

# China DPRK team arrive tomorrow

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An eight-member Chinese and North Korean team arrives tomorrow at the capital to take part in the eighth Pepsi Asian cup table tennis tournament which begins at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Prothistan's (BKSP) gymnasium, Savar, Dhaka, on March 6th.

Nine foreign teams and host Bangladesh will participate in the two event mens singles and womens singles tourney officially recognised by the International Table Tennis Federation.

The president of International Table Tennis Federation, Ichiro Oigumura of Japan is also arriving on March 5.

Thirty three foreign players including 11 women will take part in the four day meet. Two men and a woman will represent Bangladesh.

The participating foreign teams are: China, South Korea, North Korea, Iran, Japan, Pakistan, Thailand, Chinese Taipei and India.

The names of the arriving Chinese and North Korean teams are follows—official: Yu Bin, coaches: Han Renping; Qi Baoxiang; mens players: Zhang Lei; Wang Yonggang; Chen Weiwei; womens players: Fanjianxin Zhang Qin. DPR

Korean team— leaders: Chang Tae Sam; interpreter Mrs. Kwon Yong He; coach: Kim Myong Hwa; mens players: L Sung Il; Ko Chun Ho, Kim Guk Chol; womens players: An Hi Suk, Lijong Suk.

A four member Shanghai Cultural and Educational Facilities Company (SCEFC), the manufacturers of Duoble Happiness table tennis equipments who are providing support for this tournament will also be arriving tomorrow by the same flight with the Chinese and DPR Korea teams. Double Happiness Co. are also providing through courtesy of ATTU with the financial support of US 10,000 Dollars.

An eight member Japanese team will reach the capital on March 4 followed by a three member Thai table tennis team and a four member Chinese Taipei on March 5.

Meanwhile the organising committee of this tournament have selected an eight member panel of umpires to conduct the matches. The umpires are: Kazi Moazzaman, Amanullah, Md. Shajazzan, Rafiqul Islam, Amin Ahmed, Amirul Islam, Reazuddin, Shahadat Hossain and Nurul Hasan.

The selected Bangladesh players are Kislo and Anki of BTMC and Julkha from Bangladesh Ansar.



SEVILLE (Spain), Mar 1: Noureddine Morceli of Algeria broke the world-indoor 1,500 metres record when he clocked three minutes 34.16 seconds at an international meeting in Seville on Thursday, reports Reuter. Morceli bettered the previous mark of 3:34.21 set by Britain's Peter Elliott a year ago, also in Seville.

# Adams freed as Arsenal face crucial match

LONDON, Mar 1: Arsenal captain Tony Adams is set to play his first league match for the English First Division leaders on Sunday since coming out of prison just over two weeks ago, reports Reuter.

But defender Adams, who served 57 days of a four-month sentence for drink-driving offences, could not have chosen a tougher or more crucial time to return to his London team.

Level on points with champions Liverpool at the top of the league, they play the faltering Merseysiders at Anfield in a match that could finally break the deadlock in the title race.

Adams played in Arsenal's FA Cup fifth round victory over Third Division Shrewsbury on Wednesday and said afterwards that he felt as fit as he had before he left off.

"Tony was like a rock in our defence, just like he always was. He is such a strong figure," said Michael Thomas,

who scored the goal that put Arsenal in the FA Cup quarter-finals.

"Tony was perhaps just a little ring-rusty against Shrewsbury but I was very pleased with him, just as I was with the whole team," said manager George Graham.

Arsenal, penalised two points for a brawl against Manchester United, beat the champions 3-0 at Highbury in December but Liverpool have many other reasons for wanting to win.

Since manager Kenny Dalglish's shock resignation last week, they have lost their league leadership, had hopes of a league and cup double dashed and given caretaker manager Ronnie Moran an unwelcome match record of played two lost two.

Moran, who celebrated his 57th birthday a day after watching his team lose in the FA Cup to city rivals Everton on Wednesday and knows his managerial future may depend on Sunday's match, was determined to put the record

straight.

"Our players are sickened by the result but they will bounce back against Arsenal," he promised. Liverpool have not lost two consecutive league matches since November 1989 — when they went on to win the championship by a nine-point margin.

Everton will be in action again on Saturday against fifth-placed Manchester United who are set to give manager Alex Ferguson's 18-year-old son Darren his full league debut.

United have six key players missing through injury, although captain Bryan Robson, striker Mark Hughes and midfielder Mike Phelan should be fit in time for their European Cup winners' cup quarter-final first leg against Montpellier.

