PWD blank Rajshahi

Bangladesh PWD moved into the Independence Day football quarter-finals in a grand style, drubbing Rajshahi Division 4-1 in a one-sided match yesterday

at the Mirpur Stadium. PWD will now face national champions Bangladesh Army in the quarter finals on April 2.

PWD team dominated the proceeding from the word go. Only on two occasions did Raishahi forwards manage to breach the PWD defence, once effectively.

The match started at a slow pace with both team taking time to settle down. PWD opened their scoring in the 34th minute when Mushtaq sent a lovely minus and Kamal made no mistake, tapping part the helpless Rajshahi goal-

Sports Reporter keeper Saidur (1-0). Fourteen minutes into the

PWD's Jamrul and Raishahi's Shariful were shown the yellow card for rough play.

TEAMS

BANGLADESH PWD: Dilip (Tayeb), Tapan, Jamrul, Shamim, Peter, Swapan, Sujit, Kamal, Mushtaq, Gaus and Raquib (Reza).

RAJSHAHI Division: Saidur, Suffan, Taleb Ali, Soliel, Shariful, Shamim, Badal, Babu, Sattar, Mokbul (Ahad Ali) and

Referee - Mozaffar Hos-

TODAY'S MATCH

Chittagong vs BRTC (3.15

Shilton stands alone



ONDON, Mar 29 Former England goalkeeper Peter Shilton may find

English First Division title race this weekend, even though his club Derby look certain to be relegated, reports Reuter.

Shilton, capped 125 times, had one of the worst days of his distinguished career last week when leaders Liverpool hammered seven goals past him. Now the 41-year-old finds himself facing second placed Arsenal, a side capable of causing similar damage.

Arsenal are one point behind Liverpool and are well aware they need to keep up the pressure over the busy Easter programme to boost their chances of completing a league and F. A. Cup double.

If Shilton looks set for a busy Saturday afternoon, the match is also significant for Derby's Welsh international strike Dean Saunders.

Saunders, who scored in his country's 1-1 draw with Belgium in a European championship qualifier on Wednesday, is the subject of speculation linking him with a British record transfer to Arsenal.

Coach Arrigo

Sacchi said he

may leave AC

Milan at the end

of the season and

the only job he would accept in

the future would be with a

viol Berlusconi that I might

quit coaching Milan," Sacchi

him that I would not go to

Sacchi told reporters during

an impromptu news confer-

ence after a training session at

the club's Milanello retreat

think I have concluded this

Italian First Division champi

experience of mine," he said.

"After four years at Milan, I

Sacchi guided Milan to the

coach any other club side,

"I told (club president Sil-

"But I immediately assured

national team.

outside Milan.

said on Thursday.



PETER SHILTON

He appears certain to leave Derby currently six points adrift at the bottom of the table if they drop into the Second Division.

Arsenal hope to have Paul Merson and Michael Thomas back after missing the goalless

onship in 1988 and the Euro-

pean Cup and World Club titles

come into this issue. I've had

incredible satisfaction with

of the European Cup last week

and a recent string of poor

league results has left them

five points adrift of leaders

banned from European compe-

to play on when floodlights

failed moments before the end

of their European Cup defeat

until Mid-1992, said his deci-

sion was for personal reasons.

Sacchi, whose contract runs

He said he would not leave

because of any problems with

players, including Milan's

tition for a year after refusing

On Wednesday they were

AC Milan were knocked out

"Milan's results do not

in 1989 and 1990.

Sampdona.

in Marseille.

this team," Sacchi said.

Liverpool winners of their last three matches under the pected time against Queens'

Park Rangers at Antield. Rangers are unbeaten in their last seven matches, conceding only three goals, and drew 1-1 with the leaders on

trip to Southampton on Easter Monday, knowing that Arsenal have two extra days rest before they meet Aston Villa next Wednesday.

Crystal Palace, five points behind Liverpool, could take advantage of any slips by the two front runners. They play Sunderland on Saturday and Manchester City on Monday.

United have a score to settle at Norwich. United's bid to retain the F.

A. Cup they won last season was ended on the same ground earlier this year.

weekend schedule appear to be Wimbledon. After tackling Nottingham Forest on Saturday, they must travel to Old Trafford to face Manchester United on Monday.

prohibited by the league. Citing unnamed sources

within the Italian League and the Italian Olympic Organisathe test but said it did not show the presence of performance-enhancing drugs.

