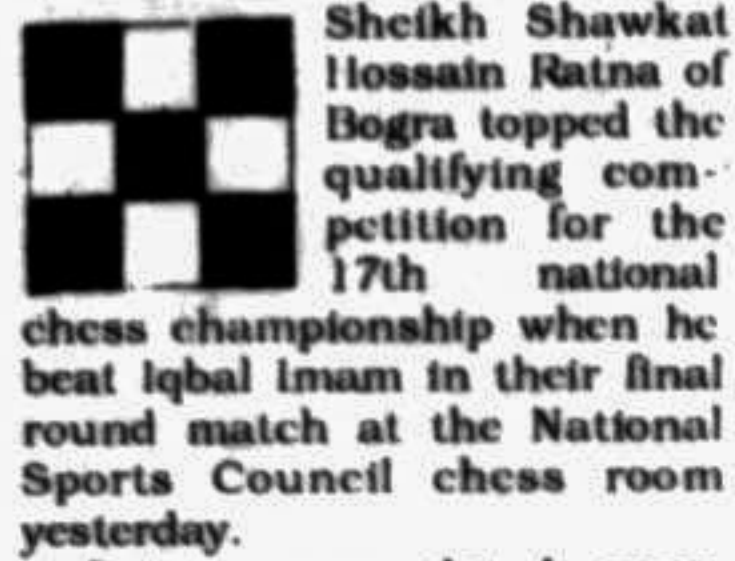


# Shawkat tops qualifiers

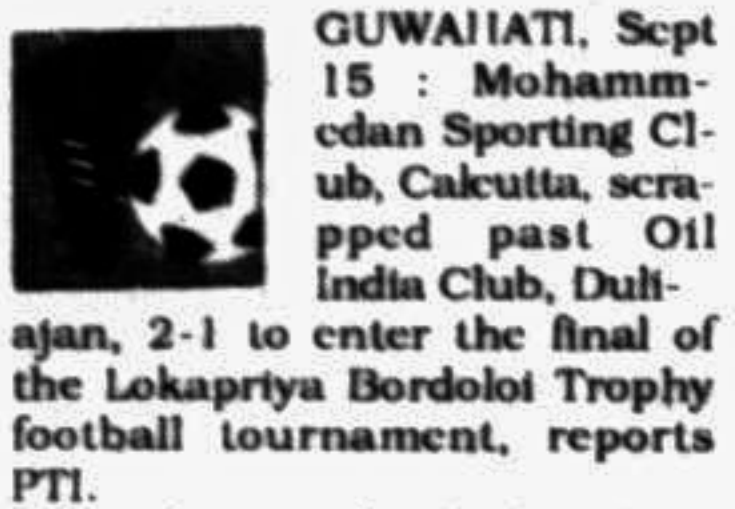
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Sheikh Hossain Ratna of Bogra topped the qualifying competition for the 17th national chess championship when he beat Iqbal Imam in their final round match at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

method of tiebreak was invoked. Poor Badrul Alam of Rangamati became the odd man out, missing the right to play in the final with a Buscholtz score of 43.5 which placed him 15th. The field of 16 for the 15 round Swiss league final will be completed by defending national champion Syed Tahmidur Rahman and last year's runner-up. The tie-break left Fide Master Rifat-bin Sattar in second position with a Buscholtz score of 54.5. Khandaker Kayes Hossain of Bangladesh Ansars placed third with a score of 54. International women's master Rani Ilamid fourth with 52.5, Shahnoor Hossain of Dhaka Metro fifth with 52 and Fide Master Jamilur Rahman, a former national champion, sixth with a score of 51.5.

# Cal MSC in Bordoloi final



GUWAHATI, Sept 15: Mohammdan Sporting Club, Calcutta, scrapped past Oil India Club, Duttaj, 2-1 to enter the final of the Lokapriya Bordoloi Trophy football tournament, reports PTI.

ing to poor finishing and lack of plan and coordination. There was something to cheer about for the crowd when Rajani Phukan of Oil India reduced the margin following a goal mouth melee in the 36th minute. The goal was partly due to Mohammedan custodian Mohammed Qadir who, after the melee, charged too early to provide enough opening for the Oil Club striker to put the ball into the net from close range. Mohammedans who won their earlier matches convincingly, became lethargic after dominating the proceedings for only 20 minutes after the opening.

