

Brothers must blame themselves

Afzal H. Khan



An airborne East Bengal custodian Debashish Mukherjee 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.



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.

Brothers more than East Bengal, or so it seemed, for soon after resumption the Gopibagh side pressed hard for the elusive equaliser.

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

Lewis, Johnson beaten at Seville

SEVILLE, Spain, May 31: Archrival sprinters Ben Johnson and Carl Lewis were both beaten at an international athletics meeting early today, reports Reuter.

Soccer Scenario

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 Reuter.

Matthaeus changes his mind

MILAN, Italy, May 31: Germany's World Cup-winning captain Lothar Matthaeus said on Thursday he would stay with Italian First Division Internazionale until his contract ended in 1993, reports Reuter.

Mendoza KO's Joao Cardoso

MADRID, May 31: World 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 title Thursday, reports AP.

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.

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.

Sattyajit Bagan's hero

A brilliant 75th minute goal by Sattyajit Chatterjee gave reigning Calcutta league champions Mohun Bagan a vital win over arch rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club in a Calcutta derby played here at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday evening.

Windies shop for new openers

TAUNTON, England, 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.

Becker, Agassi in last 16

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 AP.

Ban on Ruddock promoter upheld

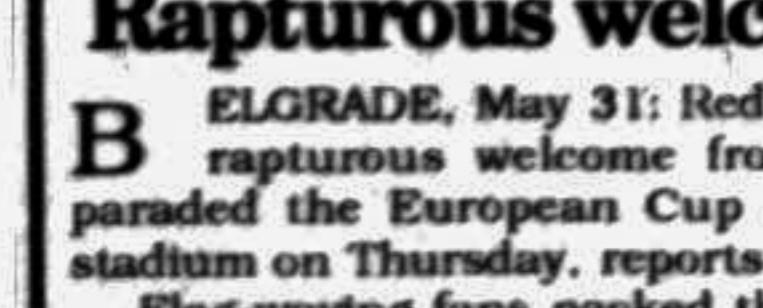
LAS VEGAS, May 31: The Nevada State Athletic Commission (NSAC) on Wednesday upheld its one-year suspension and \$25,000-dollar fine against boxing promoter Murad Muhammad, reports Reuter.

Sampras, Sukova crash out

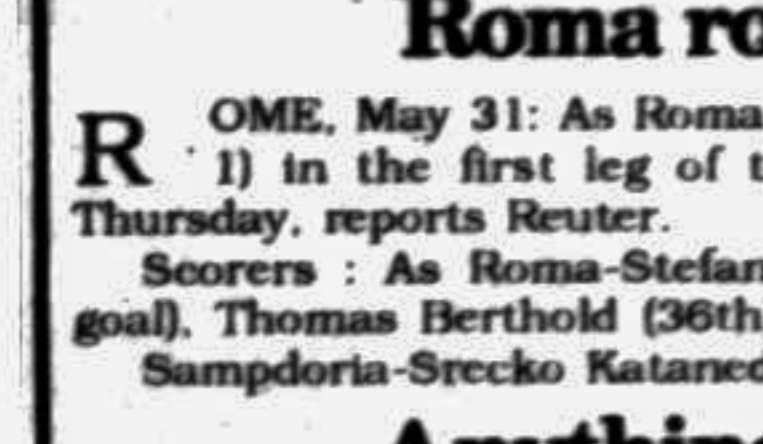
PARIS, May 31: US Open champion Pete Sampras, exhausted by a five-set struggle in his opening match, crashed out of the French Open on Thursday to France's Thierry Champion, reports Reuter.



