### mentor dead

Robert Schwan, the former Bayern Munich manager and mentor of German football legend Franz Beckenbauer, has died from a heart attack at the age of 80, his ex-club reported on Sunday.

Schwan, who suffered a minor coronary last week, passed away at his holiday home at Reith, near the Austrian ski resort of Kitzbuhel, on Saturday night.

Under his guidance Bayern Munich won three consecutive European titles in 1974, 75 and 76.

He joined the Bavarian giants in 1964, the same season as Beckenbauer who on hearing the news declared: "He was my best

"He followed me and was with me as player, manager and director over 40 years," added Beckenbauer, the World Cup winner as a player in 1974 and as manager 16 years later.

#### **Taylor baffles** Blake

AFP, Newport

Unseeded American Taylor Dent etched his name into the history books alongside his father, Phil, after beating top seed James Blake 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 to win the 400,000dollar Hall of Fame Tennis Championships.

The Dents are the only father and son to have won ATP singles titles in

Phil Dent, an Australian, won two singles and 14 doubles titles during his career.

"I'm ecstatic," said Dent of winning the grass court event. "I happier than I thought I would be. I've never won an ATP title before."

#### Change

FROM PAGE 13

in England from next season on top of the six (or seven if they reach the triangular final) that Fletcher's men already play is an indication of what coaches anxious to look after their players are up against.

International matches are the cash cows of modern cricket with attendances and sponsorship for domestic competitions in all Test countries, let alone aspiring nations, loose change in comparison.

Consequently the temptation for cricket chiefs to schedule more international games, particularly one-dayers, which are especially lucrative, is great and shows little sign of being resisted.

#### Abahani FROM PAGE 13

players and two at the opposite end

But for a few thousand fans it was like coming down to earth with a thud, as they had to readjust to the usual laborious and to some extent clumsy game after watching the greatest show on earth last month. Yellow cards: Partho, Nazrul

Khokon (Abahani), Anupam and Amin Rana (Badda Jagorani). **TEAMS** 

BADDA JAGARANI: Munna, Kingshuk, Anupom, Shamsher, Shamim (Shafiq), Mintu, Askar Khan, Azim, Uzzal, Jhonny (Anwar) and Amin Rana (Krishna)

ABAHANI KC: Apel, Partho, Nazrul, Shuvro, Montu (Aminul), Pranotosh, Igbal, Liton, Parvez (Jalal), Khokon and Bulbul, Referee: Abdur Rakib.

#### Tickets delayed

FROM PAGE 13 Cape Town in February 2003 and will entail 54 games at 15 venues in three countries - South Africa, Zimbabwe and Kenya.

Some 800,000 spectators are expected at the grounds while organisers claim a global audience in excess of one billion will view the tournament on television

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## Beckenbauer's HK enter semis

#### **ACC Trophy**

Cricket

AFP, Singapore

Hong Kong opener Alex French cracked an unbeaten 203 Monday against the Maldives, the highest score of ACC Trophy cricket tournament, to book his side a semifinal

In his first innings of the series after recovering from an injured hand, French carried his bat through the innings, bringing up his double century in the last over as Hong Kong took an 88-run victory.

"I'd survived a couple of missed stumping chances and when I got to there (to 200) on the third to last ball I was elated, then I felt ridiculously tired," the Hong Kong-born righthander said.

Hong Kong shattered the Maldives bowling attack, and finished the 50 overs at 347 for two, with Rahul Sharma adding 61 and Dave Mallinson 55. Maldives valiant chase ended in

the 48th over, all out for 259 with the bulk of the runs coming from Moosa Kaleem making 91, Mohammad Aflah 54 and Ibrahim Hussain 51.

French said his performance and Hong Kong's overwhelming win did not heal the disappointment of the weekend loss to Malaysia which finished unbeaten in Group B.

Malaysia Monday ended their pool series with a 94 run win over Rakesh Madhaven top-scored

with 72, and captain Suresh Navaratnam chimed in with an unbeaten 64 as Malaysia finished

Football

on 203 for five.

