

Calcutta MSC, E Bengal booters named

The organisers of the BTC Club Cup Charity Football tournament yesterday announced the list of players of two Indian teams, reports UNB.

The tournament, jointly organised by Metropolis Football Club Association and Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), begins on May 31 with six leading clubs of India and Bangladesh taking part to raise funds for the cyclone victims and flood affected people of the country.

The 35-members Calcutta Mohunbagan led by Biddut Sarker and 24-member Calcutta East Bengal team led by Naim Uddin will arrive in Calcutta tomorrow.

The other team from India, Calcutta Mohammedan, is also expected to arrive on the same day.

Mohunbagan team includes 29 players and 6 officials. They are: Manager—Biddut Sarker, Assistant Manager—Shisir Kar, Officials—Shambi Ghosh, Krishna Saw, Sajal Bose and Quam Zum Zum Wala.

Players — Tanumay Bose, Suraj Ali, Amit Badra, Sujit Dutta, Debashis Sarker, Uttam Ghosh, Shamba Kumar, Sudip Chakrabarty, Tapash Chakrabarty, Jawahar Das, Atanu Bhattacharjee, Kabir Bose, Achinta Belal, Anirudra Kalay, Sanyajit Chatterjee, Sanjit Dutta, Shisir Ghosh, Pabitra Kar, Kulharesh Badra, Gobindha

Mali, Sunil Mukherjee, Prasanna Shaha, Manoranjan Bathacharjee, Sudip Chatterjee, Debashis Mishra, Bijoya, Uttam Mukherjee, Avijit and Subash Bhaumik.

East Bengal team includes 21 players and 3 officials. They are: Chief Coach — Natmuddin, Assistant Coach — Shamol Ghos and Football Secretary — Pradi Kumar Sengupta.

Players — Bikash Paji, Krishnanso Dey, Mohiul Islam, Tarun Dey, Aloke Mukherjee, Mastan Ahmed, Elias Pasha, Suruj Das, Prasanta Banerjee, Krisano Dey, Tusher, Babu Mani, Rupak Chowdhury, Kuljit Singh, Darbara Singh, Pranab Mondal, Avijit Roy Chowdhury, Debashis Mukherjee, Sudip Chatterjee and Sankar Sadu

Ben dashed

GRANDA, May 27: Ben Johnson, running the 100-meter dash for the first time since the 1988 Olympics, finished fourth on Saturday at an international meet, finishing four meters behind winner Dennis Mitchell of the United States, reports AP.



BEN JOHNSON — Barcelona hopes dented

Johnson got off to a good start, but American Dennis Mitchell blew past him at the halfway point and won in 10.18 seconds.

There was no immediate official time for Johnson, who finished behind Mitchell, American Calvin Smith and Spain's Luis Rodriguez.

Johnson ran the 100 meters at Seoul in world record time, but was disqualified after flunking a drug test. Johnson since returning from a two-year suspension had run only at shorter distances.

Japanese spikers trounce Koreans

OSAKA, Japan, May 27: Japan beat South Korea 3-0 for a second consecutive win in the 10-nation World League men's volleyball tournament here on Sunday, reports AFP.

The Japanese, who defeated the Koreans 3-2 Saturday for the first time since the 1988 Seoul Olympics, notched up a comfortable 15-9, 15-12, 15-8 victory at the Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium.

Japan now stand with two wins against two losses. They lost to the United States twice a week ago.

For the winless Koreans, it was the fourth straight defeat, following their losses to the Soviet Union last week in the five-team Group B competition, which also includes world champions Italy.

Japan will take on the Soviet Union in Leningrad next week, while South Korea will play the United States in San Diego and Los Angeles to weeks later.

Lazio yet to sign with Spurs

ROME, May 27: Lazio have not signed an agreement on the transfer of Tottenham and England midfielder Paul Gascoigne, the Rome club's general manager said on Saturday, reports Reuter.

"We have not signed any accord on the transfer," Carlo Regalia said here after visiting Tottenham. "Things are going well but we need a little time yet."

