#### WTA rankings

ST PETERSBURG: Florida, May 7: Top 20 women's singles players according to rankings issued by the Women's Tennis Association on Monday, reports Reuter. Monica Seles (Yugosl-

. 2. Steff) Graf (Germany ) 3. Gabriela Sabatini (Argentina)

4. Martina Navratilova (US) 5. Mary Joe Fernandez (US) 6. Jana Novotna (Czechoslovakia)

7. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario (Spain) 8. Conchita Martinez (Sp-

9. Zina Garrison(US) 10. Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere(Switzerland)

11. Katerina Maleeva (Bulg-

12. Jennifer Capriati (US) 13. Helena Sukova (Czechoslovakia) 14. Leila Meskhi (Soviet

Union) 15. Nathalie Tauziat (Fra-

16: Barbara Paulus (Austria) 17, Natalia Zvereva (Soviet

18. Sandra Cecchini (Italy). 19. Judith Wiesner (Austria) 20. Amy Frazier (US)

#### Arias outplays Hogstedt

CHARLOTTE, No-rth Carolina May 7: The two seeded playto see first round action at the 250,000-dollar US men's clay court tennis championships met with contrasting fates on Monday. reports Reuter.

Fifth-seeded American Jimmy Arias outplayed Thomas Hogstedt of Sweden 6-3, 6-3, but sixth seed Scott Davis of the US dropped a see-saw battle to Il6th-ranked German Charistian Saceanu 6-1, 3-6, 6-

Saceanu dominated the early going as he jumped out to a 5-0 first set lead on a pair of service breaks.

The 63 rd-ranked Davis regrouped in the second set, holding his serve throughout and breaking the German at love in the fourth game to level the match.

Davis lost his concentration arguing line calls early in the final set, however, and never regained his composure after dropping his serve in the sec-

In a match contested from the baseline, the 58th-ranked Arias discovered a weakness in Hogstedt's game and managed to exploit it repeatedly.

"I realised that he would mishit a high ball to his backhand, so on big points I'd do this again and again, hoping force an error. Arias said, explaining his frequent use of high, looping shots.

The two played fairly evenly through 3-3 of the opening set, but Arias took advantage of his first big opening to break Hogstedt for 4-3. The fifth seed then saved two break points against his own serve and held for 5-3 before breaking the Swede again for the

"He came out playing great and had opportunities to break me," Arias said. I didn't have any chances to break his serve until 3-3 and then the match went away pretty quickly after

The tournament's top four seeds-Americans Michael Chang, Derrick Rostagno, defending champion David Wheaton and fourth seed Richey Reneburg, who won his first professional title on Sunday - are scheduled to play first round matches today.

#### World Youth Cup

BOMBAY, May 7: Hong Kong bounced back from a 0-1 deficit to beat China in the boys section of the World Youth Cup (Australia Zone) qualifying tournament here Monday and set up a quarterfinal clash with India, reports

Japan drubbed South Korea, Israel thrashed Taiwan, New Zealand trounced the Philippines and Thailand de molished Malaysia, each 3-0

in other opening matches of

the 13-nation tournament. China's Mao Bin gave his side a 1-0 lead when he downed Bill Young 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 in the opening singles in the evening session at the Maharashtra Tennis Complex

The hard-serving Suen Koehler brought Hong Kong level with a 7-6 (9-7). 6-1 defeat of Zheng Yu.

Suen and Young combined for a 6-3, 6-3 doubles victory over Mao and Zheng to clinch a place in Wednesday's quarter-finals against India, who were given a first-round bye.

Australia and Indonesia are other teams taking part in the week-long zonal qualifiers.

The top four teams in the boys' and girls' sections will ualify for the final rounds of the under-16 tournament. dubbed the mint Davis Cup. to be played in Barcelona, Spain. in September.

