### Charity soccer falls through

Sports Reporter

The second match in the series of charity games arranged by the Bangladesh Football Federation to raise funds for cyclone disaster rebetween Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club and Brothers Union, fell through yesterday owing to the nor'wester that swept the city late in the afternoon.

A decent crowd had turned up at the Dhaka Stadium to watch the encounter but the sudden heavy downpour coupled with gale force winds just before the six o'clock kick-off

Bangladesh player Rezaul Haque whose international ratforced the organisers to call off ing in 2220. the match. The BFF were to meet later to set a fresh date for the tie.

postpone the remaining three

games in the five-match series

which started Tuesday until

after the national under-23

Olympic selection returns

home from the double-leg pre-

Olympic qualifiers scheduled

for later this month and June

in the South Korean capital

Seoul and Kuala Lumpur.

were learnt to be in favour of a

fresh, full-fledged tournament

to raise a respectable sum to-

series of exhibition matches

was thought up by the BFF with

four teams taking part -

Mohammedans, Abahani Krira

Chakra, Brothers Union and

the national under-23 selec-

The poor crowd response. evident from the opening drawn encounter last Tuesday between Mohammedans and the under-23 side, and the

soggy ground condition may

also have convinced the BFF to

revise the format and fixture of

the BFF may make an initial

donation of Taka 2 lakh from

its own funds towards the

Windies arrive

England

Indies cricket team flew into

London today for the

forthcoming Test series

against England, bringing with

with them some welcome

Caribbean style weather.

brightly as the tourists arrived

at Heathrow airport from St.

Lucia, but newsmen eager to

speak to the players were left

in the shade as captain Viv

Richards turned down all re-

"I'm sorry, I have been in-

structed to leave all the talking

until the press conference

later," said Richards, his head

shaven and wearing dark

Gooch Essex hero

completed an easy eight-

wicket victory over Somerset

in the Benson and Hedges Cup

at Chelmsford on Wednesday.

After resuming at six with-

Captain Graham Gooch

out loss in reply to Somerset's

174 for nine, they reached

made 72, while sharing in an

opening stand of 151 with

John Stephenson (60), and re-

ceived the gold award for the

home tie in the quarter-finals

to the day's other Cup match

between Derbyshire and

Gloucestershire at Derby,

although neither side could

but Derbyshire won, having

lost fewer wickets, their hero

being captain Kim Barnett who

took the gold award for an in-

Springboks may

play Test at

Lord's next year

County Cricket Board is keen

to stage a money spinning

game, and the Springboks are

South Africa being readmitted

to world cricket by the

International Cricket

Conference (ICC) when it

nine days after the white-led

South African Cricket Union

and the anti-apartheid South

African Cricket Board merge

under one non-racial federa-

England, Australia and the

The ICC meeting comes just

The Test would depend on

being seen as logical choices.

nings of 102.

Lord's in 1992.

meets on July 8.

The scores finished level

qualify for the quarter-finals.

as they finish top of Group B.

Essex are now guaranteed a

There was a thrilling finish

man-of-the match.

their target in the 38th over.

LONDON, May 9 : Essex

The sun was shining

reports AFP.

quests to talk.

reports AFP.

LONDON, May 9: The West

as an immediate measure.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that

the fund raisers.

wards cyclone relief.

Some members of the BFF

The present four-team

patch continued when he set tled for a draw against Younus According to reliable sources, the BFF may decide to

Hasan after only nine moves. Tahmid also conceded de feat against Indian Fide Master Sports Reporter

Tahmid falters again

V Koshi in Wednesday's adjourned match. Tahmidur Rahman will have

Inter-

TN Parameswa

deshi Fide Master Syed Tahmidur

Rahman stayed jointly on top with 8 points each when they

drew their respective matches

of the United Insurance

International Masters' chess

championship yesterday at the

National Coaching Centre

2365, playing with black

pieces was forced to split the

point after 60 moves by

Tahmidur Rahman's lean

TN Parameshwaran, rated

ran and Bangla-

to beat his compatriot International · Master Zillur Rahman Champak in his last match tomorrow. Saturday if he is to earn his first norm for the International Master's title. TN Parameshwaran, unlike Tahmid, has played only eleven matches, one less.

Pakistan's International Master and this tournament's highest ranking player Mahmood Ahmed Lodhi, rated 2415, and India's Fide Master V Koshi were jointly placed in second position with eight points each.