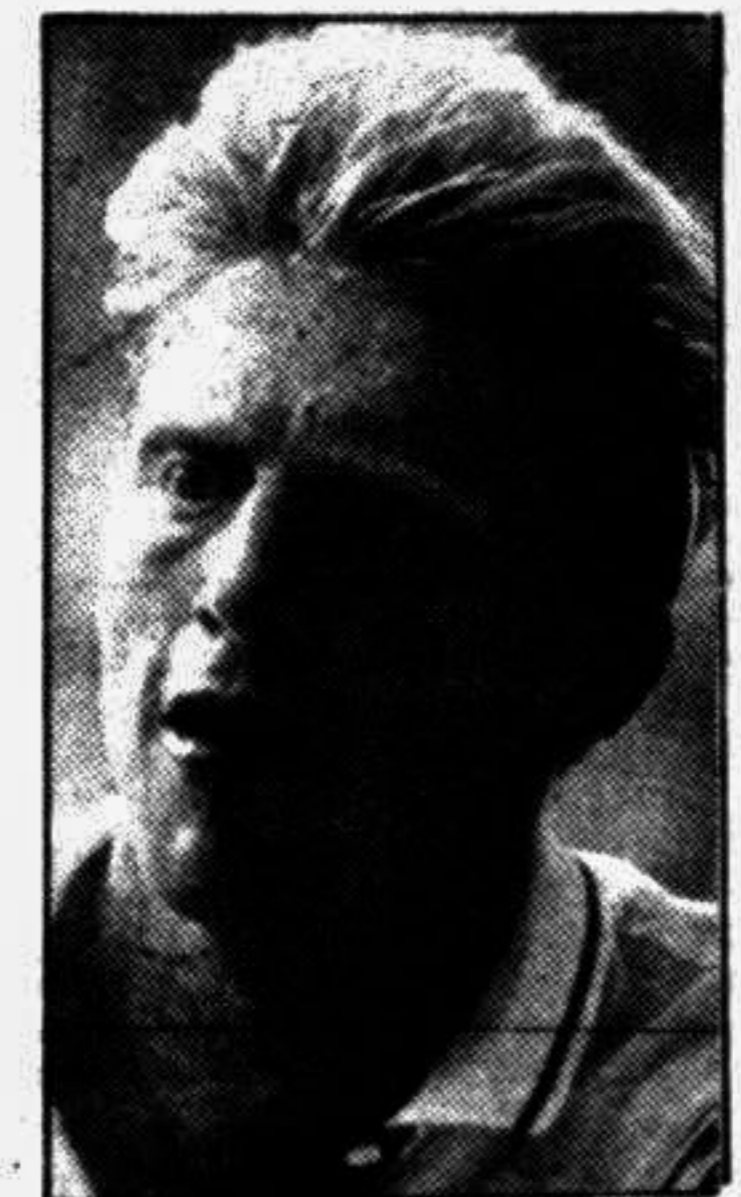
Pele was 17, was quoted by the Folha de Sao Paulo newspaper as saying.



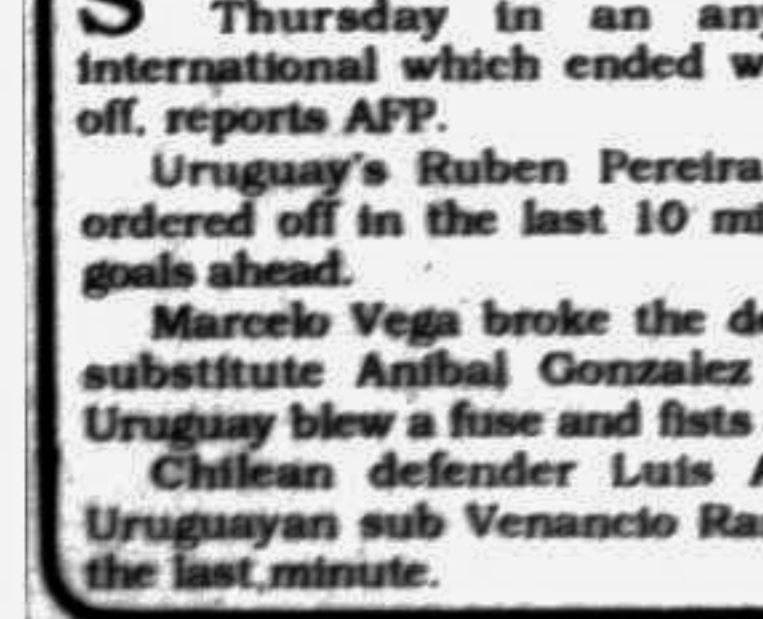
LOTHAR MATTHAEUS



PETE SAMPRAS



BORIS BECKER



URUGUAYAN SUB VERNANCIO RAMOS