## Uncharitable crowd

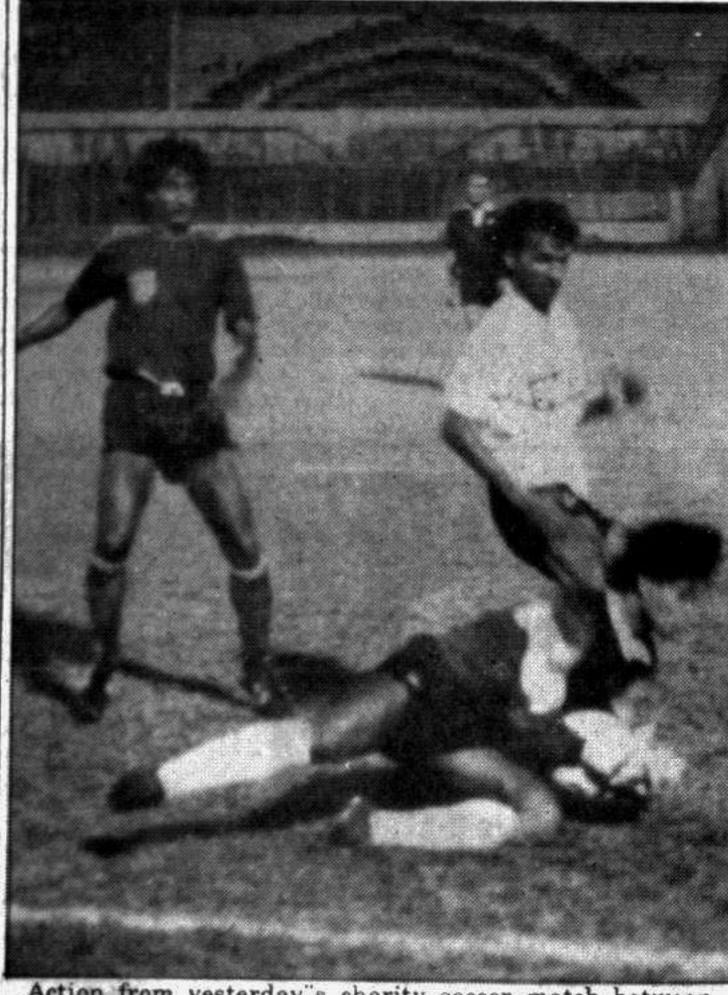
Sports Reporter national under-23 Olymfootball squad. with a

timely display managed to hold Independence Cup football champions Mohammedan Sporting Club 1-1 in the inau gural match of the charity football series at the Dhaka

Stadium yesterday evening.

Mohammedan goalkeeper Sayced Hassan Kanan completely beaten and Munna (Jr) was lurking nearby to tap home the rebound into an empty net (1-0).

Mehammedans woke up from their slumber and pressed hard for the equaliser. In the 71st minute Zakir's shot created a melee near the under-23 goal mouth and an



Action from yesterday's charity soccer match between Mohammedan Sporting and the national under-23 Olympic selection at the Dhaka Stadium. -Star photo

The Bangladesh Football Federation has organised the tourney to raise funds for the victims of the recent devastat ing cyclonic storm in the coastal belt of the country that has left tens of thousands of dead and lakhs of survivors in a most pathetic condition without food and shelter.

Reigning league champions Abahani Krira Chakra. Federation Cup champions Mohammedan Sporting Club. Brothers Union and the national under-23 team are taking part in a series of charity matches, with the gate receipts to be donated to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

Unfortunately, a very sparse crowd turned up to witness the opening game with just 41,790 Taka worth of tickets being sold. One hopes the crowd response will improve over the next few games so as to make the BFF's noble endeavour a worthwhile exer

The first half of the match was well contested with both sides spoiling a couple of good chances each.

The national under-23 team, preparing for the past month under a German coach for next month's pre-Olympic qualifiers, broke the stalemate in the sixth minute of the second half. Mamun's thunderous shot hit the crosspiece with

opportunist Mizan slotted the equaliser for Mohammedans past the diving under-23 substitute goalkeeper Bijon .

Mamun and Badal Das of the under-23 team and Mustakim of Mohammedans each spoiled one good scoring chance.

The national under-23 team played comparatively better against their more experienced opponent.

The second charity match, between Mohammedan SC and Brothers Union, will be held tomorrow, Thursday at 6 pm at the same venue.

Veteran FIFA referee Abdur Rashid announced his retirement after conducting yesterday's game.

Football referees, officials and fans 'garlanded Rashid soon after his formal announcement to retire after more than 20 years of referee-

#### TEAMS

MOHAMMEDAN SC : Kanan, Ayaz, Kaiser, Abul, Masud, Titu, Mustakim (Hira), Zakir, Nakib and Mizan (Shahabuddin).

