

## Club Cup charity tournament Rates of tickets announced

Sports Reporter

The rates of tickets of the forthcoming Club Cup charity football tournament were announced by the President of the Metropolis Club Samity, AS Sultan, in a press briefing yesterday at the Bangladesh Football Federation office. He also named an organising committee and seven sub-committees for the smooth running of the eight-day meet.

The Metropolis Club Samity is organising these charity series under the guidance of the BFF to raise funds for the victims of the April 29 cyclonic storm over the coastal belt of the country.

Three teams from Calcutta and another three from Dhaka will take part.

The participating teams have been divided in two groups.

The leading Calcutta teams — Mohan Bagan, East Bengal

and Calcutta Mohammedan Sporting — along with Dhaka's Abahani Krira Chakra, Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club and Brothers Union have confirmed their participation in the tourney.

The rate of the tickets for the galleries will be Taka twenty.

The Gate 3A — Tk. 50, 3B — Taka 30, and Gate - 2 will cost Taka 70. The vendors will also have to pay Taka 100 for their tickets.

The VIP Gate will be reserved for the diplomats, club officials and sports organisers who will also have to buy the tickets whose rates have not yet been fixed.

Mr. Sultan also said the organising committee has been formed with the State Minister for Youth and Sports, Sadeq Hossain Khoka, as its chairman with Kazi Misher as the secretary.

Seven other sub-committees have been set up to run

the tournament smoothly.

The sub-committees are: Reception, finance, publicity, ground, technical, gate and law order and referee's allotment committee.

The Samity President disclosed that they are yet to find any sponsors. He refused to disclose the tournament's grouping but the soccer experts speculate Calcutta Mohammedans, Abahani Krira Chakra and Mohan Bagan are expected to be placed in one group while Dhaka Mohammedans, East Bengal and Brothers Union may form the other.

Mr. Sultan further said that the Samity will bear the Calcutta's teams, expenses of air travel and local hospitality. All the three Calcutta teams will be staying at Sundarban Hotel.

The tournament will start from May 28 at the Dhaka Stadium. The semifinals will be held on May 1 and 2 with the final scheduled for June 4.

## Bangladesh face Malaysia today

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Bangladesh under-23 Olympic side will try to salvage some of their lost pride after the drubbing at the hands of South Korea and also a defeat by Thailand when they meet the Malaysian team today in the pre-Olympic Group D qualifying soccer match at the Chamshil Olympic Stadium in Seoul.

Bangladesh lost to South Korea 6-0 on Monday and also went down narrowly against Thailand (3-2) in the inaugural match.

The Malaysians on the other hand are in high spirit after recording 5-0 win over the Philippines in their first match.

## Another jewel in Graf's crown

BERLIN, May 21: World number two Steffi Graf added another 100,000 dollars to her vast personal fortune with a tense 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 win over Spain's Aranta Sanchez Vicario in the final of the German Women's tennis open on Monday, reports Reuter.

It was Graf's fifth win in six years here but this time she was made to work extra hard for her money.

The Spanish fifth seed led 5-3 in the final set and was only two points from what would have been a remarkable victory.



West Indies captain Viv Richards (L) and Phil Simmona (R) celebrate getting Middlesex's John Embury out for ten at Lord's Monday. The Windies won by six wickets. — AFP photo

## Transfer not yet off: Lazio

ROME, May 21: Italian side Lazio said on Monday that the transfer of Tottenham's badly injured midfielder Paul Gascoigne was not yet off, reports Reuter.

The announcement indicated that until the Rome side have had time to assess legal and medical advice, no decision will be taken.

"Any decision (about Gascoigne) is dependent on the opinion of our medical and legal advisors who will act, with definition, only when all aspects of the injury have been clarified," Lazio said.

Until he seriously damaged knee ligaments in Saturday's FA Cup final against Nottingham Forest, Gascoigne looked set to move to Lazio for a world record 14.5 million dollars.

## Viv, Walsh guide Windies

LONDON, May 21: Hostile bowling by Courtney Walsh undermined Middlesex and thrust West Indies towards a six wicket victory that captain Viv Richards sealed with a flourish at Lord's on Monday, reports Reuter.

Walsh took four for 39 as country champions Middlesex, 109 behind on first innings, crumbled to 177 all out, leaving the touring team 69 to win in 17 overs.

The West Indians ultimately surged home at 72 for four with 5.3 overs to spare on the third and final day after Richards plundered 28 not out from 12 deliveries.

Richards finished the match by hitting paceman Neil Williams for six over long off,

having hit the same bowler for five fours during his previous eight deliveries.

After West Indies added 30 runs in the morning before declaring at 384 for nine, they applied their familiar formula of almost relentless fast bowling to break down Middlesex's second innings.

Patrick Patterson, generating considerable pace, beat opener Pan Hutchinson off the pitch to make the initial breakthrough before lunch, when Middlesex were 35 for one.

Walsh, who has given stalwart service in the shadow of his more celebrated fellow fast bowlers, Malcolm Marshall, Curtly Ambrose and Ian Bishop, removed Mark Ramprakash (21) with a quicker ball that the England newcomer spared to third

slip and also dispatched Mike Roseberry after a two-hour 23.

