11th Asian Club Cup Championship

Bangladesh in Central Asia Group



Bangladesh has been placed in the Central Asia Group of the 11th Asian Club Cup Championship sc

heduled to begin on October 15 on a home-away basis, according to an AFC telex received yesterday by Bangladesh Football Fed-eration.

AFC has decided to held the 11th Asian Club Cup on schedule through the matches of 10th Asian Club Cup championship is yet to be completed. The 10th Club Cup was de-

layed due to the Gulf war. The second round matches of the 10th Asian Club meet will be held on schedule in Dhaka from June 19 to 28 with club teams from eight countries-Jordon. China. South Korea, Iran, Thailand, Oman. Indonesia and Bangladesh taking part in the tourney.

AFC has decided to divide

Faroe Islands restrict Austria

SALZBURG, Austria, May 23: Austria broke a 358-minute scoreless run and salvaged some self-respect when they beat the amateurs of the Farot Island 3-0 in a a European Championship Group Four match on Wednesday, reports

Bangladesh meet Philippines today

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh under-23 pre-Olympic booters will hope to salvage some of their lost pride when they meet the Philippines in today's match to decide the wooden-spoonists of the first leg of the Asian Group 'D' qualifiers how being held in Seoul, South Korea. Bangladesh have lost all the

three matches the played so They lost to Thailand 3-2.

to South Korea 6-0 and went down narrowly 0-1 against

The team is expected to return home on May 27. The second leg of the

Group 'D' matches will begin from July 1 Kuala Lumpur. Malaysia.

satisfy them,' he added.

Reuter.

Sports Reporter Asia into four groups. The Central Asia Group teams are: Bangladesh, India,

Maldives, Nepal and Pakistan. One team from this group will qualify for the final round.

The teams in West Asian Group are: Bahrain. Iran. Jor-

don. Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman. Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, UAE and Yemen.

There will be two separate groups in West Asian region and four teams will qualify for the final round.

Five teams are placed in the

Ambrose was not out on 21

Artherton was batting 35

while his ninth-wicket part-

ner Walsh was unbeaten on 29.

while bad light stooped the

play meadway through the

England Innings. England lost

captain Gooch, Lamb and Hick

in quick succession against a

hostile Windies bowling

Botham was batting on one and

England now need 76 runs

from 28 overs to go one-up

Earlier Reuter report said,

England all—rounder lan

Botham made a triumphant re-

turn to the international arena

wickets in the first one-day

cricket international against

West Indies, who were asked

for his country since 1989,

took four for 45 from his 11

overs as West Indies struggled

to 103 for seven from 35.3

overs at lunch after being put

medium pace. Botham swung

the ball away late from the bat

to capture the wickets of

Gordon Greenidge (23). Richie

Richardson (three). Gus Logie

(18) and Carl Hooper (10). He

also had Logie dropped twice

extravagantly on an overcast

day and only Greenidge and

captain Viv Richards, top

scorer with 30, looked like

coming to terms with the

is at Old Trafford, Manchester.

on Saturday (May 25) and the

third at the Lord's on Monday

Greenidge c Russell b Botham

Richards c Fairbrother b Gooch

Logic c DeFreitas b Botham

Hooper c Rus all b Botham

Dujon c Lewis b Illingworth

Marshall c Lewis b Defreitas

Extras (B-1 LB-5 W-6 NB-1)

Fall of wickets : 1-8, 2-16, 3-

48, 4-78, 5-84, 6-98, 7-103, 8-

Total (for eight wickets,

Did not bat: P Patterson

Ambrose not out

Walsh not out

innings closed)

Bowling

Defreitas

Pringle

Gooch

Summons c Gooch b Lewis Richardson c Illingworth b

The second one-day match

The ball swung and seamed

and Richards once.

England attack.

SCOREBOARD

(May 27).

West Indies

Bowling at a relaxed

Botham, who has not played

against the Windis.

to bat first.

in to bat.

