

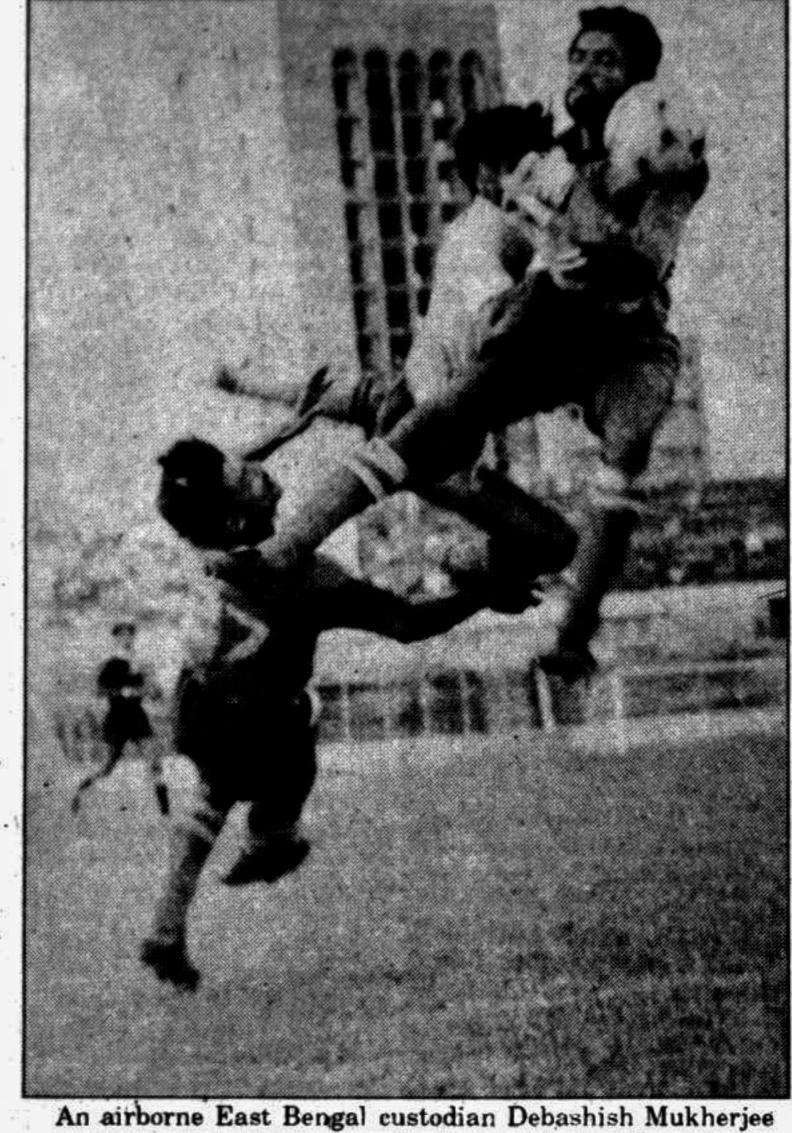
An atrocious defensive lapse in the very first minute of play cost Brothers Union dear in the opening tie of the BTC Club Cup charity soccer tournament at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Calcutta East Bengal skipper Bikash Panji pounced on a gifted opportunity to slot the only goal of an otherwise insipid ninety-minute encounter that must have disappointed the 10,000-plus crowd.

A minute's silence was observed before the start in memory of those killed in the April 29 cyclone in the country's coastal belt. The tourney has been arranged to raise funds for relief of the cyclone victims.

No sooner had the Group B tie kicked off, about 15 minutes behind schedule, an East Bengal foray towards the Brothers zone saw defender Rouf Babul get a bout of the nerves and as he deigned to clear the danger his backpass rebounded off goalie Curzon's chest, was intercepted by Kuljeet Singh who laid it on neatly in his skipper Panji's path for the needful. Bikash made no mistake (1-0).