78 hooligans in Hanover arrested

HANOVER, Germany, Mar 29: Police arrested 78 hoolifighting broke out during a Second Division football match between Hanover 96 and Eintracht Brunswick here on Thursday night, reports AFP.

BDR, Ansars in kabaddi final

Sports Reporter Bangladesh Rifles and Bangladesh Ansars will clash in

the final of the Independence Day kabaddi championship. At the Outer Stadium's kabaddi court yesterday BDR outclassed Ahmed Bawany Textile Mills 42-15 in first semifinal match. In the other semifinal, Ansars scored a comfort-

The final will be held on April 2 at 3 pm.

able 23-11 victory over Fire

Service.

Youth kabaddi from tomorrow

Sports Reporter

The Independence Day youth kabaddi championship begins from tomorrow at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court. Eight under-14 teams will

be taking part in the meet on a knockout basis. In the inaugural day's matches, BDR School will play Mitali Shishu Biddyapit while Tokai - Sporting will face

Maniknagar Primary School. 'Nat'l basketball from May 3 Sports Reporter

The fifteenth national basketball championship organised by the Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation will begin from May 3 at the Dhaka wooden-floor gymnasium.

All district sports associations, Universities, the three services teams - BDR, Police and Ansar - are eligible to take part in this year's tourney.

Interested teams have been requested to notify the Basketball Federation office by post regarding their participation by April 10. The teams are then to submit their entry fees by April 20. The entry fee is Taka 300.

Maradona fails drug test ROME, Mar 29 : Diego

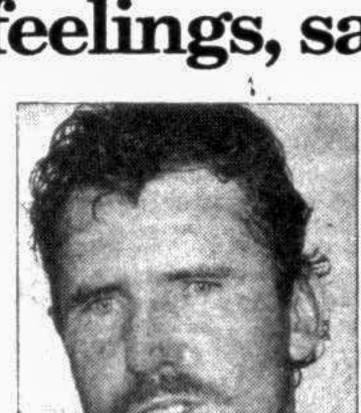
Maradona failed a drug test after a league match last month, Italian Soccer Federation sources said on Thursday, reports Reuter.

The sources confirmed a report in Rome's La Repubblica newspaper that a urine sample taken from the Napoli captain at the end of the March 17 game against Bari was found to contain traces of substances

tion, the report did not specify what substances were found in

League officials were awaiting the result of a second test which is routinely conducted when an initial test proves positive, federation sources

Duncan, standing again in the gans as three policemen and a horse were badly injured when crease after being bowled, not realising the delivery had been called a no-ball. Carl Hooper rushed in to grab the ball and pull a stump out of the ground



ALLAN BORDER

to run him out. He was batting with Border to save the match and had only scored three. Border said if he had known the rule, he might

have questioned the decision. pire shall intervene if he is satisfied that a batsman, not hav-

the 10th to give Paes the set,

Paes, who took six minutes

less than Krishnan (108 min-

Law 27.5 states: "The um-

have had some wonderful cricket so far already."

missed."

Jones, better luck next time."

No escape for the fellow: Action from the Independence Day kabaddi semifinal between BDR and Ahmed Bawany Textile Mills at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Windies win by 10 wickets

GEORGETOWN . Mar 29: West

Indies beat Australia by 10 wickets in the second Test on Thursday to go 1-0 up in the series and register their first win at the Bourda for 26 years, reports

Reuter. The West Indies' mammoth first innings score of 569 left Australia struggling for a draw, and despite a valiant effort by wicketkeeper lan Healy on the final day, they succumbed after

lunch. Resuming their second innings at 178 for seven, Australia reached lunch at 239

for the loss of only one more

GEORGETOWN, Mar 29:

Captain Allan Border said on

Thursday there were no bitter

feelings in the Australian camp

about the controversial dis-

missal of Dean Jones in the

second Test against the West

lost the match by 10 wickets,

Border moved to repair any

damage caused by the incident

when Jones was run out on

our part whatsoever," he said,

adding that he had no objec-

tion to the two umpires, Clyde

Cumberbatch and Clyde

Jones walked from his

There is no animosity on

Shortly after his side had

Indies, reports Reuter.

Wednesday.