They then had Singapore out for 109 in the 43rd over, with M. Muniandy ripping through the top order to have Singapore at three for 14 at one stage and finishing with personal figures of 6.4 overs, two

In the third match Monday. Oman won the battle of the international debutantes with a 96 run win over Qatar.

Rakesh Sharma (92) and Hemal Mehta (89) guided Oman to 267 for six. In reply, Qatar were all out for

teams -- United Arab Emirates and Nepal -- clash Tuesday.

teams to believe the game was tied when the last Malaysian wicket fell on the penultimate ball with the scores level at 159.

sheets revealed Malaysia had been denied a run, Hong Kong appealed

"At the end of the 49th over the teams were told the score was 159 each and the last Malaysian wicket fell on the fifth ball," tournament official and jury member Anil Kalaver said.

the wicket fell. Both teams shook hands and thought overall it was a fair outcome, but then a check through the score sheets found the discrepancy in the 44th over."

Money not MU's problem

Hong Kong's appeal was even-

#### **Talking** burn-out

REUTERS, London

The controversial issue of player burn-out was on the agenda of an International Cricket Council (ICC) meeting with eight of the 10 testplaying nations' captains at Lord's on Monday

Several cricketers have retired from one form or other of the international game in recent years citing fatigue or withdrawn from tours for personal reasons.

England batsman Graham Thorpe was the latest player to retire from international one-day cricket at the weekend, saying he could not continue playing both versions of the game.

"In terms of keeping my body fit it is becoming harder to do so...I have decided to concentrate on playing test matches." Thorpe said after India beat England by two wickets in the final of a one-day triangular

The Surrey lefthander also said he wanted to spend more time with his children after his marriage had

England captain Nasser Hussain, who will attend the meeting along with India's Saurav Ganguly, Pakistan's Waqar Younis and South Africa's Shaun Pollock, said he was sorry to see Thorpe

"To lose Thorpey is a huge blow. He's the first casualty of the amount of cricket we have to play," Hussain said. "My body aches, I know how he feels.

England coach Duncan Fletcher was widely quoted on Monday advocating the national side touring during their domestic season to help international players receive a longer break during the European

"I am sure that down the line there will be more problems for some people with the amount of cricket played," Fletcher was quoted as saying in The Guardian newspa-

"(But) It is important when we play, not how much. Why are we not playing test cricket overseas in April and May or September and October? Then we can have time off in the winter." Fletcher said he had forwarded

his plan to the England Cricket Board for their consideration

#### Arantxa stoops to Myriam

REUTERS, Brussels

Unseeded Swiss teenager Myriam Casenova has fought back from a set down to win the WTA Women's French Community Championships 4-6, 6-2, 6-1 against Spanish top seed Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario. The 17-year-old struggled ini-

tially to impose herself, losing her opening service game with three double faults. Although leading 5-2 in the opening set, Sanchez-Vicario failed

to convert four set points and allowed Casenova to claim the The Spaniard made sure next time round but in the next two sets,

youth triumphed over experience. Casenova went on to win the first four games of the second set, using

a mixture of volleys and double backhand shots. "It was always a dream of mine to play against such a great player like

Arantxa -- and to win," Casenova Sanchez-Vicario, who missed

Wimbledon because of exhaustion, looked sluggish as unforced errors crept into her game. "I congratulate Myriam for a

great match," the 30-year-old Spaniard said. "I was quite tired but did I all could. It was a great tournament for me, especially reaching the

Sanchez-Vicario, four times grand slam winner, has struggled on the Tour this season, having been knocked out in the first round of the Australian and French Opens.

#### Carlos clinches Swedish Open

REUTERS, Bastad

Third seed Carlos Moya has won the Swedish Open by beating Moroccan Younes El Aynaoui 6-3, 2-6, 7-5 in a close-fought battle. "I was mentally tired (in the third

set) and it was very tough," Moya said. "I had to take risks to turn the match around." The Spaniard displayed a solid,

aggressive game in the first set with some effective volleying, often dominating the second-seeded Moroccan by playing to his weaker backhand side He broke El Aynaoui's opening

service game to take a 3-0 lead, before both players held serve until Mova clinched the set.