UNDER 23 TEAM : Rahul (Bijon). Moon (Nira). Sohel. Jewel, Barun, Roxy, Kamal (Swapan). Munna Jr. Mamun. Samrat (Badal Das) and Ekram

Referee : Abdur Rashid

## Graf's revenge

HAMBURG, May 7: Steffi Graf completed a convincing 7-5. 6-7 (4/7). 6-3. victory over her major rival Monica Seles of Yugoslavia in the raininterrupted final of the 350,000 dollars Hamburg women's tennis tournament on Monday, reports APP.

Leading 2-1 in the final set when the match was halted on Sunday. Graf showed her younger opponent no quarter

as she swept to victory. "Steffi is back with a vengeance, and she's proved to her detractors that she's far from finished," said German coach Klaus Hofsaess after the

It was 21-year-old Graf's fifth vietory over her 17-yearold rival in seven meetings. and was her second tourna ment success of the year.



Steffi Graf shows her trophy after winning the Hamburg women's tournament by beating world number one Monica Seles in the final May 6. -AFP photo

#### Elliott in rich form

GATESHEAD, England, May 7: Peter Elliott hit a run of rich form again by taking the Gateshead one mile race here on Monday, reports AFP.

The 28-year-old Yorkshireman finished with a burst to wipe away much of the self doubt caused by missing seven weeks winter training after stepping into a pothole.

Elliott, troubled by back, knee and ankle injuries and beaten last month over a mile in Majorca, admitted: "I was lying when I told people that everything was ok for this

"I was worried about how it would go. My head was on the chopping block. I knew the rest would be breathing down my neck. So it was a relief to get a win under my belt.

"I'm not as fit as I was at this time last year, but then I have no wish to be."

Last summer, Elliott went like a bomb early on, but his bid to add the European 1,500 metres title to his Commonwealth crown came to grief in split.

Now he will plot a more balanced build-up to the World championships in Tokyo, with coach Kim McDonald.

He launched a decisive run for home at the half-way mark resisted Herve Phelippeau's challenge to win by six yards at Gateshead although the French record holder was credited with the same times of 4 mins o2 secs.

Eamonn Martin gave new world indoor champion Frank O'Mara a good run for his money in the 5,000 metres. while Kirsty Wade came within a few strides of a comeback success in the women's mile.

#### IOC official appointed

LAUSANNE, Switzerland. May 7: The International Olympic Committee has appointed Andrew Young. former US ambassador to the United Nations and former Mayor of Atlanta, Georgia, to its Apartheid and Olympisim Commission, reports AFP.

· The IOC announced here Monday that its President Juan Antonio Samaranch took the decision with Keba Mbaye, the IOC Vice-President and Chairman of the Commission.

Young is co-chairman of the organising committee of the Atlanta Olympic Games in

#### Canada closer to qualification

BURNABY, British Columbia May 7: Canada took an impressive step towards qualifying for the 1992 Olympic soccer tournament by defeating Trinidad and Tobago 3-0 in a Concacaf Zone third round qualifying match on Sunday. reports Reuter.

The Canadian Olympic squad totally dominated Trinidad and Tobago as they outshot the visitors 33-4 before a crowd of 3,167, including several drum-beating supporters of the Caribbean team at Swangard Stadium.

Canada opened the scoring in the 37th minute when Scott Munson scored on a header at the far post off a crossing pass from Paul Peschisolido.

The home side led 2-0 at the interval after Scott Macey scored in the 41st minute.

Only the repeated heroics of Trinidad goalkeeper Nigel Neverson prevented Canada from taking a more substantial Trinidad defender Carlos

McGregor saved two certain goals by clearing the ball off the goal line as the visitors were forced to ward off a relentless Canadian attack. Canada continued to dominate every aspect of the game

in the second half and Peschisolido capped a brilliant game when he scored on a header in the final minute off a cross from Munson. The match was the first leg of home-and-home series with

Trinidad and El Salvador. Canada plays its next Olympic qualifier in El Salvador on May

"It was a very good start to our hopes of qualifying for the Barcelona Games," said Canadian coach Tony Waiters

#### WBA's boxer of the month

TURMERO, Venezuela, May 7: The World Boxing Association (WBA) named South Korean Myung-Woo Yuh boxer of the month for May for his 17th successful title defense of his junior flyweight title, the WBA said on Monday, reports | AFP.

