

EUROPEAN SCENE

• The **Argentine strike force** of Claudio Lopez and Hernan Lopez finally showed the fire power that Lazio had been seeking when it acquired the pair over the summer. Lopez hit a hat trick, and Hernan Crespo brought cohesion to the Lazio attack offer coming on as a substitute after the break in Lazio's 5-1 win over Shakhtar Donetsk. Lazio coach Sven Goran Eriksson hailed his team's demolition of Shakhtar as the first proof he had seen this season of his team's championship-winning caliber. "I've been waiting for this moment," Eriksson said after Lazio overturned a 1-0 halftime deficit to crush the Ukrainians, 5-1.

• Dutch defender **Frank De Boer** is unhappy about his lack of playing time at Barcelona. He didn't play in Barcelona's 1-1 tie at Leeds United, the fourth successive game he's been left out of the starting lineup by Coach Llorenç Serra Ferrer. De Boer started the season as a first-choice center back but has since been passed over for Frenchman Emmanuel Petit, fellow Dutchman Michael Reiziger and young Carles Puyal, who has been in commanding form since returning from the Olympics. "I am too good to be the third man," says De Boer.



FRENCH DEFENDER WILLY SAGNOL (RIGHT) CHALLENGES HELSINGBORG'S CHRISTOFFER ANDERSSON DURING BAYERN MUNICH'S 0-0 TIE WITH THE SWEDISH CLUB IN MUNICH.

• **Paris St. Germain** set a Champions League record when it became the first team since the tournament started in 1992 to score seven goals in a match when it crushed Rosenbergs, 7-2, of the Parc des Princes to reach the second phase of the tournament. The nine-goal aggregate also was a record for the competition, beating the eight-goal aggregate from five previous matches.

• Bayern Munich coach **Ottmar Hitzfeld** apologized to the 20,000 fans who turned up for his team's 0-0 tie with Swedish champion Helsingborg. The tie was good enough to send the Bavarians through to the second phase, but they were jeered off after the dull game. "I am sorry that we could not offer the spectators a better game of soccer," said Hitzfeld.

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