# Referee stops Ruddock in 7



LAS VEGAS, Mar 19: Mike Tyson beat Razor Ruddock in a battle of bombers, but in the end it was a referee's call that finished

Ruddock, reports AP. The victory plac-ed Tyson a big step closer to trying to region the world heavy-weight championship. But the way it ended may have assured Ruddock of a rematch with

Iron Mike. Ruddock, who was down twice earlier in the fight, stayed on his feet in the decisive seventh round.

He was sent backward to the ropes by six straight shots in the seventh. He blinked as he bounced off the ropes and appeared woozy, but stared in disbelief when referee Richard Steele signaled the fight was over. Tyson was a half-ring from Ruddock when Steele took his controversial

"The guy was hurt," Steele said. "There was no need for me counting him out. My job is to stop him from getting hurt seriously."

Tyson said, "I can't control the referee's decision because he's more objective than I am. I would have loved to hurt him and take him out."

Tyson's victory sets up a chance to meet the winner of the heavyweight championship fight between champion Evander Holyfield and George Foreman on April 19 at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Before Tyson takes a shot at regaining the title he lost on an upset to James "Buster" Douglas 13 months ago at Tokyo, he very likely could meet Ruddock in a rematch.

Ruddock said he was disappointed at the way the fight ended, but his promoter, Murad Muhammad, screamed, "we get a rematch or we go to court."

"Mike Tyson is a powerful puncher, but I'd like him to put me down so I can be satisfied instead of the referee stopping the fight," said Ruddock, whose only mark was a knot by the side of his left eye.

Tyson himself said he would be happy to give Ruddock another shot.

"I would love to have another fight with hun, I would love to," Tyson said. 'A rematch for Razor Rud-lock."

Steele's controvisial stoppage came one year and one day from the time he was the center of controve -- y when he stopped Julio Cour Chaver's funfor welterweight title fight against Meldrick Paylor with two seconds in the fine round.

The scheduled 12 round fight was marked by a lot of missing and clutching, but the crowd of 15,492 outdoors was the heavy punches both men (103 kilograms), he also



Mike Tyson delivers the series of punches to Donovan "Razor" Ruddock in the seventh round that forced the end of the fight at Las Vegas' Mirage Hotel March 18 giving Tyson the win. - AFP photo

Ruddock's power. weight champion who has

knocked out 36 opponents. "He punches so hard, but my chin is like concrete." By the time Ruddock made a bid to change the flow of the

fight, he could well attest to Tyson's power. Ruddock went down from a left hook 12 seconds into the

second round, but bounced up right away and took a mandatory 8-count. In the next round, Ruddock

missed a right hand and paid dearly. Tyson flashed a left hook to his jaw and down went Razor again, this time for a 7count. A few seconds after he got up, the bell rang.

"He does punch hard for his size," said the 6-foot-3 (2-me-

Ruddock, enjoyed a 3 1-2inch (9-centimeter) height advantage and an 11-inch (27.5centimeter) reach advantage ept in an uproar because of over Tyson. At 228 pounds

Steelie's judgment did steal some of Tyson's thunder and will be talked about for some time - at least until a rematch. In the seventh, action

slowed until Tyson landed a six-punch combination with both hands that sent Ruddock back to the ropes and Steele stopped it at 2:22.

The last two punches that drove Ruddock into the ropes were a right hand and a left hook. He appeared dazed but looked more shocked at Steele's decision than from Tyson's punches.

"He didn't give me a chance to get that second wind," Ruddock said.

The 24-year-old Tyson achieved his 40th victory, 36 by knockout, against one loss. He reportedly earned 6 million

The 27-year-old Ruddock, a native of Jamaica who lives in Toronto, is 25-2-1. He report-

edly made 3 million dollars. Promoter Don King has said Tyson would fight Foreman

should he win, but he would not fight Holyfield because Holyfield refused to make a defence against Tyson before fighting Foreman.

Money talks in boxing, however, and Tyson against the winner of that fight would be boxing's biggest money

#### Bedlam

Reuter adds: Incensed Rud dock followers rushed raging into a brawl in the ring after Steele stopped the fight.

The ring brawl, with green jacketed security men wrestling men in suits, lasted for several minutes.

But referce Richard Steele immediately ran toward Ruddock waving his arms and stopped the fight, setting off

the bedlam. Ruddock appeared able to continue and seemed incredulous that the fight had been stopped.

Ruddock's cornerman had complained about Steele refereeing before the fight because he works for Steve Wynn, head of the Mirage Hotel where the fight took place.

Wynn is expected to hold the next Tyson fight at the Mirage and Ruddock's men thought it would be to Wynn's advantage to have Tyson win.