Moya looked like he was heading for a straight sets victory when he broke El Aynaoui's serve in the third game of the second set but the Moroccan raised his game winning five straight games to take the match into a decisive third.

But the final set saw Mova break El Avnaoui's serve to lead 6-5 before the Spaniard finished in style serving out the match to love.



Spaniard Alex Corretja holds the winner's trophy after beating Argentine Gaston Gaudio in the Swiss Open final in

# Swiss Open Corretja's

time Spanish domination of this

high-altitude event, where the clay

plays much like a hard-court due to

the village's altitude of 1,030 metres

Tennis

AFP, Gstaad

Title-hungry Alex Corretja snapped a trophy drought lasting for nearly a year as he claimed his third Swiss Open title here Sunday beating Argentine Gaston Gaudio 6-3, 7-6, The likeable 28-year-old

Spanish eighth seed credited the good food of Gstaad - "I really like the spaghetti here" - for his longsought success. Corretja, who has played in three French Open finals, won the Gstaad

title in 1998 and 2000 but his last tournament triumph came 51 weeks ago in Amsterdam, also on clay. The victory continued the long-

Spaniards have won five of the last six finals, with Corretja's last triumph here one of five titles he won during 2000.

above sea level

"This court suits my game," said the winner. "I didn't lose a set all week. I'm

really happy with the way that I

played. It's good to win a title again." Victory took Corretja's haul to 16 career titles from 29 finals and an overall record this year of 23 wins

and 11 losses. The Spaniard, who had to play a late evening match under lights against Czech qualifier Radek

Stepanek to reach the best-of-five

against Gaudio, winner of back-toback honours in Barcelona and Mallorca in April.

Corretja broke for a 5-3 lead in the opening set, then raced ahead in a second-se tie-breaker, taking a 5-2 margin and winning it with a crisp backhand volley at the net.

In the third, the 23-year-old Gaudio continued the fight, forcing errors as Corretja served for the math, The last five games of the match featured four breaks of serve to force another tie-break.

Corretja found his form again as he started with an ace, then reached 5-3 with a back-hand winner. The Spaniard took victory on the first of three match points as Gaudio returned wide.

# More than a consolation

Manchester.

AFP, Manchester

Manchester hopes to finally bury the miserable and costly memory of two failed Olympic bids when it stages the 17th Commonwealth Games from July 25-August 4.

the 2000 and 2004 Olympics could may turn into a consolation Games, but organisers of the fourth largest sports event in the world are confident their multi-million dollar investment will put the doubters in their

for the event built as part of a major rejuvenation of the city's run down eastern boroughs.

the Games, said the event would provide a massive boost to the sporting reputation of Britain.

"The Commonwealth Games will be a tremendous opportunity for Britain to host a truly prestigious international event and the people of Manchester are looking forward to welcoming athletes and visitors alike to their city," said Allen.

for everyone, bringing world class sports to our doorstep and a celebration of the Commonwealth in Her

Maiesty the Queen's Jubilee year." However, the build-up to the Games has not been without its problems - both sporting and politi-

Cathy Freeman of Australia, regarded as one of the biggest draws, pulled out to look after her husband who has cancer. Freeman said American sports-

wear executive Alexander (Sandy) Bodecker, has a tumour in the back of his mouth and needs chemotherapy and radiation treatment.

Freeman had already been dogged by a stress reaction in her left thigh which had ruled her out of the Commonwealth Games trials in March.

of Zimbabwe has caused conster-Australian Prime Minister John

Howard raised the prospect of the African nation, which won two golds at the last Games in 1998, being banned from Manchester. Zimbabwe has already been

suspended from the Commonwealth councils for 12 months following the re-election of resident Robert Mugabe. But the chief executive of the

Commonwealth Games Federation, Mike Hooper, said that as long as Zimbabwe remained a memer of the Commonwealth they had a right to compete in Manchester. Zimbabwe was suspended only

from the councils of the Commonwealth and not from the Commonwealth itself

sented from the giants of Australia England and Canada to tiny outposts like the South Sea island Nauru and the Caribbean state of St Vincent and the Grenadines.

