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BRAVO BAYERN: 1) Bayern Munich's Ghanaian defender Samuel Kuffour (2nd from R), scoring from a goal-mouth scramble. 2) Kuffour is delighted after the goal. 3) Ecstatic Bayern players celebrate with the Intercontinental Cup trophy at Tokyo yesterday.

Bayern best of the continents

Football

AFP, Tokyo

Jet-lagged German club Bayern Munich stunned defending champions Boca Juniors of Argentina 1-0 in extra-time to lift their first Inter-Continental Cup for a quarter century here Tuesday.

Ghanaian defender Samuel Kuffour scored the sole goal in the 109th minute in a goal-mouth scramble following a left hand corner kick from Swiss international Ciriaco Sforza.

"The goal was meant for my daughter and wife. I am very happy," beamed 25-year-old Kuffour, who received the most valuable player's award of the match at Tokyo's flood-lit National Stadium.

"We yelled to each other in English as we fought well together up from and in the back."

The German club only arrived in Tokyo on Monday without key player Stefan Effenberg, who is injured, and denied Boca their third world club title following their triumphs in 1977 and last year.

"Bayern Munich made new history today by winning this match and proved we are the number one club in the world," said German head coach Ottmar Hitzfeld after winning the club's second world club title following their 1976 victory

"I'm glad that we won the game finally, but it took us too much time to get a goal. We should have scored earlier. Overall, we controled the game pretty well and played our game better than Boca Juniors did.

Butter-fingers Barthez

"We played patiently and made them run much, which resulted in the victory. I had believed that my players have no physical problems, they just needed a strong will to win, and they did it very well," added Hitzfeld.

"Bavern Munich won the title 25 years and we won again today. Bayern have been already a prestigeous club, and the important thing is what title we win. Although we lost the Super Cup, we came here thinking this is the title we really wanted to win."

The two sides were tied 0-0 after 90 minutes with Boca down to 10 men after striker Marcelo Delgado was sent off in first-half injury time with a second vellow card of the match.

Delgado received the first vellow card in the 19th minute by hitting a shot into the German goal after the referee whistled for off side, causing to delay the match

The cosmopolitan squad, whose starting line up included 10 internationals from Germany, France, Ghana, Croatia, England Brazil and Peru, controlled the game for most of the remainder of the contest.

In the 86th minute, Pizarro slammed a free-kick from the right side into Cordoba's arms while fellow Bayern forward Paulo Sergio did the same three minutes later

Boca squandered a scoring chance in injury time when Riquelme's free kick deep from the left was punched away by Kahn.

Only 20 seconds into extra-time, a Pizarro header went wide off the right post. Bulky German striker Carsten Jancker also missed a sitter in the first half of the 30-minute extra-time.

The Argentinians, piloted by head coach Carlos Bianchi, have been training since their arrival more than a week ago. It was Bianchi's last match

with Boca. He is widely rumoured to become head coach for Uruguay's World Cup team.

The victory meant the first world-class title for Hitzfeld, who has won 19 lesser titles as coach, including two European titles.

LINE-UPS

BAYERN MUNICH: Oliver Kahn, Willy Sagnol, Bixente Lizarazu, Samuel Kuffour, Robert Kovac (Ciriaco Sforza 76), Niko Kovac, Thorsten Fink, Owen Hargreaves (Carsten Jancker 76), Giovane Elber, Paulo Sergio, Claudio Pizarro (Pablo Thiam 118)

BOCA JUNIORS: Oscar Eduardo Cordova, Rolando Carlos Schiavi, Jorge Daniel Martinez (Jose Maria Calvo, Arief Sebastian Carreno 18, 110), Nicolas Andres Burdisso, Clemente Juan Rodriguez, Mauricio Alberto Serna, Christian Alberto Traveso, Juan Roman Riquelme, Javier Alejandro Villarreal (Gustavo Hernan Pinto 99), Marcelo Alejandro Delgado, Guillermo **Barros Schelotto**

Referee: Kim Milton Nielsen (Den) Linesmen: Joergen Jepsen (Den), Mikael Nilsson (Swe) Attendance: 51,360

ROLL OF HONOUR

The winners and losers in the Inter-Continental Cup clashes since 1980, when the annual play-off between the champions of Europe and South America became a one-leg tie played in Tokyo:

2001: BAYERN MUNICH (Ger) 1-0 Boca Juniors (Arg)

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- (after extra time)
- 1988: NACIONAL MONTEVIDEO (Uru) 2-2 PSV Eindhoven (Ned) after extra time; Nacional Montevideo won 7-6 on penalties) 1987: FC PORTO (Por) 2-1 Penarol (Uru)
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 1986: RIVER PLATE (Arg) 1-0 Steaua Bucharest (Rom)
 1985: JUVENTUS (Ita) 2-2 Argentinos Juniors (Arg) (after extra time; Juventus won 4-2 on penalties)
 1984: INDEPENDIENTE (Arg) 1-0 Liverpool (Eng)
 1983: GREMIO (Bra) 2-1 Hamburger SV (former West Germany)
 1982: PENAROL (Uru) 2-0 Aston Villa (Eng)
 1981: FLAMENGO (Bra) 3-0 Liverpool (Eng)
 1980: NACIONAL MONTEVIDEO (Uru) 1-0 Nottingham Forest (Eng)

Petit ponders Anastacia to sing retiring after



AFP. London

One of Britain's biggest supermarket chains said Monday it would be approaching Manchester United goalkeeper Fabien Barthez to advertise its own label of butter.