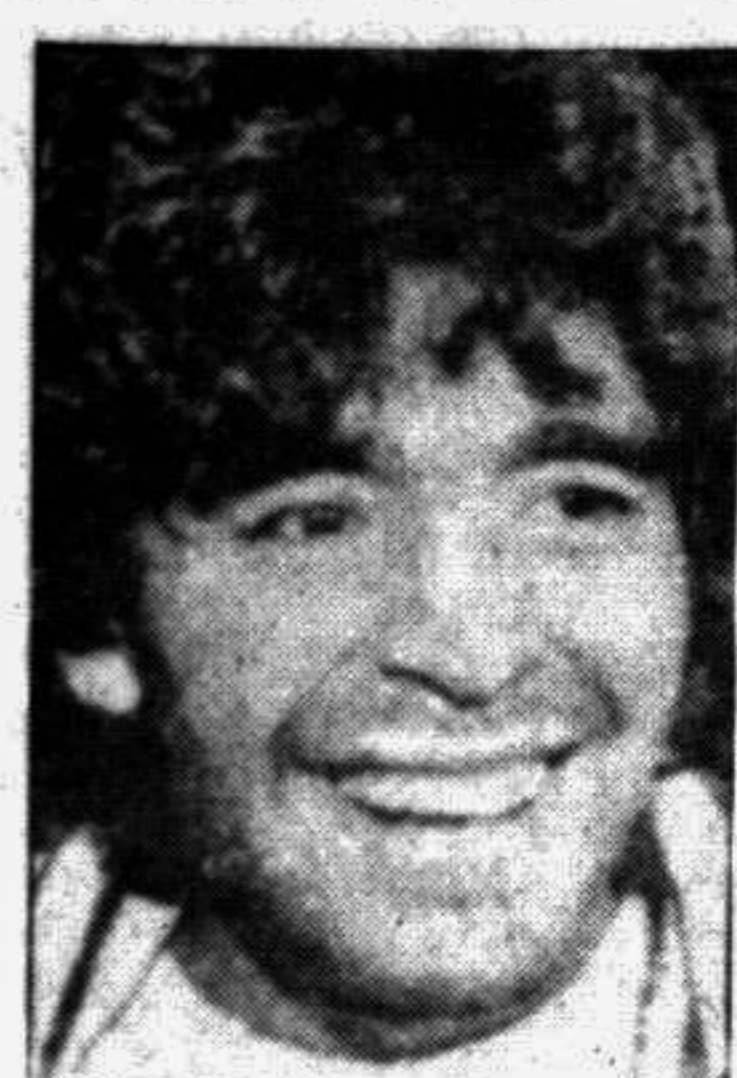
"I'm sure we will soon have a solution because talks have reached an advanced stage and we remain optimistic."

The Italian news agency ANSA said on Friday that Lazio had agreed a deal under which Gascoigne would formally remain the property of the English club until next season but would probably move to Rome this summer.

Gascoigne's projected 14.5 million dollars transfer seemed to have fallen through after he underwent surgery.

'Diego recovering well'

BUENOS AIRES, May 27: Disgraced soccer superstar Diego Maradona is recovering well from his drug problem, according to a statement from his doctors quoted by a private Argentine news agency late on Sunday, reports Reuter.



and his treatment, the professionals in charge of him say

The former Argentina and Napoli captain was arrested in Buenos Aires last month and charged with possessing cocaine and supplying it to others.

Maradona, banned from world soccer for 15 months in April after failing a drug test, is currently on bail. "Given the different versions circulating in the media about Mr. Diego Armando Maradona's health

that Mr. Maradona is in a state of genuine improvement and that due to the requirements of the treatment we have made and will make no other commentary," the statement said.

Doctors Hector Calbosa, Ruben Navedo and Julio Villena issued their statement after press reports alleged Maradona's blood and urine samples showed he was psychologically dependent on drugs. Legal sources said that weekend that Maradona, 30, could escape a prison term of up to two years by voluntarily entering drug rehabilitation clinic.

Maradona, hailed by some as the world's best player, has said he wants to quit soccer because he is sick of the professional game.

Barcelona back to winning form

MADRID, May 27: Spanish league champions Barcelona regained winning form on Sunday and underlined their right to the title with a 2-0 victory away to Logrones, reports Reuter.

The Catalans were also beaten by Manchester United in the European Cup Winners' Cup final earlier this month.

Logrones, who opened the season in spectacular style and were among the first three for several weeks, have now gone eight games without a win.