Cryshal Palace, humbled 4-0 by Arsenal in the league at Highbury last week, need a win at Coventry to close the gap on Liverpool and Arsenal and consolidate a third place that could bring the rewards of the UEFA cup next season.

# Lankans hit swashbuckling 325



AUCKLAND, Mar 1: Sri Lanka hit a swashbuckling 325 for eight after being sent in to bat on a greenish wicket on the first day of the third and deciding cricket Test against New Zealand today, reports Reuter.

The innings was built on a sparkling 96 by Aravinda De Silva "who scored a double century in the first Test - a fourth half century in four Test innings as Asanka Gurusinha, and a lightning 41 not out in 29 balls by Graeme Labrooy.

Ian Smith, captaining New Zealand in place of injured Martin Crowe, was happy to put Sri Lanka in on a wicket which promised lively bounce and movement.

The wicket delivered the bounce but the New Zealand bowlers failed to extract sideways movement.

Only excellent fast bowling from 21-year-old Chris Cairns, playing in his second Test, saved Smith from embarrassment. Cairns, included in place of seamer Chris Pringle, troubled all the batsmen with sharp pace and disconcerting lift.

Sri Lanka attacked from the first over after a rain-delayed start.

Opener Charith Senanayake went to Cairns for 20 and his partner Chandika Hathurusinghe was bowled by Willie Watson for 13, but Aravinda De Silva maintained the attack when he joined Gurusinha, who scored a century in each innings in the



ARAVINDA DE SILVA

drawn second Test, worked his way to 50 before Cairns trapped him lbw.

After a slow start Aravinda hit the ball powerfully off the back foot, despatching anything off line.

With captain Arjuna Ranatunga he added 91 in 89 minutes for the fourth wicket. He savaged Cairns after tea, hitting two fours and two sixes off one over, including one huge pull into the top tier of the main stand.

However, Cairns got his revenge when first he had Ranatunga caught behind by Smith for 34 and then in the next over had Aravinda for 96 in the same fashion.

Aravinda faced just 141 balls and hit 14 fours and two sixes.

New Zealand gained further success when Sanath

Jayasuriya, on 18, gave Smith his fourth catch off Willie Watson and Asoka De Silva was caught by Andrew Jones from Dipak Patel for two.

Graeme Labrooy then increased the attacking tempo.

New Zealand gained further consolation when Danny Morrison had Hashan Tilkeeratne lbw last ball of the day for 31.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the third and final cricket Test between New Zealand and Sri Lanka today at Eden Park:

**Sri Lanka first innings:**

Senanayake c Smith	20
b Cairns	18
Hathurusinghe b Watson	13
Gurusinha lbw Cairns	50
Aravinda De Silva c Smith b Cairns	96
Ranatunga c Smith b Cairns	34
Tilkeeratne lbw Morrison	31
Jayasuriya c Smith b Watson	18
Asoka De Silva c Jones b Patel	2
Labrooy not out	41
Extras (nb-6, b-2, lb-12)	20
Total for eight wickets	325

To bat: R. Ratnayake, C. Ramanayake.

Fall of wickets: 1-34, 2-81, 3-132, 4-223, 5-234, 6-255, 7-273, 8-325.

**Bowling:**

	O	M	R	W
Morrison	20	5	82	1
Cairns	25	4	114	4
Watson	24.5	95	6	2
Thomson	12.1	6	22	0
Patel	8	2	37	1

# Holyfield, Foreman ask judge to jail Sulaiman

PATTERSON (New Jersey), Mar 1: Attorneys for heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield and challenger George Foreman on

Thursday asked a judge to jail World Boxing Council (WBC) president Jose Sulaiman for his attempts to strip Holyfield of his title, reports Reuter.

Sulaiman was ordered to appear before superior court judge Amos Saunders to defend allegations that he violated a temporary restraining order issued against the WBC by declaring that Mike Tyson and Razor Ruddock would be fighting for the "interim" heavyweight title on March 18.

The WBC has threatened to strip Holyfield because it insists that Tyson — its top-ranked contender — should have had first shot at Holyfield, who won the undisputed crown when he knocked out James "buster" Douglas last October.

Holyfield, with the blessing of the World Boxing Association and International Nat'l tennis from March 10

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The national tennis championship, organised by Bangladesh Tennis Federation will commence from March 10 to March 15 at the National Tennis Complex, Dhaka, according to a Federation press release issued yesterday.

