The Turkish football federation

has even made an official complaint

on Monday about Swiss supporters

whistling the Turkish national

anthem in Bern on Saturday and

about coach Fatih Terim having

physical force used against him as he

who was injured in their 1-0 victory

over Norway in Oslo on Saturday, is

doubtful for Wednesday's return

Borussia Dortmund's Rosicky is

suffering from ankle and knee injuries

after being hit hard by the ball from a

kick by Liverpool's John Arne Riise.

'My injury has not got any better since

Saturday although the doctor and

physio have been trying to assure me,"

"Even if I don't play at all till

Wednesday, I would love to play. This

Czech coach Karel Bruckner must

The other encounter is a finely-

balanced affair concerning Bahrain

against Trinidad and Tobago, who

drew 1-1 in the first leg, with the return

FIXTURES

Wednesday's World Cup play-off 2nd

legs (1st leg result in brackets)

Czech Republic v Norway (1-0)

already do without captain Tomas

Galasek, suspended after receiving a

is not just another match.

second vellow card.

in the Middle East.

At Prague

At Bratislava

At Istanbul

At Sydney

At Manama

Slovakia v Spain (1-5)

Turkey v Switzerland (0-2)

Australia v Uruguay (0-1)

Bahrain v Trinidad and Tobago (1-1)

Czech midfielder Tomas Rosicky,

tried to get to a press conference.

match in Prague.

Rosicky said.

90 booters to be vaccinated

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Ninety footballers from the U-17, U-20 and national teams will be given hepatitis-B vaccines from Friday at the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) Bhaban

GlaxcoSmithKline Bangladesh Limited will vaccinate free of cost as the manufacturer signed an agreement with BFF recently.

The announcement came Tuesday at a press conference while BFF president SA Sultan addressed newsmen at the BFF conference-

BFF general secretary Anwarul Haq Helal, GlaxcoSmithKline Bangladesh Ltd communication manager Ashok Dey Roy and BFF medical committee chairman Dr. Mashiur Rahman were present.

Dr Mashiur said: "We have found five per cent of footballers, playing in the different leagues and tournaments in Dhaka, were affected by the hepatitis virus every year and as a result their respective clubs have been missing the services those affected footballers.'

He informed that GlaxcoSmith-Kline agreed in principal to provide hepatitis-A vaccine to all sporting clubs of the city.

Salahuddin

He informed that a local physio has already started working with the national team.

The BFF chief had also named Under-17 and U-20 team officials but according to Salahuddin, the NTMC would now announce the name of the

"Yes, we are going choose the officials because the president has handed over the authority to us," he

India ready

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them back and make it hard for them to play to the best of their ability."

The tourists are without prolific opener Herschelle Gibbs and spinner Nicky Boje, who withdrew from the tour after failing to get a guarantee from Indian police that they will not be questioned or arrested in the Hansie Cronje match-fixing scandal dating back to 2000

"Herschelle and Nicky are seasoned players, but their absence gives young players a chance to establish themselves in the national side," said Smith, the touring cap-

After Wednesday's day match, the remaining four games will be played under lights at Bangalore (Nov 19), Chennai (Nov 22), Kolkata (Nov 25) and Mumbai (Nov 28).

SQUADS

INDIA (from): Rahul Dravid (captain), Virender Sehwag, Sachin Tendulkar, Gautam Gambhir, Yuvraj Singh, Mohammad Kaif, Mahendra Dhoni, Suresh Raina, Irfan Pathan, Ajit Agarkar, Jai Prakash Yadav, Rudra Pratap Singh, Sri Sreesanth, Harbhajan Singh, Murali Kartik.

SOUTH AFRICA (from): Graeme Smith (captain), AB de Villiers, Jacques Kallis, Justin Kemp, Ashwell Prince, Mark Boucher, Charl Langeveldt, Shaun Pollock. Justin Ontong, Johan Botha, Andre Nel, Makhaya Ntini, Robin Peterson, Andrew Hall, Albie Morkel.

Mercury rising ahead of final battles



Controversy is plaguing Wednesday's World Cup play-off second leg ties -the final hurdle of a 26-month qualifying campaign to determine the cast list for next year's finals in Germany.