Lodhi, playing black, yesterday drew with Indian International Master Niraj Kumar Misra in a marathon match that needed 62 moves. This was Lodhi's eleventh match of the 13-round Swiss

league tournament while Koshi, in his 12th match yesterday, defeated Bangladesh Fide Master Jamilur Rahman

after 41 moves. Almasur Rahman scored an victory over International Master Zillur Rahman Champak after 40 moves. Zillur Rahman's collection remained at seven points after twelve matches, while Almas has earned  $4\frac{1}{2}$  points from eleven matches. The match between the two bottom-placed players — Maroof Ahmed and Ashraf Hossain Nannu - ended with Maroof winning after 47 moves.

Today's matches Younus Hasan vs TN

Mahmoud Lodhi vs Almasui Rahman (3pm)

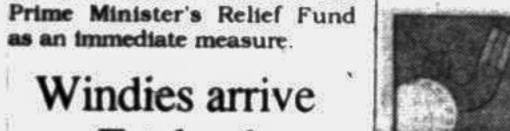
Parameshwaran (9am)

Younus Hasan vs NK Misra (5pm)



Former national champion Zillur Rahman Champak (L) continued his bad run of form in the United Insurance meet by losing to Almasur Rahman yesterday at the NSC chess room. -Star photo

# ussies stun Pakistan



ELBEUF, France. 'May 9: Australia put on a spellbinding display here on Wednesday to beat '

Pakistan 6-2 in the French hockey tournament, reports

Pakistan got off to a flying start in the tourney when Tahir Zaman scored from the penalty spot after 10 minutes following a disastrous defensive error by Ken Wark.

But the Aussies soon came storming back, with captain Warren Birmingham making it all-square from another

penalty after three minutes. Australia then stepped up the pressure and the Pakistani defence started to give way.

Mark Hager put the Aussies ahead after 19 minutes. Jay Stacy made it 3-1 from a short corner and Hager hit his second just before half-time, after Mansoor Ahmad had made a series of superb saves.

> Pakistan made a comeback in the second half, due largely to the talents of substitute Waseem Feroze whose sinuous runs caused panic in the Aussie defence and brought the best out of keeper Lachlan Against the run of play.

Birmingham blasted home another penalty in the 38th minute and seven minutes later Stephen Davies made it 6-1 from a short corner.

Zaman scored again with five minutes to go after Dreher

had pulled off two superb reflex saves from the Pakistani danger man.

In the other match of the tournament's opening day. France were held 2-2 by Wales

TEAMS

Australia: Dreher, Birmingham. Wansbrough. Carey. Davies (Bodimeade 60), Hager (elmer 49). Jennison, Stacy, Lewis, Wark, York.

Pakistan Mansoor Ahmed, Rana Mujahid, Khalid Bashir. Anjum Saced. Muhammad Khalid, Qamar Ibrahim, Tahir Zaman, Mussadiq Hussain (Shahbaz Junior 54), Shahbaz Ahmed, Laceq Ahmed (Waseem Feroze 36 ). Shahid Hussain (KM Junaid 36).

# Borg tests new equipment

Platt's 'no' to Bari

LONDON, May 9 : England World Cup midfielder David Platt has turned down a 4.7 million pounds sterling (8.1 million dollar) transfer to Italian club Bari, reports Reuter

In a statement issued here on Wednesday Platt, 24, said he did not feel 100 per cent certain about the move.

Platt travelled to Italy on Monday to discuss a possible transfer from Aston Villa, currently threatened by relegation from the English First Division, but decided to reject the offer.

"My decision has nothing to do with money. By signing for Bari I would have been finan cially secure for the rest of my life, My decision is purely a football one," he said.

The officials were charming, the stadium magnificent and the money more than generous. But I do not fell 100 per cent certain, hence my deci-

Platt, formerly with Crews Alexandra, is regarded as a future national captain and longterm replacement for former skipper Bryan Robson in the England side.

# Scifo for Turin

JOHANNESBURG, May 9 South Africa's Springbok BRUSSELS, May 9: Belgian midfielder Enzo Seifo said on ericketers may be given a one-Wednesday he was almost ceroff Test against England at tain of joining Italian First The Johannesburg Star re-Division soccer club Torino ported that England's Test and hext season, reports Reuter.