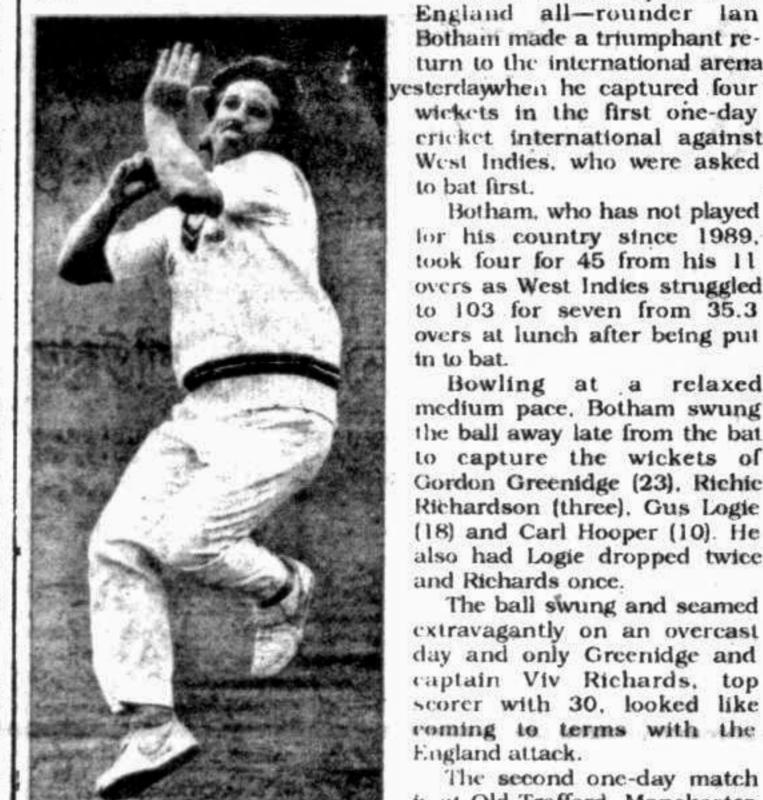
Edgbaston match keenly poised

Sports Reporter

England were 98 for four in reply to West Indies's 173 for cight when bad light stooped play at edgbaston yesterday.

England won the toss and put the tourists into bat in their first of three one day matches.

West Indies made 173 runs in stipulated 55 overs. Captain Viv Richards made 30 while tailendrs Ambrose and Walsh put on a brave 52-run to take their side to a respectable to-



IAN BOTHAM- a tramphant

SOCCER SCENARIO

Shilton wants to manage Leics

chance the situation."

be a successful manager.

proached the Leicester chairman Martin George.

Shilton, relegated with Derby, said he has already ap-

Leteester struggled near the foot of the Second Division for

much of last season but 41-year-old Shilton is confident of

improving the situation. If they are ambitious. I'm sure I can

Beckenbauer's son joins Grenchen

German national coach Franz Beckenbauer, has signed a two-

year contract with Second division soccer side Grechen, the

The spot information report said the club in north-west

The report added that Stefan.22, who previously played of

Kickers Offenbach in the German amateur league, had earlier

Bulgarians blank 'whipping boys'

boys of European soccer, were beaten 3-0,in their latest

Championship Group Two qualifier on Wednesday.reports

They have now lost all five games with one goal for and 18

Zlatko Ivanov put the visitors Bulgaria in front after 12

Seven minutes later Strokov's powerful free kiek from just

San Marino, a side selected from a population of just

Their best chance came in the 70th minute when substi-

Bulgaria move into third place in Group Two behind

The match between the Swiss and the Scots in

tute Nicola Bacciochi raced clear but the Bulgarian defence

Scotland and Switzerland who have both played a game less.

Ireland-Chile draw 1-1

0) in a soccer friendly here on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

DUBLIN, May 23: Ireland and Chile drew 1-1 (haiftime 0-

Scorers.Ireland-David Kelly (82nd minute); Chile-Fabian

Aussies poised to sweep clean

remained on course for a clean sweep of their home qualify-

ing soccer matches for next year's Barcelona Olympics wit a

2-0 win over New Zealand here Wednesday night, report APP.

Okon and Tony Videmar but missed several second half

with a 4-0 win over Papua New Guinea and head into their

November, with the Oceania champions pitted against the

sixth placed European team for place at Barcelona next year.

third and final home qualifier Sunday, against Fiji.

MELBOURNE, Australia, May 23: Australia's under-23 side

Australia were in command at half-time on goals by Paul

Australia kicked off their Oceania Group qualifiers Sunday

The away matches will be played in October and

outside the penalty area made it 2-0.Loboslav Penev rounded

SERVALLE, San Marino, May 23: San Marino, the whipping

hoped to join European Cup finalists Red Star Belgrade.