Myung-Woo Yuh stopped Thailand's Kajkong Damphoothai in the 10th round of their April 28 fight in Massan, South Korea.

WBA gave Panamanian Victor Cordoba the Honou Mention after he won the world super middlewight title stopping France's Christopher Tiozzo in the ninth round of their bout held on April 6 in Marseillies.

# Bubka, Raty rewrite records



SHIZUOKA, Jap- 'punched the air upon landing. an. May 7 : Soviet pole vaulter Sergey Bubka continued his recordbreaking streak in the run-up to

the world athletic championships by crushing his own three-year-old outdoor record here Monday, reports AFP. Finland's Seppo Raty,

ranked fourth in the world last year, also set a world javelin thrown record of 91,98 meters at the Toto international athletic meeting, a feat he himself called a "surprise." Bubka cleared 6.07 meters on his second attempt following a run-up helped by cheers

safe for his 25th world recordbreaking performance. He

dium in fine but cool evening weather. His knees slightly touched and shook the bar but it was all

from spectators at the

Kusanagi track and field sta-

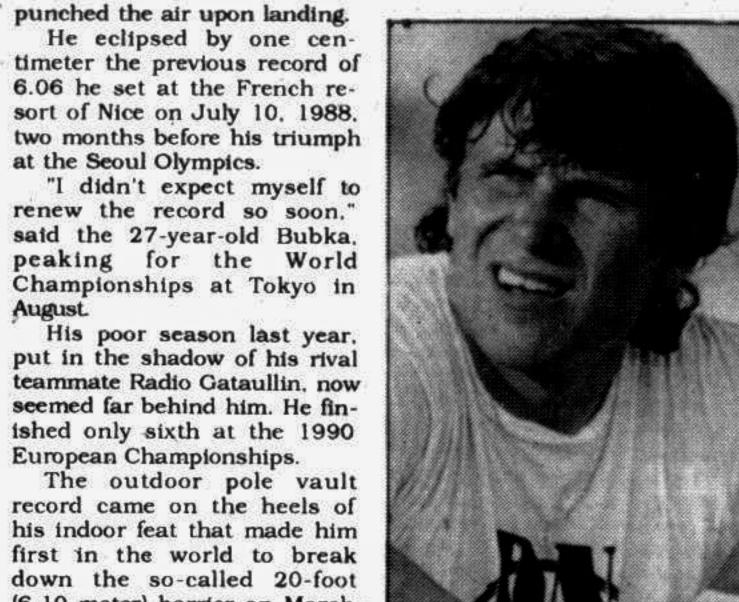
The outdoor pole vault record came on the heels of his indoor feat that made him first in the world to break down the so-called 20-foot (6.10 meter) barrier on March 15 at the world indoor championships in Spain.

European Championships.

at the Seoul Olympics.

August

He went on to set the current record of 6.12 meters on



SERGEI BUBKA

March 23 at Grenoble, France. Raty slashed by one meter the previous record of 90.98

meters set by Britain's Steve Backley at London on July 20 last year. The 29-year-old Raty won the 1987 world javelin title at

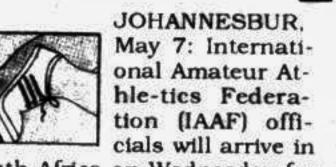
Rome with a throw of 83.34 meters and was ranked fourth in the world last year with his

best throw ever of 86.92 me-The new mark came on the Finn's third attempt after two mediocre throws of 77.36 and

.77.68 meters. "I am very much surprised at my own success," said Raty, the bronze medallist at the Seoul Olympics. "The moment I made the throw, I didn't think I would set a new record but felt it would be a good

one." At the weekend, he checked Tokyo's National Stadium, the 1991 World Championship venue. "The track seemed to suit me. I think I can produce a good re-

## IAAF probe team in S Africa



cials will arrive in South Africa on Wednesday for talks with local sports bodies involved in unity talks, reports

Sam Ramsamy, chairman of the Interim National Olympic Committee of South Africa (INOCSA) also confirmed here Monday that the International Olympic Committee (IOC) would send a new fact-finding delegation this month.

Ramsamy said the IOC intend to study the preparation of a programme of assistance for the benefit of South African sport.

The IAAF delegation, including vice president Lamine Diack of Senegal, Hassan Agabani from Sudan, Gharles Mukora from Kenya, John Holt from Britain and Franco Fava from Italy, will spend three days in South Africa.

