

Sport

PWD blank Rajshahi

Sports Reporter

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.

Fourteen minutes into the second half, PWD made it 2-0. Reza sprinted down the right and gave a clever pass to an unmarked Tapan who unleashed 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).

BDR, Ansars in kabaddi final

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Bangladesh Rifles and Bangladesh Ansars will clash in the final of the Independence Day kabaddi championship.

Shilton stands alone

LONDON, Mar 29: Former England goalkeeper Peter Shilton may find himself a key figure in the English First Division title race this weekend, even though his club Derby look certain to be relegated, reports Reuter.



PETER SHILTON

draw at Norwich last week. Liverpool winners of their last three matches under the stewardship of Ronnie Moran, could have a tougher than expected time against Queens Park Rangers at Anfield.

Nat'l basketball from May 3

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

Sacchi may quit Milan

MILAN, Mar 29: 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 national team.

On Wednesday they were banned from European competition for a year after refusing to play on when floodlights failed moments before the end of their European Cup defeat in Marseille.

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

78 hooligans in Hanover arrested

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HANOVER, Germany, Mar 29: Police arrested 78 hooligans as three policemen and a horse were badly injured when fighting broke out during a Second Division football match between Hanover 96 and Eintracht Brunswick here on Thursday night, reports AFP.



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.

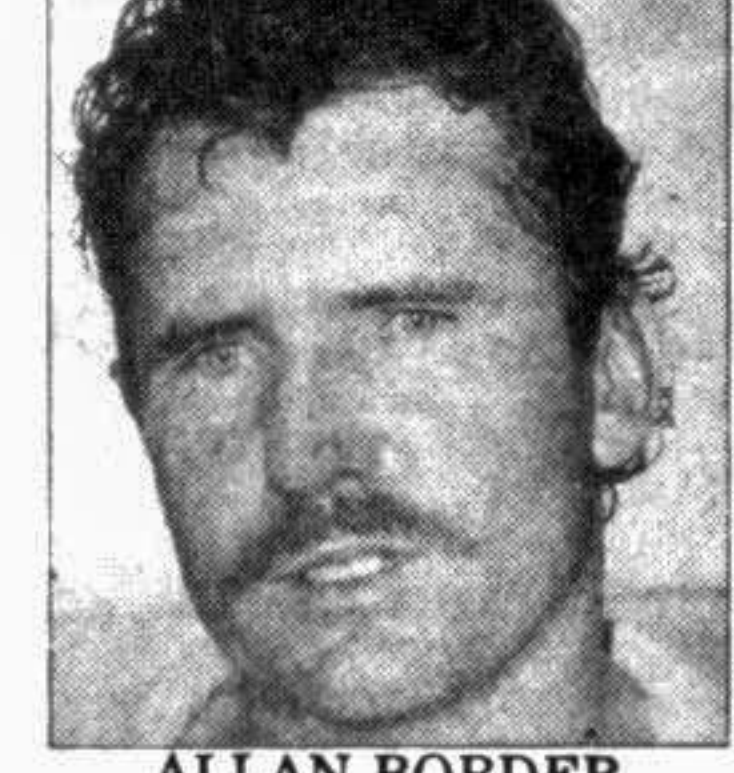
But he made only two more runs and Australia lasted just another 22 minutes after the break for a further nine runs before suffering only their second defeat in their last 22 Tests.

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.

The West Indies openers were untroubled in their reply and Haynes ended the match with successive fours off Hughes to score 23 of his side's 31 runs.

No bitter feelings, says Border

GEORGETOWN, Mar 29: Captain Allan Border said on Thursday there were no bitter feelings in the Australian camp about the controversial dismissal of Dean Jones in the second Test against the West Indies, reports Reuter.



ALLAN BORDER

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 Jones, better luck next time."

"I have always felt under pressure specially playing at home. There are calls to axe this and that and the spectators pick it up."

Becker, Stich face higher stakes

BERLIN, Mar 29: Boris 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.

up for last year's demoralising defeat against the same opponents. Becker will walk on court aware that his new coach Niki Pilic is increasingly unhappy about his role.

complained of extra pressure in the build-up to the tie. "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 Stich after one training session.

Paes, Krishnan give India lead

JAIPUR, Mar 29: Ramesh Krishnan and Leander Paes played with authority to put India in a comfortable position against Indonesia on the opening day of the Asia Oceania Davis Cup first round tie here today, reports PTI.

Paes, who took six minutes less than Krishnan (108 minutes) to wind-up the match, got an early break in the second set, during the eighth game, but found no answer to the deep slicing returns that broke his serve in the 10th to give Paes the set, in 40 minutes.

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Australia first innings 348 (G. Marsh 94, M. Waugh 71, I. Healy 53)

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.

land, next month. Mandela, Deputy President of the African National 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 first round tie at Jal 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.

Korda, Ivanisevic place their countries first

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.

Prague's indoor sports hall. "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 partner Korda.

Czechoslovakia won 5-0 when the countries last met in the Davis Cup, in Sarajevo in 1984.

Mr Kumar described Paes' show as an "excellent performance which was real good and against a player (Heryanto) who is not a chicken."

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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.

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

Germany, the 1988 and 1989 champions, lost as a result and Stich shouldered much of the blame in the German media.

Seles breezes through

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Mar 29: Monica Seles of Yugoslavia needed only 58 minutes to dispose of Germany's Claudia 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.

Seles, the top seed in the 32-draw tournament and the world number one woman player, said she was unhappy with her play after having to thwart a late surge by the 80th-ranked Porwik.

The Indonesian coach cum non-playing captain, Peter Platzer too appreciated Paes' 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 tomorrow."

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