Swiss Sports news agency reported on Wednesday, reports

ern Switzerland planned to use him as a libero or midfielder.

No financial details of the move were given.

against a -fact not lost on the tiny crowd of 612.

off the scoring with a 59th minute penalty.

September looks like settling the group.

Estay (64th) Attendance 32,230.

chances to extend their lead

22,000 never got much of a look in.

recovered in time.

minutes, heading home a corner from Nasko Sirokov.

GENEVA, May 23: Stefen Beckenbauer, son of former

career, as manager, reports AFP.

ONDON. May 23: Former England

goalkeeper Peter Shilton wants to return to

Leicester City, the club where he started his

Shilton said: I am making no secret of the

fact that I would very much like the

challenge. Leicester had a very dis

appointing season and I'm sure I could

The Derby county player said that he felt his

125 England caps, his length of time in the

game, and his contacts would help him to

Southeast Asian Group. The teams are: Indoneasia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. One team will qualify from

> this group for the final round. Seven teams are placed in East Asia Group which comprises China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, North Korea and Macau.

Two team from this group will qualify for the final round. The first round matches of all these groups will be completed by October 30 on a home-away basis.

The second round matches

of all groups will start from September 1 and will be completed by September 15 also on home-away basis. The final round matches

with eight teams will begin from December 12 and will finish by December 21.

£125,000 bonus

LONDON, May 23 : Details of a bonus award offer to the West Indies were announced here today, shortly before they made a disastrous start their first one-day international against England at Edgbaston, reports AFP.

The "incentive" is being put up by international property company the Sharsha Corporation of Dubai, and the tourists can collect a 125,000 pounds bonus if they whitewash England 5-0 in the summer Test series.

There will also be bonuses for individual performances and any of the tourists who scores a century in three consecutive Tests or, takes 10 wickets in three consecutive. Tests will receive a 25,000 pound prize.

Other offers are 50,000 pounds for a world record highest individual Test score, 15.000 pounds for a record Test innings total and 10,000 pounds for any West Indian who takes more than 30 catches in the series.

Inter's first UEFA Cup

increasingly desperate.



ROME, May 23: Internationale survived a desperate onslaught by Roma's play became by AS Roma to

Cup for the first time in their history on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

win the UEFA

Rome won the second leg 1-0 with an 80th minute goal from Ruggiero Rizzitelli but it was not enough to overturn a 2-0 deficit from the first leg in Despite the financial back-

Olympic Stadium Roma failed to snatch the early goal they the match. they had at the packed Inter

defence right from the start creating lots of chances but failing to finish.

ing of some 70,000 fans in the had seen as crucial to winning Roma threw everything

Rizzitelli hit the spot in the seventh minute and headed over the bar soon afterwards while Rudi Voeller, one of five

World Cup winning team on display, went close in the

43rd minute. But as the minutes slipped

A series of heavy tackles inflamed passion in the stands but there were no early reports of a repeat of the crowd trouble which marred the first leg tow weeks ago in Milan.

Roma renewed their attacks in the second half but, missed an open goal in their 63rd minute when tangle of their players failed to convert a fumble by Inter's goalkeeper Walter Zenga.

Two minutes later Germany's Thomas Berthold threw away a golden chance after finding himself alone in front of the posts with only Zenga to beat.

Rizzitelli's goal — a finely angled left-foot shot gave Roma renewed heart but came too late to turn the game. members of the West German

Inter's trio of German stars.

Lothr Mattheaus, Juergen Klinsmann and Andreas Brehme had mixed fortunes.

Matthacus and Klingsmann combined several times to threaten the breakaway goal to which Roma were always vul-

nerable. But Brehme often looked as though he was feeling the effects of his broken toe which necessitated a special boot and painkilling injections.

Roma coach Otavio Bianchi will at least have the consolation of seeing his team play in Europe.

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Europe. Roma play newly crowned · Italian champions Sampdoria

in the italian Cup final next Whatever the result of that

game, Sampdoria will play in the European Cup and Roma in the Cupwinnes Cup next

Sabatini sets sights on No-1 spot LONDON, May 23 diately stated his intention of suggested a return to the bad Gone is the frightened, world's top-ranked player if



: Less than a year ago. Gabriela Sabatini would not have been mentioned in the

same breath as Steffi Graf and Monica Seles in the run-up to a grand slam tournament, reports Reuter.

putting the fun back into Sabatini's game,

She duly reached the last four at the All England Club and has been on a satisfying upward curve ever since, winning her first grand slam title at Grafs expense at the US Open.