But he made only two more

wicket, with Healy unbeaten

runs and Australia lasted just another 22 minutes after the break for a further nine runs before suffering only their second defeat in their last 22 Gordon Greenidge and Des

Haynes comfortably scored the 28 runs required for victory to lead West Indies to their first win at the Bourda since they beat Australia — then captained by current management Bobby Simpson — in 1965. It is only their fifth victory

in 61 years of Tests at the ground where play is regularly lost to tropical downpours.

Few thought Australia would last even as long as lunch, but the West Indies managed only to prise out Craig McDermott in the first session.

He was caught by wicketkeeper Jeff Dujon off Patrick Patterson for four in the fifth over of the morning.

then batted with some comfort in the 94 minutes to lunch, which Australia reached 14

highest Test score is four, last

wicket under a misapprehen-

sion that he has been dis-

umpire know every rule? They

But Border said: "Does every

many runs as he could before Whitney was out, holed out to mid-on. The West Indies openers were untroubled in their reply and Haynes ended the match

It came two overs later as

Hughes, attempting to score as

in, the end was imminent.

with successive fours off Hughes to score 23 of his side's 31 runs. The win was a resounding answer to the considerable criticism the West Indies have

been under in the Caribbean in recent months and since losing the one-day series 4-1. Captain Viv Richards said: "We did a very good job in

coming back from the one-day series defeat. I always had faith in this team, a lot of people think they are getting on but I had faith. "I have always felt under

pressure specially playing at home. There are calls to axe this and that and the spectators pick it up. "My answer to people now

will be: 'Did you see the match in Guyana?' It is the perfect answer."

Australian captain Allan Border was still talking about winning the series: "I think it is possible to come from behind. The good thing about losing this early is we have three Tests to come back."

"I think this team has the character to do that. It is going to be difficult but we can only improve.

"We have to tighten up our bowling and be more aggressive in our batting. We did not play well but we were not al-

lowed to play well." Australia now meet a West Indian under 23 XI in St Vincent, ahead of the third

Test in Trinidad starting on April 5. SCOREBOARD

Australia first innings 348

Healy 53)

569 (R. Richardson 182, D.

Marsh b Walsh Taylor lbw Ambrose Boon c Dujon b Marshall Border c Dujon b Marshall Jones run out M. Waugh c Richards b Ambrose Matthews c Dujon b Marshall Healy run out McDermott c Dujon b Patterson Hughes e Patterson b

Whitney not out -28 w-2)

Mr Kumar described Paes' show as an "excellent performance which was real good and against a player (Heryanto)

performance.

"Paes played terrific and with a lot of confidence. He was very motivated and gave Heryanto a very tough time," he said and added, "We will try to fight and I hope we can win

(G. Marsh 94, M. Waugh 71, I. West Indies first innings

Haynes 111, C. Hooper 62, G. Logie 54, V. Richards 50, A. Border five for 68) Australia second innings

31

45 2

46

0 19 0

Extras (b-17 lb-6 nb Fall of wickets: 1-32, 2-43, 3-67, 4-73, 5-130, 6-161, 7-

172, 8-187, 9-241, Ambrose 14 Patterson 15 Marshall Hooper Richards

Hughes

First Test: Drawn Third Test: Port-Of-Spain,

Barbados, April 19-25 Fifth Test: Antigua, April

Becker, Stich face higher stakes up for last year's demoralising BERLIN, Mar 29: defeat against the same oppoin the build-up to the tie.

nents, Becker will walk on

court aware that his new coach

Niki Pilic is increasingly un-

ing captain, took over from

Australian Bob Barett as the

German's new private coach

earlier this month and has

Pilic, Germany's non-play-

happy about his role.



Borts Becker and Michael Stich will be playing for more than just another German

Davis Cup victory when their quarter-final tie against Argentina starts on Saturday. reports Reuter. While Stich tries to make

S. Africa's chances

look better

GENEVA. Mar 29 : South Africa will be invited to compete in next year's Winter Olympics if it is readmitted to the Olympic movement in time, IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch said on

Thursday, reports Reuter. Samaranch, welcoming an International Olympic Commit tee delegation back to Switzer land after a five-day official visit to South Africa, said the IOC would remain flexible.

We have already sent out the invitations to the Winter Games in Albertville (France) but if South Africa is then readmitted and we receive a late request from them, we will certainly accept them," he

The same applies to the Summer Olympics in Barcelona next year, where invitations go out in July."