You could say it is 90 per cent certain," the World Cup star, who currently plays for French club Auxerre, told Belgian radio. They are in the process of reaching an agree-

Scife. 25, who disappointed at Internazionale Milan four years ago, said he wanted to join Torino but would leave Auxerre with regrets. "Auxerre taught me a lot," he said.

Scifo is still under contract to inter, who loaned him to Auxerre after an unsuccessful spell at Bordeaux.

West Indies have indicated Scifo said this year he did that they will give South Africa not want to return to the nod in July but the deci-Internazionale where German sion rests with the other ICC World Cup captain Lother countries - Pakistan, New Matthaeus plays in the same Zesland, India and Sri Lanka. position as Scilo.

# Soccer result

SOCCER SCENARIO

LOS ANGELES, May 9 Uruguay recovered from an unexpected 1-0 defeat against the United States in Denver last Sunday to overcome Mexico 2-0 here in front of 10,000 fans on Tuesday, reports AFP. Victor Lopez and Gustavo

Perreira scored in the 60th and 88th minutes.

New champions

BELGRADE, May 9: Hadjuk Split won the Yugoslav Cup here on Wednesday after beating Red Star Belgrade 1-0 in the final, reports AFP. Boksic scored the winner in

the 65th minute.

# Dignity in defeat COPENHAGEN, May 9: The

condemned man slept will, ate a hearty breakfast and arrived one time for his execution, reports Reuter. It lasted 17 minutes, about

seven minutes longer than expected, and the victim, after a brief struggle, exited with Unrated Maltese Kenneth

Vella was pitched against world number one Ardy Wiranata of Indonesia in the second round of the world badminton championships. Oceans apart in the world

rankings, 15-0, 15-0 scoreline was on the cards. But to his credit Vella, a 21-

year-old student hospital laboratory technician, made it 15-6. 15-4 in Tuesday night's "I was comfortable while was playing," he said. "I was

not really nervous because knew I was going to lose. tried my best and got more points than I expected." Vella, who had a first round

bye, spent last week playing for his country in division eight, the lowest, of the Sudirman Cup miked team event. Malta finished last after losing all four games.

After the game the Indonesian obligingly posed with Vella for photographs taken by the Maltese's team mates.

Then two children asked for Vella's autograph. Such is

ROME, May 9: Bjorn Borg, humiliated in the first match of his comeback in Monte Carlo, submitted to new technology and began testing modern graphite rackets on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The former world number one, who returned to the tennis circuit last eight years after he retired, practised at a training centre on the outskirts on Rome, Italian Davis Cup star Adriano Panatta said.

"Borg wants to try out new rackets," said Panatta, adding that he would not be playing in the Italian Open.

Borg, winner of five successive Wimbledon titles, was paractising in private at the Italian Tennis Federation's Riano centre under the guidance of Panatta and another former Italian Davis Cup player, Paolo Bertolucci.

Panatta said they were helping Borg choose a modern synthetic racket to replace the outdated, smaller wooden model he used during his highly successful career.

Borg, 34, had planned to take part in next week's Italian Open, a tournament he won in 1974 and 1978.

But he stopped training after a first-round defeat by Spaniard Jordi Arrese at Monte Carlo and the suicide attempt by his Italian pop singer wife Loredana Berte the following day.

# Lendl loses again

HAMBURG, May 9: World number three Ivan Lendl was beaten for the second time in five days when Italian qualifier Renzo Furlan swept him out of the German Open Tennis championships in the second round on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The 20-year-old Italian took only 14 minutes to win the opening three games and went on to beat the number two seed 7-5, 6-4.

It was the second surprise defeat in successive tournaments for the former world number one who was beaten by Swede Magnus Gustafsson in the semifinals of last week's Bavarian Open.

"I am still finding it difficult to switch to clay," Lendl said. "I battled hard but when you mishit every other ball you start to lose self-motivation"

# Cricket players' relief effort

Sports Reporter

The Dhaka Cricket Players Association (DCPA) has appealed to the sportsmen. sports lovers and the general public to come forward to generously help the distressed people who were rendered homeless and have been without food and shelter after the devastating cyclonic storm which struck the coastal belt of the country last April 29.