SABATINI - no more frightened, hunted wild animal expression.

Now, after three successive She now looks fitter, more tournament titles and 16 victorics up to last week's German Opens she is ready to challenge for the world number one spot at next week's

French Open. Until last summer the Argentine was in danger of joining the long list of unfulfilled talents to have littered

the women's game. A week before Wimbledon she turned in desperation to affable Brazilian Carlos Kirmayr who, as her new coach, imme-

agile and certainly more resilient under pressure than at any time in her career. .

When they reach the red clay of Roland Garros for the French Open, her rivals will find Sabatini playing better than at any time since she burst out of Buenos Aires to win the funior title in Paris in 1984, a few days after her 14th birthday

At first glance, then, her surprise loss in Berlin to teenaged German Anke Huber

The other major condition

is that, while teams must be

franchised to a company to

provide financial support, they

should represent localities and

Sasaki says this insistence

has caused reluctance on the

part of potential sponsors.

who think they might not get

their money's worth in

not companies.

As it turned out she had a good excuse. The previous night had been her 21st birthday, when no-one is traditionally too worried about the next day's working schedule.

Sabatini, offering a shy smile, merely confessed to dinner and a nearly bed. If her fellow players are to be be-

lieved, she might have a reason to let her hair down a little more after her forthcoming fortnight in Paris. World number two Graf.

beaten by her former doubles partner in their last five singles meetings, believes the Huber defeat was a smokescreen. "I don't think it will have any significance." Graf said. "I

was very surprised to see her beaten by Huber because she has done so well this year. "She made some mistakes but it gave her some extra days

to rest before going to Roland Garros. Things will be very different there. Sabatini herself appears to

think likewise. "You can't play great tennis

every day, although if you want to be number one, you have to be able to win matches when you're not playing well," she

"I feel ready for the French Open and this year I'm really looking forward to it."

The reason why can be traced back to Rome earlier this month where she beat world number one Seles 6-3, 6-2 in the final and dropped only 13 games in the entire tournament.

Even the rest of the locker room were impressed. "She just played amazingly all week," said one less-gifted player. "The rest of us usually lose 13 games in the first round — if we're lucky."

The difference is apparent off court as well. Despite some personal hiccups, notably when a German boyfriend kissed and told in print, the new-edition Sabatini is much

Kashima. But the Sumitomo

manager hopes that in a few

years his team will be playing

in nationally televised games

with up to 10 times that num-

fourth place of Division Two at

the end of the 1990-91 sea-

son. Sumitomo has been cho-

sen as one of the lucky 10

teams to form the new profes-

cause it's just the sort of area

where the kids could benefit

from having a top football team

locally," says team manager

miles) east of Tokyo, is a

gloomy industrial town domi-

nated by factories belonging to

the Sumitomo Metals com-

Organisers say the 15,000-

seat stadium to be build for

the team will also be used for

concerns and movies, to

provide funds before soccer

starts bringing in enough

money by itself. Long term

nics and advertisers inter-

ested, the game will grow and

grow." Sasaki says "But first we

need to get the public

enthusiastic by giving them

This means importing for-

"Without Brazilians to give

eign talent, mainly from Brazil.

the games a boost, it won't

take off as entertainment,"

says Sasaki, Sumitomo Metals

already has three Brazilian

players and has also signed

star forward Zico, 38, who

played in three World Cups for

But officials admit it will be

entertaining football.

"If we can get TV compa-

success hinges on television.

Kashima, 100 kms (60)

The league selected us be-

Although languishing in

ber of spectators.

sional league.