They will meet sports bodies and political representa-

Ramsamy also announced

that the Confederation of Southern African Olympic Committee (COSAC) had de-

cided to recognise INOCSA. He said INOCSA aimed to ensure that all Olympic sports bodies were unified by September and that said unity and non-racialism talks were underway in athletics, baseball, basketball, hockey, judo, softball, swimming, table tennis, volleyball, karate and weightlifting.

Unity had been achieved in amateur boxing and other sports had applied to INOCSA for membership, he added. Ramsamy said he was satis-

fied with the progress being

"In light of the hype being made about overseas governments wanting to lift the moratorium on sporting links with South Africa I want to say that it's not for them to do

"Those Western countries did not impose the sport boycott so can't lift it."

Only sporting organisations could decide when to lift the boycott and this will be done in conjunction with INOCSA," Ramsamy said.

#### BRIGHTER BADMINTON PROSPECTS

Meanwhile, a message from Danish capital Copenhagen said: South Africa are set to end a 10-year self-imposed exile from world badminton.

The game's governing body agreed at their annual meeting here Monday to welcome South Africa back into the badminton fold when certain conditions are met.

These involve the South African government repealing remaining apartheid laws. President Frederik De Klerk has promised to do this by July. The International Badminton Federation (IBF) also wants the International Olympic Committee to recognise South Africa's new-multiracial Olympic Committee.

This in turn will enable the national sporting associations to be recognised by the international federations, said IBF president Arthur Jones.

the international federations is

One of the requirements of

that there should be only one governing body for the sport in South Africa.

We've already been in con tact with the South African Badminton Union (SABU) and they've confirmed in writing that there is only one governing body for badminton in South Africa and that they're fully multi-racial.

"We have therefore agreed. subject to these provisions, to invite South Africa back into world competitions."

The IOC has approved South Africa's Interim Olympic Committee and will hold meet on July 9 to discuss the readmission of the full South African Olympic Committee if apartheid laws are repealed. However, the SABU have always been a multi-racial or-

10 years ago not enter or try to participate in any IBF competitions in order to keep out of trouble. "They've tried to assist the federation by maintaining a low

ganisation. They just decided

profile, so I would be delighted if the apartheid laws are repealed and they're back in the mainstream," said Jones.

# A great Dane quits

BRONDBY, Denmark, May 7: Denmark's Morten Frost announced his retirement from full-time badminton here on Monday after sliding out of the world men's singles championship in the first round, reports AFP.

The 33-year-old four-times

All-England winner decided to

call it a day at top level followng a 9-15, 15-1, 10-15 defeat Soviet outsider Andrei Antropov, whom he beat at Wembley in March. "It was obvious to everyone that I just wasn't good enough."

said the disappointed Dane. "My heel was a problem from the start, but I didn't play well. "I will now stop playing badminton full-time and start working in marketing a bit

more. This is the last major tournament I'll play in." The joint fifth seed, troubled by a heel injury for the past in every World Championships



MORTEN FROST

month, looked well below his best, even during the 14minute second game, and became progressively more pon-

derous as the 75-minute match wore on. So the man who has played

portant, but now he admits that has changed.

things I did not win it." Frost, who is coach to

England number one Darren Hall, will continue to live in England, where he has been based for the past seven years. but said he will return home

he does stop playing."
"I don't have a clear idea

now of what I want to do after

soccer, and I don't want to

have found a job as a soccer

player to make myself inde-

tude off the pitch stands in to-

tal contrast to his fierce com-

self from one moment to the

next." said Klinsmann, who has

scored 13 league goals this

mentally in a few minutes and

did not like being cooped up at

Inter's retreat at Appiando

Gentile for days before a

trying to concentrate one day

before. I was exhausted in the

tournament with Germany

could be the 1992 European

Championship in Sweden and

he warned they would again be

ence in the style of the

tinue until the next World

Cup," he said, referring to

players around whom former

national coach Franz

Beckenbauer built a new team

in 1987, blooding them on a

South American tour in which

More immediately.

Inter must pick themselves

up from a costly weekend

"You won't see much differ-

"I think this cycle can con-

Klinsmann's last major

match," he laughed.

formidable opponents.

German team," he said.

end to the season.

"I made the experiment of

He said he could prepare

petitiveness on the field.

