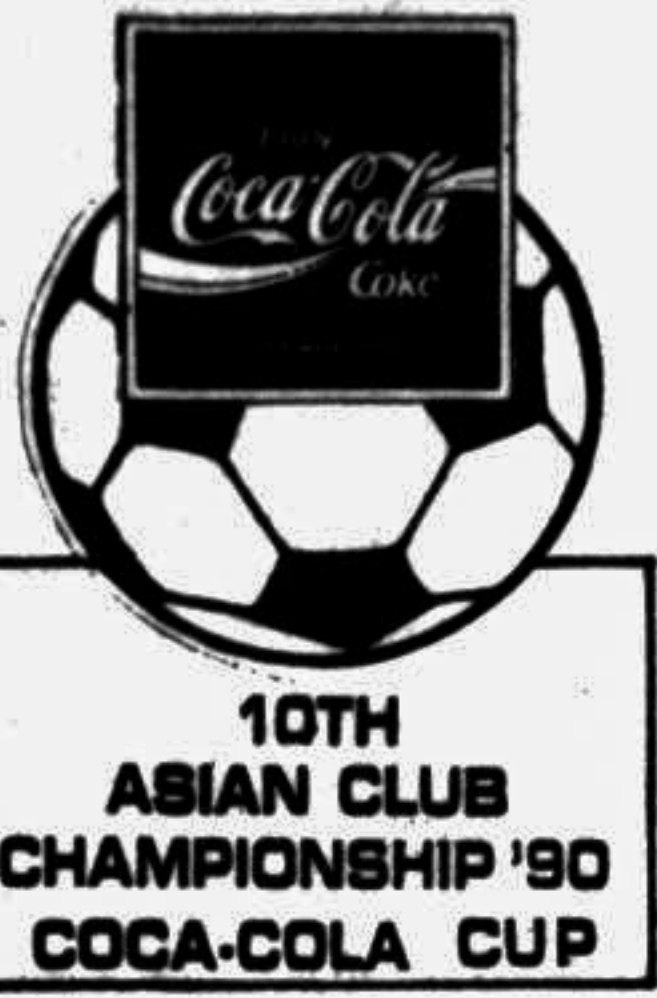


Esteghlal enter final easily enough



It must be admitted that they've had to expend very little of their energies given the standard of opposition they have had to encounter. For that matter, the competition in this seven-team meet has failed to live up to the pre-tournament enthusiasm, the quality of football displayed being more of the insipid variety. This can be gauged from the yawning blank spaces in the stands which do not quite conform to the known weakness of the Dhaka citizens for this wonderful game. Of course the fading of the local challenge following the non-qualification of Mohammedan Sporting for the semifinals has also contributed greatly to this lack of spectator interest.

Not many among the sparse crowd had given much of a chance to the Indonesians who finished runner-up in their three-team Group A behind defending champions Liaoning against the Iranians whose superiority in both physique and skills hardly left any doubts about the eventual outcome of the contest.

The tall Esteghlal players easily asserted themselves over their shorter rivals and won the battle for the high ball almost straightaway. And that left very little else to be won. Besides, their speed and the accuracy of their passing hardly gave the Indonesians any respite throughout the entire ninety minutes of play.

Sadegh Varmazyar's pinpoint cross from the left flank was headed out by Abbas Sarkhab from near the Pelita goal mouth in the 15th minute. But Sarkhab made amends six

minutes later when he headed home the lead from a corner kick taken by Syed Amir Mosavy Nya from the right flagpole (1-0).

Esteghlal didn't give much time to the Pelita players to recover from that shock, doubling the lead within five minutes when Shahrugh Byani Ashtiani unleashed a fierce volley from the top of the box after a fine solo run from mid-pitch that gave goalie Lstianto Raharjo no time to move to his right (2-0).

In the 35th minute the Iranians missed a good opening when Golam Reza Nalzegar shot wide of the target following a good combined move. Pelita skipper Rully Neere made a fantastic goalline save when Ardahir Ghaleh Navy rifled a shot from yet another concerted attack almost on the stroke of half time.

The Indonesians nearly managed to reduce the margin in the third minute of the second half but Bambang

Kumartuli hold East Bengal

CALCUTTA, July 27: Kumartuli forced leaders East Bengal to a goalless draw in their return Super Division league match here today, reports PTI.