After a barren first half, Christopher of Mohammedan Sporting opened the score in the second minute through a penalty after Oil India's Bhusan Sonowal handled the ball in the box. This was followed by a second goal by Chibuzor in the 12th minute. The Oil Club fought back after being down by two goals and missed many chances over

Oil players collected passes but could not keep them up during crucial moments. This is Mohammedan Sporting's eleventh entry into the Bordoloi Trophy final which they won five times, ending runners-up in the other matches. This is also the first time since 1987 that a Calcutta club has entered the final. In the second semifinal tomorrow, East Bengal will play Shillong Eleven.

# SOCCER SCENARIO

## Eintracht Frankfurt back on top

BONN, Sept 15: Eintracht Frankfurt regained top spot in the German First Division on Saturday thanks to a late penalty save by goalkeeper Uli Stein, reports Reuter. Stein's effort preserved the 2-2 deadlock at home to Nuremberg and gave Eintracht a valuable point. Eintracht lost first place temporarily to Hamburg and VfB Stuttgart, who played earlier, but the draw left all three on 12 points with the Frankfurt side ahead on goal difference. A goal by midfielder Armin Eck on the stroke of halftime was enough for Hamburg to beat Bayern Munich for the first time since 1985. Stuttgart drew 1-1 at struggling Cologne. Spectacular goals by midfielders Uwe Bein and Ralf Falkenmayer gave Eintracht a comfortable half-time lead. But a cheeky backheel by defender Thomas Brunner and a shot by Dieter Eckstein in the 74th minute left the match all square. Two minutes later, Frankfurt sweeper Manfred Binz fouled Andre Golke in the area and Stein made a brilliant one-handed save.

## Ajax Amsterdam's match put back

AMSTERDAM, Sept 15: Ajax Amsterdam's Dutch soccer league match in Groningen on Sunday has been called off after the discovery of possible bomb-making equipment, reports Reuter. The mayor of Groningen took the decision because of fears of violent clashes between supporters. Police found materials they suspect were to have been used to make bombs. They had searched houses after pamphlets were distributed in the city urging supporters of the home side to bring weapons to the stadium. Ten people were arrested, but four were later released, the Dutch news agency reported. Ajax, with three wins and a draw from their opening four matches, will have to mark time after arch rivals PSV Eindhoven maintained their 100 per cent record on Saturday, beating Roda JC Kerkrade 2-1 at home. Two first half goals from Juul Ellerman gave the champions their fourth win in four games. They are now the only side to have won all their matches. Ellerman's first came in the 22nd minute after Roda's Polish goalkeeper Henryk Boleska failed to hold a seemingly easy shot from midfielder Gerald Vanenburg. Rene Hofman grabbed a quick equaliser for Roda, but Ellerman scored the decisive second goal three minutes before halftime, combining cleverly with Venenburg to catch the defence flat-footed. The win should boost PSV's morale ahead of their first round first leg European Cup tie against Turkish champions Besiktas in Istanbul on Wednesday. They now move into second place in the Dutch league behind front-runners Vitesse Arnhem who play Volendam today.

