

11th Asian Club Cup Championship

Bangladesh in Central Asia Group

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

Edgbaston match keenly poised

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England were 98 for four in reply to West Indies' 173 for eight when bad light stopped play at Edgbaston yesterday.

Ambrose was not out on 21 while his ninth-wicket partner Walsh was unbeaten on 29.



IAN BOTHAM—a triumphant comeback

Earlier Reuter report said, England all-rounder Ian Botham made a triumphant return to the international arena yesterday when he captured four wickets in the first one-day cricket international against West Indies...

SCOREBOARD table with columns for West Indies, England, and individual player statistics (runs, wickets, etc.).

'Southeast Asian Group. The teams are: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. One team will qualify from this group for the final round.

£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 to their first one-day international against England at Edgbaston, reports AFP.

Inter's first UEFA Cup



ROME, May 23: Internazionale survived a desperate onslaught by AS Roma to win the UEFA Cup for the first time in their history on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

World Cup winning team on display, went close in the 43rd minute. But as the minutes slipped by Roma's play became increasingly desperate.

Lothar Matthaus, Juergen Klinsmann and Andreas Brehme had mixed fortunes. Matthaus and Klinsmann combined several times to threaten the breakthrough goal to which Roma were always vulnerable.

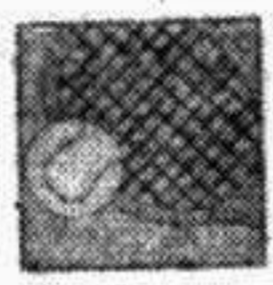
Faroe Islands restrict Austria

SALZBURG, Austria, May 23: Austria broke a 35th-minute scoreless run and salvaged some self-respect when they beat the amateurs of the Faroe Islands 3-0 in a European Championship Group Four match on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

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...

Sabatini sets sights on No-1 spot



LONDON, May 23: 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.

diately stated his intention of 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...

suggested a return to the bad old days. 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 — no more frightened, hunted wild animal expression.

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

Gone is the frightened, hunted wild animal expression which used to creep across her face at news conferences.

world's top-ranked player if she wins in Paris. With Graf chasing the same target, Sabatini's Arantxa Sanchez Vicario is among those who feel the tournament could produce some above-average tennis.



The champ revamped: Steffi reaches for a more feminine image.

SOCCER SCENARIO

Shilton wants to manage Leics

LONDON, May 23: Former England goalkeeper Peter Shilton wants to return to Leicester City, the club where he started his career, as manager, reports AFP.

Beckenbauer's son joins Grenchen

GENEVA, May 23: Stefan Beckenbauer, son of former German national coach Franz Beckenbauer, has signed a two-year contract with Second division soccer side Grenchen, the Swiss Sports news agency reported on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Bulgarians blank 'whipping boys'

SERVALLIE, San Marino, May 23: San Marino, the whipping boys of European soccer, were beaten 3-0 in their latest Championship Group Two qualifier on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Ireland-Chile draw 1-1

DUBLIN, May 23: Ireland and Chile drew 1-1 (halftime 0-0) in a soccer friendly here on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Aussies poised to sweep clean

MELBOURNE, Australia, May 23: Australia's under-23 side remained on course for a clean sweep of their home qualifying soccer matches for next year's Barcelona Olympics with a 2-0 win over New Zealand here Wednesday night, reports AFP.

Japanese pinning hopes on Zico

TOKYO, May 23: Japan is hoping Brazilian talent and its first professional league will propel it on to the world soccer stage to land the glittering prize of hosting the 2002 World Cup, reports Reuter.

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 number of spectators.

Ben runs at Granada today

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

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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.

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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.