The head of the delegation, IOC Vice-President Keba Mbaye, told an airport news conference black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela had been invited to visit Samaranch in Lausanne, Switzerland, next month.

Mandela, Deputy President of the African Nationa Congress, has given his support to efforts to unify South Africa's disparate and racially divided sports bodies. No dates

for the visit were given. The IOC has given South Africa 180 days to meet a series of conditions before it will accept it back into the Olympic fold.

Mbaye said that until the IOC conditions - an end to Pretoria's race laws, the nonracial unification of sports bodies, and the acceptance of South Africa into the African Olympic movement - were met, the international sports ban imposed in 1970 would

The delegation said, however, that universal suffrage was not a pre-condition for South Africa's return.

IOC Director-General Francois Carrard pointed out that Switzerland, home to the IOC and an Olympic stalwart, had only recently extended full voting rights to women.

complained of extra pressure

"It's all getting too much. I can't stand any more of this. Everyday people ask me the same question 30 times," said a pale-looking Pilic after one

said his life had changed dramatically since he agreed to become the third major coach of Becker's career. "Everything is different. There is a lot, lot more," he said. Becker's recent form has

been unconvincing and he and Stich also have to face an Argentine team which has the psychological advantage of last year's 3-2 victory, albeit in Becker's absence. In that tie, Stich suffered

of his career when he threw away a superb chance to upset Martin Jaite in the fifth set of their singles' rubber in Buenos Aires. Cermany, the 1988 and 1989 champions, lost as a re-

one of the most bitter defeats

much of the blame in the German media But the Munich-based player has since sharpened his strong serve-and-volley game, rising to 19th in the world rankings, and proved his worth in Germany's 3-2 victory

round. Germany have beaten the South Americans only once in five Davis Cup meetings-in

disadvantage on the Deutschlandhalle's fast carpeted court, despite beating New Zealand 4-1 on fast grass in Christchurch in the first

Paes, Krishnan give India lead swer to the deep slicing resurviving three break-points in turns that broke his serve in



Ramesh Krishnan and Leander Paes played authority to put India

Indonesia on the opening day of the Asia Oceania Davis Cup first round tie here today, reports PTI. India's top player Ramesh Krishnan used his experience to rout Indonesian Bonit Wiryawan 6-2, 6-2, 6-4 which

inspired Paes to outplay top-

ranked Indonesian Daniel

comfortable position against

Heryanto 6-4, 6-3, 6-2 for India to take a 2-0 lead in the rubber The first round tie at Jai Club court began on a sound note as Krishnan's accurate serve and returns played a major role in the 21-year-old

Wiryawan failing to find his rhythm. Heryanto, the best bet for the visitors, was reduced to helplessness by Paes who struck a good patch and came up with uncanny shots from different angles that were

winners. Tomorrow's doubles in which India propose to field Ramesh Krishnan and Leander Paes against Wiryawan and Suharyadi should be keenly contested, as the Indonesians hope to win the match to keep the rubber alive on Sunday. The two singles ties dished

Paes packing his serve-andvolley game with power. Paes, who fired six aces as against two by Krishnan in the entire match, strode into the game in the opening set after

best use of his court craft and

the third game.

He got over the problem of getting his first serve in and from then on literally won all his service games without conceding a point. Heryanto saved breakpoint for the second time in the set, during the eighth game, but found no an-

utes) to wind-up the match, got an early break in the second set. He snatched the Korda, Ivanisevic place

in 40 minutes.

PRAGUE, Mar 29 : Petr Korda and Goran Ivanisevic will both put their countries ahead of their personal fitness when they launch the Davis Cup world group quarter-final between Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia today, reports Reuter.

The two left-handers, heroes of their team's first round wins over Austria and Sweden respectively, contest the opening singles hoping recent injuries will not count against them.

ber seven, is still recovering from a broken finger while Korda has a sprained ankle that made him a doubtful starter. "I think Korda is okay. otherwise I wouldn't play him on the opening day,"

Czechoslovak captain Omas

Smid said when the draw was

lvanisevic, the world num-

made on Thursday. The second singles match out contrasting fare with will be between Karel Novacek, Ramesh Krishanan making whose recent good form makes him the Czechoslovak number one at present, and Slobodan Zivojinovic.