That needless early goal gave the Calcutta giants the initiative and the next half an hour or so produced a torrid time for the Gopibagh boys who, in hindsight, appeared to have started the match on a wrong footing. For some strange reason, both teams took the field in not too dissimilar colours, the Calcuttans in their trademark yellow and red and Brothers Union in their patented orange shirts. shades close enough to confuse the referee and spectators alike. Tournament officials intervened and Brothers had to change their shirts to white. One can only wonder why such things have to happen - especially in this country -- for such trivial details are nor-



makes a good save to deny Brothers Union's Ahmed in the inaugural match of the BTC Club Cup charity soccer tournament at the Dhaka stadium yesterday afternoon.

mally decided at the managers' meeting which precedes action in any tournament worth

Back to the game. East Bengal, bouyed by that fortuitous goal, launched a series of sorties deep inside the Brothers zone and the local defenders had a hard time defending their citadel, though not without a healthy dose of luck, for at least three goalbearing shots from the East Bengal forwards returned to play off the Brothers woodwork. Later in the game the Calcuttans slowed down.

Both teams produced some scrappy play, frequently misspassing and not infrequently messing up in front of the rival goalmouth, often shooting way off the mark from close quar-

For their part Brothers had enough opportunities to redeem themselves but wayward shooting by their forwards let them down. Their first fair chance came a minute from half time when first Samrat and then Riaz failed to connect a juicy cross by Ahmed from the right which had beaten the last East Bengal defender.

The breather helped

Brothers more than East Bengal, or so it seemed, for soon after resumption the Goptbagh side pressed hard for the elusive equaliser. Time and time again the Brothers midfielders, led by the untiring Manik, made rings around the East Bengal defence only to see the forwards muffing up. Four minutes into the second half substitute Badal Das blasted over the post after Manik had created a beautiful opening inside the East Bengal

Young Uttam, freshly returned from his first foreign trip with the under-23 Olympic squad to Seoul, wasted the best chance for Brothers on the day when in the 70th minute he chose to put all his power behind a volley from inside the small box to send the ball rocketing over the crosspiece when only a gentle tap on nod would have sufficed to restore parity. Put this down to bad luck, inexperience, nervousness or plain incompetence, the choice is yours.

The remaining minutes produced a brand of soccer not worth writing home about.

Brothers take the field again today, against local giants Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting who make up the three-team Group B cluster. East Bengal have time to rest and recuperate until their clash against the black and whites tomorrow, Sunday. TEAMS

East Bengal: Debashish, Illyas Pasha, Tarun Dey (Krishnendu Roy), Swarup Das, Aloke Mukharjee, Bikash Punji. Mohiul Islam, Prasanta Banerjee, Babu Mani (Tushar Rakshit), Kuljeet Singh and

Brothers Union: Curzon. Igbal, Sagar, Rouf Babul, Nira, Manik, Uttam, Nurul Islam, Smarat (Badal Das), Riaz and

Krishanu Dey.

Referee: Mahbubur Rahman Mukul.

TODAY'S MATCHES Dhaka Mohammedans vs

Brothers Union (4:30 pm) Abahani KC vs Mohun Bagan (6:30 pm)

Lewis, Johnson beaten at Seville



May 31 : Archrival sprinters Ben Johnson and Carl Lewis were both beaten at an international athletics meeting

early today, reports Reuter. The two men ran in separate 100 metre races staged to coincide with Japanese early morning television time. Johnson finished fifth in his next race." race in 10.37.

Dennis Mitchell, but his time of 10.30 was much more respectable than his Canadian rival's. "I don't want to talk right now, a brooding Johnson told reporters as he left the

But later he said: "I ran a good race up 70 metres, but those guys just pulled away. I need to work on my endurance but I've got 15 days until my Six days ago in Granda,

Lewis lost to compatriot Johnson also finished fifth in

his first 100 metres race since he tested positive at the 1988 Seoul Olympics and was stripped of his gold medal. The Expo-92 meeting here had been planned as the first Johnson-Lewis clash since Seoul, but the financial backing

> 1. Today, in the training area. visual and physical contact.