## Marseille's hard-fought win

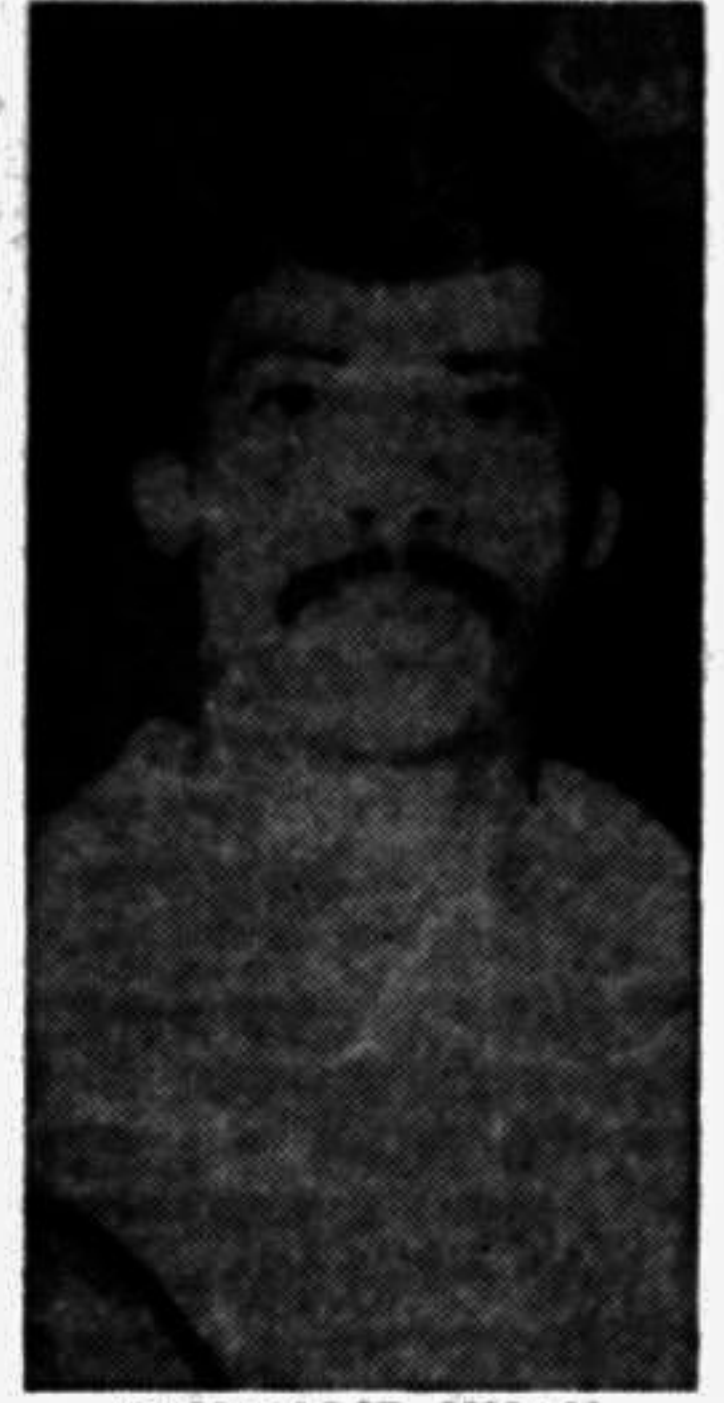
PARIS, Sept 15: Champions Marseille fought back after trailing Sochaux for more than half an hour to emerge with a 3-2 away win in the French league on Saturday, reports Reuter. Marseille, who remain two points behind Monaco, took an early lead when English midfielder Chris Waddle scored from close range after a Manuel Amoros free kick in the fourth minute. But Sochaux made the going tough for last year's European Cup finalists, equalising through Lionel Prat in the 26th minute and going ahead nine minutes later when Marseille full back Pascal Bailis turned the ball into his own goal. But two goals in a minute midway through the second half saved the visitors. Didier Deschamps scored the first in the 69th minute and Ghanaian forward Abedi Pele grabbed the winner with his fifth goal of the season shortly afterwards. Monaco, who had a 1-0 win at St Etienne on Thursday, lead with 18 points from 10 games. Marseille are second on 16 and Paris St Germain, who beat Lille 2-0 on Friday, third on 14. The feat of the day came from Caen striker Stephane Paille, who notched four goals in the 5-1 win over Nancy. The former French international, back after a disappointing season with Porto in Portugal, scored two in each half after Nancy had taken any early lead through Franck Gava.

## Jhenidah in DC Cup final

JHENIDAH, Sept 15: Jhenidah moved into the final of the DC gold cup football tournament played here on Friday, reports UNB. The match was decided on tie-breakers. Khulna will face Faridpur in another semifinal of the tournament on September 18.

# Jahangir champion

KARACHI, Sept 15: World number two Jahangir Khan won the Pakistan Open after a clash of about 100 minutes with compatriot World champion Jansher Khan 3-1 here Sunday, reports AFP.



JAHANGIR KHAN

The 28-year-old Jahangir, nine-times winner of the Pakistan Open, and the defending champion Jansher, 22, produced some good rallies and drop shots.

Jahangir, who lost the first game 9-15, committed several errors on his drop shot, normally his favourite weapon. In the first game he appeared to be under pressure from the World champion, who produced some very good strokes to force Jahangir all over the court.

Jansher's strategy was to tire his opponent out, but Jahangir rebounded his drop shot to take the second game 15-10. The contest, though heated in the third and fourth games, belonged to Jahangir, who took them 15-10 and 15-5.