This was East Bengal's third draw in the season and they have dropped six points but they continue to lead the field as the other big two Mohan Bagan and Mohammedan Sporting, have dropped seven and nine points respectively.

Nurrdiansyah's beautifully chipped lob from a freekick taken just outside the Esteghlal box beat goalie Ahmad Reza Abedzagh only to return to play off the cross-piece. Luck wasn't on the Indonesians' side.

The only other notable move of the day was created by the Iranians in the 68th minute, but on this occasion the Iranians were unlucky as Sarkhab's header upon Shahrugh Byani's cross rolled across the face of the Pelita goal after hitting the sidebar.

Malaysian referee N. Subramaniam, sporting a full-sleeved green shirt that made him look like a goalkeeper running wild, used the yellow card to caution two players on each side Esteghlal's Sarkhab and Nalzegar, and Pelita Jaya's Bingu Pribadi and Hambali — for boisterous play.

Drugs now just an ugly memory for Maradona

BUENOS AIRES, July 27: In his first press interview since being arrested on cocaine charges three months ago, Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona said he had paid for his mistakes and that drugs were now just an ugly memory for him, reports Reuter.

"They are an ugly memory, very ugly," he said in a six-minute interview recorded at his home and aired during a political chat show late Thursday night. Maradona, 30, was arrested on April 26



Abbas Sarkhab scores the first goal for Esteghlal against Pelita Jaya in yesterday's semifinal of the 10th Asian Club Cup at Dhaka Stadium. Esteghlal won 2-0 and will play defending champions Liaoning FC in tomorrow's final. —Star photo

Patterson wrecks England at Edgbaston

Sports Reporter

England were staring at defeat in the fourth cricket Test against the West Indies at Edgbaston after being reduced to 156 for the loss of eight wickets by the close of the third day's play yesterday, according to BBC monitored in Dhaka late last night.

England have a lead of only 52 runs with just two second innings wickets in hand and two days of play remaining.

Derek Pringle was batting on 26 and Chris Lewis on nine. Patrick Patterson was England's tormentor with a haul of five wickets for only 39 runs.

AFP adds: Windies stormed towards a sensational three-

day win over England on Saturday despite an astonishing collapse on the third morning, of the fourth Test. The tourists slumped from their overnight position of 253 for four to 292 all out due to an inspired performance from England all-rounder Chris Lewis, who grabbed five wickets for 16 runs.

Richte Richardson hammered an unbeaten century as the West Indies swept past England's score to reach 253 for four Friday.

Richardson ended the day on 103 as the West Indies led England by 65 runs having bowled the home side out for 188.

Dropped when he had made only 18, Richardson made England pay.

Richardson reached the 13th Test century of his career with a boundary off Illingworth. But the capacity 18,500 crowd, all cheers for most of the session, were then shocked into silence as Hugh Morris and Mike Atherton departed in rapid succession to leave England reeling at four for two at lunch, still needing another 100 runs to make the West Indies bat again.

Lewis, answering his critics in perfect style to finish with figures of six for 111 from 35 overs, looked as though he had brought England back into the match.

DeFreitas, who had no luck at all on Friday, saw his fortunes change when he won a debatable leg-before decision to get rid of the dangerous Jeff

Dujon for six. But and disappointment West Indian captain Viv Richards had felt watching his team crumble soon disappeared.

England needed to survive just three overs before lunch after Lewis demolition job, but Patrick Patterson made sure they did not manage it. He dismissed Morris with his third ball and Atherton with his sixth, both for a single.

Debut-maker Morris, who managed just three runs in the first innings before falling to Patterson, went low this time, though the delivery looked to be a little high.

But there was no excuse for Atherton, who edged the big Jamaican to second slip where Carl Hooper held a relatively comfortable catch.

SCOREBOARD

England first innings	188
West Indies first innings	253
Simmons c Hick	28
Lewis	32
Haynes c Russell b	104
DeFreitas	31
Richardson not out	22
Hooper b Illingworth	28
Richards c Lewis b	6
Pringle	6
Logie c Atherton	1
Lewis	18
Dujon lbw b	13
DeFreitas	252
Marshall not out	6
Ambrose c Hick b	1
Lewis	18
Walsh c and b	3
Lewis	1
Patterson b	1
Lewis	1
Extras (lb-7, nb-6)	13
Total	252
bowling	0 3 M R W
DeFreitas	16.3 9 22 1
Lewis	35 10 111 6
Pringle	23 9 48 1
Illingworth	17 2 75 1

Botham belts quick 74

LONDON, July 27: Ian Botham stepped back to centre stage for Worcestershire with a thundering 74 in the English county cricket championship on Friday to impress the clubs queuing for his signature, reports Reuter.