The last five places of the 32-team competition are up for grabs and the tense build-up has been taking its toll.

The Swiss team were booed by Turkish supporters on their arrival in Istanbul, a Slovak player has accused FIFA of favouring Spain, a Uruguay player has said they have a divine right to play in the finals and their match against Australia will be tense anyway because of a history of controversy.

And the Australians are claiming a psychological edge over their Uruguayan rivals by enjoying the comforts of a charter flight home $Monday from \, Montevideo.$

The Uruguayan contingent arrived early Monday travelling in plain old economy class on a commercial flight two hours ahead of the Australian party, which flew home on a speciallychartered plane equipped with massage tables and medical staff.

The two-time World Cun-winning Uruguay are taking a 1-0 lead into the second leg at Sydney's Olympic stadium after Dario Rodriguez's firsthalf goal at Estadio Centenario on

Football Federation Australia (FFA) chief executive John O'Neill said the Australian team's easier flight may prove decisive in their chances of ending a 32-year wait to qualify for next year's World Cup finals in

should be congratulated -- the whole trip went unbelievably smoothly," O'Neill told reporters upon arrival at

"The players were well rested and they'll be very well prepared for Wednesday night. The charter flight could really be the difference between Australia getting there and not getting

As well as the extra massage and video facilities, two doctors, a physiotherapist and massage expert accompanied the squad on the charter flight for the 11.865-kilometre (7.373-mile)

Meanwhile Slovakian midfielder Miroslav Karhan accused football's world governing body FIFA of not wanting his country to qualify for the 2006 World Cup finals at the expense

Spain thrashed Slovakia 5-1 in the first leg on Saturday and VfL Wolfsburg midfielder Miroslav Karhan claimed the result, and some dubious refereeing decisions, smacked of a conspiracy against

"FIFA does not want Slovakia at the World Cup," Karhan told the Wolfsburger Nachrichten. "Spain have more influence and

would be a better guest in Germany. It is a disgrace and a catastrophe. The Swiss team, who lead Turkey

2-0, only left Istanbul's Ataturk airport after a two-hour-and-a-half hour wait under police protection on Monday.

Television images on the CNN-Turk station also showed several dozens of Turkish fans shouting insults at the players.

And the Anatolie press agency reported that airport personnel had even displayed a Turkish flag with the slogan "Welcome to Hell, 5-0."

It's Beximco

"Is he playing cricket? What's the point of fielding a foreign player like him at the cost of a local cricketer?' remarked Whatmore after watching Tariq Mehmud in action.

Out-of-favour paceman Tareq Aziz Khan claimed the first three wickets and finished with 3-33 in 8 overs while his new ball partner Shahadat took two for 39 and spinner Sabbir Khan two for 19.

Pacer Alamgir Kabir was the most successful Acme bowler with 4-25 while ace left-arm spinner Rafique and Hasibul Hossain took two wickets each

BEXIMCO-GAZI TANKS

Veteran Akram Khan led starstudded Beximco to recover from an early damage to score a fourwicket victory against Gazi Tanks.

Chasing Gazi's 160, Beximco lost Mehrab Hossain (3), Al Shahriar (1), Kenyan Steve Tikolo (8) and Mohammad Ashraful (1) with only 34 runs on the board. But the big man joined opener Rajin Saleh to repair the innings as they produced 72 runs for the fifth wicket.

Akram hit 59 off 81 halls that produced nine fours while Rajin added a 99-ball 44 with five fours

Wicketkeeper Mohammad Shahin was the other notable scorer with 36 as Beximco reached the target of 163 for the loss of 6 wickets in 44.2 overs.

Earlier Gazi Tank saw a batting collapse after opting to bat. Captain Khaled Mahmud at least saved more humiliation by scoring team highest 43 off 56 balls when his side was struggling on 86-6.

Nazmul Hossain, Mahbubul Alam, Abdur Razzak Raj and Steve Tikolo captured two wickets each

Cantona Premiership Butt may resolve fans' greatest

Football

Eric Cantona has been voted the greatest player in the history of the English Premier League in a global survey of football fans.

