

Angry Anwar threatens quitting

AFP, Lahore

Former Pakistan opener Saeed Anwar laid into national selectors Monday for ignoring him for the forthcoming Zimbabwe tour and hinted at possible retirement.

"If Pakistan has a better opener than me he must be selected, but I can't understand how they ignored me by saying I lack confidence," Anwar told AFP in an interview.

"I am consulting my seniors and may opt for retirement if the situation remains the same.

Anwar, 34, who holds the world record for the highest one-day score of 194, failed to find a place in Pakistan's test and one-day squad for next month's tour of Zimbabwe. Chief selector Wasim Bari rea-

soned Anwar lacked confidence in batting, noting he only scored three runs in a recent trial match. Anwar, who last year became a

devout Muslim after the death of his only daughter, blamed selectors for not giving him a chance in this month's series against Australia. "Selectors did not pick me for the

FROM PAGE 13 of 28.50, including 98 against series against Australia (even Pakistan at Rawalpindi in 1998-99. though) I had told captain Waqar Younis and manager Yawar Saeed on the all-time list of appearances,

that I wanted to play," he said. behind Allan Border (156), Stephen "Instead the wrong impression Waugh (151), West Indian Courtney was created that I had asked for Walsh (132) and former Indian great rest."

Kapil Dev (131). Pakistan suffered a devastating 3-0 drubbing by Australia in the time run-scoring list, recording series in the United Arab Emirates' 8.029 runs at an average of 41.82. Sharjah. He has 20 centuries to his name.

"I made 52 against Sri Lanka and 28 not out against the Netherlands seasons, averaging 35 or less in his in the Champions Trophy last month last four series and just 80 runs in but was axed," said Anwar. four appearances during Australia's

After tallying 4,052 runs in 55 tests and 8.605 runs in 242 one-day internationals, Anwar said he chose to leave the game two months back when he was dropped for the triseries in Kenya.

"But selectors picked me for the ICC (International Cricket Council) event." he said.

Anwar said Pakistan cricket was "at a dangerous crossroads." "Interest in cricket has waned

and people have stopped watching cricket because of defeats," he said.

"If quick steps are not taken drop a catch it might lose the game Pakistan cricket will suffer the same for the team and I don't think that fate as hockey and squash. was the ideal way to play your

Green Delta hockey

BSS, Dhaka

Dhaka Hockey Club defeated Combined Sporting Club 2-1 in the Green Delta Insurance Second Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhashani National Stadium vesterday.

where he scored 138. Waugh has The winners led the first half 1-0 been virtually an ever-present in the through a Shafiul Alam field goal in Australiane

Pollock praises Bangladesh

Cricket

REUTERS. Potchefstroom South Africa captain Shaun Pollock thinks Bangladesh are improving as

a test side, despite suffering their second crushing defeat. Bangladesh were skittled for 107

in their second innings to lose by an innings and 160 runs before tea on Day Three, but Pollock believes the test newcomers' lack of success is understandable.

"They've obviously got to start somewhere," Pollock said. "They should probably play a lot more test cricket at home for the next few years. It's difficult for them to come into these conditions and be expected to perform well.

Mark Waugh's 128 Tests sits fifth

Waugh is also 11th on the all-

But he has struggled in recent

3-0 whitewash of Pakistan earlier

tors, Trevor Hohns, said the deci-

sion to drop Waugh was a tough one

Australia's chairman of selec-

"Unfortunately, the contribution

Waugh agreed that he had not

scored enough runs, compiling just

25 from his last three innings as

Australia crushed Pakistan in

Chairman of selectors Trevor

Since his Test debut against

Hohns told Waugh on Saturday that

he was out of the Test team because

England in the fourth Test at the

Adelaide Oval in January 1991

Colombo and Sharjah.

and the form of Mark hasn't been

this month.

for the panel.

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cricket.'

of his form.

"But as the tour's gone on they've shown a lot of improvement and this experience will be invaluable for them.' Pollock was supported by his coach Eric Simons, who feels

Bangladesh had made significant progress. "I think they've shown a vast

Australia close

Clarke

said

SQUAD

of match).

improvement over the course of the one-day and test series," Simons said. "We might look back in a few years time and say that it was a good thing that they came here.