## Asian jr chess in Dubai from tomorrow

DUBAI, Sept 15: V Saravanan and Brjesh Agarwal will lead the Indian campaign in the 14th Asian junior chess championship beginning here on Tuesday, reports PTI. Ziaur Rahman is representing Bangladesh and Khalid-ur-Rahman Pakistan. Eighteen countries are participating in the prestigious FIDE event. The title of International Chess Master and direct seeding to the forthcoming World junior chess championship will be at stake in the tournament to be held under Swiss system of eleven rounds. Twenty-two players from 18 countries will vie for top honours in the event which would go on till Oct 3. Saravanan, who has vast experience in the Indian national league, has good prospects to claim the title though Phillipines's Arian F Cabe and Malaysia's Mohd Don Rahim along with UAE national champion Mansoor Abdullah are the pre-tournament favourites. In the last year's championship at Calcutta in India, IM Rogelio Barcenilla of the Philippines had annexed the Asian title with considerable ease. This year, Barcenilla is unable to defend the crown because of overage. Chess will be the order of the day in each round. India has a long list of Asian junior champions ever since IM V Ravikumar won it in Tehran in 1979.

## Latin giants in separate groups for '94 W Cup

ASUNCION, Paraguay, Sept 15: America Cup finalists Argentina and Brazil on Saturday were drawn into separate South American Soccer Confederation groups for the purpose of qualifying for the 1994 World Cup, reports AP. Brazil, a three-time World Cup winner which ended up second to Argentina at the South American championship in July, will head Group A, which also includes Colombia, Peru, Paraguay and Venezuela. Argentina, twice a World Cup winner and runner-up to West Germany in Italy last year, will head Group B. The top two teams from Group A and the winner of Group B will advance to the World Cup. The Group B runner-up will still have a chance to qualify if it wins a league-format competition with a representative of the Oceania Group and a team from CONCACAF. The draw conducted by CONMEBOL, the South American Soccer Confederation, was held in Asuncion. The actual pairings will be made by FIFA at the World Cup preliminary draw in New York on December 8. Chile, CONMEBOL's 10th member, has been barred from the 1994 World Cup because of the Roberto Rojas incident. Rojas was the Chilean goalkeeper who admittedly faked and injured during a World Cup qualification game in 1989 against Brazil, hoping for Brazil to be disqualified and Chile to advance. The president of the South American Soccer Federation, Nicolas Leoz of Paraguay, said CONMEBOL members have agreed to meet January 29 in Asuncion to determine dates for the qualification games.

# Pakistan stun holders Australia

BERLIN, Sept 15: Pakistan turned the 13th Champions Trophy tournament upside down here Saturday night by defeating holders Australia 2-1 in a bruising match, reports AFP.

This was the first time Pakistan had beaten Australia since the semifinals in the 1990 World Cup in Lahore. Defeats in tournaments in Madrid in April and Mulheim in May were forgotten when short corner expert Khalid Bashir struck twice for victory.