Lewis described his 100 metres as flat because of jet lag and the late hour - many

events took place after midnight - but felt he had run relatively well.

vears.

5.90 metres.

Milosovici best all-round

BRISBANE, May 31: Lavinia Milosovici of Romania, who fell during the European junior championships two weeks ago, won the women's all-round title at an international gymnastics Grand Prix on Thursday, reports Reuter.

The 14-year-old, who had led the event at the championships in Athens before falling from the uneven bars, scored 39.35 points and said she now hoped to finish among the top three at the World Championships in Indianapolis in September.

Compatriot Isabela Lacatus scored 39.125 points and Lyudmila Stoybtchataia of the Soviet Union was third with 39.05. Milosovici's coach Loan Dumitru said the Romanian gymnasts would prepare for the World Championships at events in Germany and Italy during the next few months. Australian Kylie Shadbolt, a

gold medallist here two years ago, finished joint sixth and in tears after landing awkwardly on her right ankle in the warm-up to the floor routine.

Rono runs with ease

EUGENE, Oregon, May 31 Olympic gold medalist Peter Rono of Kenya had an easy time as he clocked three minutes 48.65 seconds for second place in his 1,500-meters qualifying race at the US national collegiate championships on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Rono, a student at mount St. Mary's college in Maryland, led for most of his semifinal before easing up at the end and being passed by countryman Samuel Kibiri. Kibiri, who attends Washington State University, won the race in 3:48.47, a slow time for worldclass runners.

"If the weather is good we're capable of running 3:35 or 3:36 on Saturday," said Rono, who has been training at high altitude in New Mexico. Rono is also optimistic of making Kenya's world championship team. James Trapp, a student a

Clemson University, topped the men with a time of 10.07 seconds, and Chryste Gaines from Stanford University. clocked 11.10 seconds to lead the women.

Australian Sharon Jaklofsky of Louisiana State University won the day's only final, scoring 5.732 points in the heptathlon. The meeting continues through Saturday at the University of Oregon.

Title victory

Fabrice Benichou of France showed glimpses of his old form to capture the vacant European featherweight boxing title by outpointing Briton John Davison over 12 rounds on Saturday, reports Reuter.

International dominated his opponent

Sattyajit Bagan's hero

Sports Reporter

fast moving wingers.

A brilliant 75th

minute goal by

Sattyajit Chatter-

jee gave reigning

Calcutta league

champions Moh-

un Bagan a vital win over arch

rivals Mohammedan Sporting

Club in a Calcutta derby played

here at the Dhaka Stadium

the BTC Club Cup tournament

among the traditional Indian

giants had produced a barren

ball halfway inside the Mo-

hammedan zone, produced a

sudden burst of speed that

helped him dribble past a cou-

ple of dazed defenders and un-

leash a terrific drive from just

top of the box that gave no

chance to goalie Jagadish

Both Mohammedans and

Mohun Bagan launched quick

counter-attacks that created a

flurry of hurried action in rival

goalmouths only for the moves

to fizzle out in the face of some

tight marking and boisterous

tackles by the defenders on

either side. Also, inaccurate

shooting was to blame on sev-

The Group A encounter of

Medio Sattyajit, winning the

yesterday evening.

first half.

Ghose (1-0).

ing opportunities.

eral occasions.

dian subcontinent, relied on their Nigerian captain Chibuzor to initiate breakaway moves through the middle, the green-and-maroon shirted Bagan banked more on their two flanks, moving the ball into the opponents' zone through their

Playing in their centenary year, Mohammedans appeared to have enjoyed the better share of the exchanges early on but Bagan, who completed their centenary last year. missed several openings.

