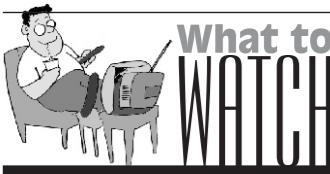




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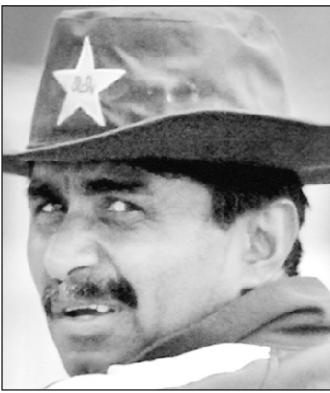
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(Former Pakistan cricket coach)
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After being sacked as Pakistan's coach.



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CJKS football

CU CORRESPONDENT

BCIC Krira Sangsad and City Corporation Ekdash won their respective matches in the CJKS Elite Paint Premier League at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

BCIC defeated Agrabad Nowjoan 1-0. Kanchan netted the winning goal at 19th minute in the first half.

In the second match of the day, City Corporation inflicted a 3-1 defeat on Customs Sporting Club.

Milon, Anwar and Tipu netted for the winners while Lutfar reduced the margin for the losers.

Abahani will take on Friends Club at the same venue today.



PHOTO: REUTERS

OH DEAR! French custodian Fabien Barthez (R) walks away from teammates towards his goal area after Croatia scored their second goal at the Magalhaes Pessoa stadium in Leiria on June 17.

Croat fright for France



REUTERS, Leiria

two and the Swiss one.

France play Switzerland in the final round, needing just a draw to advance. England play Croatia, also needing a point, but Croatia and Switzerland could still qualify with wins.

"We've seen that in football things can quickly change," said France coach Jacques Santini. "Against England, we scored two quick goals. Today it was the Croats who did it to us. We can't repeat these moments of weakness with Rapac's blasted effort."

Santini had recalled captain Marcel Desailly to his defence, which had an unfamiliar look with Mikael Silvestre moving to left back and Bixente Lizarazu rested.

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France, who had scored twice in three minutes to beat England on Sunday, were stunned but quickly collected themselves and drew

footed.

France jogged off the field halfway to achieving their target of a second win to guarantee qualification but within seven minutes of the restart they were trailing.

The equaliser came three minutes into the second half after Silvestre bundled over Dovani Rossi in the area. French keeper Fabien Barthez had saved England captain David Beckham's penalty on Sunday but had no chance with Rapac's blasted effort.

The massed hordes of red and white checked Croatian fans erupted to acclaim their first goal of the tournament and four minutes later they took the roof off to celebrate the second.

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level with a hotly-disputed goal.

Trezeguet charged down a Butina clearance, the ball hitting his arm, before slotting into the empty net from a tight angle.

The Croatian players complained bitterly to Danish referee Kim Milton Nielsen but the goal stood.

"My feeling is that the referees in this tournament are protecting the stronger teams a little bit," Croatia coach Otto Baric said.

France then went for the win, sending on Robert Pires for the rusty-looking Sylvain Wiltord but they could not find a way through and came close to losing the game in injury time.

Niko Kovac got behind the by-now ragged French defence to cross low for Ivica Mornar but the substitute striker somehow struck his close-range shot over the bar.

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Sumathipala granted bail

AFP, Colombo

Sachin begs to differ

Cricket

AFP, Bangalore

India's batting superstar Sachin Tendulkar Friday stepped into a debate sparked by his captain that middle-order batsman Yuvraj Singh would be promoted as a Test opener in the coming season.

"My personal opinion is that Akash Chopra has done exceptionally well as an opener," Tendulkar said after his captain Saurav Ganguly confirmed last week that Yuvraj would open the innings in the new season.

Chopra opened the innings with Virender Sehwag in eight successive Tests before being axed in the third and final match against Pakistan in April.

"(He) Chopra is very solid and has had two tough Test series (against Australia and Pakistan). He looked very confident and not out of place. He is mentally tough," Tendulkar said at a training camp here.

Yuvraj has played just four Tests in the middle order, but Ganguly said the batsman had the ability to succeed in his new role.

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