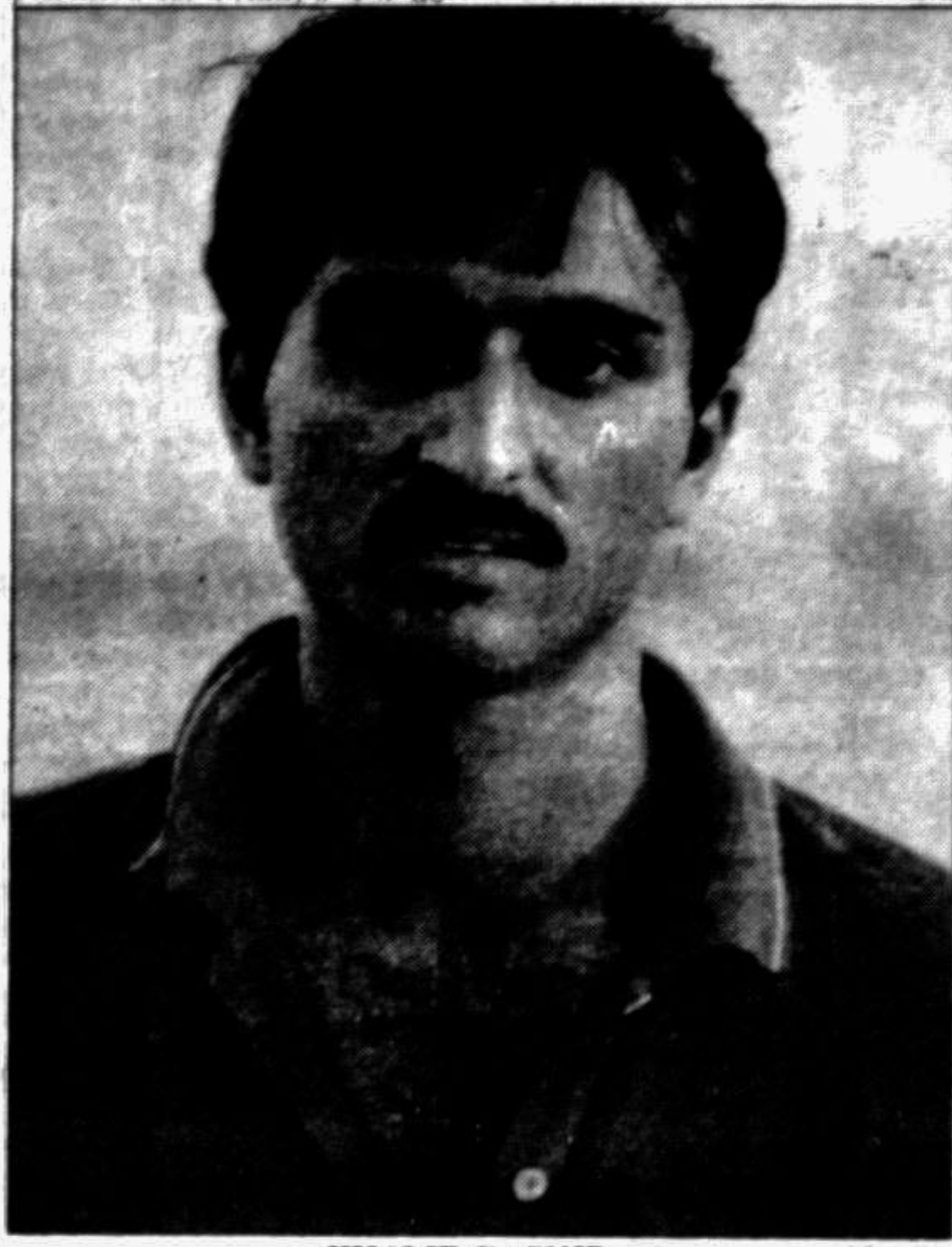
Pakistan, a goal down in eight minutes, reeled under an early Australian onslaught. Much of Pakistan's rhythm was disrupted by the swift tackling of the Australian defence in which wing half Jay Stacy had an outstanding game.

It was Stacy who put Australia ahead with a strong hit from a short corner which went in off Pakistan goalkeeper Shahid Ali Khan. Pakistan's lightning raids were successfully beaten back by Australian until the 22nd minute when Ashley Carey conceded a short corner for a foot infringement in the circle. That allowed Khalid to equalise.

In a fast and furious second half both sides missed chances. Atjaz Ahmed missed the best when he shot horribly wide after 47 minutes but as time wore on Australia lost their grip on the match.

Goalkeeper Damon Diletti conceded a short corner in the 64th minute for a foul tackle just outside the circle and Khalid converted with a strong hit. The win more than compensated for Friday's 4-3 defeat to Germany.

"We have had two hard matches in succession but today's win puts us back in the picture," said Pakistan manager Ishaquddin. Australian coach Frank



KHALID BASHIR

Urray said: "We missed too many chances. If we can't put away opportunities we don't deserve to win important matches. He said Pakistan would have wrapped up the match earlier if they had taken their own chances. Great Britain were never brilliant but emerged from a patchy match 2-1 winners over the Soviet Union to reverse the result of the previous tournament in Melbourne last November. Sean Kerly, scorer of eight goals for Britain at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, created a sensation by scoring within 42 seconds of the start of the second half. It added to Robert Thompson's 19th minute short corner goal and the British survived a late Soviet rally. Vitaly Kholopov pulled a flick at the top of the corner but the British defence held firm under some desperate Soviet attacks. Germany opened their account in the women's tournament with a 3-0 victory over Spain, scoring all their goals in the second half. The Spaniards, with meagre resources up front, took to defence and held off several German attacks until Heike Latzech, a 17-year old schoolgirl, broke free on the right to open the score in the 51st minute. Nadine Ernsting Krienke added a second and Brita Becker wrapped up the match with a third 67 minutes.