The chain decided the Frenchman was perfect for the job after his two mistakes handed United's title rivals Arsenal two of their goals in the 3-1 win on Sunday. Barthez's costly blunders are the latest of a series of eccentric errors by the butter-fingered shot-stopper.

The store said they now plan to approach Barthez over the next few weeks with a view to him fronting an advertising campaign for its brands.

Simon Soffe, a dairy produce spokesman for the supermarket, said: "After Sunday's performance no one can doubt that Fabien is the ultimate butter-fingers.

"Barthez's goalkeeping errors may have put him on a slippery slope with his boss Sir Alex Ferguson but he may unwittingly have handed himself an additional contract.'

Barthez was ridiculed by the English press on Monday after the player some describe as the world's best 'stopper' blundered again, hurting his club United's drive to trophies

The shaven-headed goalkeepe handed United's title rivals Arsenal two of their, in the latest of a series of eccentric errors which have cost the English champions dear.

Barthez miskicked an attempted clearance which fell to his international teammate Thierry Henry who easily scored Arsenal's second goal.

And Henry could hardly believe his luck five minutes later when the goalkeeper rushed from his goalline to collect a pass directed at Henry only to take his eve off the ball. letting it spill out of his hands and allowing Henry to sidefoot into an empty net.

"Mad United" blared the Daily Mail on Monday, adding: "Barthez committed footballing suicide at Highbury last night.

The Sun said the goalkeeper's performance had been: "The Gift of the Fab: Barthez howlers hand it to Henry.

In an article entitled "Barthez is rocky in horror show", the broad-



A CONTRAST IN FRENCH! Arsenal's French striker Thierry Henry (L) celebrates as his compatriot Manchester United goalkeeper Fabien Barthez gives a baffled look after their English premier league match at Highbury on November 25.

sheet Daily Telegraph said: "Barthez treated 38,174 spectators at Highbury to an exhibition of French surrealist theatre." The 30-year-old Barthez. the

bovfriend of supermodel Linda Evangelista, could be walking an increasingly treacherous path, as the latest gaffes came just weeks after he bungled to allow Deportivo

La Coruna of Spain to beat United in the multi-million-dollar Champions League And, in a 2-2 league draw against

newly promoted Blackburn, the Frenchman was twice caught in possession trying to dribble out of defence instead of just clearing the ball. Fortunately for him the home side squandered both chances.

United manager Alex Ferguson, who is famously publicly defensive of his players until suddenly selling them to the highest bidder when they let him down, refused to single out Barthez for criticism for the Arsenal defeat, instead lambasting his team as a whole.

Ferguson said: "It was an absolute disaster. "We were well beaten. out-played. Arsenal played magnificently

"That's the best Arsenal have ever played against us in my time at United. Give them full credit for that.

Barthez refused to comment - he told France's L'Equipe magazine recently that the English press distort everything he says.

But after this latest defeat, which leaves United sixth in the table, five points behind leaders Liverpool, he may well be wondering if his employers, one of the world's richest football clubs, might soon be reaching for the cheque book to sign a replacement.

The Daily Telegraph commented: "Yesterday's pantomime ... showed the United defence to be a gaping door, and Barthez to be a liability of such club-threatening proportions that Ferguson must be tempted to put him on the first ferry back to France.

Ferguson warned the Frenchman recently to curb his showboating antics or risk being dropped from the first team - sports iournalists throughout Britain were doubtlessly wishing they could be a fly on the wall in the coach's office when the United players return to training

But the blunders are seriously harming the reputation of the former Marseille and Monaco goalkeeper who helped France to a 3-0 win over Brazil in the 1998 World Cup final in Paris.

Barthez, who to be fair was solid in United's 1-1 Champions League draw against old foes Bayern Munich last week, is also suffering from comparison with Peter Schmeichel, the Danish goalkeeper who anchored United to five English Premierships titles and the 1999 Champions League.

After quitting United in 1999 for a spell in Portugal, Schmeichel is back playing in England and helping Aston Villa to a run at the title.

AFP, Tehran

Iran!

Dying with

A 17-year-old Iranian boy has died after he and a friend took an overdose of tranquilizers in Tehran following their national football team's failure to qualify for the World Cup 2002, the afternoon Kayhan

paper reported Tuesday. The youths were identified only as Farshad and Sajad, both in the care of Tehran's "Green House," a home for children without parents. or with parents deemed to be irresponsible.

Sajad died, while his friend, Farshad, has survived and is still in hospital, the newspaper said.

