Fleming said the Kiwis were happy

to escape with a draw against world

champions Australia in the second

best cricket is to come

over there (Perth).

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Draws raise a hope?

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Cricket

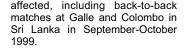
REUTERS/AFP, Hobart

A washed out second Test here has given New Zealand the outside prospect of upsetting world champions Australia as the cricket series heads to Perth for the final match.

The Hobart Test Monday became a victim of four days of frustrating rain interruptions to leave the series 0-0 after the first Brisbane Test also ended in a draw.

Both teams fly across the continent for Friday's last Test of the trans-Tasman series with the Kiwis still in it after the elements prevented Australia from cashing in on two massive first innings totals in Brisbane and Hobart.

The series has been dogged by so it shapes up as an exciting Test wretched weather, with rain inter-



vening on seven of the Tests' 10

under Steve Waugh's captaincy and

all of those have been heavily rain-

Four Tests have been drawn

Australia have won 20 and lost

Test on Monday. said Waugh, looking ahead to the

we would have been in command-Fleming said. ing positions in both Test matches, "To be out of it with a draw, yeah, so we've done all we can do and it we've got to be happy with that." wasn't possible to get a result here. Fleming said New Zealand had "From their (New Zealand's) to play catch-up in both drawn Tests point of view they obviously have a of the three-match series. chance of winning the Test series

PHOTO: AFF

Fleming had won the toss at the Bellerive Oval on Thursday and sent in Australia who made 558 for eight declared with centuries from Ricky Ponting and Justin Langer.

"In both Tests we have been coming from behind and that stems from the way we played on the first day, the first morning," Fleming said. "We tried to address it in this game and it probably went even more horribly wrong," he added.

Australia have not drawn a Test series at home since playing South Africa eight years ago for a 1-1

Miandad bats for Denness

REUTERS, Centurion

The United Cricket Board (UCB) of South Africa has denied media reports that chief executive Gerald Maiola asked the International REUTERS, Karachi Sachin Tendulkar a fine and a onewellbeing, but they put other considmatch suspended ban for ballerations before everything,' tampering in the drawn second Test. Miandad added. The ICC responded by stripping

Miandad, who is also a former Pakistan coach, said match officials the third game between the two

Reid on the basis of television

replays. The umpires did not report

refused to accept Pakistan's

request to change Reid as match

said.

to same team **REUTERS**, Hobart Australia named an unchanged 12 on Monday for the third Test against New Zealand in Perth which begins

a dope test for the first time.

Aussies stick

on Friday. New Zealand have yet to name their team for the third Test but have flown seam bowler Chris Drum to

Tuffey broke down during the second Test with a hamstring injury but is still given a chance of playing in Perth

Steve Waugh (captain), Matthew Hayden, Justin Langer, Ricky Ponting, Mark Waugh, Damien Martyn, Adam Gilchrist, Shane Warne, Brett Lee, Jason Gillespie,

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reported.

The ICC has turned down a PCB request that, on the basis of an earlier medical report from Perth university, Shoaib's case should be treated as a special one by the ICC and it should appoint a committee to made mistakes but the ICC had review his case. several forums where India could The PCB feels Shoaib does not have discussed its grievances. need to be put through stage two of "They can make their point in the ICC bowling action review other ways. Because the ICC still process, since the university report derives its powers from full memhas attributed hyper-mobility in the bers. They have to ensure the joints of his bowling arm to an illusanctity of the game," he said. sion being created at times that he "Waqar Younis was penalised throws rather than bowls the ball. last year for ball-tampering by John

Perth as cover for Darvl Tuffev.

SQUAD

Glenn McGrath, Andrew Bichel. PCB declares

It is the third time since December 1999 and the second time this year that Shoaib's action has been

three of their previous 24 Tests under Waugh. "There's no real pressure on us,"

"It's fair to say particularly in this Perth Test. Test we were always behind the "Without the weather intervening eight-ball, right from the first ball,"

Cricket Council (ICC) for financial compensation after India threatened to boycott the third Test if match referee Mike Denness was not removed.

"He never asked the ICC for any money; he told them how much the UCB stood to lose if the match did not go ahead." Bronwyn Wilkinson. UCB communications director said.

"What Gerald meant was that if anybody could have told him where he would find the 40 million rand the UCB stood to lose if the match did not go ahead, he would have been in a position to look at the situation differently."

UCB president Percy Sonn told reporters: "We may have lost 40 million rand if the Test didn't go ahead but it is untrue that Gerald (Maiola) would have asked for it from the ICC. 'That statement exceeds even

the bounds of the most stupid person. The match has been stripped of Test status after the UCB replaced

Denness in a major row over sanctions on six Indians after the second Test.

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Pakistan's former captain Javec Miandad has come out in support of the International Cricket Council (ICC) and embattled match referee

Mike Denness Miandad, who played 124 Tests. told this news agency that Indian and South African cricket officials had a duty towards the game as

mature members of the world cricket fraternity, but their failure had led to an unnecessary crisis. "I fear for the future of the game. No one is bigger than the game nor is anyone above the law. What

happens if a smaller country chalenges the authority of the ICC or the match referee tomorrow," he said. "India could have played the

match under protest. They would have still made their point without harming the game and making a mockery of the current (unofficial) Test and the role of a referee,' Miandad stated

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The United Cricket Board (UCB) of South Africa, under pressure from India, defied the ICC and replaced Denness as referee for the third



JAVED MIANDAD

"I have full sympathy for Denness. He was only using his powers and enforcing laws. both of which have been given to him by the ICC and its member nations, including India and South Africa," Miandad said.

"If the experts at the University want to physically evaluate his action once more, Akhtar will be him. Is he not a big player? The ICC sent to Perth immediately from Sydney," Rana stated.

referee in a recent Test, did Pakistan challenge the ICC authority?" he India look FROM PAGE 13 SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 566

"India might be a major money market for international cricket, but it does not mean they take the law into their own hands," said Miandad, who also sympathised with Tendulkar for being dragged into an unnecessary crisis.

"Tendulkar is a gentleman and sportsman. There is great regard for n in international cricket. I doubt if

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Australia captain Steve Waugh (L) and his New Zealand counterpart Stephen Fleming (R) discuss the prospect of play on the fifth and final day of the second Test at Hobart yesterday.

result The previous year, 1992-93, provided Australia's most recent

home Test series loss, 2-1 against West Indies. "The outcome of what's happened in this Test is very exciting for us now," Fleming said. "We have a

chance to win the series "We're not there by the quality of our play, we are there through other influences (bad weather), and we'd like to finish this tour playing a little bit better cricket."

Fleming said it was clear that New Zealand's bowling attack, led by Chris Cairns (1-122 off 28 overs), needed a massive overhaul.

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