# Only a world record by Johnson can deny Bubka

NEW YORK, Sept 15: Although Michael Johnson won the 200 meters in the season-leading time of 19.89 seconds Friday at Brussels, Belgium, he probably will need a world record at the Mobil Grand Prix

final to wrest the men's overall Grand Prix title from pole vaulter Sergei Bubka of the Soviet Union, reports AP. Because he set a world record in Grand Prix competition, Bubka, with 51 points, will hold a six-point advantage over Johnson and four others — high hurdler Renaldo

Nehemiah, long jumper Mike Powell, miler Noureddine Morceli of Algeria and javelin thrower Jan Zelensky of Czechoslovakia — going into next Friday's Grand Prix final at Barcelona, Spain. If Bubka wins the pole vault at the final, only a world record by one of the others

could deny him his first overall title. Among the women, Sandra Farmer-Patrick enters the final tied for first place at 45 points with three others — Miler Natalya Artymova of the Soviet Union, high jumper Heike Henkel of Germany and sprinter Merlene Ottey

# Hughes extends United's unbeaten run

LONDON, Sept 15: Welsh international Mark Hughes stretched Manchester United's unbeaten streak to eight games by scoring the only goal in the defeat of Southampton on Saturday, reports Reuter. Hughes latched on to a misdirected header at goal by captain Bryan Robson three minutes into the second half and drove home from six metres. Title favourites Liverpool lost further ground to the United when they were held to a 1-1 draw at Anfield by Aston Villa. They trail the leaders by six points. But champions Arsenal rediscovered some of last season's magic with a 4-1 thrashing of Crystal Palace, Kevin Campbell scoring twice.

while Leeds have 15 from seven. Manchester City's hopes of keeping pace with their neighbours were jolted when they lost 1-0 at home to Sheffield Wednesday. Paul William scored the winner after 73 clubs. A Mark Walter penalty against his former club salvaged a fortunate home point for below par Liverpool after Kevin Richardson has put Vital ahead in the 25th minute. Walters converted his spot-kick late in the first half after Paul McGrath was harshly judged to have nudged Liverpool's Israeli striker Ronnie Rosenthal off the ball. England under-21 international Campbell was the undoubted star of Arsenal's triumph at Palace. Manager George Graham

restored him to the front line and pulped Paul Merson and Perry Groves into midfield in his search for the formula which earned Arsenal the Championship last season. Campbell responded by scoring in the 16th and 81st minutes and playing a key role in the goals netted by Alan Smith, his sixth of the season, and Michael Thomas. England striker Gary Linker took his tally for the season to seven with two goals in three minutes in the second half as Tottenham beat Queen's Park Rangers 2-0. But arguably the most eye catching performance of the day was by Mick Harford. He celebrated his return to Luton, following a midweek move from Second Division Derby, by scoring twice in the final five minutes to earn his

struggling side an unexpected 2-1 win over Oldham. Harford, booked after only five minutes, tapped in a low cross from Kurt Nogan and then prompted a jig of delight from manager David Pleat by netting with an overhead kick in injury time. Sheffield United moved off the bottom of the table by coming from behind to beat Everton 2-1 — their first win of the season. Ian Bryson scored their winner. In Scotland, Hearts had striker Ian Baird sent off after 32 minutes but stayed top of the Premier Division with a gusy 3-2 win at St Mirren. Baird was dismissed for a late tackle when the sides were level at 1-1. But they took charge with goals by Dave Mepherston and Scott Crabbe in the 54th and 62nd minutes.

# Northants renew Lamb's captaincy

NORTHAMPTON, England, Sept 15: England batsman Allan Lamb has been asked to carry on as captain of Northamptonshire next season despite the English county's 11th successive year without a Trophy, reports AFP. The committee have followed the recommendation of their South African director of cricket, Mike Procter, that 37-year-old Lamb should be awarded a fourth summer in charge. "I haven't personally felt under any pressure this year and the committee have backed me all the way," said Lamb. "We've put in some good performances in the latter stages of the season. Hopefully next year we can go one step further and actually win something." Lamb, chosen in the England party for the forthcoming tour to New Zealand and the World Cup, intends to discuss the offer with his wife, but is expected to say 'yes' next week. West Indian fast bowler Curtly Ambrose will be returning to Northants next year in place of compatriot Eldine Baptiste.