"They themselves keep on saying that this is all part of a learning process for them and I've certainly felt that they've learned. But they're struggling a bit at the moment, there's no doubt about that."

what he would like and ultimately, in

the end, probably what we would

like over the last 12 months, so we

not an issue compared to younger

contenders Jimmy Maher. Mike

Hussey, Simon Katich and Michael

tours and it's only natural that he

warrants this opportunity," Hohns

Stephen Waugh (captain), Matthew

Hayden, Justin Langer, Ricky

Ponting, Darren Lehmann, Damien

Martyn, Adam Gilchrist, Shane

Hohns said Lehmann's age was

thought the time was appropriate."

Div I handball Another

Sport

hospital statement said.

Thursday.

football

shortly after arriving in hospital on

It was a tragedy for the

Colombian league leaders and the

44-million-strong population of a

country which is passionate about

Espinoza were struck by lightning.

The 24-year-old striker Cordoba

A further hospital statement on

Sunday said: "Giovanny Cordoba

died after the strong electrical

charge caused irreversible damage

display Sunday to rip the sixth seed

6-7, 6-0, 6-3, 6-2 for the title at the

began with a second-round upset of

Paradorn, the toast of his native

650,000-dollar Stockholm Open.

was in intensive care in a critical

(0015 GMT on Friday).

to multiple organs."

BSS, Dhaka Colombian Victoria Sporting Club defeated

Surjodoy Krira Chakra 18-6 in the tragedy Bata First Division Handball League at the court adjacent to the AFP, Bogota Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday Colombian footballer Giovanny

Victoria dominated the first half 13-6.

Tuhin netted six goals while Sagar added three for the winners. Raja reduced three goals for the losers

Farlier the first match of the day between Prime Sporting Club and Bhratritta Samaj Kalyan Sangha ended in a 14-14 draw with Bhratritta leading the first session 7-

Ripon scored the highest six goals for Prime Sporting, while Shaheen was the leading scorer for Bhratritta with four goals to his credit.

JU cricket **OUR CORRESPONDENT**

Physics moved into the

quarterfinals of the inter-department cricket tournament of Jahangirnagar University (JU) beating Bangla by one-wicket at the Central playground yesterday. Winning the toss Bangla batted

condition but the other three players were described as stable, accordfirst and scored 92 runs for eight in ing to a hospital statement at the stipulated 25 overs. Arup was the highest contributor 7:15pm local time on Thursday

with unbeaten 29. I iton claimed 2 wickets for 15 runs. In reply, Physics reached the

target of 93 runs losing 9 wickets in "Darren has been the next cab off 24.1 overs. Liton scored highest 10 runs. the rank for the last three or four

> Mobin and Saveed grabbed 3 wickets each for 9 and 12 runs respectively.

Warne, Jason Gillespie, Brett Lee, Andrew Bichel, Glenn McGrath over Mohammedan. (12th man to be named on morning

the Army Stadium, turned into a farce as the more experienced Rahmatganj booters hardly made an attempt to win.

For the records, Shah Jamal scored twice in the 18th and 23rd minutes while Hasnat scored in the 62nd minutes for BAF.

Mohammedan, who play their last match against Badda Jagarani today, now have a fine opportunity to reach the last four provided they

Double defeats

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win.

In the women's section there was disappointment too for Bangladesh when they lost to their 15th seeded Dutch counterparts 3-0.

IWM Rani Hamid fell to WGM Peng Zhaoquin, Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa was beaten by WGM Tea Bosboom-Lanchava and Zakia Sultana conceded to Schuurman

Bayern's last chance

CHAMPS LEAGUE

AFP, Paris

Cordoba died on Sunday, three Four-time winners Bayern Munich days after being struck by lighting must beat Deportivo La Coruna on while training with Deportivo Cali, a Tuesday to have any chance of pulling themselves out of their crisis Cordoba was the second player to advance in the European to be killed by lightning in the same Champions League. incident after Herman Gaviria died

In the last four seasons, Bayern have reached the quarter-finals, semi-finals, finished runners-up and were the 2001 champions in a prime example of consistency in the continent's most prestigious and glamorous club competition.