Home officials repeatedly tried to hand them back over to their families but their families did not want them," the daily quoted Mehdi Organi, deputy head of the Tehran's social and cultural department, as savina.

Organi called on parents to "pay more attention to their children." This year, after nearly every

World Cup 2002 qualifying match Iran's football-mad youth poured out onto the streets, win or lose, much to the distress of authorities here in Islamic Iran

Taylor reveals details AFP, London

PHOTO: INTERNE

The Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) will receive 175 million pounds (247 million dollars) over 10 years as part of the new television deal agreed with the Premiership League and the Football

League. PFA chief executive Gordon Taylor - who described securing the agreement as like winning the FA Cup which for him as a player proved elusive having lost in the semi-finals three times - revealed the deal that averted the players' strike, at the union's annual general meeting in Manchester on Monday.

Under the deal the PFA will receive 17.5 million pounds (24.7 million dollars) over each of the years of the 10-year deal

It was also agreed that if television revenue was reviewed over the 10 years then for every 1 percent increase the players' union would receive a further 0.75 percent of that figure, while for every 1 percent that television revenue decreases, the PFA's share would fall by 0.5 percent. "We've never had a deal like this.

It's fantastic and from my point of view just like winning the FA Cup," Taylor said.

World Cup song



AFP, Zurich American pop star Anastacia is to sing "Boom" the official theme song chosen for the 2002 World Cup Finals in South Korea and Japan, FIFA announced Tuesday. She will sing it for the first time in

Pusan, South Korea on Saturday when the draw for the finals will be made with 32 teams involved

Football

next year's World Cup finals.

Soccer Australia chairman Ian

Knop said Farina would be offered a

a number of European clubs, said

he would sit down with Soccer

Australia officials within the next two

me I would be flattered and seri-

ously consider it." he told reporters.

"If they happen to offer the job to

weeks to discuss his future.

AFP, Sydney

32 finalists

it," Farina said.

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Farina, Viduka to stay?

> "I have no intention of really leaving the place.

ANASTACIA

Farina played down Viduka's imminent retirement from international football

Viduka told a Sydney newspaper Australian football officials on Tuesday he would probably con-Tuesday said they were confident centrate on his club football for Frank Farina would stay on as English Premiership side Leeds coach and Mark Vidkua would not United after Australia crashed 3-0 to turn his back on the Socceroos Uruguay in Montevideo on Sunday following their failure to gualify for to miss out on next year's soccer showcase

"I don't know if I'm going to back up after this," Viduka told The Sydney Morning Herald

new four-year deal and that his association had not been financially "It's exhausting, mentally crippled despite missing out on a six exhausting. I'll probably go back to million US dollar bonus as one of the concentrating on club football. I was planning on making the World Cup And the 37-year-old Farina, who and all the hype around that, but it's has reportedly been approached by not to be.'

However, Farina said he had spoken to "big Dukes" and he was in aood spirits.

"He's a good lad. Mavbe the emotions have gotten in as well. Sometimes you say things that you change your mind about later on." However, Viduka's Leeds team-

"As I said there's nothing concrete from overseas. There's no mate Harry Kewell, whose return for paper on the table with a figure on the World Cup play-offs came after a two-year boycott of Australia, may "It definitely won't come down to mount a bid to captain his country if

money. It will come down to family, Farina stays on as coach. what I want as an individual in terms "He definitely wants to captain Australia one day," Kewell's agent "If I decide to stay in Australia it Bernie Mandic said Tuesday. "A lot will be a decision I am very comfortdepends on the future of Farina.

finals AFP, Paris

French international Emmanuel Petit said Monday that he was considering retiring after the 2002 World Cup finals next year in Japan and South Korea.

The Chelsea midfielder, who scored the final goal for France in their 1998 World Cup victory over Brazil, told French television that the idea of retiring 'had crossed his mind' though he didn't specify whether it was from international or all football

"I haven't told anyone. But I seriously think that the eventuality of me retiring after the World Cup has and does cross my mind."

And the 31-year-old former Monaco, Barcelona and Arsenal player said that he would prefer to take his leave rather than suffer what he termed the "humiliation" endured by former team-mates Didier Deschamps and Laurent Blanc

"I don't want to experience the type of humiliation of Didier Deschamps or Laurent Blanc or other members of the French team who gave enormous service to French football, but also to the people

The way they were thanked for , I don't want to know that. I'd prefer to leave than to give this satisfaction to certain people.

Hagi resigns as Romania boss

AFP, Bucharest

Romanian coach Gheorghe Hagi resigned on Monday after failing to lead the team to next year's World Cup finals

Hagi's agent Ioan Becali announced the move and said Hagi. who was formerly Romania's star player, had telephoned his decision to the president of the Romanian

Football Federation (FRF), Mircea Sandu "We will discuss the details of this

resignation when the president of the FRF returns home (from a visit to South Korea)," Becali explained.

"Hagi took this decision bacause the FRF did not give him the assurances he needed to carry on his activity," said Becali.