Botham, 35, tipped to join Durham when they enter the championship next year, returned to his team against Gloucestershire at Cheltenham before a huge crowd that included two Durham representatives.

They saw the former England star, also linked with Yorkshire and Northamptonshire, recover from a sticky start to blast 12 fours and a six in a two-hour knock.

Worcestershire finished on 333, Damian D'Oliveira making 79 and Tim Curtis 65. Gloucestershire reached 13 for nought.

Leaders Warwickshire, who drew with title rivals Lancashire on Thursday, dismissed bottom club Leicestershire for 161 in 61 overs, with South African paceman Allan Donald taking three for 62.

Warwickshire then reached 133 for three. Somerset off-spinner David Graveney took four for eight in 7.2 overs to plunge Kent to 134 for five before a recovery took them to 315 for nine. Graveney finished with six for 101.

Champions Middlesex, now second from bottom, had another unhappy day, against Nottinghamshire at Lord's.

Chasing their first home win in any competition this season, Middlesex were rolled over for 194 in 75.5 overs. Fourth-placed Nottinghamshire were 83 for three at stumps.

LANKANS BEAT DURHAM

Meanwhile, another Reuter report from Hartlepool said: Roshan Hahanama and Brendon Kuruppu hit half-centuries in a 123-run opening partnership to lead Sri Lanka to a comfortable win over Durham in a one-day match in their England cricket tour on Friday.

Sri Lanka carried off much skill and experience for Durham, who make their debut in the English county championship next season, and won the 55-overs game by 72 runs.

Tyson accused of rape

INDIANAPOLIS, July 27: An unidentified woman has accused former world heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson of raping her, Indianapolis police said on Friday, reports Reuter.

"We have a report from a young lady they she was forced (by Tyson) to submit to intercourse," Lieutenant Tim Horty, public information officer for the Indianapolis Police told reporters.

No charges have been filed against Tyson and investigators from the sex crimes unit and the Prosecutor's office were looking into the rape allegation.

On a statement read Friday night on Cable News Network, Tyson said, "There is no truth to any allegation whatsoever."

The attack allegedly occurred at an Indianapolis hotel in the early hours of July 19. The woman filed the complaint about 24 hours later.

Reshadul national snooker champion

Reshadul Ameen of Dhaka Club clinched the title of the eighth National Snooker Championship yesterday, reports UNB.

Reshadul defeated Ismail Hossain of Chittagong by a comfortable 7-2 frames in the final played at the snooker room of Dhaka Club.

Amrullah of Dhaka Club finished third and NAT Rouf of the same club became fourth in the competition.

National Sports Council Chairman Major General Mahubur Rahman witnessed the final match as chief guest and distributed prizes among the winners.

Lewis eyes Beamon mark

SESTRIERE, Italy, July 27: Olympic champion Carl Lewis said he would try to break fellow American Bob Beamon's 23-year-old long jump world record next week, reports Reuter.

If he succeeds, it could be the American's swansong in the event.

Lewis said in New York last weekend he would no longer compete in the long jump if he broke the record in the high-altitude Italian resort of Sestriere next Wednesday.

Injury prevented Lewis, unbeaten in the event for 10 years, from trying in Sestriere last year to beat Beamon's record of 8.90 metres set at altitude in the 1968 Mexico City Olympics.

Johnson wins quarterfinal heat

MONTREAL, July 27: Ben Johnson won his 100-meter quarterfinal heat at the Canadian National Track and Field Championships, but the struggling sprinter will have to do a lot better if he's to qualify for the upcoming World Championships, reports AP.

Johnson, who needs to crack the 10.30-second barrier to qualify for the World Championships in Tokyo Aug 24-Sept 1, clocked 10.51 Friday to win his heat.