Second-placed Atletico Madrid, who stuck to Barcelona like glue until a recent away defeat at Real Sociedad ended their hopes, have slumped since then and modest Real Oviedo beat them

Ruddock manager confirms rematch

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, May 27: The rematch between Mike Tyson and Canada's Donovan 'Rozor' Ruddock appears to be on again following an announcement here Sunday by Ruddock's promoter Murad Muhammad, reports AFP.

March, said the Nevada State Athletic Commission had granted him a hearing and that the fight would go ahead as scheduled on June 28.

"We agreed the fight on the 28th is going to happen, regardless of the outcome or decision of the Commission," Muhammad said.

"All we wanted was a hearing, and we have that."

Matthaeus wants to join Real



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ROME, May 27: Internazionale's German midfielder Lothar Matthaeus was quoted by Italian newspapers today as saying he had a transfer offer from Real Madrid which he wanted to accept, reports Reuter.

"I've played my last game for Inter," he said. "I've had an offer from Real Madrid and I have asked (inter president Ernesto) Pellegrini to let me go." There was no immediate comment from Inter officials.

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BKSP win charity tie at Kushtia

KUSHTIA, May 27: Kushtia District Sport Association arranged charity football match on Sunday (May 25) at local stadium to raise funds for the cyclone affected people of southern part of Bangladesh and flood-hit people of the north-eastern region.

The match was contested between BKSP a team and Kushtia district 11.

About ten thousand spectators witnessed the game and approximately 40,000 Taka was collected as gate money.

BKSP booters defeated the Kushtia Eleven by 2-1.

Milar and Talch scored two goals for BKSP after interval while Hezal reduced the margin for Kushtia 11 in the dying minutes.

Leading goalscorers in Italian league

ROME, May 27: Leading goalscorers of the Italian First Division soccer in the 1990/91 season, reports Reuter.

Nineteen goals — Gianluca Vialli (Sampdoria); Sixteen — Lothar Matthaeus (Inter); Fifteen — Carlos Aquilera (Genoa); Tomas Skuhravy (Genoa); Fourteen — Massimo Cirocci (Cesena); Jurgen Klinsmann (Inter); Roberto Baggio (Juventus).

Thirteen — Alessandro Meili (Parma) and Giorgio Bresciani (Torino).

England whitewash Windies

A record 213-run third wicket partnership between Neil Fairbrother 113 runs and Graeme Hick (82 not out) steered England to an emphatic seven-wicket victory over the once indomitable West Indians in their third and final Texaco Trophy one-day international at Lord's yesterday, according to BBC monitored in Dhaka last night.

It was England's repeat performance of 1988 when they swept clean their three-match Texaco Trophy one-day series against the touring side from the Caribbean.

Scores: West Indies — 264 for nine in 55 overs (Gus Logie 82 runs, Viv Richards 37 England — 265 for three in 46 (approx.) overs (Neil Fairbrother 113 runs, Graeme Hick 82 not out).

The Windies yesterday played without their star opener Desmond Haynes and Gordon Greenidge who sustained injuries in earlier matches of their present England tour.

England came in this match with a much relaxed mood after clinching the Texaco Trophy only two days back when they won the first and second one-dayers by one wicket and nine runs respectively.

West Indies, who also were whitewashed by England in the one-day series 3-0 in their last tour (1988), but came smoking in the Test series to send England to a crushing 4-0 defeat, will now be looking to the Test series with the first Test starting on June 6 at Headingley.

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Greenidge injury worries Gibbs

LONDON, May 27: West Indies, beaten by England in the first two one-day cricket internationals, are set to send for an extra batsman to provide cover for injured openers Desmond Haynes and Gordon Greenidge, reports Reuter.

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Lamb stripped of vice-captaincy

LONDON, May 27: Allan Lamb, England's 'man-of-the-match' in their series-clinching one-day victory over the West Indies on Saturday, has been stripped of the vice-captaincy, reports AFP.

The 36-year-old Northamptonshire batsman has been told by England captain Graham Gooch that he will be looking for a new deputy after Lamb's unconvincing performance in Australia when the Essex opener was injured.

"I'm obviously upset about being told in the middle of the Texaco Trophy series," said Lamb.

"It's quite a knock. But they obviously think I'm not up to the job and not real captaincy material. I understand that one of the reasons I won't be considered as England captain at any time in the future was over the business of my visit to the Gold Coast casino with David Gower during the first Test in Brisbane last winter."