Four events: Mens singles, mens doubles, womens singles and doubles will be held in this years tourney.

All the interested participating teams have been requested to send their entries to the federation's office by March 8th.

# Karpov fails to win

LINARES (Spain), Mar 1: Anatoly Karpov, defeated challenger for the world chess title, played two adjourned games at the Linares International tournament on Thursday, losing one and drawing in the other, reports Reuter.

Karpov lost a third-round duel with Yugoslav Grandmaster Ljubomir Ljujovic after 88 moves, and drew in 66 moves in a fourth-round encounter with fellow-Soviet Artur Yusupov.

Karpov accused Soviet Mikhail Gurevich of giving away a point to Karpov's arch-rival, world champion Garry Kasparov, in a fourth round game and threatened not to play in next year's Linares tournament if the two men were invited.

"I am writing the official (Linares) tournament book together with Yugoslav Master Dmitri Bjelica, and I will analyse in it that irregular game," Karpov said.

In the fifth round today, Karpov faces Jonathan Speelman of Britain and Karpov plays Soviet Vasily Smolchuk.

Standings after four rounds: Yusupov 3-1/2 points Alexander Beliavsky (Soviet Union) 1, Ivanchuk (Ukraine) 1, Kasparov, Jan Timman (Netherlands) 2-1/2 Boris Gelfand (Soviet Union) 1/2

Karpov, Speelman 1-1/2 Jan Ehlvest (Soviet Union)

Boxing Federation, has signed to defend against George Foreman on April 19.

An arbitration between the Holyfield camp and the WBC is scheduled to begin on March 5, Saunders issued his restraining order in November to prevent any actions from being taken until the arbitrator has ruled on the case.

Attorneys for Holyfield and Foreman charged that Sulaiman and the WBC violated that order on Monday when they issued a statement saying the council would declare the winner of the Tyson-Ruddock bout its heavyweight champion if the WBC wins the arbitration.

# Charlton, United remain a legend

MANCHESTER, Mar 1: When Manchester United step out for their biggest European soccer

night for six years on Wednesday no-one will relish the occasion more than a famous, balding figure huddled in his overcoat in the stand, reports Reuter.

If United, who play Montpellier of France in the first leg of their Cup Winners' cup quarter-final, remain one of the most illustrious names in the soccer world then that of Bobby Charlton is not far behind.

Walk down a street in Kuala Lumpur, for example, and the youngsters kicking a ball against a wall are as likely to shout his name as that of Maradona or Pele.

It scarcely matters that nearly 23 years have passed since Charlton and United were in their prime, lifting the European Cup in front of 100,000 fans at Wembley having beaten Benfica 4-1.

Nothing has surpassed that moment in May 1968 for the devoted United faithful who would probably not complain if Charlton re-laced his boots and trotted out of the tunnel himself on Wednesday.

The glory years are over

now but Charlton, 53, suggests the current team possess enough ability to revive the United legend without his help.

"We've suffered for a while but now we've started to play well, basically because players we've brought in such as Gary Pallister, Paul Ince and Danny Wallace have had a bit more time to settle in, said Charlton, now a United director.

"Youngsters like Lee Sharpe, a very talented lad, have also come into the side and suddenly things have started to improve. I've been enjoying it because I've always believed a strong Manchester United is good for the game in Britain."

United have reached the final of the English league cup and lie fifth in the First Division but it is 24 seasons since they won the championship, the English game's premier honour.

Their reputation abroad, besides such barren times, as Charlton has discovered while coaching enthusiastic youngsters worldwide.

"I was in Indonesia and Malaysia recently and the kids there know everything about the club. It's handed down, it's a tradition, it's a cult," said Charlton, modestly admitting he cuts a piper-

type figure at some of his soccer schools.

Spreading the soccer Gospel has also taken him to



BOBBY CHARLTON

Burma this year, but ambassadorial duties have not diminished his love of the game.

"My outstanding memory has to be winning the European Cup. It took us so long and it is really the ultimate thing a club can achieve."

"I was fortunate to play when I did many ways. The referees allowed us a lot more freedom, the game was more open and you didn't get as

many stoppages as you do now."

"You very rarely see players getting tired now because they have so many opportunities to rest. We played a game against Leeds the other night which was very unusual because the referee allowed the game to flow. That's not often the case these days."

Charlton is hopeful the 1994 World Cup in the United States will work to the Game's advantage "as long as they don't start changing the rules."

"We don't need wider goals," he said of one of the more outrageous ideas to make soccer more of a spectacle.