# Morshed carves Tarun's win

Sports Reporter

Surja Tarun a facile 80-run win over Kalabagan Krira Chakra in the Navana Premier Division cricket league match which concluded yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium.

performance by

cft-arm paceman

Morshed's figures of five wickets for 25 runs off his 15 overs, four of which were maiden, restricted Kalabagan to 117 all out in reply to Surja Tarun's 197 all out on Monday.

Paceman-turned-spinner Tanjib Ahsan Saad lent Morshed able support by returning with figures of three for 24. Aruna de Silva and Shaheen picked up a wicket each as the Kalabagan batsmen caved in, in only 43.4 of their allotted 75

Kalabagan resumed yesterday morning on 66 for three after 19 overs with West Bengal star Pranab Roy batting on 18 and skipper Omar Khaled Rumi on nine, needing another 132 runs for what would have been their only second win of the season.

Pranab, despite his classical almost copybook style that has been modelled on the great Sunil Gavaskar failed to get going yesterday, adding another seven runs to his overnight score. His 67-ball knock included three fours before Morshed snapped up an easy return catch.

Morshed, who had taken two of the three Kalabagan wickets to fall Monday, also removed Rumi whom he had caught by his skipper Shaheen for 18. With the departure of Rumi also went all Ka.abagan hopes of making a match of it and their later batsmen gave in meekly in the face of some sustained bowling by Morshed

and Saad especially. Former Bangladesh opener Ishtiaq mustered only 11, as did Ajay Verma while Pappu made 14 and 17 extras helped to take the score over the 100

Kalabagan play title-chasers Biman on March 24-25 while Surjo Tarun's last Navana fixture is against GMCC on March

27-28. Kalabagan's much postponed tie against GMCC, which was washed out by a nor'wester March 14, will be rescheduled for later this

In the Surjo Tarun total of 197 all out in 63 overs Monday, Hadi had topscored with 43, Zakaria made 33, Suppi 27, Shoaib 22, Arif 17 and Dipu Roy Chowdhury 15. Ajay Verma and Rumi took three wickets each for 28 and 51 runs respectively

# Azad, Eskaton win in Div II

Sports Reporter

Boys Club Eskaton Sangha Sabuj contrast ing wins in yesterday's super league matches of the Rank-Xerox Second Division ericket league played at different

venues in the city.

While Azad Boys Club, with several experienced former top divisioners in their ranks thrashed Lalbagh Anwar Sporting by seven wickets at the Mohakhali T&T ground, Eskation Sabuj scraped to a onewicket win over Orient Club in a thrilling encounter at the City Club ground in Mirpur.

Lalbagh, thanks to a 52-ball 61 by Shajal who hit four boundaries and a couple of sixes, made 147 all out. In reply, Azad Boys, determined to return to the Milnars First Division league next season,

i.ammered 150 runs in only 22.4 overs for the loss of three wickets.

Imtiaz Firdousi Pappu savaged the Lalbagh bowlers by scoring an unbeaten 76 off just 53 balls with the help of nine fours and two towering sixes. lqbal batted in tandem to remain 49 not out, his run-a-ball innings laced with half a dozen boundaries. Khokon made 10.

Shajal capped a fine individual performance by taking two of the three ABC wickets for 19 while Hasan got one for

#### ESKATON WIN

In the day's other match. Orient Sporting Club, batting first, made 166 for six wickets in their stipulated overs to which Eskaton Sabuj replied with 170 for nine wickets in 37.2 overs to record a vital

Masud topscored for Orient with 58, followed by Pappu with 43, Tutul with 16, Selim Khan 14 and Salim 12.

Babul and Opi claimed two Orient wickets each for 34 and 31 runs respectively while Shahin got one for 29.

Eskaton Sabuj's hero of the day was young Shyamal who made an unbeaten 53 to make victory possible. While wickets kept falling at the other end Shyamal batted with purpose and held the innings together. He hit three fours and a six in his 63-ball innings.