"I was captain at the time

have refused to say who would give the orders if Gooch had to leave the field. Mike Atherton, his 23-year-old opening partner, has no serious rival for the role.

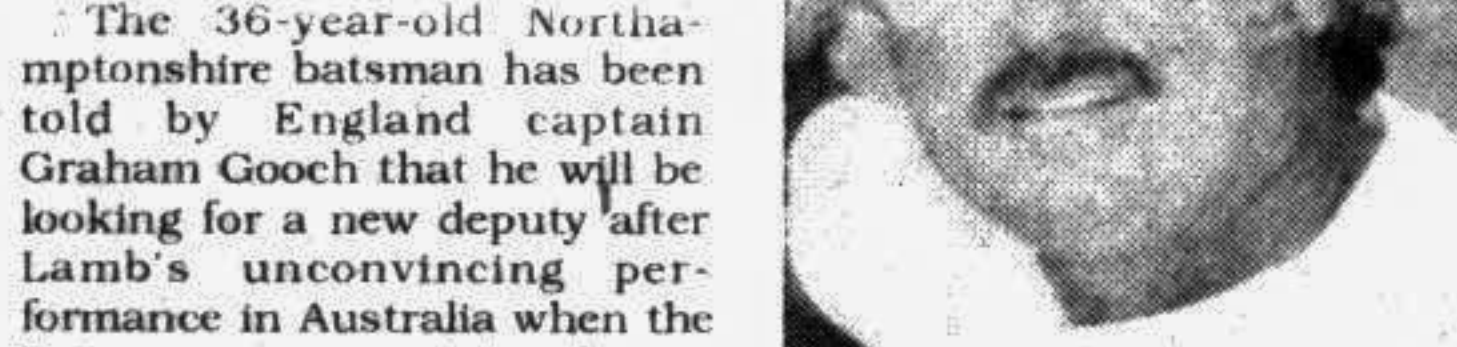
The Lancashire batsman and former Cambridge University captain is widely tipped to succeed the 37-year-old Gooch on a permanent basis when he retires from international cricket.

To add to Lamb's disappointment, he failed to recover from a badly bruised foot sustained at Old Trafford at the weekend and so missed the final one-day game at Lord's.

He was replaced by Warwickshire's Hong Kong-born all-rounder Dermot Reeve, who was given his England debut.

Gloucestershire fast bowler David Lawrence was also brought in, for his first England appearance in almost three years. He took over from Chris Lewis.

West Indies — without their celebrated opening pair of Gordon Greenidge and Desmond Haynes, who are both injured — called in gifted Trinidad batsman Brian Lara.



ALLAN LAMB and the management felt I hadn't set the right example.

"I believe I've been a loyal and enthusiastic understudy and have really enjoyed helping Graham Gooch."

Although England officials

lengthy treatment he continued, but was lbw to the next ball. England went on to win the match, carried over from Thursday, by one wicket.

Botham was also out of Saturday's second one-day match at Old Trafford which England won by 9 runs. At the age of 35 when injuries are slow to heal, he must also be doubtful for the first Test starting at Headingley on June 6.

Botham doubtful for 1st Test

LONDON, May 27: England all-rounder Ian Botham will be missing today's final Texaco Trophy one-day international at Lord's, after his hamstring tear in last Friday's first one-day cricket international against West Indies, reports Reuter.

Botham, playing his first match for England for nearly two years, pulled up short after running a quick single. After

Capriati, Chang, Bruguera win

PARIS, May 27: American teenager Jennifer Capriati reached the second round of the women's singles at the French Open here today but not before she had been given a frustrating one and a half hour work-out by Italian Katia Piccolini on the Roland Garros centre-court, reports Reuter.

Capriati, 15, in March and a semi-finalist when she made her debut in the championships last year, began like an express train but then lost her way in the second set against an opponent who hoisted nearly every ball at least ten feet over the net and who could out grunt Monica Seles in her heyday.

The tenth-seeded American, who had kept the ball flat throughout the first set made the mistake of trying to outplay the Italian at her own game in the second and had to save three set points before clinching her 6-2, 7-5 victory.