Yet just one point from four During a storm on Thursday games in first round Group G this afternoon when the team were season has thrust Ottmar Hitzfeld's training in a stadium in Pance, to the men into this must-win situation in south of the Cali, Gaviria, Cordoba, the northwestern Spanish city of Carlos Alvarez. Giovanny Coruna.

Hernandez and Julian Mauricio Hampering Bayern's build-up, World Cup hero Oliver Kahn is out of The five players were taken to Tuesday's fixture after tearing a hospital in Cali, 470km south west thigh muscle in Wednesday's 2-1 of capital Bogota, but 33-year-old defeat at AC Milan and will probably attacking midfielder Gaviria died not return till early next month. shortly after arriving at the hospital.

Stand-in keeper Stefan Wessels who replaced Kahn early in the second half against Milan, will once more be between the posts in Spain.

Hitzfeld put a brave face on the predicament: "We have always been able to count on Stefan each time we have needed him. He has never let us down," he said

Injured Kahn of course did not play in Munich's 3-3 German league draw against Hannover 96 on Saturday, instead deciding to play golf. Hitzfeld confirmed he had the blessing of the club to relax away from the pressures of the sport.

"The medical staff knew what he was up to and he needed to destress himself," Hitzfeld added. "He has been quite worked up in

recent days." Midfielder Owen Hargreaves is unlikely to play as he is still suffering from a thigh problem though Hitzfeld has included the England international in the travelling party.

French international defender Willy Sagnol, who hurt his left knee Thailand after a run to glory which against Hannover, and Bosnian midfielder Hasan Salihamidzic, who Andre Agassi at Wimbledon and hurt his groin in the same fixture, are carried on for a first career title two further doubts. months later at Long Island, was

"It's a race against time and we probably won't know much more till a couple of hours before the match," continued Hitzfeld.

A victory at Deportivo followed by a home victory over Lens should see Bayern through. French club Lens will be hoping

AC Milan's qualification for the

Inter back atop

Serie A

Football

Bologna on Sunday.

Chievo on Saturday,

who remain second.

14 years.

Inter's performance lacked imagina-

tion but was happy to take three

valuable points in the club's pursuit

for their first Italian championship in

"It wasn't spectacular," said the

"We didn't play well but much of

"We would like to play pretty

football every week but that's not

AFP. Milan

second round last week might bring complacency into their ranks in ons in Cyprus on Tuesday, but northern France in the other match having already secured their place in the group. in the second phase they were able

Lens will be at full-strength apart from long-term absentee Zoumana Camara, though there is a slight doubt over Senegalese midfielder Pape Bouba Diop with a groin injury. Manchester United set off for their Champions League Group F clash with Maccabi Haifa on Sunday with a handful of youngsters in place

of some of their biggest names

FIXTURES

European Champions League first round fixtures this week:

TUESDAY

Group E

Juventus (Ita) v Feyenoord

Newcastle (Eng) v Dynamo

Group F

Maccabi Haifa (Isr) v Man-

Bayer Leverkusen (Ger) v

Group G

Deportivo La Coruna (Spa) v

Lens (Fra) v AC Milan (Ita)

Group H

Galatasaray (Tur) v Lokomotiv

FC Bruges (Bel) v Barcelona

WEDNESDAY

Group A

PSV Eindhoven (Ned) v

Borussia Dortmund (Ger) v

Group B

Liverpool (Eng) v Valencia

Spartak Moscow (Rus) v FC

Basel (Swi) - postponed till

November 6 as a mark of

respect to the Moscow hostage

crisis

(Bel)

(Ita)

Group D

Inter Milan (Ita) v Rosenborg

(Nor)

Group C

(Spa)

Auxerre (Fra)

Arsenal (Eng)

Moscow (Rus)

(Spa)

Bayern Munich (Ger)

chester United (Eng)

Olympiakos (Gre)

(Ned)

Kiev (Ukr)

With Barthez left at home, United are expected to start with Spain's Ricardo in goal

Ben Williams.

Carsten Ramelow and Zoltan Sebescen are doubts for Bayer Leverkusen in their home match against Greeks Olympiakos in the other match in the pool.