The inaugural Premiership Global Fans Report, commissioned on behalf of league sponsors Barclays, one of Britain's leading banks, analysed the opinions of more than 26,000 fans from 170 different countries.

France international Cantona, who starred in England for Leeds and Manchester United, received 17 per cent of

However, fans in Singapore (34 per

cent) and Thailand (29 per cent) preferred former Denmark goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel, a teammate of Cantona's at United. The survey also asked fans for details

of their ideal Premiership match with 22 per cent of respondents saying it should be played at United's Old Trafford

Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho topped the poll for 'favourite Premiership manager' with 28 per cent

Meanwhile the survey revealed that Brazil striker Ronaldinho, currently at Spanish giants Barcelona, was the footballer fans would most like to see join the Premiership.

Arsenal and France forward Thierry Henry was voted favourite current player with 17 per cent of the poll.

Meanwhile nearly half of the respondents from Brazil (46 per cent), whose

creature

pastry

17 Stretched

(out)

Solution time: 25 mins

43 Put forth

45 Appella-

46 Venom-

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50 24/7.

48 Halloween

instructor

poetically

51 Hamelin

44 Sailing

56 Rich

20 Burpee

22 It's

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27 Candle

29 Like

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ISPs

sister

blouse

34 Sailor's

31 Fred's

partments

'samba' style of football is admired the world over, revealed thy followed the Premiership because of the way the game was played.

Old Trafford was voted the greatest football stadium in the world but fans in France, Germany, China and Hong Kong put Liverpool's Anfield ground in first place.

According to the survey, United had the biggest overall global fan base (25 per cent) but Arsenal and Chelsea have a bigger following in Kenya, Nigeria, Italy and Portugal.

"Over 500 million people across the globe regularly tune in to watch Premiership games," said Barclays managing director Jim Hytner

"It's clear that the world class footballers, style of play and the history of our clubs is what makes the league so appealing. As a Man United fan, I'm also really chuffed Cantona has been voted the favourite player of all time."

Dhaka Club

College Club of Dhaka, Chittagong Club Limited, Comilla Club, Khulna Club, Narayanganj Club, Dhaka Club Limited, Gulshan Club Limited, Kurmitola Golf Club and Uttara Club Limited will take part in the carnival. City Cell, Prime Bank, Partex

Group, Shama Razor Blades Industries Limited, MM Ispahani Group, Standard Chartered and Banglalink are sponsoring different

opening problem

REUTERS, Multan

Pakistan's Salman Butt, who scored a career best of 122 against England in the first test on Tuesday, is confident he can resolve his country's longstanding problem of finding reliable opening batsmen.

Butt, 23, who scored 74 and then 122, was happy with his effort and believed Pakistan could still win the

He said: "It is satisfying to get these runs as an opener because this area has been a problem for Pakistan and unless you don't have a good opening pair you can't win matches."

The opener added: "I am disappointed at the way the batting collapsed but we can still win this game as it is never easy batting on a final day pitch no matter what the target.

"We just need a couple of good spells from our pacers." England, set 198 to win, start the

final day on Wednesday on 24-1. Butt, dropped on the West Indies tour in May for poor form, has been

recalled for the first two tests against England. Abahani recruit

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Heath Streak, the ex-Zimbabwe

captain and Sri Lankan all-rounder Kumar Dharmasena. Brothers Union, who are expected

to register their key cricketers today -the final day of the three-day bourse roped in Marshall Ayub and Rezaul Islam, and City Club signed Pakistani all-rounder Yasir Arafat. Hymaun Kabir of BKSP and Young Pegasus offspinners Farhad Hossain and Mahbub Alam joined Victoria.

Flintoff wrests back PAKISTAN: First innings 274 (Butt 74,

caught by Bell in the gully

Hasan Raza made a forgettable return to Test cricket after three years as he followed his first-innings duck with just one, edging Flintoff straight to Trescothick at first slip.