The association, in a press release yesterday, said it had arranged to collect relief materials at the eastern gate of the Dhaka Stadium between 9 am and 6 pm everyday. The DCPA has also decided

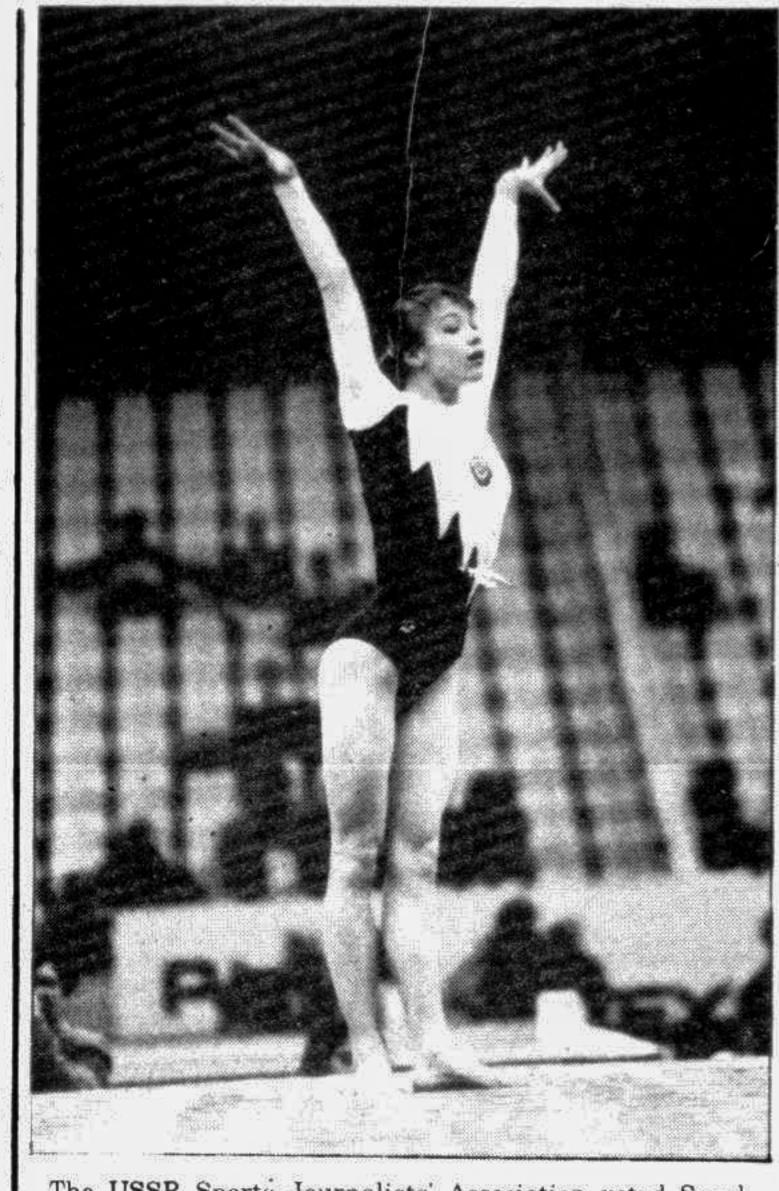
to arrange a blood donation programme at the BCCB dressing room Sunday, May 12 from nine in the morning.

The association has also decided to organise charity cricket matches in aid of the cyclonic victims and to help them with long term planning and permanent projects.

# Gullit injured

MILAN, Italy, May 9: AC Milan's Dutch soccer international Ruud Gullit injured his troublesome right knee during practice session on Wednesday, reports Reuter. Club doctors said he would

undergo tests today to determine the extent of the injury. Gullit has already had three operations on his right knee.



The USSR Sports Journalists' Association voted Seoul Olympics and 1989 European and World champion gymnast Svetlana Boginskaya among the top ten Soviet athletes of 1990. -Novosti photo

Singapore Airlines golf today

Sports Reporter The Singapore Airlines invitational golf tournament will be held today at the Kurmitola Golf Club with the players teeing off at 7:30 a.m.

More than a hundred golfers, both male and female. will be taking part.