The Daily Star

United face the Israeli champi

to rest David Beckham. Laurent

hamstring problem, Ryan Giggs,

who missed Saturday's draw with

Aston Villa with a knee injury, and

Nicky Butt, who is to undergo ankle

surgery on Tuesday, were also

choice midfielder to get on the plane

and Cypriot fans can expect to get a

glimpse of youngsters Mads Timm,

Mark Lynch, Daniel Nardiello and

Paul Scholes was the only first

missing from the 19-strong party.

Ruud van Nistelrooy, who has a

Blanc and Fabien Barthez.

German international defender Ramelow, who missed the 1-1 draw at Hertha Berlin on Saturday because of flu, was not able to train on Sunday and is likely to miss the game

Utility midfielder Sebescen, who got a knee knock and was replaced midway through the first half against Berlin, will need a late fitness test.

Juventus host Feyenoord in tight Group E with the Dutchmen back to form after a recent run of poor results.

Bert van Marwijk's men thrashed Willem II Tilburg 5-1 in the Dutch league on Saturday after a sequence of five matches without a win in all competitions to ease the pressure on the under-fire coach.

Newcastle, buoyed by their 1-0 win over Juventus last week after three defeats, still have a ray of hope on the run-up to their home match against Dynamo Kiev.

Frenchman Laurent Robert, who hit the winner in their 2-1 Premiership win over Charlton, has hit top form and received high praise from Magpies boss Bobby Robson.

"Laurent missed an easy chance against Juventus, but on Saturday he scored with a cannon bolt." said Robson. "When his left foot is on song, his shots are unstoppable.

Barcelona, the other team apart from Milan and Manchester to have AEK Athens (Gre) v Genk gualified, travel to Belgians FC Bruges in Group H Real Madrid (Spa) v AS Roma

and Turks Galatasaray host Lokomotiv Moscow.

Primera Liga Leaders leave it very late AFP, Madrid

appeared to be a yard offside before crossing for Vieri to power a header beyond Gianluca Pagliuca. In Sunday's late match, Lazio were held to a 2-2 draw by AS Roma in a thrilling Rome derby at the Stadio Olimpico. Inter Milan reclaimed first place in the Italian football league as sec-After a goalless first-half, ond-half goals from Marco Stefano Fiore gave Lazio the lead before Marco Delvecchio and Materazzi and Christian Vieri clinched a 2-0 home victory over Gabriel Batistuta put Roma in the driving seat. Unbeaten Inter, who lost the Dejan Stankovic levelled the services of World Cup winner scores 15 minutes from time, and Ronaldo to Real Madrid in the Roberto Mancini's men should have summer, leapfrogged neighbours taken all three points but Sinisa AC Milan after they suffered their Mihajlovic's late penalty was brilfirst league defeat of the season at liantly saved by Roma goalkeeper Francesco Antonioli Inter have 16 points from six In Sunday's other matches, a matches, three more than Milan Roberto Baggio penalty secured a 1-1 draw for Brescia at home to Coach Hector Cuper admitted fellow strugglers Como.

Worn down Taylor next on 157.

Yet for a batsman of his stylish pedigree Waugh had a frustrating inability to go on and score big centuries. Of his 20 Test tons, Waugh's top score was an unbeater 153 against India at Bangalore in

March 1998 Compare that to his brother Steve, who has a highest score of 200, and Test teammates Matthew Hayden's 203, Ricky Ponting's 197 Justin Langer's 223 and Adam Gilchrist's unbeaten 204.

He is also Australia's all-time leading run scorer in one-day internationals. He was a member of the Australian team that won the 1999 World Cup.

Paradorn Physics will take on History on November 9. prevails Mukti reach AFP, Stockholm FROM PAGE 13 Paradorn Srichaphan steam-rolled following their shock 4-3 victory Chile's Marcelo Rios with a 30-ace

The match, held in isolation at

unstoppable on serve at the Kungligahallen. A sellout crowd of around 4,000 turned the Swedish royal venue into a mini-Davis Cup, with chanting, flag-waving and

sinaina Nalbandian

breaks the jinx

AFP, Basel

Wimbledon finalist David Nalbandian's long quest for his first ATP title finally came to an end here

the 27th minute

Combined Sporting struck back when their skipper Ramzan found the net in the 43rd minute from a penalty corner

However, Shakil converted a penalty corner for Dhaka Club two minutes from time to win the match.