# Real romp in Spanish league

MADRID, Sept 15: An inspired Emilio Butragueno scored twice as visiting Real Madrid trounced Athletic Bilbao 4-1 Saturday, notching his third triumph in as many games in the Spanish first division, reports AP. Also Saturday, FC Barcelona beat Zaragoza 3-1, scoring a pair of second-half goals to break open a 1-1 deadlock. The crowd of 75,000 at

Barcelona's Camp Nou didn't breathe easy until midfielder Aitor Beguiristain scored for the defending champions in the 88th. Real Madrid's victory game it six points and sole possession of first place. Barcelona improved its record to 2-0-1, two points behind. Three other matches were scheduled for later Saturday. The remaining five were slated for Sunday, including a featured a matchups between Sevilla and Gijon.

Real Madrid thoroughly dominated Athletic on its own turf despite a belligerent Bilbao crowd that sent a barrage of paper, food and other objects sailing onto the field, delaying the start of both halves. Athletic, one of only three teams playing its 60th season in the top Spanish ranks, fell deeper into last place, having allowed nine goals in three matches. Butragueno's first goal gave Madrid confidence, and it launched attack after attack from the midfield. On the few

occasions when Athletic threatened, Brazilian defender Ricardo Rocha snaked out a sure foot to tackle the ball away. Madrid midfielder Miguel "Michel" Gonzalez figured in the first three goals, initiating the opener with a corner kick, then chipping nearly identical crosses from the right onto the heads of Hagi and Butragueno. Real's brilliant attacking play came without midfield master Robert Prosinecki. The Yugoslav star was sidelined with a pulled leg muscle. In Barcelona, Eusebio Sacristan snatched up a loose ball on the right side and punched the home team into the lead in the 13th minute. But Francisco Higuera equalled for Zaragoza in the 30th, beating Barcelona goalie Andoni Zubizarreta to the ball and scoring past defender Alberto Ferrer. Dutch acquisition Richard Witschge, in his debut for Barcelona, made a nice individual play to set up his team's second goal by Jose Maria Bakero in the 51st.

# Red Star ban Darko Pancev

BELGRADE, Sept 15: European Cup holders Red Star Belgrade suspended top striker Darko Pancev on Saturday, ruling him out of the club's opening match in their defence of the soccer trophy on Tuesday, reports Reuter. The team's Director, Dragan Dzijic, said Pancev infringed several Red Star officials and violated the club's rules which automatically put him out of the team indefinitely. "He committed very serious offences and will not be in the team against Northern Ireland's champions Portadown on Tuesday," Dzijic said. Pancev was invited by AC Milan to play for the Italian side as a guest in an exhibition tournament in Madrid last week but Red Star officials would not allow him to travel. "It is still our player and we have the right to say where and when he can play," Dzijic said. "Apparently he did not like it and said some very rude things." The striker also refused to join his team mates in a canteen during preparations for the match to be played in Szeged, Hungary. Red Star were banned from playing at home for one match after crowd disturbances during and after their semifinal against Bayern Munich last April. The Yugoslav side start their defence without three other key players, goalkeeper Stevan Stojanovic, sweeper Hrkil Sabanadzovic and midfielder Robert Prosinecki, who have moved to foreign clubs.



World number one Jorgen Persson of Sweden holds aloft the trophy of the 555 World Cup table tennis championship on Sept 14. Persson beat Jean-Philippe Gatien of France 21-14, 21-16, 25-23 in the final, pocketing the 20,000 US dollars award. —AFP photo

# Canada maintain lead

MONTREAL, Sept 15: Canada maintained its unbeaten record in Canada Cup ice hockey tournament games against the United States Saturday, beating the United States 4-1, reports AFP. The victory came despite the loss of Canadian superstar Wayne Gretzky in the second period. Doctors said Gretzky was suffering from back spasms after a crushing check from Gary Suter. They refused to speculate whether he might be fit to play in the second of the best of three finals Monday night at Hamilton, Ontario. This was the sixth Canada Cup game between Canada and the United States since 1976, and Canada has won them all. The United States was un-

lucky in the third period, with the score 3-1 in Canada's favour, but with Gretzky already out of the game. The United States got the puck into the Canadian goal in a melee, but it was a split second after the whistle had been blown because officials had lost sight of the puck. When Gretzky was withdrawn from the game Mark Messier was given the job of holding Team Canada together—and he did just that, virtually determining the fate of the Americans with a goal 11 mins, 42 secs into the third period. The scoring would have been even higher, by both sides, but for the superb playing of the two goalkeepers. This was recognised by organisers who named the goalies—Mike Richter of the United States and Bill Ranford.