They will be taking part in 16 individual sports and three team

Amongst the better known British names on show will be Sydney Olympic 2000 medallists such as Jonathan Edwards, Steve Backley and Darren Campbell.

There are other household ames - in athletics Ato Boldon of Trinidad and Tobago, Maria Mutola of Mozambique and Obadele Thompson from Barbados will be

going for gold in the stadium too. Canada's Simon Whitfield, who on an Olympic Gold in the triathlon, will also be competing as will Australian swimming sensation lan

Three events at the Commonwealth Games will be virtual world championships - netball, lawn bowls and squash are largely exclusive to Commonwealth countries.

The events will take place at 15 different venues in Manchester and the northwest as well as the national shooting centre at Bisley in the southern county of Surrey.

Sportcity, a state-of-the-art complex built around the 38,000 capacity City of Manchester stadium, features the National Squash Centre, the National Cycling Centre and the Indoor Tennis Centre.

standings changed little and

Spaniard Igor Gonzalez de

Galdeano retained his 34-sec lead

Kroon, a little-known rider in the

"Cycling is really 80 percent

peloton, said it was all just too much

frustration and the days that every-

thing go to plan are so seldom - so

it's easy to see why I'm so emo-

tional," said the teary-eyed Kroon

over Lance Armstrong.

for him to handle.

## Cycling

Rabobank rider Karsten Kroon picked the right day to unleash three years of frustration on the Tour de France here Sunday

was celebrating his most significant win in three largely winless years with the Dutch team, topped a Dutch 1-2-3 at the finish line of the eighth stage to deny the French a win on

After 4hr 36min 52sec of riding, Tour debutant Kroon crossed the

Dekker of Rabobank came third after the 217.5km stage from St Martin de Landelles to Plouay in Britanny on a day when the overall

after the race. "When you've been searching for your first major win and then it comes in a stage in the Tour de France.. As Kroon got to grips with his emotions, the rest of the peloton, save those in the hunt for the green points winners jersey, had probably started thinking about Monday's 52km time trial. The main bunch, including Galdeano and Armstrong, came in around a minute later, with Australian champion Robbie McEwen claiming eighth place in a sprint for the line against Erik Zabel and compatriot Baden Cooke. Zabel holds a slim two-point lead

over McEwen in the race for the green jersey, with Australian duo Cooke and Stuart O'Grady in third and fourth places respectively. But although Zabel is coming under a sustained Aussie attack, the

race for the yellow jersey is dominating the news

# their national holiday of Bastille Day.

France on July 14.



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two matches and are scheduled to maidens, four wickets for nine runs. meet Tuesday Khuram Khan again set the UAE on the path to victory with his second century in as many matches as the defending champions raced to a

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check of the score sheet for accu-

In Group A, defending champi-

Coming in at 76 for three, Khan

shared in a 134-run partnership

with Atif Ali on his way to scoring

113. Ali contributed 40 as UAE

raced to 289 for nine off their 50

from Arshad Ali then ripped the

Kuwait batting apart as he took five

for 10 and the innings ended in the

42nd over with Kuwait all out for

Nepal maintained their

Batting first, Nepal were all out

The Qatari batsmen never

looked capable of achieving the

target, and appeared mesmerised

by Mahaboob Alam who ripped

through the top order and finished

over, all out for 80 with the best

performance being a 15 not out by

Qatar's reply ended in the 36th

with five for 24 off six overs.

Ammenullah Khan.

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Gauchan heading the batting

honours with a well-compiled 53.

unbeaten record with a 130 run win

over debutants Qatar.

An incredible spell of bowling

ons United Arab Emirates (UAE)

and Nepal remain unbeaten after

166 run win over Kuwait.