> The burly Zivojinovic was preferred to Goran Prpic because his big serving is better suited to the fast supreme sur

face at Prague's indoor sports

Seles breezes through

29 : Montea Seles of Yugoslavia needed only 58 minutes to dispose of Germany's Claudi Porwik 6-1, 6-4 to advance to the quarter-finals of the 225,000-dollar US women's hardcourt championships on Thursday, reports Reuter.

world number one woman player, said she was unhappy with her play after having to thwart a late surge by the 80th-ranked Porwik. "I was not going for my

their countries first

"It's a very difficult tie, but it could be decided on the first day," Yugoslav captain Radmilo Armenulic said after in Saturday's doubles, while Smid intends to have Milan Srejber

32-draw tournament and the

partner Korda. Czechoslovakia won 5-0 when the countries last met in the Davis Cup, in Sarajevo in

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Mar

Seles, the top seed in the

shots," Seles said. "I let her take control of the match.

Healy and Mery Hughes

But just seven minutes after the interval, Healy foolishly ran himself out attempting to beat Des Haynes' throw from be-

hind square and take two. With Mike Whitney, whose

No bitter feelings, says Border ing been given out, has left his

> should, I suppose, but I was ignorant of it and I have been playing probably longer than they have been umpiring." "I just thought it was an

horrendous set of circum stances, a stupid dismissal." Viv Richards, the West Indies captain said: "Dean was a little unlucky. I hope it doesn't spoil the series - we

There was a wry comment on the incident from the Bourda crowd. During Thursday's morning session an effigy of an umpire was waved from a makeshift gibbet in the stand. A banner read-: "Sorry

fourth game with Heryanto fumbling with a backhand return of Paes and from then on

followed up with good service. The 18-year-old Indian, pumped in his first serve well and charged upto the net many times to finish the brief rallies. He banged two aces in the sev-(overnight 178 for seven) enth game and then gave no point while serving for the

his serve, lost the third game even after saving a break-point. Forced to the baseline. Heryanto found his returns going wide while in the fifth game they landed in the net. Paes kept up the tempo to capture the third set and the match, firing his fifth and sixth aces in the final game. He

Heryanto, 22, made efforts

to get back into the game in

the third set but, after holding

second set.

Heryanto. The 2-0 position for India and Paes' game gave the nonplaying captain Naresh Kumar lot of confidence although he refused to finalise the names of the doubles pair, which as per rules can be changed one hour before the tie begins at noon tomorrow.

clinched the issue when his

good serve was lobbed out by

who is not a chicken". The Indonesian coach cum non-playing captain, Peter Platzer too appreciated Pacs'

tomorrow."

55 31 35 13 West Indies second innings Greenidge not out Haynes not out Extras (lb-2 nb-1) Total (no wicket) Bowling: R W McDermott 10

Trinidad, April 5-10 Fourth Test: Bridgetown,

27-May 2.

sitters, one in each half. second half, PWD made it 2-0. Reza sprinted down the right and gave a clever pass to an unmarked Tapan who un-

leashed a fierce shot straight into the Rajshahi goalpost. Three minutes later PWD's Kamal floated a looping cross which Mushtaq rose high in the air to nod the ball home

(3-0). Rajshahi's Sattar reduced the margin with a powerful shot giving no chance to PWD

custodian Dilip (1-3). Reza sealed the fate of the match when he scored with a tremendous right-footer taken

from just outside the box (4-Rajshahi's Sabu missed two

draw at Norwich last week. stewardship of Ronnie Moran, could have a tougher than ex-

Boxing Day. Liverpool then face a long

European Cup Winners' Cup semifinalists Manchester

The side with the toughest

Sacchi may quit Milan Dutch Trio Ruud Gullit, Marco Van Basten and Frank Rijkaard. Van Basten has openly criticized Sacchi's tactics in the past few months.

> and it won't be a lad who conditions my choices," Sacchi Sacchi said he had three options: To stay at Milan, give up soccer or take on a national

"There are so many (national teams) from San

"Van Basten has often ex-

pressed his opinion freely.

lie's a player with his own

ideas, but he is still a young lad

Marino to Cameroon and the Netherlands," he said. Media magnate Berlusconi said if Sacchi left he already had a good replacement at the club, former Italian international Fabi Capello.

training session. The 51-year-old Yugoslav

sult and Stich shouldered

over Italy in this year's first

Berlin in 1936. The South Americans, who traditionally favour slower clay courts, are expected to be at a