The match, like the previous on between Brothers Union and East Bengal earlier in the afternoon, produced a litany of missed opportunities, often from point blank range. on a ground rendered rather heavy following a brief but bountiful shower around noon.

Mohammeda s should have Until then it was a game of scored in the sixth minute see-sawing fortunes with both when Mushtaque Ali shot wide teams falling short of scoring from close upon a Chibuzor despite earning some promis-

> A couple of minutes earlier Bagan saw their chance go abegging when Uttam Mukharjee sent one sailing over the Mohammedan bar. Bagan skipper Sisir Ghose

shot wide upon a Debashish Misra pass in the 35th minute as Mohammedan goalie Jagadish Ghose rushed in to narrow the angle. In the second session, Ba-

gan's Debashish Misra and While the black-and-white Sisir could have scored but for jersied Mohammedans, the mother club of all the other their bad shots while the Mohammedans forwards, pressing innumerable outfits sporting hard, found goals hard to come the same name across the In-

Bangladeshi referee R Alam ignored a dangerous tackle on Bagan's Uttam Mukharjee five minutes from time deep inside the Mohammedan box. The Mohammedan defender's action patently called for a penalty but R Alam preferred to take a more lenient view.

In a match marked by some rough and robust play. Christopher and C T Joseph of Mohammedans and Bagan's Antruddha Koley were booked

with the yellow card. The two matches, both telecast live on BTV, fetched an amount of Taka 2,16,070 from the gates.

Interestingly, the local crowd, clearly divided into the Abahani and Mohammedan camps, maintained their clearcut differences with the local Mohammedan supporters rooting for their Calcutta cousins and the Abahani fans crying hoarse for Mohun Ba-TEAMS

Mohun Bagan : Tanumoy Bose, Sharaf Ali. Achintya Belel, Amit Bhadra (Sanjeev Dutta), Aniruddha Koley, Sujit Dutta, Sattyajit Chaterjee, Debashish Sarkar, Debashish Misra, Sisir Ghose (captain) and Uttam Mukharjee.

Cal. Mohammedans : Jagadish Ghose, C T Joseph (Samar Majumdar), Anappa Kumar, Aloke Saha, Rahmatullah, Christopher, Arup Manna, Md Farid, Chibuzor (captain), Mushtaque Ali, Tridiv Talukdar (Abid Hossain).

Referee: R Alam.

Windies shop for new openers tour, was forced to retire in But with the first Test

land, May 31: The West Indies were frantically planning a new opening partnership

for next week's first Test against England after opener Desmond Haynes broke down again on Thursday in his comeback after injury, reports Reuter. Haynes retired hurt with a

recurrence of the back problem which has sidelined him for much of the tour. His veteran partner Godown Greenidge is already out for at least six weeks following a knee operation.

Haynes, the 35-year-old vice-captain playing his opening first-class match of the

the second innings against Somerset having made 10. He was out for one in the first in-West Indies physiotherapist

Dennis Waight said Haynes had strained more muscle fibres in his lower back. "Des is not feeling too good right now. We thought we had got him going again but this is a bit of a setback," said Waight. "We've got a lot more work to do on him." Haynes, who made a cen-

tury in a one-day match against Gloucestershire at the beginning of the tour, and Greenidge, 40, have developed an almost permanent partnership as openers since the younger of the two Barbadians made his Test debut in 1978.

against England at Old Trafford starting next Thursday, the West Indies look likely to be lining up with a new opening Prolific South African bats-

man Jimmy Cook hammered an unbeaten 162 off the West Indies bowlers as Somerset made 270 for seven declared in reply to the West Indies' 342 for seven. Cook, who hit nine cen-

turies last year, grabbed his first hundred of the season in a near six-hour innings which included 19 boundaries off 258 balls. Somerset's second highest scorer was Andy Haythurst with 22. West Indies were 82 for no

wicket in their second innings.