Babul made 34, Shahin 24, Faruk 11 and Sohel 10 to celebrate a fine team effort.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

Nabin Sangha va Ajax SC (Mohakhali T&T) Dhanmandi Club vs Gandaria

CC (Mirpur Pallabi)

# Pat McEnroe beats Becker



KEY BISCAYNE, Florida, Mar 19: Patrick McEnroe something Monday his brother has done

only once. He beat Boris Becker, reports AP. McEnroe, enjoying the best

year of his career, upset the second-ranked German 6-1, 6-4, in the third round of the Players International Championships. Becker has a 6-1 career

record against John McEnroe, who is not playing in the tour-"I'm sure I'll hear from him

soon," Patrick said. "I think he'll be delighted." Patrick, 24, lost to Becker

in four sets when they met in

the semifinals of this year's

Australian Open, but he was in control from the start Monday "He hardly missed a ball," Becker said. "I was surprised... He took the ball very early. He

didn't give me a chance to play. From the first point to the end, he kept it up." Another former No. 1 player also lost. One day after winning for the first time in 17

months, 38-year-old Jimmy Connors was eliminated in the second round. Cristiano Caratti of Italy, ranked No. 37, beat the eight-

time Grand Slam champ 6-4, 6-3, Connors, trying to come back from wrist surgery last October, is 1-2 in matches this

"It's a start," Connors said.

Tottenham in a world record

London club, reports Reuter.

transfer despite denials by the

Lazio next season, the Rome

club's president Gian Marco

offered 15.5 million dollars for

tract for Paul Gasoigne in hand.

I'm not interested in anything

they're saying in London". Cal-

Englishman will play for Lazio

tenham's bankers reportedly

gave a consortium headed by

manager Terry Venables a

deadline of 1700 GMT on

Monday to prove its takeover

not to sell Gascoigne despite

Court to decide

Bordeaux's fate

19: An appeal court will decide

next week whether or not to

ing soccer club of the 1980s,

from relegation to the Second

Tuesday that a Bordeaux appeal

court would meet on March 27

to reconsider last month's

ruling by judge Vincent La-

manda that the club should be

Division, reports Reuter.

put into receivership.

BORDEAUX (France), Mar

The consortium has vowed

Lazio are reported to have

"We have the release con-

The chances that the

Meanwhile in London, Tot-

Calleri said.

the player.

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are 100 per cent".

bid was in place.

"Gascoigne will play for

ROME, Mar 19:

Lazio are con-

vinced England

midfielder Paul

join them from

Gascoigne will

"I've got to start someplace. But if I'm telling you five months from now, 'I've got to start someplace,' then it's time to do something else."

In women's play, top seeds Steffi Graf and Monica Seles advanced to the quarterfinals. Scles, who replaced Graf in the No. 1 slot last week, won the final nine games to beat Florencia Labat 7-5, 6-0. Graf, who swept Marianne

Werdel 6-0, 6-1, has lost only seven games in her first three matches. The German will regain the No. 1 ranking if she wins the championship and Seles loses before the finals. Third-seeded Gabriela

Sabatini, No. 4 Mary Joe Fernandez and No. 5 Zina Garrison also advanced with straight-set wins. In men's play, top-ranked Stefan Edberg beat Goran

Prpie 6-4, 6-2. Fourth-seeded Guy Forget swept Jimmy Arias 6-1, 6-1, and 10th-seeded Michael Change rallied to beat Henri Leconte, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3. Becker tried to get back into the match against

McEnroe when he broke serve to tie the second set 4-4. But he double-faulted on the next two points, and McEnroe broke back. The American then served out the match at love, finishing with an ace. While older brother John

has won seven Grand Slam titles, Patrick McEnroe still is looking for his first tournament championship. He called the win over Becker the biggest of his eight-year ca-

"Obviously it's a great step for me," he said. "Hopefully it's just another step. I just want to continue to improve." In his last tournament,

McEnroe reached the finals at Chicago before losing to his brother in three sets. He has



PATRICK McENROE

improved his ranking to No. 45 from No. 120 at the start of the year and No. 360 just 15 months ago.

Becker's record at Key Biscayne fell to 5-4. He never has advanced beyond the third round, and he narrowly averted an upset in his opening match Sunday against unheralded Steve Devries.

"It hasn't been my lucky place," Becker said. "If I knew what it was, I would change it." Connors also made a sec-

ing at love to close to 4-3. But Connors made three unforced forehand errors and doublefaulted to lose the next game, and Caratti then served out the match. "I died at the end," Connors

ond-set run at Caratti, break.

said with a laugh.

"I'm not going to get any better practising. The only way I'm going to get better is to play matches and play the best players...I'd like to play him

The 20-year-old Caratti smiled when asked if he'll still be playing when he's 38.

"I hope so — for fun," he

said. "I think it's good. If (Connors) likes to play a match, he can do it." Windy conditions hampered

matches throughout the day. Seles, who played on a side court, blamed the weather for her slow start against Labat.

"You can feel the wind so badly there," Seles said. "You kind of try to go for your shots, but they kind of don't go in."

While Seles struggled, Graf looked like the Steffi who was ranked No. 1 for 186 consecutive weeks. Seeking her first tournament title since last November, Graf warned that she has rediscovered the groove in her lethal forehand.

"A few months ago I played (Gabriela) Sabatini, and I think had two winners with the forchand," Graf said. "That was pretty bad...The last few matches have been really good. I'm hitting the ball well."

### Ruddock's bitter complaints LAS VEGAS, Mar the owner of the hotel where



19: Razor Ruddock's head bobbed like a doll with a spring neck. His eyes spun wildly. His jaw dropped as he gasped for air along the ropes, while the referee charged in to pull

Minutes later, Ruddock complained bitterly that the fight shouldn't have been stopped, that referee Richard Steele jumped in too quickly at 2:22 of the seventh round. The crowd booed loudly.

chanted obscenities, and the

ring became packed and

Mike Tyson away, reports AP.

chaotic with guards and others, including Ruddock's brother, rushing in. Ruddock's Corner said they had been suspicious about Steele, claiming he would be

## cause of job ties to Steve Wynn, Stars for Boston

biased in Tyson's favour be-

marathon BOSTON, Mar 19: Douglas Wakishuri of Kenya, the world's second-ranked marathoner, and Tanzania's Juma Ikangaa, who finished second the last three years, have entered next month's Boston Marathon, or

ganisers announced Today. Wakithuri was a gold medallist at last year's Commonwealth Games and winner of the New York City marathon.

Ikangaa, who set a course record in the New York marathon in 1989, will be looking to end his reputation as Boston's pernennial brides-Joining the two talented

African distance runners in the April 15th classic, will be Ikangaa's compatriot and rival Ibrahim Hussein. Hussein's one-second win

over Ikangaa in 1988 was the

closest-ever men's finish in the 94-year history of the race. The women's field for the 95th Boston marathon will include world record holder Ingrid Kristiansen of Norway and New York city marathon

champton Wanda Panfil of

the fight took place. But Steele said he had no

choice but to stop the fight. "The guy was hurt," said Steele, who was embroiled in a similar controversy last year when he stopped challenger Meldrick Taylor with two seconds remaining against Julio Caesar Chavez for the junior welterweight title. There was no need for me counting him out, My job is to stop him from getting seriously hurt. By the time I stopped it he wasn't

coherent". Ruddock had his moments in this fight, but they were very few. Knocked down on two lefts in the second and third, Ruddock dazed Tyson in

### the sixth with a four-punch Duran cries off

LAS VEGAS, Mar 19 : A paunchy Roberto Duran, showing his age, lost to Pat Lawlor in the sixth round Monday night when he couldn't continue because of an injury to his

left shoulder, reports AP. Duran was in the process of throwing a left hook when Lawlor landed a right to the Panamanian's shoulder. Duran grabbed the shoulder, bent over and grimaced in pain. The referee summoned Dr. Flip Homansky into the ring. Homansky told the referee to stop the match as Duran protested and the crowd in an outdoor arena at the Mirage

The action reminded some fans of the famous "No Mas" fight in which Duran quit in the eighth round against Sugar

Ray Leonard in 1980. Until the fight was stopped there was very little action and a good deal of booing, Lawlor seemed to have the edge. It was the ninth loss against

86 victories for Duran, who

will be 40 on June 16. He once

held world championships in

four weight classes. Duran weighed 168 pounds (76.3 kilograms), the class limit for the 10-round super middleweight fight. The 27year-old Lawlor is 15-1.

the bell.

Tyson motioned to his chin and dared Ruddock to hit him, and Ruddock obliged with a right to the nose just before

In the seventh round, Rud-

dock opened with a right to the heart and Tyson looked slower and more cautious. Ruddock landed a left hook to the head, then a right to the head, seemingly taking con-Tyson suddenly burst through with a barrage of lefts

swiftly against Ruddock's head. Ruddock stumbled back against the ropes, not out on his feel, perhaps, but clearly "I would have liked for him to have put me down', Ruddock said, preferring to be

counted out on the canvas than on his feet. "We're gladiators. Let's fight." Ruddock, a muscle-packed, 6-foot-3, 228-pounder, (2-meter, 103 kilograms) is 25-2-1 with 18 knockouts, and still very much in the heavyweight

picture. Ruddock built his reputation and No. 2 ranking by beating three fighters who once

held claims a pieces of the world heavyweight title-Mike Weaver in a 1986 10-round decision, James "Bonecrusher" Smith in a 1989 7th-round knockout, and Michael Dokes in a 1990 4th-round knock

## Rivals unite

TOKYO, Mar 19: Olympic doubles champion Hyun Jung-Hwa and 1989 world silver medallist Li Bun-Hui, rivals in and rights, his fists flying the past, will join forces in the new United Korean team at next month's World Table Tennis championships, North Korea said today, reports

Reuter. The event in Chiba, Japan will mark the first occasion that North and South Korea, divided since 1945 and still in a state of confrontation, have been able to agree on pooling talent for an international

sports event. The joint team makes an impressive line-up with South Korean Jyun, the women's world number five, and North Korean Li, the number three, joined by three of the world's top 15 men.