Dilkusha Sporting Club take on Shishu Kishore Sangha in today's match.

Gulshan Club snooker

SPORTS REPORTER

JAM Nasir and Yasir M Farooque moved into the second round of the Gulshan Club President Gold Cup Billiards and Snooker Tournament vesterday.

Nasir of Winia Snooker Parlour outplayed hosts Shamsul Alam 3-1 while Dhaka Club's Yasir won all three frames against Fathum Mubin Khan of Bangladesh Billiard Centre.

PHOTO COURTES Scene from match between Yasir M Faroogue and Fathum Mubin Khan during the Gulshan Club President Gold Cup Billiards and Snooker Tournament yesterday.

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF TWO EGOTISTS WERE TO DATE AND THEN MARRY, ONE MIGHT

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals G

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands to

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.

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His peerless ability in the slips to He made his Test debut after he was called in the Australian side at snap up reflex catches netted him the record 181 dismissals, an averthe expense of his brother. He was named Wisden Cricketer of the Year age of 1.41 catches a match with former Australian Test skipper Mark for 1991.

They remain on 1.5 points.

Petra

Russia lead with six points, half a point more than defending champions China. In Monday's third round matches

the men play Cyprus while the women meet Yemen

'Keep sports

FROM PAGE 13

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman moderated. Hafizuddin said professional and efficient management was required to run the bodies. The former general secretary and president of Bangladesh Football Federation also appealed to keep politics out of sports

Terming match-fixing as a dangerous insect, he said, "We never thought of doing such a thing during our days. "Those involved in such an evil

practice should be given exemplary punishment," he suggested.

Fazlur Rahman gave a brief report on sporting activities in the past year.

"We have taken up a number of programmes beginning at the grassroots level and extending facilities in Dhaka and other parts of the country.'

He referred to a memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed between his ministry and the Ministry of Education whereby both would work towards implementing a 16-point programme for unearthing talents

Sunday The Argentinian who had taken Wimbledon by storm in the summer

until meeting his match in Lleyton Hewitt won the one million dollar Basel Open beating Chilean Fernando Gonzalez 6-4, 6-3, 6-2. The number six seed's landmark

success on only his second full season as a member of the ATP tour took just 98 minutes, reflecting the one-sided nature of this all South American encounter



AFP, Linz

Belgian fourth seed Justine Henin saw off an ailing Alexandra Stevenson of the United States 6-3 6-0 here Sunday to lift the 585,000dollar WTA crown in Linz.

chain-smoking Argentinian. Stevenson, 21 and ranked 22 on the women's tour, had swatted top that was down to Bologna. They seed Jennifer Capriati on her way to closed down the space and always the trophy match but a left thigh had plenty of players behind the injury hampered her movement and ball. They didn't make things easy the contest was a mismatch on the for us."

dav She gave it her best shot in the opening set but in the second Henin rattled through easily."

Stevenson apologised for not being able to make more of a match of it.

she said on the verge of tears as she

Formers in the fore

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Aminul not out

Jubair 41, Shamimul 22, Enamul Sr 3-45, Hasibul 3-51) BANGLADESH A: First innings 225 all out in 68.2 overs (Enamul Sr 49, Mehrab 30, Naimur 30, Anwar 29, Ehsanul 24, Aminul 22, Enamul 6-65, Shafaq 2-49) **DEVELOPMENT SQUAD: Second** innings 207 all out in 78.2 overs (Mahmudullah 62. Jahurul 37. Nazimuddin 37, Shamimul 28, Enamul Sr 4-54, Hasibul 3-36) BANGLADESH A: Second innings (overnight 60 for no loss in 24 overs) Mehrab Ibw b Kamrul 26 48 Ehsanul c Kafi b Kamrul Naimur c Rabbani b Kamrul 21

Extras: (lb-2, nb-1) overs) MR Bowler 0 5 38 Shafaq 15 Rabban 0 11 Bashar 7.2 1 32 Enamul Jr 22 6 52 Mahmudullah 0 13 Kamrul 15 1 60 Result: Bangladesh A won by seven wickets. Man-of-the-match: Enamul Hoque (Bangladesh A) Next match: Bangladesh

always possible. "Performances are not always important, it's results that count." Bologna coach Francesco Guidolin was disappointed not to leave with at least a point after keeping Inter at bay for almost two 47 thirds of the match. Total: (For 3 wickets in 69.2 in 69.2 "We rarely looked in trouble until Materazzi's goal," he said. 208 "Inter had two chances and they Fall of wickets: 1-72, 2-81, 3-125.

