

Eriksson hails Lampard Euro 2004 probables named



REUTERS, London

England coach Sven-Goran Eriksson has hailed Frank Lampard and hinted the Chelsea midfielder could force his way into the starting line-up at Euro 2004.

can." Although Butt has more experience in internationals and at club level with Manchester United, Eriksson pointed to Lampard's past year with Chelsea and their run to the Champions League semi-finals.

going to try to attack and score goals." Meanwhile, Eriksson named defenders Ledley King and Jamie Carragher in his Euro 2004 squad.

ENGLAND SQUAD

- Goalkeepers: David James, Paul Robinson, Ian Walker; Defenders: Gary Neville, Phil Neville, John Terry, Ledley King, Jamie Carragher, Sol Campbell, Ashley Cole, Wayne Bridge; Midfielders: David Beckham, Nicky Butt, Paul Scholes, Steven Gerrard, Owen Hargreaves, Frank Lampard, Joe Cole, Kieron Dyer; Forwards: Michael Owen, Wayne Rooney, Emile Heskey, Darius Vassell

Olympic soccer at risk

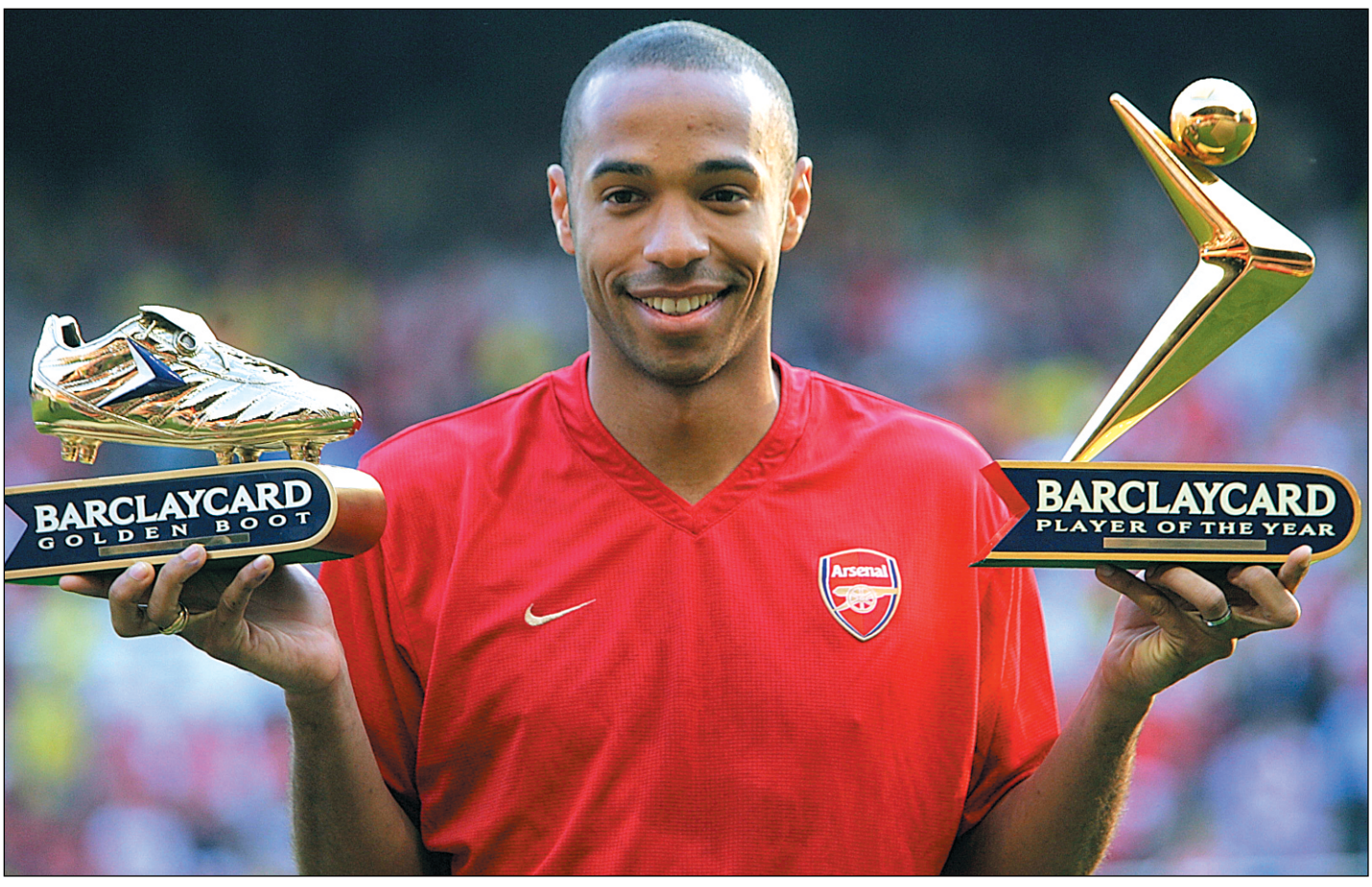
REUTERS, Paris

Soccer could be dropped from this summer's Olympic Games if FIFA does not settle a new dispute over doping sanctions with World Anti-Doping Agency WADA and the International Olympic Committee.

Heskey leaves the Reds

AFF, Birmingham

Birmingham City said Tuesday they had signed England striker Emile Heskey from Liverpool for 6.25 million pounds (9.32 million euros).



THEORY HENRY! Arsenal's French international star Thierry Henry holds his accolades -- the highest scorer's one in right hand and the player-of-the-year's one in the left -- before the Martin Keown testimonial match at Highbury on Monday.

Valencia's 'double' mission UEFA Cup final today



REUTERS, Gothenburg

Three years on from the heartache of losing a second successive Champions League final, Valencia will be desperate to claim a European trophy against Olympique Marseille in the UEFA Cup final on Wednesday.

final. They previously won the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup, the forerunner to the UEFA Cup, in 1962 and 1963.

yielded 32 goals overall, including 11 in Europe.

A 1-0 win in the San Siro over Inter in the second leg of the quarterfinals to complete a 2-0 aggregate win was proof that Marseille will be no pushovers in Gothenburg.