Hoggard then dismissed Butt who was caught behind, but not before raising his team's hopes of saving the $match \, with \, his \, responsible \, innings.$ Butt, who was on 53 in his team's

overnight total of 125-2, survived a first-

ball scare and then got the benefit of the doubt from the TV umpire when on 102 following a run-out appeal. England struggled for success in the morning session as they could grab just

one wicket, that of nightwatchman Mohammad Sami. Butt, caught off a no-ball in the day's opening over, and Inzamam defied the England attack for more than three hours

as they scored comfortably against both

pace and spin.

Flintoff bowled an eventful six-over opening spell as he had Butt caught by Strauss with the day's first delivery before accounting for Sami. Butt was caught by Strauss at

second slip while attempting to fend off a lifting delivery, but heaved a sigh of relief when New Zealand umpire Billy Bowden signalled it a no-ball. **SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day of the first Test between Pakistan and England at the Multan Cricket Stadium on Tuesday:

Inzamam 53; Flintoff 4-68, Harmison ENGLAND: First innings 418

(Trescothick 193, Bell 71; Shabbir 4-54, Akhtar 3-99) PAKISTAN: Second innings (over-

night 125-2) Malik c Trescothick b Harmison 18 Butt c Jones b Hoggard 122 Younis c Trescothick b Flintoff 48 Sami c Iones b Flintoff Inzamam lbw b Hoggard Yousuf c Bell b Flintoff Raza c Trescothick b Flintoff Akmal c Pietersen b Harmison Akhtar c Bell b Giles 11 Shabbir c Jones b Harmison Kaneria not out

Extras: (lb-6, nb-10) 16				16
Total: (All out in 105.5 overs) 341				
Fall of wickets: 1-31, 2-124, 3-131, 4-266,				
5-285, 6-291, 7-295, 8-331, 9-332				
Bowler	0	M	R	W
Hoggard	27	2	81	2
Flintoff	25	3	88	4
Harmison	19.5	3	52	3
Udal	12	1	47	0
Giles	22	2	67	1
ENGLAND: Second innings				
Trescothick b Shabbir 5				
Strauss not out 7				
Bell not out 12				
Total: (For 1 wkt in 9 overs) 24				
Fall of wickets: 1-7				
Bowler	0	M	R	W
Akhtar	4	0	15	0
Shabbir	4	0	6	1
Kanoria	1	0	3	0

McGrath adores Lara a lot

Second Test tomorrow

Cricket

Glenn McGrath may have taken Brian Lara's wicket 14 times in Tests but the Australian pace spearhead is deeply respectful of the West Indian batting

McGrath's success with the champion left-hander from Trinidad is almost double that of the next most successful bowler against Lara. McGrath usually nominates his

batting "bunny" in the opposing team Tuesday before the second Test starting at Bellerive Oval here Thursday McGrath said earlier this season he never felt on top of the Caribbean run-

"I think he is different now, he seems a little bit different to when I first played. I think there is more a mental aspect when I am bowling to him these days," McGrath told report-

scoring machine.

"But once he gets set, he is still a great striker of the ball and can score very quickly, so I think a lot of times I

have knocked him over, I have knocked him over quite cheaply.

"If I get him out early, then great, if not he sometimes goes on to make a great score.' Lara (10.903 runs) needs 25 runs to

overtake Australian Steve Waugh

(10,927), the second all-time leading

run scorer in Tests behind Allan

Border's 11,174. 'The Prince' has been a flop this Australian summer, scoring 5, 36, 30 and 14 in the Test arena for the World XI and the West Indies.

However it has been his determi-

nation to occupy the crease that has the Australians cautious of Lara, the world record holder for the highest score in Test history. "I think on his day he still can be (as good as ever), it depends on how he is

going, how much he wants it, and how things go out in the middle, he is still a dangerous batsman," McGrath said. Lara's Test record in Australia is 1,168 runs at 37,68, well below his

West Indian opener Wavell Hinds, an outside chance of playing in Hobart after damaging a finger earlier in the tour, felt Lara was ready to produce a big innings.

career average of 53.45.



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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I WANT TO BE A WORLD-FAMOUS PLUMBER SOMEDAY, BUT UNFORTUNATELY IT'S ONLY A PIPE DREAM. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals H

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.

6x3

6x2

6x3