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Inter's second goal had an element of luck about it as Argentina international Hernan Crespo

looping header into the corner of the

Perugia took some of the heat off under-fire coach Serse Cosmi by beating newly-promoted Modena 2-0 at the Renato Curi stadium.

Brazilian Jose Ze Maria converted from the spot after Fabrizio Miccoli was brought down in the box to give Perugia an early lead before Rehman Rezaei's left-foot vollev doubled the home side's tally before the break

Parma edged basement club Atalanta 2-1 at their Ennio Tardini stadium thanks to goals from Japanese international Hidetoshi Nakata and Adrian Mutu

Gianni Comandini scored a late consolation goal for the visitors. Renzo Ulivieri's first game in charge of Torino got off to a promising start when Alessandro Conticchio gave them an early lead at Reggina.

But the hosts took all three points with Erjon Bogdani and Carlos Paredes on target for the southern-

Empoli came from behind to win 2-1 at Piacenza, Ighli Vanucchi

grabbing a late winner. On Saturday Juventus moved up to third courtesy of Chile international Marcelo Salas' goal three minutes after half-time in a 1-0 win at home to Udinese

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а	Bologna	6	3	2	1 8 5 11	
0	AS Roma	6	3	1	2 14 10 10	

An injury-time penalty by Javier De Pedro earned Real Sociedad a 2-1 victory over Racing Santander on Sunday to extend their lead at the top of the Spanish First Division to three

Real top the table with 17 points from seven games and are the only unbeaten team, followed by Valencia and Celta Vigo on 14 points and separated by goal difference.

Racing started off the game at a canter, intent on producing more of the giant-killing exploits that saw them beat Real Madrid seven days ago.

The home side was rocked when Javi Guerrero headed Racing in front after 23 minutes.

It looked as though Real would live to regret the myriad of chances squandered by their front line, and

TABLE

Spanish football league table after Sunday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points);

especially Darko Kovacevic, until the Yugoslav striker finally found the net after 74 minutes.

Real then threw everything at the visitors and the pressure paid off when Nihat Kahveci broke clear a minute into injury time and Racing defender Neru Enrique had no othe option but to haul down the Turkish midfielder in the box.

Amidst scenes of pandemonium both on and off the pitch, Neru was shown the red card.

De Pedro then kept his cool and slotted the ball past Jose Maria Ceballos in the Racing goal, who until that point had produced heroics and thwarted several clear-cut Rea chances

Two goals in the first six minutes was not enough for Malaga to avoid defeat by Espanyol and see their own unbeaten streak come to an end.

Espanyol got their winner four minutes from time to notch up a 4-3 victory.

The three points gained by the inspired Catalan visitors to the Costa Del Sol, their first away win in the league for more than a year, means that Espanyol climb out of the relegation zone for the first time this season After losing their first three games Mallorca extended their winning

streak to four games in a row with a 2 0 victory over Osasuna.

Sevilla won their first game of the season thanks to two first-half strikes from Antonito Ramiro, his first goals in the top flight of Spanish footbal

(Mahmudullah 62, Nazimuddin 45,

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"I am sorry I couldn't play better," ended up limping off.

Akram not out

Bangladesh A on November 4.

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took both of them. Inter struggled to make the

breakthrough at the San Siro

against a stubborn Bologna side also protecting an unbeaten record. But Materazzi eased the pressure on the home side by giving

Inter the lead in the 66th minute. leaping highest to meet lyar Cordoba's free-kick and send a

net.

recent weeks at home and in Europe "It's a natural instinct for players to hit the ball long when there is little space to play, " he added.

The former Valencia boss defended his side's use of the long ball which has paid dividends in