Honeymoon's over?



REUTERS, Madrid

David Beckham's season with Real Madrid, which began with such a fanfare, has ended in a dispiriting defeat and a sending-off that symbolises his team's miserable campaign.

hopes of a league, cup and Champions League treble. Then they were dumped out of the Champions League quarterfinals by Monaco and surrendered an eight-point lead at the



DAVID BECKHAM top of the Primera Liga, handing the title to Valencia. Beckham's private life became the stuff of media frenzy in April

following newspaper allegations -- denied by the player -- that he had an affair with his former personal assistant.

Thai deal done



AFF, Bangkok

English Premier League side Liverpool have agreed "in principle" to sell a 30 per cent stake to Thailand, which will hold a public lottery to fund the deal, officials said Tuesday.

randum of understanding) to them and they countered with their draft to us and then we have to have further negotiation.



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legal representatives to Britain to work out the details of the agreement.

Calypso Cocktail

FROM PAGE 13 marijuana business which is easy for any local bloke to get into and more rewarding in terms of money.

Afridi-powered

Table with 4 columns: Player, Runs, Wickets, Extras. Includes Mahmudullah, Bashir, Kamrul, Sajal, Afridi, Monjurul, Nazmul, Ashraf, Afridi, Kamrul.

BSJA awards

Bangladesh Sports Journalists Association (BSJA) yesterday announced the list of its sports award recipients for the years 2002 and 2003.

Magura cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT Crescent Cricket Club moved into the semifinals of the Abdul Latif Smriti cricket tournament defeating Tuhid Smriti Sangha by four wickets at the Mithun-Musa-Kazal playground yesterday.

Court clears

FROM PAGE 13 Atapattu of Sri Lanka and Andy Flower of Zimbabwe had also modelled for the company.

Back to his luck

FROM PAGE 13 referring to Beximco's Pakistani all-rounder Abdul Razzaq and Kenyan master batsman Steve Tikolo.

Umpires wired

FROM PAGE 13 Meanwhile New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming said he was relishing the prospect of taking on world champions Australia in the Champions Trophy.