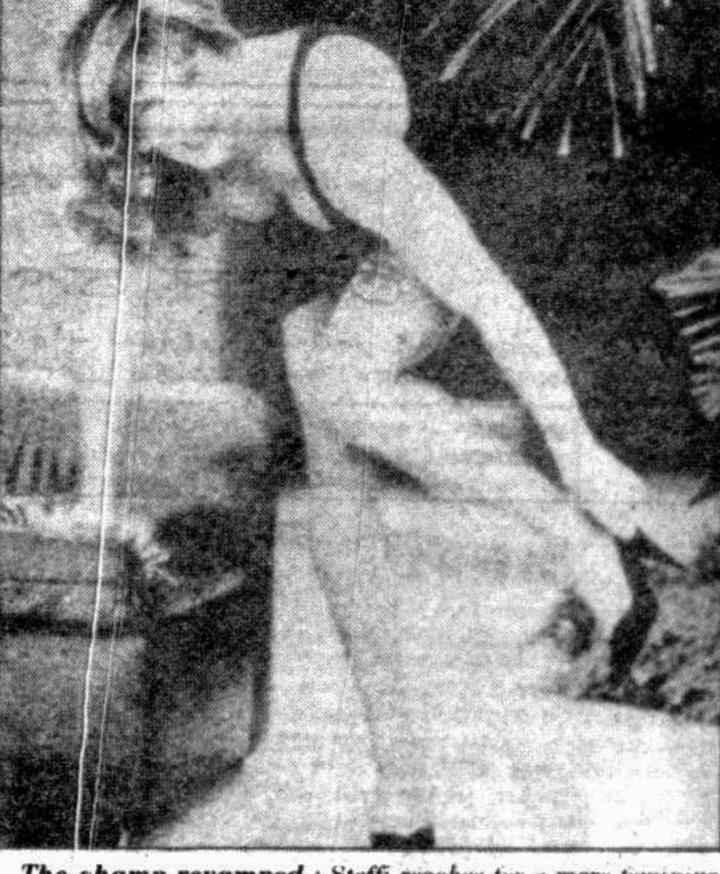
Katsuya Hirano.

hunted wild animal expression which used to creep across her face at news conferences.

Coolly answering questions in Berlin, draped in a luxuriant black leather jacket, she looked every inch a woman in control of her life. With over of four million dollars in prize

she wins in Paris. With Graf chasing the same target. Spain's Arantxa Sanchez, Vicario is among those who feel the tournament could produce some above-average

"All the top players are playing so well," she said. "I don't



The champ revamped : Steffi reaches for a more feminine

money already in the bank, so

she should But real satisfaction lies in wait at the French Open and

Wimbledon. Depending on other results,

Sabatini could become the

think it is possible to pick anyone to win.

Several judges are convinced, however, that this will be the year when Sabatini, a lover of card games, pulls out all the aces.

TENNIS TIDINGS

Edberg steers Sweden closer to Cup



DUESSELDORF, Germany, May 23: Stefan Edberg, tuning up his clay-court game for next week's French Open, steered Sweden closer towards the World Team Cup final with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Italian Open champion Emilio Sanchez on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The world number one's victory over Sanchez secured a 2-0 winning lead for the Swedes after the second singles rubber. their second victory in the first of the two four-team round -robin groups.

Magnus Gustafsson had given the Swedes a 1-0 lead with a 6-3. 6-3 win over clay-court specialist Juan Aguilera. Edberg then teamed up with Gustafsson to beat Sanchez and Sergio

Casal 7-5, 6-1 in the doubles and secured a 3-0 win. With one match against the Soviet Union remaining, the Swedes are the only unbeaten team in the red group and now

look almost certain to reach Sunday's final as group winners. Wimbledon wins legal victory

WIMBLEDON, May 23: Wimbledon won a legal victory Wednesday in its campaign to control the sale of tickets for its tennis championships, reports AP.

A company which had sued Wimbledon for the right to sell tickets to the Grand Slam event withdrew its suit and agreed to follow the ticket sales policy of the all England Club, where the English open tennis tournament is held. Wimbledon recently introduced a policy to reject tickets sold by unauthorized agents, including corporate hospitality companies. The move was designed to stem the thriving trade in black market tickets.

The conditions stipulate that only tickets sold through Wimbledon and the club's official agent, the Keith Prowse ticket agency, are accepted. One company, Mike Burton Sports Management Ltd, took Wimbledon to court charging that the policy violated British and European laws of competition and trade. The all England Club counter -sued, seeking an injunction to prevent the company from dealing in Wimbledon tickets. On Wednesday, Mike Burton withdrew its claims in court and agreed to uphold the ticket policy, Wimbledon said in a statement.