But for the moment Manchester United's welfare remains uppermost in his thoughts.

Their last appearance in a European semifinal was in the 1983-84 season when they lost 3-2 on aggregate to Juventus in the Cup Winners' cup, again failing to escape from the shadows of Charlton, George Best and Denis Law.

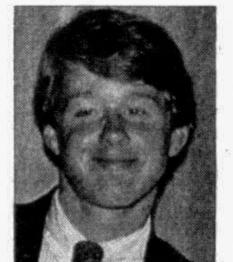
Charlton is anxious his modern-day successors should appreciate their good fortune.

"It's marvellous to play against the best and I'm sure the current team will give everything against Montpellier. Yes, I'm looking forward to it," he said.

# McEnroes may meet in final



CHICAGO, Mar 1: Canadian Grant Connell upset fourth-seeded Brazilian Luiz Mattar to join seventh seed Patrick McEnroe in the quarter-finals of the 225,000-dollar Volvo of Hago tennis tournament on Thursday, reports Reuter.



PATRICK MCENROE

McEnroe, whose older brother John is the tournament's top 7-6 to set up a quarter-final against second-

seeded fellow American Richey Reneburg.

Pereira came up with 13 aces, but his mobility was hampered by a hamstring injury.

"He was having a little trouble with his leg. When he missed his first serve he was in trouble," said McEnroe, a surprise semifinalist at this year's Australian Open.

Connell, who has yet to drop his serve in two matches this week, eliminated Mattar 6-1, 6-7, 6-3 for his second victory over the Brazilian in as many weeks.

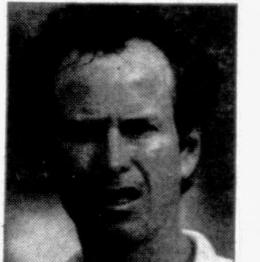
The Canadian was so accurate and effective with his serve and volley game that the fourth seed smashed his racket in frustration during the third set.

Connell delivered 12 aces and saved all nine break points he faced, his accuracy faltering only briefly in the second set tiebreak which he lost 7-3.

"I came out really fast, played returns well and caught him off guard," said Connell, who next faces Jaime Yzaga.

The Peruvian reached the quarters with wins over former number one Jimmy Connors and sixth seed Kevin Curren.

McEnroe, who could face brother John in the final, gained the upper hand against Pereira with the lone service break of the match — in the seventh game — to take the



JOHN MCENROE

opening set.

They battled into a second-set tiebreak where McEnroe prevailed 7-3 to avoid a third set.

# Jansher marches on

MADRID, Mar 1: World number one Jansher Khan marched on towards a 10th successive Grand Prix Squash title on Thursday, beating England captain Bryan Beeson 15-11, 15-7, 15-1 in the second round of the Spanish Open, reports Reuter.

Beeson is one of only two British players to have beaten Jansher in the past four years, but there was never a chance of a repeat win as the 21-year-old world champion strode to a quarter-final tie with fellow Pakistani Mir Zaman Gul.

"He is sharper now than I have ever seen him. If he carries on like this I cannot see anyone stopping him at the British Open in April," Beeson said.

The eighth-seeded Gul had

a more torrid time before edging more 17-16, 17-16, 13-15, 17-15 against Austin Darraga, the Australian-Born Spanish number one.

Chris Dittmar, the world number four from Australia, defeated Finland's Sami Elopuro 15-4, 15-11, 15-11 and will face compatriot Rodney Martin, the world number five, in the quarter-finals.

Martin beat Australian Rodney Eyles 15-12, 15-13, 17-15.

## Jahangir drops to No. 4

Meanwhile Reuter from Madrid adds: Six times world champion Jahangir Khan has dropped out of the top two in the world squash rankings for the first time for 10 years.

Rankings issued at the Spanish Open on Thursday by the International Squash Players' Association showed Jahangir had slipped from second to fourth spot.

Australia's Chris Robertson and Chris Dittmar move up one place to second and third respectively.

Jansher Khan remains world number one.

Jahangir, who was diagnosed as suffering from extreme mental and physical exhaustion in October, was deducted ranking points for late withdrawal from the World Open in Toulouse in November.

The 27-year-old Pakistani returned to the tournament scene at the Welsh Classic in Cardiff last week after a layoff of almost five months. He lost in the semifinals to Robertson.

One major consequence of Jahangir's slump will be the effect on his seeding at next month's British Open, which he is attempting to win for the 10th year in succession.