The prizes will be distributed at a fund raising dinner at Hotel Sonargaon in the evening, the entire proceeds of which will go to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

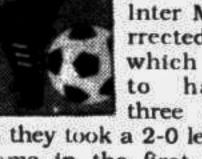
#### Kabadi fed recast

The National Sports Council yesterday recast the ad-hoc executive committee of the Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation with M Azizul Huq and Munir Hossain as president and general secretary respectively, reports BSS. The members of the com-

mittee are:

President-M Azizul Hug; Vice Presidents-Qazi Anisur Rahman and A. K. M. Mukitur Rahman: General Secretary-Munir Hossain; Joint Secretary-Z. Alam; Treasurer-Mozaffar Hossain; Members --A.K.M. Habibur Rahman, M Mahbubul Alam, Khondakar Akhtar Hamid, Jahangir Alam, Subimol Chandra Das. Salahuddin Bhuiyan, Golam Hafiz, Samsuzzaman (Ansars), Ziauddin Ahmed (Fire Service). Mujibur Rahmarı (BDR). Amir Hossain Patward (Police), Nazrul Islam (Dhal ca Division), D K Guha (Dha ka Division). Shetkh Nizamud din (Khulna Division), and Haider Ali (Rajshahi Division).

#### Inter put two past Roma he attempted to connect with MILAN, May 9: left and his delicate angled brought a fine diving stave from



Inter Milan resurrected a season which appeared to have died three days ago

as they took a 2-0 lead over AS Roma in the first leg of the Uefa Cup final here on Wednesday night, reports AFP.

Inter returned to the San Siro Stadium, scene of their 2-0 home defeat to Sampdoria which virtually ended their Italian championship hopes, to give themselves a major advantage in the second leg in two weeks' time.

After a cautious first-half, a penalty by Inter captain Lothar Matthaeus and a second from Nicola Berti sank a Roma side who would clearly have been content to settle for a draw.

. Matthacus managed to put behind him the memory of his crucial penalty miss against Sampdoria on Sunday when he stepped up to blast the ball past Giovanni Cervone in the 55th minute, after Antonio Comi had hauled down Berti as

an Aldo Serena cross. That strike brought a dull

game to life as Roma set off in search of the all-important away goal, but it was Inter who scored again the opening nine minutes later.



LOTHAR MATTHAEUS

German striker Jurgen Klinsmann twisted and turned the Roma defence down the

through-ball escaped Cervone's grasp, laving Berti a relatively casy tap-in.

In what was a fairly muscular encounter, five players were booked - two for Inter and three for Roma - while Serena dislocated a shoulder and had to be carried from the ground on a stretcher.

Trappatoni, the master tactician who had earlier won the Uefa Cup with Juventus in 1977, told Matthaeus to start pushing forward in the second Matthaeus had been strangely subdued and playing

The turning point came

when Inter's coach Giovanni

very deep in the first half, with Inter having the lion's share of possession but failing to turn their advantage into goals. It was Roma who came closest to scoring on the half hour when Rudi Voeller, left to

forage for himself up front,

broke down the left, cut inside

and his stinging low shot

from Brazilian defe nder Aldair. But the home side's best two chances of 'he first half fell to the best two players on view, Klinsmann, and Berti.

Inter's attacks fou ndered on

the Roma offside trap and

Klinsmann found himself the

target of some hars h treatment

Walter Zenga.

in the eighth minute, Klinsmann strode forward and could hardly believe his eyes as the Roma defence opened up before him. but he shot too soon from the edge of the area and his effort went wide.

After 28 minutes, Berti's looping he ader brought a desperate full-length save out of Cervone.

Unless Roma can come up with some startling football on their own ground. Inter will be the side bringing the Uefa Cup back to Italy for the third consecutive: year, and after the second successive all-Italian

# Thursday, while Navratilova three months became the



Since she cut her long blond hair last month, 17year-old Monica

Seles can walk through a crowd without being recognized. And since she took over the No. 1 ranking in women's tennis from Germany's Steffi Graf in March, she sometimes has trouble recognizing herself. reports AP.

"It's still hard to believe that I'm number one," said Seles, who won her opening second-round match against Australia's Nicole Provis 6-3. 6-3 at the Italian Open on Wednesday. "There are still some days when I just don't realize it.

Martina Navratilova, the No. 3 seed at Rome, advanced to the second round with a 6-3, 6-0 win over South African Elna Reinach.

American teenager Jennifer Capriati had to come from behind twice to defeat tough Argentine Cristina Tessi 7-5, 7-6 (7-3) in their one-hour. 30-minute Wednesday night

The top-seeded Seles will face Italy's Katia Piccolini on



MONICA SELFS

the tournament's second seed will play No. 9 seed Nathalie Tauziat of France on Thursday

"I never really expected to be on top," said Seles, the defending Italian Open champion. "Off course, nobody get's up in the morning and says I'm going to be number two this year. But you spend all your time working and aiming to be number one. It becomes a goal. And then you get there, and you wonder what you're supposed to do now.

Seles. who at 17 years and

violence caused the collapse of

ANC leader Nelson Mandela

met at a secret venue in

Pretoria on Wednesday in a

last-minute bid to resolve the

crisis and put talks about a

transition to democracy back

of the African Athletics

Federation, said the IAAF

endorsed the International

Olympic Committee's condi-

remaining apartheid laws by

These were the repeal of

Diack, who is also president

on track.

President F W De Klerk and

political settlement talks.

youngest player in history to earn tennis' top ranking. seems to be doing just fine. She has had a spectacular start in 1991, winning three of the six tournaments she's played and finishing second in the remaining three. Last month, after signing a

promotional contract with a cosmetics company, she agreed to cut her hair for a new look. "It feels so much better,"

she confessed, brushing her hand over her short-eropped hair. "It was nice too, for a while, to be able to walk through a city without being recognized. But now that they've seen me play today. I guess that's over."

and the new coiffure. Seles still looks and sounds like a cyclone on the court. Against Provis, the Yugoslav worked into her usual vocal frenzy, firing bomb after baseline bomb into the corners, hitting each ball as if it were her last. Seles beat Provis 6-3, 6-1 in

64 minutes and then said she

was more relaxed and serving

better than at any time in the

past three months.

"My serve pulled me out at the beginning of the match when I wasn't sure if I was on a tennis court or at the beach. "I guess all the work I've

been putting into it since the

Australian Open is starting to pay, said Seles, who won in Melbourne last January. I put no pressure on myself today and this is when the serve often starts to work well. "I always feel I play my best

tennis in Rome. I won last year and expect to play great this Third seed Martina Navratilova, losing finalist in

quite easily in her second round match. "I needed a few games to get over my nervousness," she

right on my best serves," said Navratilova.

Navratilova, 34, said Seles and 1988 and 1989 champion Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina were the obvious favourites for the title.

"You have to go with Gabriela and Monica. They are 'playing the best tennis"

# S Africans may run in Tokyo

9: South Africa's hopes of a return to world athletics in Tokyo August would be ended if talks b

down, African athletic chief Lamine Diack said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. Diack, vice-president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), told a news conference in Cape Town that South Africa could be admitted

to the World Championships in

etween black leaders and the

white government broke

Tokyo. "It is possible, but it is only three months away. If we talk about the Olympics in Barcelona next year then we can be optimistic." he said He said talks about ending

the boycott would be halted if

an African National Congress

(ANC) ultimatum to the

government to end township

the end of June and the unification of racially divided controlling bodies in all sports. Diack said the African athletics championships in Cairo in October could be a more realistic and appropriate

tions for readmission.

He added that the IAAF

would not allow opposition from a radical minority to torpedo South Africa's return to international competition.

"If the majority of the country is ready to go ahead. we will go ahead with them. If someone says nothing has changed in this country I will say no, he is wrong, a lot has changed here.

"If someone says "no" they will have to have a good reason. Otherwise we will go ahead without them," he said

The anti-apartheid South African Council on Sport (SACOS) has criticised international athletics and Olympic organisers for trying to rush the lifting of the sports boycott.

SACOS officials have said the 1996 Olympic Games would be a suitable target for venue for South Africa's return South Africa's readmission to from almost 30 years of isolaworld sport.

Diack said his delegation would meet sports authorities

and athletes around the country and would report to the African athletics officials at , a meeting at Dakar on May 19.

A further decision on South Africa's sporting future could be taken at the IAAF meeting in Tokyo on May 21.

# Indian boys, girls reach the semis

BOMBAY, May 9 : Hosts India swept into the semi-finals of both the boys and girls sections in the World Youth Cup Australasia-Zone tournament here Wednesday, reports

While the boys beat Hong Kong 2-1, the girls overcame Indonesia by a similar margin to make India the only team in the 13-nation tournament to qualify for the semi-finals in both events.

### ·Rome last year, beat Reinach Despite the new ranking said after winning nine successive games from 3-3 in the "Some bad (line) calls came