## Kapil's legal bouncer

NEW DELHI, Mar 19: Indian cricket superstar Kapti Dev has hurled a legal bouncer at a popular soft drink firm for using his photograph to promote its product when he was pitching for a rival cola, reports

The 33-year-old all-rounder served a notice after Parle Exports released newspaper advertisements showing a grinning Kapil holding a bottle of thumbs up, India's best-selling cola, and with a blurb saying "taste the thunder".

Monday on Parle, saying the company had used a nine-yearold photograph without his permission to confuse the public", press reports said Tuesday. Kapil, a lavourite with ad-

He slapped a legal notice

vertising companies, was stumped when Parle released the advertisement — the latest round of a no-holds-barred cola war with the Indian subsidiary of Pepsi. He is busy in a hectic promotional blitz for Pepsi, visit-

ing hundreds of homes and

posing for photographs with

fans who have stocked up on the cola to offer him when he comes knocking. The times of India said the thumbs up advertisement had put Kapil in a fix, catching him in an embarrassing position where he is seen to be promoting two rival products

at the same time. A spokesman for Parle. which dominates India's booming soft drink market, said: "Let him take us to court. We will fight our case there".

Gazza to make transfer record

mated at 20 million pounds sterling (37 million dollars). "Our offer for the club is as it stands and that would not include selling Gascoigne,"

the club having liabilities esti-

Venables, said on Saturday. However, Lazio's fans are already celebrating the anticipated a arrival of a new idol. Thousands of them flew Union Jacks alongside flags in their club's own light blue and white clours during Sunday's 1-1 draw with Cagliari in Rome's

One huge banner in English read: "It's ready for you, Gazza" with a giant picture of a mug of beer behind the banner. Another, also in English, said:

#### ROBSON RENEWS CONTRACT

"C'mon Gazza".

Meanwhile Reuter From London adds: Bryan Robson is expected to sign a new twoyear contract which will tie him to Manchester United for

the rest of his playing career.

two year, but it is a matter of finding the time to sit down with him and thrash out the Robson, capped 88 times, said: If the club want we to stay

United Manager Alex Fergu-

son said on Monday: "We would

like Bryan to stay for a further

for a further two year, I'm happy with that in principle. Several clubs had expressed an interest in taking on 34year-old Robson as player manager when his present con-

tract expires in the summer.

# It's do or die for Real



Olympic Stadium.

MADRID, Mar 19: Spanish champions Real Mad rid hope to bury their wretched league season

Moscow in the second leg of the European Cup quarterfinals on Wednesday, reports Seventh in the First Division, 16 points behind leaders Barcelona, and out of the Spanish Cup, the men in the all-

white strip have only the top

European club trophy left to

with a burst of European glory

when they play Soartax

play for . save Bordeaux, France's lead-It is something of a change for a club that has more usually had to seek consolation at Judicial sources said on home in recent years.

> Winners of the domestic league for five consecutive seasons, Real have not won the European Cup for 25 years.

Now, after a 0-0 draw on a treacherous Moscow pitch,

where they survived largely on account of the heroics of goalkeeper Pedro Jaro, Real know that Wednesday's clash is do or "Against Spartak things will

be different, it will be another

story," said defender Miguel

Tendillo. The team has a real desire to do it right, for the fans and for ourselves." The fans, who have stayed loyal through repeated disappointments this season, can be expected to fill the Santiago

Bernabeu Stadium in the heart of Madrid to its 90,000 capac-Despite yet another league defeat on Saturday away at Logrones, they should have their spirits lifted by the re-

turn of ace striker Hugo

Sanchez after a leg muscle in-His comeback means real will for the first time in several games field the potentially lethal striking combination of the acrobatic Mexican and the artful Emilio Butragueno.

"We are going to give it ev-

erything," said Sanchez, scorer

of 12 league goals this season.

"I am going to play my heart out because I love Real Madrid and this game is vital." Sanchez was ready to play last weekend but coach Alfredo

Di Stefano preferred to save

him for Wednesday's big game.

"All we are interested in now is the European Cup," said Di Stefano. "We kept players back because this is the tournament where all our hopes rest and where we have to be

at our peak." The Real defence should also be strengthened by the re-

turn of fullback Manuel Sanchis, who has completed a five-match suspension for kicking a Milan player last sea-