Jahangir will no longer be guaranteed a place in the opposite half of the draw to his great rival Jansher.

# Rain mars matches

PALM SPRINGS, Mar 1: A desert rain storm washed out the full programme of second and third round matches at the 350,000-dollar Virginia Slims of Palm Springs tennis tournament on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Tournament officials have rescheduled 16 singles matches for Friday and if the weather permits, several players may be forced to play two matches on the same day.

Six second round matches had already been postponed from Wednesday after this desert community received its first rainfall in eight weeks.

Top-seed Monica Seles of Yugoslavia and second-seed Martina Navratilova are set to play third round matches today. Seles plays 11th-seed Sabine Appelmans of Belgium, while Navratilova takes on unseeded American Ginger Heigson.

Seles will snap Steffi Graf's 188-week hold on the world number one ranking if she wins this tournament.

# FIFA says OK to joint Korean team

ZURICH, Mar 1: World football's governing body, FIFA, has given the green light for North and South Korea to send a single unified team to the World Junior Football championships in Portugal, reports AFP.

A meeting here on Thursday chaired by FIFA president Joao Havelange voted unanimously to allow Korea to play in the June tournament, saying that one of sport's ideals is to bring nations together.

The Korean team will have an all-red strip, a flag bearing a silhouette of the two Koreas in blue on a white background and the song "arirang" as a national anthem.

Syria, who were third behind North and South Korea in the qualifiers, have been named by the Asian Football Federation as Asia's second representatives in the tournament.

# An Olympic with a difference

BERLIN, Mar 1: Manipulated by the Nazis and divided by the communists, Berlin hopes to atone for its painful past by hosting an Olympics with a difference in the year 2000, reports Reuter.

The city wants to blend its cultural wealth and cosmopolitan flavour with a much-needed investment programme that would overhaul the German capitals outmoded sports arenas as well as its crumbling infrastructure, particularly in the East.

Our plan is for Olympics right in the city, around the Brandenburg gate, said Berlin Olympic office manager Juergen Kiessling, referring to the famous landmark that stood in no man's land for three decades until wall came down in 1989.

The German National Olympic Committee (NOC) made Berlin its favoured candidate for the Games on February 15 during its first meeting as a united body since unification last October.

In a 1987 speech in front of the wall, then US President

Ronald Reagan picked up on West German NOC chairman Willi Daumes' long-held vision by suggesting staging the Olympics in both halves of divided Berlin.

At the time, few believed it would be possible so soon, least of all communist East Germany. It rejected the idea and proposed Leipzig, a blighted industrial city.

Berlin may now be united and the communists gone, but the wall factor will not be enough on its own the Games.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) deadline for applications is January 1993. The IOC decides later that year from candidates that could include London or Manchester, Sydney, Milan, Brasilia or Rio De Janeiro as well as Berlin.

In Berlin, detailed plans have already been made, financial forecasts calculated and public relations firms sought to persuade the IOC and investors this is the place for the millennium Games.

Berlin staged the Games in 1936 but Adolf Hitler used the event as a propaganda festival

to glorify the Nazis rather than the Olympic ideals of peace and international friendship.

We have not forgotten and cannot forget what happened said Kiessling. The 1936 Olympics are of such importance that we will tackle the subject at length in our cultural and scientific programme before and during the Games.

"This way we can show that Berlin and the Germans have learned from history," he said. "We can give a different view of the city and Germany."

The stadium where black American athlete Jesse Owens enraged Hitler by winning four golds to make nonsense of his racist theories would be the centrepiece of the Games for the year 2000.

No one would be able to understand if we mothballed a perfectly acceptable stadium and built a new one, said Kiessling, a government administrator and former soccer player.

He sees a pragmatic approach to building and post-Games perspectives as a hall-

mark of the Berlin campaign, which is being coordinated out of two converted bedrooms in a hotel towerblock on the anonymous Alexanderplatz in the east.

We regard the Games as part of an investment programme that was needed anyway, said Kiessling, adding that Berlin's nomination would attract funds it would otherwise not see.

Governing mayor Eberhard Diepgen went one stage further. "The Olympics will be a motor for our metropolis," he said, optimistically avoiding the conditional tense. "With the Games we will be able to raise living standards in the east faster."

Projections for buildings, a new railway linking venues and for running costs reach billions of marks but Kiessling says Berlin would make a profit. Diepgen is looking for aid from the state as big business.

Easily glossed over in the public relations hard-sell is the fact that Berlin has no ultramodern Olympic-standard

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