That left him with the fourth-fastest time overall, trailing unheralded Atlec Mahorn (10.36), Bruny Surin

THE FIXTURES:

- July 28: New Zealand vs Pakistan
- Malaysia vs India
- South Korea vs Soviet Union
- 29: Soviet Union vs Pakistan
- Malaysia vs New Zealand
- 30: India vs South Korea
- 31: Soviet Union vs New Zealand
- South Korea vs India
- Aug 1: Malaysia vs Soviet Union
- 2: New Zealand vs India
- Pakistan vs South Korea
- 3: India vs Soviet Union
- New Zealand vs South Korea
- Pakistan vs Malaysia

Pakistan aim to beat jinx

IPOH, Malaysia, July 27: Asian giants Pakistan and India are expected to renew their rivalry during the fourth tri-national Sultan Azlan Shah invitational field hockey tournament, which starts here Sunday, reports AFP.

Pakistan, the Asian Games champions and India, the former champions, look formidable to the other participating countries — South Korea, New Zealand, the Soviet Union and host Malaysia.

The six teams play a one-round league format. The week-long competition is expected to be a keenly contested one, and all the teams except South Korea are taking the tournament as a buildup to the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

Pakistan has won every major world tournament except the Azlan, Shah, although they have competed in the past three championships.

"We are here make amends for the earlier failures," said team manager Islahuddin

after winning the 1986 Asian Games, will parade their young first-choice players, whose average age is 21.

The host Malaysians, trained by Australian Terry Walsh, will enjoy home ground advantage and are thought capable of pulling off upsets.

But the Malaysians, who are to participate in a pre-Olympic qualifier in New Zealand in October, only managed draw and four losses in five Test matches against New Zealand in May.

Stiddique, who has skipped Pakistan to several other championships.

The closest Pakistan came to winning here was in 1983 and 1987, when they were beaten by Australia and West Germany respectively. India won the championship in 1985.

The Pakistani side, led by Shahbaz Ahmad, including 11 other players from the squad which captured the Asian Games title in Beijing last October.

Although India has been unable to make any headway, aimed a series of internal squabbles and frequent coaching changes, they have always done well in Malaysia and the side, led by fullback Pargat Singh, aims to gain exposure and has as a target its qualification for next year's Olympics.

Veteran Peter Daji, who has a total of 115 caps, will be in the forefront of the New Zealand challenge while the Soviet Union, the sole European representative, are here after a fourth-place finish in the recent European Cup tournament.

The Koreans, on a decline

Okada wins gold for Japan

BARCELONA, Spain, July 27: Hirotaka Okada made short work of American Joseph Wanag to win Japan's first gold at the World Judo Championships here on Friday as Germany unexpectedly picked up two of the three other medals on offer, reports AFP.

Okada took the men's middleweight title in an explosive final, having Wanag ipppon after 56 seconds.

But it was women's light middleweight Frauke Eickhoff and men's half middleweight Daniel Lascou who stunned the pundits. The Germans were never considered among the top contenders.

Even more surprising, Lascou had little difficulty with any of his opponents apart from Bashtir Varnaev of the Soviet Union who he saw off by ipppon in the semi-finals.



Japanese Hirotaka Okada(L) fights against South Korean Yang Chong-Ok(R) in their men's middleweight fight of the World Judo championships in Barcelona on July 26. —AFP photo

Spain, Germany in Federation Cup semifinals

Seles gets deadline, Graf a get well card

NOTTINGHAM, England, July 27: Favourites Spain and Germany battled through to the Federation Cup semifinals on Friday despite brave efforts by Indonesia and Italy to hijack a place in the last four, reports Reuter.

Spanish number one Arantxa Sanchez Vicario came closest to cracking against Indonesian opponent Yauk Basuki, one of the brighter prospects in the women's game.

Basuki led 6-4, 4-1 before Sanchez Vicario's experience brought her through 4-6, 7-5, 6-4 to give the top seeds a 2-0 winning advantage in a tougher-than-expected centre-court tie.

Germany, shrugging off the departure of the injured Steffi Graf, also won both singles rubbers against Italy but were forced to sweat before clinching victory.

Graf's stand-in Barbara Rittner, this year's Wimbledon junior champion, appeared to be on her way to defeat in the second set of her singles against Raffaella Reggi but recovered in time to win 6-3, 1-6, 6-3.

Germany and Spain will clash in today's semifinals which also feature the United States and Czechoslovakia, who reached that stage on Thursday.

An earlier report said, Moni-

ca Seles got a deadline. Steffi Graf got flowers and a get well card, reports AP.

On a tony-turvy Thursday in women's tennis, most of the action seemed to be in hospitals and committee rooms.