Middlesex slumped to 133 for six at tea and when former England captain Mike Gatting limped in with a hamstring injury and a runner at number nine, he found Walsh fully fired up. Gatting made five before Walsh spread his stumps and last man Norman Cowans was undone by a stunning Yorker from the Jamaican paceman.

England left-arm spinner Phil Tufnell surprisingly defied all that Walsh could unleash at him.

He survived for 64 minutes to make the top score of 26, striking six fours and showing he has the capacity to contribute more usefully in the lower order than 13 runs in six Test innings in the 1990-91 series in Australia would suggest.

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### Stojkovic gets a call up

PARIS, May 21: Former Red Star Belgrade midfielder Dragan Stojkovic will play his first full match for Marseille this year when the French champions travel to Nice on Wednesday for their final league match of the season, reports Reuter.

Coach Raymond Goethals decided to pick Stojkovic, out of action for most of the season with a knee injury, in order to rest England's Chris Waddle before Marseille's European Cup final against Red Star.

It is still unlikely Stojkovic will play against his former teammates in Bari on May 29.

But Goethals may be short of players next week. Defender Eric Dimeco tore a right knee ligament in a French Cup match at Nantes last week. Midfielder Laurent Fournier injured his right foot in the same match.

### Riedl's radical reshuffle

SALZBURG, Austria, May 21: Austria, in a drastic bid to avenge earlier humiliation, have dropped eight players from their squad for their European Soccer Championship qualifying match against the Faroe Islands on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The Austrians, who qualified for the World Cup finals in Italy but have been sliding downhill ever since, lost 1-0 to the island amateurs earlier this year and suffered further indignity with a 6-0 drubbing by Sweden on May 1.

The main casualties in manager Alfred Riedl's radical reshuffle are captain Toni Polster and fellow-striker Gerhard Rodax, the country's best-known players who have been unable to reproduce their form for Spanish clubs when performing for their country.

### Barcelona's party spoilt

BARCELONA, Spain, May 21: Real Sociedad marks men John Aldridge and Dalian Atkinson sent Barcelona tumbling to a 3-1 defeat which spoils the new Spanish soccer league champions' party here, reports Reuter.

Barcelona's first home defeat of the season ended a week of disappointment in which they lost 2-1 to Manchester United in the European Cup Winners' Cup final in Rotterdam. Celebrations in the Nou Camp Stadium for the league title they secured last weekend delayed the kick-off 10 minutes, and then Barcelona were tormented by Irish striker Aldridge and Britain's Atkinson.

After just two minutes, Real defender Miguel Fuentes sent a long pass to Atkinson, who dribbled past Nado Nuno and Dutch libero Ronald Koeman before hitting a left-foot shot high into Andoni Zubizarreta's goal. Fuentes then found Aldridge in the 39th minute and the Irishman confronted a charging Zubizarreta and rolled home a low shot to make it 2-0 for the Basque side.

### Wright takes up the reins

LONDON, May 21: Mark Wright will lead England for the first time in a friendly soccer international with the Soviet Union at Wembley, reports Reuter.

The 27-year-old central defender, winning his 36th cap, replaces Tottenham's Gary Lineker, who is unavailable.

Wright has emerged as a key figure for England after being recalled by then manager Bobby Robson during the World Cup finals last year in a sweeper role. He made 11 successive appearances, a run ended when he failed a fitness test for a calf problem for the European Championship qualifying victory in Turkey earlier this month.

Wright is the third captain appointed by Graham Taylor during his seven matches in charge of England.

Team: Chris Woods, Gary Stevens, Paul Parker, Mark Wright (captain), Tony Dorigo, Dennis Wise, David Platt, Geoff Thomas, John Barnes, Alan Smith, Ian Swright. Substitutes to be announced.

### Bari will ban alcohol

BARI, Italy, May 21: Italian authorities said on Tuesday they will ban alcohol in the southern city of Bari when Marseille play Red Star Belgrade in next week's European Cup soccer final, reports Reuter.

City council officials said the sale of alcohol would be banned in the city for two days from the afternoon of May 28 on the eve of the game to noon on May 30.

Bari expects some 40,000 fans will follow the two teams to the city.

Several cities imposed alcohol bans when the World Cup finals were played in Italy last year but alcohol bans for other soccer matches in Italy have been rare.

## Botham—brighter days ahead

LONDON, May 21: Ian Botham, his taste for improbable heroics not yet sated, defies time, a thickening waist line and the world's most fearsome bowlers in his latest international comeback, reports Reuter.

At the age of 35, a full decade after he thrilled the nation with his Herculean feats against Australia, England's greatest-ever all rounder has been recalled for the one-day series against West Indies.

The three-match series against the one side consistently to reduce Botham to human level, starts at Edgbaston on Thursday.

Botham, dubbed by former captain Mike Brearley as England's great victorian in shape as well as fame.

But, ignoring caustic comments from England's chairman of selectors Ted Dexter about his girth, