

Koreans continue with goal scoring spree

Afzal H Khan from Seoul

Three goals in the last twenty minutes gave the life to an otherwise well-fought contest in which hosts South Korea defeated Bangladesh six-nil in the second match of their Asian Group-D pre-Olympic soccer qualifiers at the Olympic Stadium in Seoul Monday evening.

BKSP to play five charity ties in districts

Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Pratisthan (BKSP) will play five exhibition football matches in five districts against the local teams to raise funds for the April 29 cyclone affected people, reports BSS.

The first match will be played against the Chuadanga district eleven at the Chuadanga Stadium on May 23 at 4 pm and the second match against the Jessore district eleven at the local stadium the next day.

BKSP will take on Kushtia district eleven on May 25 at the local stadium and on May 27 they will play against Satkhira at the Satkhira Stadium.

In the last match, BKSP will play against Khulna DSA at the Khulna Stadium on May 29.

The result does not quite reflect the spirited showing by our boys who succeeded in restricting the fancied Koreans to a two-nil lead at the breather.

The first two goals, both scored by Lee Gi-bum in the fifth and 28th minutes, owed more to bad goalkeeping mistakes by Lahul who was a shadow of the player who had played so well against Thailand Saturday.

Bangladesh, playing a 5-4-1 formation with an added defender in the person of Sohel, continued to play their tight marking game until 15 minutes into the second half when Kwak Kyung-keun capped a brilliant move by the Koreans.

Connecting a flying header on a low cross from the right to make it three-zero. That goal seemed to take the fifth out of the Bangladesh boys who tended to fall back and consequently allowed more pressure to build in their own zone with almost all the Koreans pushing forward.

The Koreans, who have four Italia '90 World Cuppers in their ranks and who swamped the Philippines ten-nil in the opening tie Saturday, were given a tough talking down by all three of their German coaches led by the famous Kramer who had been to the then East Pakistan way back in 1966.

Kramer told his boys they must get more goals in the second period and that's what the Koreans did.

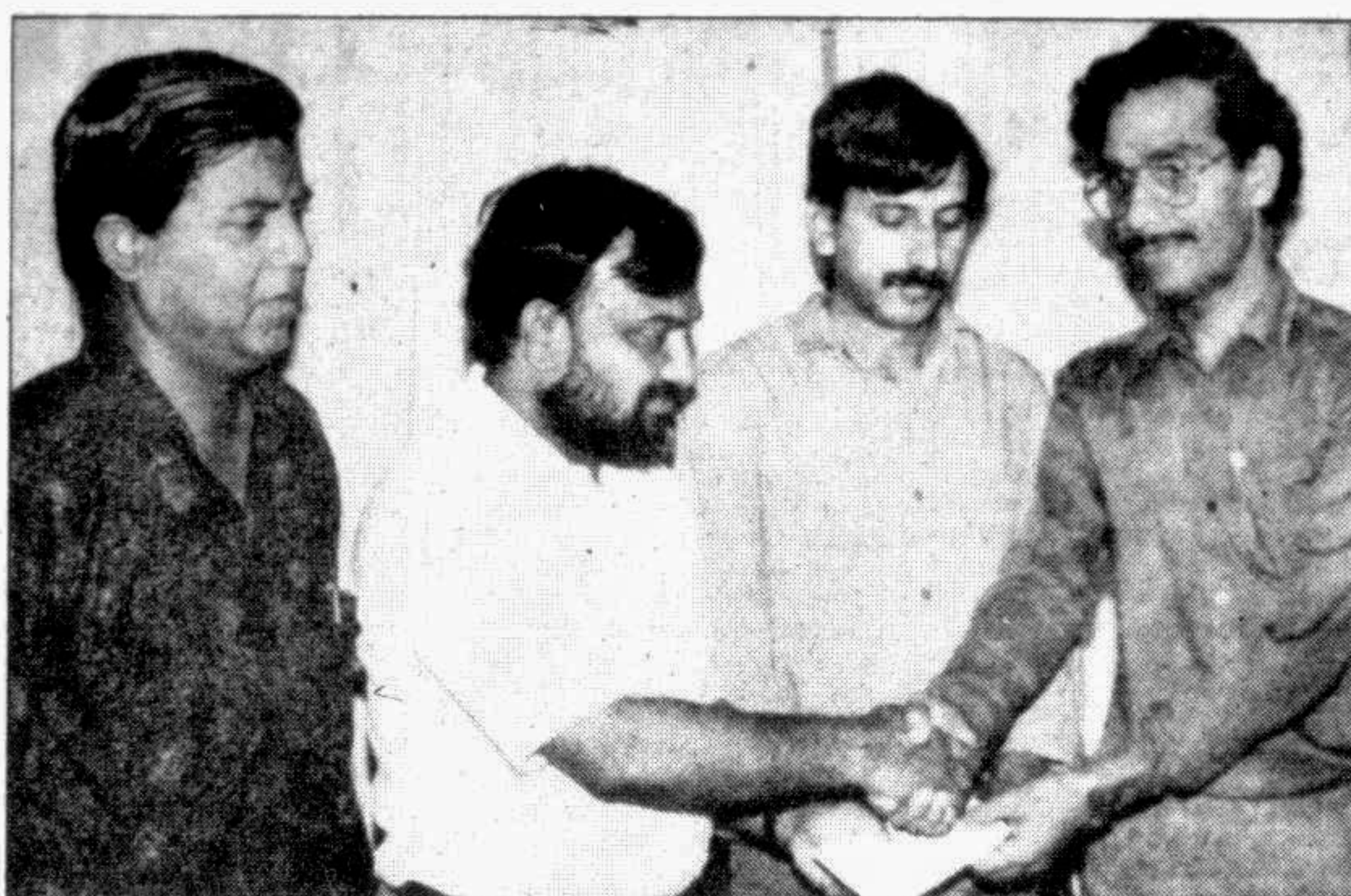
A hesitation — on the part of the Bangladesh defenders inside the box allowed midfielder Kim Gi-hwa to make it four-nil in the 70th minute.

The best goal of the match came in the 81st minute when game-maker Noh Jung-yoon, one of their World Cuppers, rifled a volley from nearly 35 yards that gave the goalie no chance with just eighty seconds to go before the final whistle. Substitute Han Jung-kook completed the tally by heading home upon a corner kick taken by the Korean captain Na Seung-hwa to make it six-nil.

Bangladesh used two substitutes, both midway through the second half, with Uttam replacing Roxy and Ghous taking Nakib's place. Ghous soon got a yellow card, as did Alamgir in the first half.

For the record Bangladesh earned two good scoring chances but Mamoon in the 74th and Shabbir in the 77th minutes shot over the bar from close range.

In the first encounter of the day, Malaysia trounced hapless Philippines five-nil after leading two-nil at half-time.



BSJA Treasurer Mr Nasimul Kabir handing over a cheque for Tk 20,000 to State Minister for Youth and Sports Mr Sadek Hossain yesterday. The money was donated by the BSJA to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

Simmons at centre stage

LONDON, May 20: Phil Simmons, the opener almost killed on the last West Indies tour of England, occupied centre stage for the right reasons on Sunday, reports Reuter.

The man who needed neurosurgery three years ago after he was struck in the head by a bouncer followed up last week's century against Worcestershire with 136 off Middlesex.

The Trinidadian smashed John Emburey over long-on for six and also hit 22 fours in an innings occupying just 188 balls. His century included 19 boundaries, such was the power of his batting.

Simmons' effort took the tourists to 354 for six in reply

to the country's 275. One day remains.

Simmons dominated an



Phil Simmons opening stand of 88 with a subdued Gordon Greenidge

and made his runs out of 210. Greenidge took two hours over his 26 before being out of the fifth ball after lunch.

Captain Viv Richards emerged for the final 20 minutes at number eight to contribute 23 not out after Carl Hooper (42) and Gus Logie (60) had put in some useful practice for the final 20 minutes of the match.

West Indies were confident that Desmond Haynes and Curtly Ambrose will be fully fit for the three internationals, starting at Edgbaston on Thursday.

Opener Haynes had a net after a cortisone injection to ease a back complaint. Fast bowler Ambrose was recovering well from a minor operation to remove a cyst.

Argentines beat the Americans

STANFORD, California, May 20: Argentina handed Bora Milutinovic his first defeat since taking over as US national soccer coach when the former World Cup champions beat the United States 1-0 in an international friendly on Sunday, reports Reuter.

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Milutinovic, who is now 1-1 since taking over as US coach, used four substitutes including Hugo Perez, who made his first US appearance in 15 months.

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Oregryte of Sweden, hit one shot over the crossbar and his brief flashes of flair could not lift a lacklustre US performance.

US sweeper Fernando Clavijo received a red card in the 60th minute after he chopped down Alfaro Moreno about 25 metres from goal.

"I am pleased with the progress we are showing with our tactics," said Milutinovic, who guided the United States to victory over Uruguay two weeks ago in his debut as US coach.

Argentina of course is a two-time world champion and I thought they played well.

"But our team played well in the last 20 minutes as well as in the first 15 or 20 minutes, so to play well against this team for 40 minutes is not bad," added Milutinovic, who coached Mexico to the 1986 World Cup quarter-finals and guided Costa Rica in 1990.

Sanchez's first major title

ROME, May 20: Emilio Sanchez of Spain won his first major tennis title when he beat Argentine Alberto Mancini, who pulled a hamstring muscle in the second set, in the final of the Italian Open championship of Sunday, reports Reuter.

The unseeded Argentine, champion in 1989 but forced

to qualify this year, retired when his ninth-seeded opponent led 6-3, 6-1, 3-0.

"At the start of the second set I felt a pain," Mancini said.

The first game of the second set was the last Mancini won. He lost all support in his left leg and played with a bandage on his left thigh from the start of the third set.

The right-handed Sanchez a

clay court specialist ranked 16th in the world, took his total of career victories to 13. He won in his home city of Barcelona last month.

A near capacity 10,000 crowd on centre court at the Foro Italico, the majority rooting for Mancini who has Italian ancestry, were generous in their applause for both players despite a final that turned into a disappointment after promising so much.

"At first I thought the pain might go away. Then it got worse when I stretched to my right," Mancini said.

The Argentine said he could not lean into his serve and the injury weakened his forehand, his most potent weapon. His left thigh muscle had felt tense going into the match, his ninth in eight days, he added.

Sanchez took his career earnings beyond the three-million mark with the 161,000 dollar winner's cheque.

It was his first victory over Mancini in four encounters, including the second round at Monte Carlo last month, and the Argentine's first defeat in three finals.

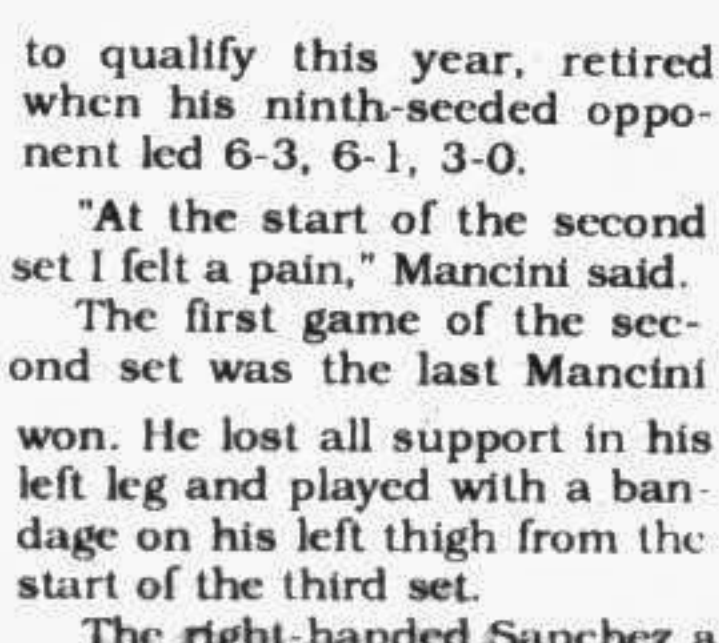
Sanchez said he rated his chances as good at the French Open starting on May 27 where he will be trying to emulate his younger sister Arantxa, champion at Roland Garros in 1989.

Mancini, world number eight less than two years ago but now 105, said he was hoping for a wild card entry for Paris, giving him more recovery time.

"Otherwise I have to be at Roland Garros on Wednesday for the qualifiers," he said.



Emilio Sanchez holds his Italian trophy after a 6-3, 6-1, 3-0 win over Alberto Mancini who abandoned in the third set because of a thigh injury in the final.



—AFP photo

SOCCER SCENARIO

Viali tops scorers' list

ROME, May 20: Leading goal scorers in the Italian First Division football league after Sunday's matches, reports Reuter.

Nineteen goals — Gianluca Viali (Sampdoria); fifteen — Carlos Aguilera (Genoa) and Lothar Matthaus (Internazionale); fourteen — Massimo Cioffi (Cesena); Juergen Klinsmann (Inter), Roberto Baggio (Juventus) and Tomas Skuhravy (Genoa), thirteen — Alessandro Melli (Parma) and Giorgio Bresciani (Genoa).

Twelve — Joao Paulo (Bari); eleven — Ruben Sosa (Lazio), Marco Van Basten (AC Milan), Michele Padovano (Pisa) and Rudi Voeller (As Roma).

Gazza coming round

LONDON, May 20: Tottenham midfielder Paul Gascoigne, carried off after 17 minutes of the English F. A. Cup final, was said to be "comfortable" on Sunday after surgery on damaged knee ligaments, reports Reuter.

The 23-year-old England international, whose proposed transfer to Italian Club Lazio could now be in doubt, had an operation at a private hospital in London. Club physiotherapist John Sheridan said: "Paul underwent surgery this morning. He had ligament surgery and he is comfortable."

Tottenham beat Nottingham Forest 2-1 after extra time during Saturday's F.A. Cup final.

Clough won't quit

LONDON, May 20: Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough brushed aside suggestions. He might retire following his side's defeat by Tottenham in Saturday's English F. A. Cup final, reports Reuter.

"You can only look forward in this game and there's no way I'm quitting yet. If football thinks it's gone the back of my big head it can think again," Clough said on Sunday. The F. A. Cup continues to elude Clough, a rare blot on a glittering 25-year managerial career in which he has won two English League titles, four League Cups and two European Cups.

"I'll do my best to be back next year, doing the same things," the 56-year-old Clough said. "But hopefully next time around we'll go to Wembley and return to the midlands with the trophy."

Charity match at Tangail

TANGAIL, May 20: Tangail District Sports Association arranged an exhibition football match at Tangail Stadium Friday to collect fund in aid of the cyclone-stricken people of the coastal areas of Bangladesh, reports BSS.

The match was held between Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Pratisthan and Tangail district youth football teams.

The Association source said that about Taka one point five lakh was collected on the occasion.

Moody, Illingworth guide Worcs

LONDON, May 20: Australian Tom Moody hammered his third Sunday league century in four innings and England's new spin bowler Richard Illingworth claimed five for 49 in Worcestershire's 27-run victory against Northamptonshire, reports Reuter.

Moody's 81-ball onslaught, including two sixes and 12 fours, guided the visitors to 251 for five. Northamptonshire mustered only 224 in reply.

Essex, needing three off the last ball to beat Kent, had to settle for two from Steve Andrew and the match was tied.

England captain Graham Gooch failed to score as Essex chased Kent's moderate 183 for seven.

Somerset joined Nottinghamshire at the top after their captain Chris Tavare hit an unbeaten 75 in a seven-wicket triumph over Hampshire. Notts did not play.

Sampdoria assured of league title

ROME, May 20: Sampdoria raced to their first Italian soccer league title on Sunday beating Lecce 3-0 in Genoa, reports Reuter.

Goals in the opening 30 minutes from Brazilian veteran Cerezo, defender Moreno Mannini and striker Gianluca Viali effectively put the championship issue beyond doubt.

Sampdoria had gone into the penultimate league game of the season needing just two points from two games to be certain of the title.

In the end their win proved unnecessary since second placed AC Milan were surprisingly beaten 2-1 at Bari to leave the new champions five points clear.

Sampdoria quickly underlined their intentions with 36-year-old Cerezo opening the scoring after just 90 seconds.

Twelve minutes later, a rampant Sampdoria struck again through Mannini and in the 29th minute Viali rounded off a fine move to score his side's third goal.

being precise and technically dominant.

"Even the goals we scored were the best goals we've scored for a long while."

"I'm certain that this Sampdoria side with all the great players it contains has merited its title."

"Just look at our record, in 33 games we have lost only three and we've scored more goals than all the other teams."

Sampdoria's emphatic win not only settled outstanding issues at the top of the table but also cleared up remaining relegation doubts. Lecce's defeat condemned them to Division Two along with Bologna, Cesena and Pisa.

To round off a thoroughly miserable day for Lecce, defender Antonio Conte was sent off late in the first half.

Bari stay in Div 1

Bari ensured their place in Division One next season thanks to two brilliant, opportunistic goals against AC Milan from Brazilian striker Joao Paulo.

Fellow relegation battlers Cagliari also retained First Division status with a 2-1 win at Bologna, both their goals coming from in-form Uruguayan Daniel Fonseca.

Perhaps the happiest footballer of the day, however, was Juventus striker "Toto" Schillaci, who broke his six-



Berlin, May 20: A relaxed Steffi Graf flashed a clear message of intent to her rivals on Sunday with a devastating performance in the semifinals of the German Open, reports Reuter.

The world number two produced some of her best tennis in months to humiliate Czechoslovakia's Novotna 6-1, 6-0 and confessed afterwards

she felt like the champion she used to be.

"I felt like the old Steffi," she said, reflecting on a traumatic year affected by allegations about her father Peter's personal life.

"My serve needs a little work, but the way I was playing she wasn't able to do anything at all. I just feel much better in general about myself."

Int'l club charity ties now from May 28

The International Club Charity Football Tournament will now be held from May 28, a month ahead than scheduled earlier, reports UNB.

Organised by the Metropolis Club Samity, the tournament will be participated by three leading teams from India and three most popular teams from Bangladesh.

The teams from India are Mohan Bagan Club, East Bengal Club and Mohammedan Sporting Club of Calcutta.

President of the Samity A S Sultan announced the acceptance of invitations by the Indian teams to participate in the tournament.

Sultan, who just returned to the capital from Calcutta, said the Indian Football Association (IFA) has already given its consent to the three popular clubs of West Bengal to contest in the tournament aimed at raising fund in aid of the victims of the catastrophic cyclone that raged through the coastal areas of Bangladesh last month.

He said the Samity will bear the expenses of air travel and local hospitality for the members of the Indian teams. The Indian teams, expected to reach here on May 26, have even agreed to be lodged in a modest hotel, he added.

Referring to the tournament matches Sultan informed that the teams will be divided into two groups and the initial matches will be held on league basis from May 28 to 30.

The semi-finals will take place on June 1 and 2 while the final will be decided on June 4.

All matches of the tournament will be held at the Dhaka National Stadium.

Money received from the tournament will be donated to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

BSJA donates Tk 20,000 to PM's Relief Fund

The Minister of State for Youth and Sports, Mr. Sadek Hossain, visited the office of the Bangladesh Sports Journalists Association (BSJA) in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS.

Mr. Hossain exchanged views with the members of the Association regarding development of sports. The State Minister stressed that the respective federations should work independently.

He said the Government was aware of the problems in the sports arena. He said a national workshop should be held on sports so that a broad opinion could be formulated as to how to run the affairs of sports and games in the country.

The BSJA handed over a cheque for Taka 20,000 to the State Minister for the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

The State Minister was also given a crest of the Association by the President of BSJA, Masud Ahmed Rumi.

Michael Johnson clocks yr's best

SAO PAULO, Brazil, May 20: American Michael Johnson ran the year's fastest 200 meters on Sunday when he stormed to victory in 20.02 seconds at a Sao Paulo Grand Prix athletics meeting, reports Reuter.

Johnson took an immediate lead out of the blocks and blew the competition away as he finished more than half a second ahead of countryman Jeff Williams, who clocked 20.66.

"I just came here to win the race. I was not thinking about the time," said Johnson, who is being touted as the successor to Carl Lewis as the next great American sprint star. "I am very happy because I ran this time without pushing myself."

American Gwen Torrence recorded a double sprint victory as she won the women's 100 and 200 meters. Local favourite Robsonda Silva also scored a double by winning the men's 100 and 400 meters.

But the Brazilian backed out of a confrontation with Johnson in the 200, saying he

did not want to face the American speedster so early in the Grand Prix season.

Torrence took the 100 meters in a dramatic photo-finish as she came from behind to edge Nigeria's Mary Onyiah at the finish in a time of 11.22 seconds. Onyiah, who also finished second to Torrence in the 200 meters, was clocked at 11.24.

Pre-race favourite Evelyn Ashford of the United States finished well back in fifth place in 11.61.

Da Silva's victories before 18,000 fans — along with wins by Brazilian women in the 400, 800, and 3000 meters — made up for the absence of former Olympic 800 meters champion Joaquim Cruz, who refused to take part following a row with the organisers.

While Kipkoech just missed establishing a new race record, Soviet runner Alevtina Naumova broke the women's record with a winning time of 2:35.32.

Alena Peterkova of Czechoslovakia closed to within six seconds of Naumova at the finish.

TENNIS TIDINGS

Borg won't give up

ROME, May 20: Bjorn Borg has assured that he has no intention of giving up his attempt at a comeback, reports AP.

Starting last week, Borg began training with former Italian tennis great and current Italian Davis Cup coach Adriano Panatta. Under the supervision of Prof. Antonio Dal Monte of the Italian Sport Science Institute, Borg works on strength and speed for two hours in the morning. In the afternoon, under Panatta's guidance, he plays two hours of tennis against young Italian players.

"Adriano has been a great help to me," said Borg, meeting with reporters at the Foro Italico during the Italian Open. "I have been working out for nine months and am in excellent condition. Now I need someone to help me with the tennis."

"For example, at Monte Carlo, I felt like I had no power on my forehand. Adriano showed me that I had changed my grip, that I wasn't hitting it like I used to."

The Monte Carlo loss also convinced Borg that he needed to abandon the outmoded wooden racket he used to dominate tennis in the 1970s.

Borg was accompanied by his wife Italian pop singer Loredana Berté. He had rushed back from Monte Carlo to be at her side at a hospital in Milan after she swallowed an overdose of pills in an apparent suicide attempt. Borg said he intends to remain in Rome to work on his condition, and to find a racket he feels comfortable with.

Paes India's best sportsperson

MADRAS, May 20: The brightest hope of Indian tennis, Leander Paes, has been adjudged as the best sportsperson in India for 1990 for the prestigious Kumararajah M A M Muthiah Gold Cup by the Tamil Nadu Sports Journalists Association (TNSJA) here yesterday, reports PTI.

Seventeen-year-old Leander Paes was selected for his 'stupendous' success in finishing runner-up in the Australian grand slam junior before winning the junior Wimbledon last year.

ITF to readmit South Africa

LONDON, May 20: South Africa, exiled from international team tennis competitions since 1978, are set to return next year, reports AFP.

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) will propose the readmission of the republic as a full member immediately they are readmitted to the Olympic Movement, which should happen in July.

The Federation's management committee hopes that unification of three separate tennis bodies in the republic will take place before the ITF's July meeting.

A statement said: "On the successful conclusion of these procedures, we expect South Africa to both the Davis and Federation Cups in 1992."

South Africa last took part in the men's Davis Cup in 1978 and the women's Federation Cup a year earlier.