Zina Garrison and Gigi Fernandez overcame a slow start to defeat Judith Wiesner and Petra Ritter 6-4, 6-1 in doubles, giving the United States a 2-1 quarterfinal victory over Austria.



MONICA SELES

Wiesner saved two match points to defeat Jennifer Capriati 6-2, 0-6, 8-6 in the opening singles contest, but Mary Joe Fernandez then wiped out Austrians Barbara Paulus 6-1, 6-1.

The Americans advanced to a Saturday semifinal against Czechoslovakia, which got singles victories from Radka Zrubakova and Jana Novotna in a 2-1 defeat of Switzerland.

While the opening pair of quarterfinals were being played, the world's top two women players were stealing the headlines though they

were far away.

Top-ranked Seles was given until Aug 5 to produce a note from her doctor explaining her late withdrawal from the Federation Cup. Without a medical certificate, Seles could be barred from the 1992 Summer Olympics, since the Federation Cup is a pre-requisite for the Olympics.

The Federation Cup committee met Thursday, and issued a statement saying it "is



STEFFI GRAF

concerned at the circumstances of the withdrawal of Monica Seles from the Yugoslav team."

Graf, ranked No. 2, was forced to pull out of the Federation Cup on Thursday because of a torn tendon in her right shoulder. She was examined at a hospital in Essen, Germany, and team captain Klaus Hofmann said she would be sidelined for three weeks.

The ITF later sent flowers and a note with "best wishes for a speedy recovery" to Graf at her home in Bruhl, Germany. The note also em-

phasized the ITF's appreciation for Graf's appearance at the Federation Cup.

Graf aggravated the shoulder injury Wednesday while leading Germany to a second-round victory over Canada. Barbara Rittner will take Graf's place in singles alongside Anke Huber as Germany faces Italy in one of Friday's quarterfinals.

"It's a dangerous injury. The next match perhaps wouldn't be so tough, but it could have threatened her whole career," said Graf's personal coach, Pavel Slozil.

Spain, led by Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and Conchita Martinez, faces Indonesia in the other quarterfinal.

The US squad had to rally after Capriati lost the first singles match. Wiesner saved two match points on her serve in the 10th game of the final set.

"When I saw that I could come back from two match points, I had a lot of confidence that I could win," Wiesner said. "I decided not to risk too much and to come in when I could. She never knew what I was going to do."

Mary Joe Fernandez breezed through her match in 56 minutes, winning the first five games and the last five games of the contest.

Garrison and Gigi Fernandez, the top doubles player in the world, fell behind 4-2 in the first set against Wiesner and Ritter, but won seven straight games to take control.

Martina says Nelson betrayed her

NEW YORK, July 27: Martina Navratilova says the woman with whom she "lived as man and wife"

betrayed her by tricking her into signing a cohabitation agreement that could ruin her financially, reports AP.

Claiming that through naivete she never read the agreement and did not realize what it contained, Navratilova said an interview broadcast Friday night, that she believed Judy Nelson, "truly loved me."

"But I also now believe that this was pretty much organized ahead of time," Navratilova said in the inter-

view on the ABC news magazine show "20/20." "That she figured either she was going to have me or she was going to have a lot of money."

Nelson, who lived with Navratilova for seven years, filed suit against the tennis player seeking one half of all Navratilova's earnings during their relationship, which ended earlier this year.

The cohabitation agreement was signed, and the signing was videotaped, in 1986.

"I thought I was smart, but now when I see the video, I say, 'How stupid were you?' I am very trusting, and that's the point of being naive, which is pretty embarrassing to ad-

mit that at the age of 35 I am naive. But I was then."

Navratilova denied reports that she had offered Nelson \$2 million to settle the suit.

"I don't have that kind of money, I mean, I give her that, and I'm broke. I might just as well start all over again — 18 years of playing tennis down the drain," Navratilova said.

Asked whether she considered the cohabitations agreement as trading sex for money, she said: "No, I wouldn't go that far. Maybe love for money."

Navratilova said she paid Nelson a salary starting in 1985 and that it reached \$180,000 per year in 1990. She

also said she would have married Nelson if it were legally possible.

Although she prefers the company of women to men, Navratilova said she was physically attracted to men as well as women, and that she still entertained notions of having children.

"I am attracted physically to both," she said. "I just prefer emotionally the company of women."

She also said she would like to "pass on these genes" to another generation, and "I think I would make a pretty good mother, but at the same time, I'm almost 35."