In Group A, the two unbeaten

On Sunday, Malaysia took an outright lead in the group with a controversial one-wicket victory, which took the jury two hours to

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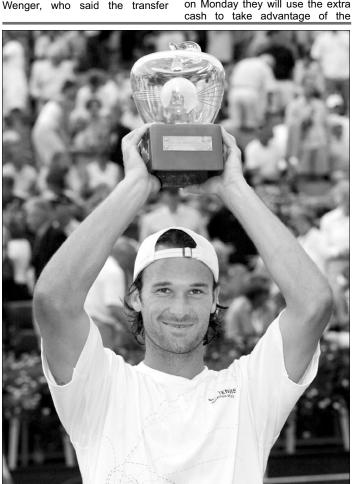
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"There were four dot balls then

depressed state of the transfer market had come to a standstill because of a shortage of money among the top European clubs.

European champions Real Madrid have said they will not be making any off-season signings and Manchester United will use soccer's Inter Milan's Ronaldo, Christian Vieri and Alvaro Recoba have financial crisis to regain their grip on the English game, the club's chief

offered to take pay cuts. executive Peter Kenyon warned But Manchester United have their English premier league rivals. recently signed a 300 million pound The crisis was highlighted last kit deal with sportswear giants Nike and Kenyon was quoted as saying week by Arsenal manager Arsene on Monday they will use the extra



Carlos Moya of Spain holds aloft the trophy after defeating Moroccan

Younes El Aynaoui in the Swedish Open final on Sunday.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BUDDHISTS DON'T BELIEVE IN NOVOCAIN. THEY MUST TRY TO

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

well-resourced basis. That's helped us to do as well as we have over the past decade on and off the pitch,' Kenyon told the Daily Mirror news-"The transfer market is as tight

as it has ever been. That's been

driven by the biggest clubs in what

have traditionally been the biggestspending countries - Italy and Spain - not having the money they have "The consequence of that is that there has not been a lot of activity by

normal standards, with clubs look-

ing to sell rather than buy.

"We're not in that position. Clearly we are not going to overspend. Then again in the marketplace as it is there is no need to do that, because the players are already on the market. Kenyon added that his club

would not rushed into panic buys even if Leeds United defender Rio Road and not move to Manchester. Ferdinand has said he will decide on Tuesday whether to accept or

turn down a possible 35 million pound move to United. "Getting the defence right was very much the priority. If you look at the size of our squad it's not about having to bring in lots of players. It is about quality rather than quantity,

"If you are looking to sign world-

class players it always longer than if you're just bringing in a utility player. "There is no panicking with us. It's about getting the best players. We don't believe in buying players for one season or to get us over a short-term situation. It is about making sure we get the right players who are the right age and are going to continue to give us what we need for a few seasons not just one

### Guga back

campaign.'

Kenyon said.

in action AFP, Stuttgart

Brazil's former world number one Gustavo Kuerten returns to the tennis circuit after a month of rest to compete at the 500,000-dollar Mercedes Cup which starts on Monday.

Kuerten, who underwent hip

surgery in February and started on

court again in April, didn't bother

with the grass court season. Instead, the 24-year-old returned home for a relaxing few weeks in his home country. His comeback to competition will only be a brief re-introduction to his favoured clay prior to travelling to North America for the summer hard-

court season leading to the US

Kuerten lost at the French Open in early June to Spain's Albert Costa, who went on to take the title. Stuttgart is a comfortable venue for Kuerten, who won the title - and the luxury car which comes with with

Kuerten is keeping his expectations in hand as his career resumes. "I'm more satisfied and much more happy than I was (before his sur-

it - in 1998 and last year. In 2001, he

mowed down Argentina Guillermo

Canas in straight sets.

Olympic 400 metres champion

Losing out in the race to stage have prompted fears that the event

The capital costs of staging the Games are expected to total approximately 750 million dollars, a large part of which has gone into the building of Sportcity, the main venue

Charles Allen, the chairman of

"My vision is for a Games that are

There will be 72 nations repre-

The 26-year-old Dutchman, who

line ahead of compatriot Servais Knaven, who rides for Domo, to leave last vear's Paris-Roubaix classic winner in second. World Cup champion Erik



Dutch Kasten Kroon celebrates after winning the eighth stage of the Tour de