At one stage Capriati trailed 3-5 and 15-40 in the second set and looked as though she might lose her way altogether as the Italian's high returns tested her patience.

But she pulled herself back together and charged home in style to earn a second-round encounter with either Hungarian Andrea Temesvari or Nana Miyagi of Japan.

Capriati said she had lost none of her enthusiasm for the game. "It's still all very exciting for me going to different places and meeting new people. It hasn't become just a job yet."

The game has opened up a bit more now that Monica has taken over as number-one from Steffi (Grafi) and Gabriela (Sabatini) is playing better.

Among the first winners in the men's singles were Sergi Bruguera and the 1989 champion Michael Chang. The fifth-seeded Bruguera, who last month defeated Boris Becker in the Monte Carlo Open final, is on course for a probable fourth-round showdown with eleventh seeded compatriot Emilio Sanchez.

He underlined his threat to potential opponents by scoring a one-sided 6-2, 6-2, 6-1 victory over Scott Davis of the United States.

Chang defeated Jan Siemerink of the Netherlands 6-2, 6-0, 6-3 and will now play either Horacio de La Pena of Argentina or Lars Jonsson of Sweden.



JENNIFER CAPRIATI

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Milan, banned from European competition next year, have the small consolation of having edged out city rivals Internazionale for second spot into the league. They end the season with 46 points, as do Inter who beat relegated Lecce 2-0.

Both are five points drift of champions Sampdoria who finished the season with a thrilling 3-3 away draw against Lazio after having been two goals down in ten minutes. The carnival atmosphere of the game was highlighted by the fact that three Sampdoria players, including leading goalscorer Gianluca Vialli, had dyed their hair blond.

The relegated four are Lecce, Bologna, Cesena and Pisa who will be replaced by Foggia, Verona, Cremonese and Ascoli.

Genoa send Juventus Packing

ROME, May 27: Juventus will be out of Europe next season for the first time in 28 years, reports Reuter.

The Turin team's 2-0 defeat away against Genoa in the last game of the Italian soccer season on Sunday left them in seventh position in the First Division and out of the running for any of the European club competitions.

Italy's European Football Union (UEFA) Cup teams to join holders Internazionale for the 1991-92 competition will instead be Genoa, Torino and Parma. With Sampdoria

crowded league champion last week and the four to be relegated already decided, the remaining UEFA Cup places were the only issue at stake on Sunday.

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Lendl, Svensson pullout to aid Leconte

PARIS, May 27: The eleventh-hour withdrawal of injured seeds Ivan Lendl and Jonas Svensson from the centenary French Open championships boosted Frenchman Henri Leconte's dream of erasing the most painful memory of his career this week-end, reports Reuter.

Leconte, brilliant but erratic, has been craving for a second chance ever since he was jeered off the famous Roland Garros centre-court by frustrated fans after being outplayed in straight-sets by Sweden's Mats Wilander in the 1988 final. Now the 27-year-old Swiss-based left-hander, who was drawn in the same

quarter of the 128-player draw as the third-seeded Lendl and 13th seeded Svensson, has had his hopes raised.

For with third-seeded Lendl pulling out of the event because he is recovering from an operation to his right wrist and thirteenth seed Svensson nursing a painful back injury sustained at this weekend's ATP World Team Cup in Düsseldorf, Leconte's road to the final stages of the tournament looks to be wide open. And, as top players always insist, once you survive the opening rounds of a Grand Slam tournament — anything can happen.

Although Leconte, who was expected to play Lendl in the third round and Svensson in the fourth, currently finds himself ranked a modest 63rd after an injury-spooled start to the season, he can still produce the exciting brand of tennis which can beat any player in the world.

He proved as much with his match-winning performance with Guy Forget in France's vital doubles in their Davis Cup quarter-final against Australian in Nimes earlier this month. And as Leconte insisted then, all he needs to regain his place among the world elite in "match practice."

"One I have played and won some matches I am sure my confidence will come bank and that everything will fall into place," he said. Lendl place in the men's singles is taken by 'lucky-loser' Andrew Sznajder of Canada while Svensson is replaced by Argentina's Marcelo Ingaramo.

ethal challenge here yesterday, reports AFP. At the end of the tournament, ranked fifth in the world and traditionally a world powerhouse, had drawn level 74-74 through a three-pointer after the Australians had held sway for most of the game.