Wimbledon this year is scheduled from June 4 to July 6.

Martinez moves ahead

GENEVA. May 23: Top-seeded Conchita Martinez of Spain overwhelmed Linda Ferrando of Italy, 6-0, 6-2, Wednesday, advancing to the quarterfinals in the 150,000-dollar European open women's tennis tournament, reports AP. Martinez, 19, semifinalist at this year's Italian Open, is cur-

rently ranked eighth in the world and is considered an outside contender for the French Open tournament starting next "I'm very happy with the way I'm playing," she said after

winning her second-round match. Christel Fauche of Switzerland upset Sabine Hack of Germany, 6-2, 7-5, on other match Wednesday.

Results: Conchita Martinez (1), Spain, def. Linda Ferrando, Italy, 6-0, 6-2. Christel Fauche, Switzerland, def. Sabine Hack, Germany, 6-2, 7-5.

Illingworth more at ease with the world. Japanese pinning hopes on Zico



TOKYO, May 23 Japan is hoping Brazilian talent and its first professional league will

it on to the world soccer stage to land the glittering prize of hosting the 2002 World Cup, reports Reuter. On April 30, FIFA, world

soccer's governing body, an-

nounced the Japanese Football

propel

Association (JFA) had bid formally to host the 2002 com- . petition which FIFA want to hold in Asia. There is no question Japan has the stadiums and facilities for the world's biggest sporting event, the problem is the quality and popularity of

golf, sumo wresting and Go to a public park and you will find dozens of baseball games with hundreds of youngsters dressed in smart

soccer in Japan where it trails

far behind baseball, basketball,

team uniforms - but few playing soccer. Sport on television means datly baseball games, golf tournaments and Boris Backer

against Stefan Edberg. The last time the national soccer team succeeded in world competition was 1968. when they reached the semifinals in the Mexico City Olympics since then, their record has been poor, with Iran and South Korea the dominant teams in Asia.

They fatled to reach the World Cup finals in Italy last year, where Asia was represented by South Korea and United Arab Emirates.

Japan's bid for the 2002 World Cup is the boldest move to pull the game of the dolmeet at Seville May 30. drums in addition in 1993 the

JFA will launch the country's first professional league.

The JFA wants 10 teams of company amateurs to become full fledged professional outfits.

Kazuki Sasaki chief secre-

tary of the professional league

arrangement committee be-

moans the present state of the "Crowds aren't increasing and the standard of play isn't improving, he says, "the game

badly needs a boosts." One problem, he says, is the lack of a system to develop young players a condition for clubs joining the new league is that they set up junior teams to nurture up and coming tal-

Despite the popularity of

soccer with children, baseball

is the main professional sports

and talented youngsters turn

publicity. Sumitomo Metal Industries has a team playing in the present amateur Japan soccer league. But when it joins the professional league, Sumitomo Metals FC will become

Kashima FC Earlier this month a meagre crowd of 1.500 employees and relatives watched the side play Nippon Telegraph and Telephone at the Sumitomo ground in

to that when they reach high-Ben runs at Granada today

GRANADA. Spain, May Canadian speedster Ben Johnson has confirmed he will compete Saturday in a 100meter dash in Granada, Spain, his first such event since his ill-fated record jaunt at the 1988 Seoul Olympics, organizers said Wednesday, reports

Johnson debated whether to take part in Saturday's meet but finally accepted late Tuesday. Granada meet organizers spokeswoman Isabel Pino said. She declined to state Johnson's appearance fee, but news

reports citing unidentified meet sources put the sum at 3.5 million pesetas (about 35.000 dollars). Pino said Johnson's run is a warm-up for Expo '92 track

Johnson and American Carl

Lewis are scheduled to run in separate 100-meter events at against each other.

1988 Summer Olymptes next July 1 at a dramatic showdown at the BNP Paris track meet. Last September, Johnson completed a two -year suspension from official track com-

for the first time since the

World track authorities

Expo '92 but will not compete Johnson and Lewis, the world's two fastest men, are scheduled to go head-to-head

petition for use of anabolic steroids, which he used at the 1988 Seoul Games.

stripped him of his Olympic gold medal and world record in the 100-meter event at the On Sept 24, 1988. John-

son, then 26, won the Olympic

many years before Kashima becomes as familiar to football fans as Liverpool or AC Milan.