Becker, Agassi in last 16 second 6-0, 6-1 victory in suc-

Paris, May 31: Boris Becker and Andre Agassi, each aiming for his first French Open title, powered their way into the fourth round Friday with straight-set victories, reports

Becker, the No 2 seed, overwhelmed hard-serving Australian Wally Masur, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2. Masur had not lost a set at this year's French Open until Friday.

"It would be good for tennis if a serve-and-volleyer could

Ban on Ruddock promoter upheld

LAS VEGAS, May 31: The Nevada State Athletic Commission (NSAC) on Wednesday upheld its one-year suspension and 25,000-dollar fine against boxing promoter Murad Muhammad, reports Reuter.

Muhammad, promoter of heavyweight contender Donovan "Razor" Ruddock, unsuccessfully appealed the punishment handed down at a May 8 NSAC meeting for brawling in the ring last March after Ruddock's seventh-round loss to Mike Tyson.

The commission revoked Muhammad's promoter's license and set the date for its return at May 20, 1992. Muhammad had said that

regardless of the outcome of his appeal. Ruddock would go on with a scheduled rematch against Tyson on June 28 in Las Vegas.



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win the French Open." Becker said afterward, noting that the clay-court tournament was the only Grandslam event he has

The fourth-seeded Agassi, who scored a 6-2, 6-2, 6-0 victory over the 43rd ranked McEnroe, now plays either Magnus Gustafsson of Sweden or Alberto Mancini of Argentina for a place in the quarter- finals.

Reuter adds in an earlier report, Steffi Graf and Arntxa Sanchez Vicario, two women with happy memories at Roland Garros, continued their steady progress through the centenary tournament on Fri-

Graf, champion here in 1987 and 1988, collected her cession, beating American Shaun Stafford in 46 minutes to reach the fourth round. Sanchez Vicario spent only two minutes longer to dispose 6-1. 6-1 of Argentine qualifier Bettina Fulco, a quarter finalist here three years ago.

Neither Graf, seeded second, nor 1989 winner Sanchez Vicario, the numbers five, has yet dropped a set here. Stafford came close to being whitewashed by the hard-hitting German.

Sanchez Vicario, who failed to get beyond the second round last year, finished off her third-round victory on a break with a forehand which dropped just over the net.

Women's soccer

HIROSHIMA, Japan, May 31 North Korea overwhelmed Hong Kong 5-0 here Thursday for its Second victory in the Asian women's football competition, reports AFP.

In a second Group B match, Malaysia downed Singapore 1-0 for its first win, and Singapores' second straight loss in the ongoing event. The games took placed at

southern Japan city on day four of the championships. Japan leads the Group B contest with two victories. In

Heiwadai Stadium in this

Group A, with four teams. China and Thailand each have one win. The 10-day round-Robin

tournament, a qualifier for the first world women's football championships ends June 8.

Sampras, Sukova crash out Swardt 6-0, 6-2 in just 56



PARIS, May 31: US Open champion Pete Sampras, exhausted by a five-set struggle in his opening

match, crashed out of the French Open on Thursday to France's Thierry Champton, reports Reuter. Champion, who, despite his

name, has never won a professional tournament, cleverly upset the American's rhythm with a succession of high looping shots to his backhand to earn a resounding 6-3, 6-1, 6-1 victory.

Sixth seed Sampras recovered from two sets down in his encounter with Thomas Muster of Austria on Monday but this time he never looked in with a chance. One a good day for the

French, three times champion

Mats Wilander was downed in

three sets by France's 18-yearold Davis Cup hero Fabrice Santoro, who said the Swede had been his boyhood idol.



PETE SAMPRAS Santoro, who beat experienced Davis Cup campaigner Wally Masur in the decisive Rubber of the France-Australia

match three weeks ago. showed little pity for his onetime hero as he romped home 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 against the out-of touch Swede.