"I like to live from one mo-

Klinsmann's carefree atti-

"I'm able to transform my-

know," he said.

pendent."

season.

match.

#### Singapore rout Kuwait SINGAPORE, May 7: Singa-

pore completed a rout of Kuwait by overwhelming them 5-0 here Sunday in the first round of the Asia Oceania Zone Group Two Davis Cup tie , reports AFP.

The Republic's team had won the first three matches played over the last two days to take a solid 3-0 lead over the The World Championship Emirate Saturday, which marked its first victory on home soil.

> In the reverse singles which were only of academic interest- former national champion Liu Wai Yaw beat Ayman Al-Ashwak 6-2, 6-4 while Kho Tung Yi, who was making his Davis Cup debut, won his match against the Emirate's national champion. Khalid Al-Rashid, 1-6, 6-3, 6-2. Both Kuwaiti players were arrested shortly after the Iraqi invasion of their country in August

## Klinsmann — the reluctant star



APPIANDO GEN-TILE, Italy, May 7 : The challenge of helping Germany defend the World Cup in 1994 may not be enough to keep striker

Juergen Klinsmann in the game, reports Reuter. "I don't think I'll be playing when I'm 30," the 26-year-old Internationale marksman said. "I don't know if I'll even

years. I don't want to live just for soccer. It's not all of my That attitude makes Klinsmann something of a reluctant star, shining on the pitch with Inter and the

play for another couple of

his best to slip quietly out of view once a match is over. He says he chose to live on Lake Como to forget about soccer and would quit immediately if subjected to the sort of elentless ian pressure that

German national side but doing

#### Arsenal English league champs

LONDON. May 7: Arsenal won their 10th English football league title on Monday after challengers Liverpool lost 2-1 at Nottingham Forest, reports Liverpool's defeat means

they cannot catch the

Gunners, for whom it was the

second First Division champi-

onship in three seasons. Their first title was won in 1930-31. The reigning champions were sunk by goals from Nigel Clough, who hit home a 14th minute penalty and Ian Woan. who scored with a volley in the second half after Jan Molby had equalised for Liverpool,

also from the penalty spot.

helped sink Diego Maradona. "People didn't give (Maradona) the possibility to live," Klinsmann said of the former Argentine captain, recently banned from soccer for 15 months after testing posi-

tive for cocaine. "For me it would be impos-



JUERGEN KLINSMANN south. After a few months I'd have to say 'That's it' and

Klinsmann, who runs a sports shop with two friends in Stuttgart, says he could imagine moving to the United States once his soccer career is over. The US will host the 1994

World Cup even though soccer

is very much an unknown

change jobs.

quantity there.

But it is the prospect of Klinsmann made his debut. anonymity which attracts the blond striker to the US. Klinsmann will need his laid-"I wouldn't go to America to back nature to help him cope play football, but to get away with an exciting and exacting

from it," he said. Klinsmann has yet to decide exactly what he might do when

1977 bows out of the game without a medal from the game's most important event. "That's life," he conceded. "I can't change it. There's nothing more I can do. I didn't win it,

since their introduction in

but I proved I was the best for five or six years and that's good enough for me." was the only major tournament he did not win. Once he said the All=England was more im-

The World Championship is now equal to the All-England." he said. "It's just one of those

"one day".

league defeat against leaders Sampdoria when they meet AS Roma in the first leg of the

UEFA Cup final on Wednesday.

The Sampdoria game effecment to the next. I'm lucky to tively ended Inter's title challenge but Klinsmann will doubtless accept defeat philosophically.

> "I've been doing this job now for nine years. It will also be a kind of experience," he said, reflecting on the possibility of missing out on the title prior to the Sampdoria fix-

### Platt set to play for Bari

BARI, Italy, May 7: England and Aston Villa midfielder David Platt is set to play for Italian First Division team Bari next season, club President Vincenzo Matarrese said on

Speaking at a news conference in Bari with Platt, Matarrese said broad agreement on the transfer had been reached but did not specify a

Monday, reports Reuter.

Italian press reports spoke of nine billion lire (eight million dollars) Matarrese said Platt had

agreed to the move but would not sign a contract until the English season ended this "It's a promise of marriage but we haven't had the cere-

mony yet," said Matarrese. Bari are 13th in the Italian First Division, two places away

from the relegation zone. Their current foreign players are Brazilians Gerson and Joao Paulo and Romania's Florin Raducioui.