Edberg, Seles move up Top seed Stefan Edberg

reached the third round but only after a real tussle with Austrian Herst Skoff who took him to four sets and kept him toiling in the hot afternoon sun for three hours. The Swede, a 6-4, 5-7, 7-6,

6-3 winner, may find a reassuring pointer in his victory. "The past three tournaments I have played. I have always lost to the eventual winner so it probably is a good omen for him," Skoff said.

centre court match, beating

South African Mariaan de

Top women's seed and defending champion Monica Seles again cruised through her minutes. The Yugoslav has dropped just five games in her first two matches as she sets out to retain the title. Champion's win was his

first straight sets victory in a grand slam event.

The only women's seed to go out was number 12 Helena Sukova, upset 4-6, 7-5, 6-0 by Canadian Helen Kelsi. Two Soviet clay court players flirted with danger, both Andrei Chesnolov and Andrei Cherkasov coming from behind in the fifth set to win tough matches against players who had not been expected to take them that far. Chesnokov beat German

Patrick Kuhnen 4-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 8-6 and Cherkasov defeated Australia's former Wimbledon champion Pat Cash, not noted for his clay expertise, 6-7, 6-1, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

President Ernesto Pellegrini, a agency as saying he will assume his parenthood as a 'gift from club spokesman said. God" if it is proved that Sandra is his daughter. "Matthaeus said he was The civil court case in Santos could take more than a year sorry. He apologised for saying to be resolved, Estado said.

Rapturous welcome for Red Star ELGRADE, May 31: Red Star Belgrade received a rapturous welcome from thousands of fans as they paraded the European Cup at a celebration party in their

was 17, was quoted by the Folha de Sao Paulo newspaper as

1963 he was a 'normal youth and had many adventures." "

could have happened. I have to thank god that this is the only

case that has appeared. Folha reported Pele as saying. Pele,

who has three children, was quoted by the Estado news

Edson do Nascimento, or Pele, who is now 50, said that in

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Pele's 'gift from God'

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, May 31: A 26-year-

old Brazilian claiming to be Pele's daughter

has taken court action to force the soccer

star to recognise his alleged paternity,

newspapers reported on Thursday, reports

Sandra Regina Machado is the daughter of

Anisia Machado, a maid who says she had a

relationship with Pele in 1963 after

accepting a lift from him in the port of

Santos, where he played soccer. 'A admire

him. He is my idol, Sandra Machado, who

has worked as store saleswoman since she

stadium on Thursday, reports Reuter. Flag-waving fans packed the airport and blocked approach roads to get a glimpse of the team when they arrived back from Italy after beating Marseilles on penalties to become the first Yugoslav side to win the trophy. Then about 15,000 joined the victory party in the Marakana Stadium, chanting, we love Red Star - Red Star loves us."

Overnight, Belgraders had danced, fired pistols in the air let off fireworks and sounded car horns in the city centre as they took a rare opportunity to rejoice after months of crisis in the country. "We will win again next year," said Darko

Pancey, who scored from the penalty spot to clinch victory. Roma romp home

OME, May 31: As Roma beat Sampdoria 3-1 (halftime 3-1) in the first leg of the Italian Cup soccer final on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Scorers: As Roma-Stefano Pellegrini (12th minute, own goal), Thomas Berthold (36th). Rudy Voeller (40th, penalty). Sampdoria-Srecko Kataned (29th): Attendance: 55,000.

Anything but friendly

ANTIAGO, May 31: Chile beat Uruguay 2-1 here on Thursday in an anything but friendly football international which ended with two Uruguayans being sent off, reports AFP. Uruguay's Ruben Pereira and Ruben Dos Santos were

ordered off in the last 10 minutes after Chile had gone two

Marcelo Vega broke the deadlock in the 63rd minute and

goals ahead.

the last minute.

substitute Anibal Gonzalez scored on 80 minutes. Then Uruguay blew a fuse and fists and boots flew. Chilean defender Luis Abarca deflected a shot from Uruguayan sub Venancio Ramos past his own goalkeeper in

head for the first time since Johnson's fall from grace in

fell through. The pair will race head-tothe French city of Lille on July

the two men pointedly avoided "I was watching Mark (Witherspoon), I train with him, said Lewis when asked if he had watched Johnson race.

MILAN, Italy, May

31 : Germany's

winning captain

Lothar Matthaeus

said on Thursday

Cup-

World

he would stay with Italian First

Division Internazionale until

his contract ended in 1993.

only four days ago that he was

determined to join Real

Madrid next season, gave the

pledge at a meeting with Inter

Mendoza KOs

Joao Cardoso

Boxing Association junior

featherweight champion Luis

Mendoza of Colombia scored a

seventh-round knockout over

challenger Joao Cardoso de

Oliveira of Brazil to retain his

from the first round, showing

much greater power in both

hands than the 31-year-old,

Soao Paulo-born challenger.

The lanky San Onofre.

Colombia, native improved his

record to 31-2-2 and ruined

Cardoso de Oliveira's previ-

the Brazilian into the corners

for tough inside exchanges,

then pounced with straight

right hands leading fierce

counterattacks. The 55-kilo-

gram (121-pound) champ

suffered a cut over his left eye

in the second round, but was

not deterred. In the fourth

round. Mendoza delivered a

stunning left hand followed by

a crisp right upper cut. The

Brazilian crumpled onto his

back and took and eight-count

de Oliveira fought back.

In the fifth round, Cardoso

before rising.

18-1-0.

ously unbeaten record, now

Mendoza repeatedly drew

Mendoza, 26, dominated

title Thursday, reports AP.

MADRID, May 31: World

The midfielder, who said

reports Reuter.

"I am proud of him, he said. "I feel that he is going to get better. You have got to realise he has been out of things for two

"I ran mechanically well, he said." But coming over yesterday night made everyone pretty flat. Clyde' Duncan, Johnson's trainer, said the Canadian slowed in the last 10 metres but otherwise ran well.

ded field. Soviet pole-vaulter Sergei Bubka's attempt to break another world record drew gasps from the crowd but failed to produce a new mark he won with a best jump of

Elsewhere in the star-stud-

BREST, France, May 31:

Benichou, 26, who held the Boxing Federation (IBF) super-bantamweight title in 1989-90.

Matthaeus changes his mind

from Bayern Munich in 1988 had received a written offer from Real for a three-year con-

Real were reported ready to pay 8.8 million dollars for him. Matthaeus said: "I made a mistake. I was euphoric about the offer from Real, I thought I

"I'm 30 years old, it could have been my last opportunity. Then the President told me: "Inter without you is not Inter.

"I will be there, but it's still going to be questionable, Kingdom, the world recordholder in the 110 metre hur-Championship.

Pennsylvania. The 1984 and 1988

club." Lecce at the weekend. Matthaeus, who joined Inter

LOTHAR MATTHAEUS Kingdom doubtful

EUGENE, Oregon, May 31: Two-time Olympic high hurdles champion Roger Kingdom said on Thursday it was questionable whether he would compete in next month's US national championships because of recent knee surgery, reports Reuter.

dies, said of the June 12-15 meeting, which serves as the US qualifier for August's World "I'll try to warm up, but if I feel any pain, I'm not going to push it. Kingdom said in a telephone interview from his

Pittsburgh,

in

home

Olympic gold medallist underwent arthroscopic surgery on the anterior cruciate ligament of his right knee in mid-April and spent about two weeks on crutches. He resumed workouts 2-1/2 weeks ago but is not using hurdles at their full height of 42 inches (1.067 metres). He said he backed off working

on Monday that he wanted to leave Inter before his contract ends, the spokesman said. "He said won't be going anywhere for another two years until his contract runs out in 1993. He said he would stay here and work in harmony with the Matthacus said on Monday that he had played his last game for the Milan club at

could change my life.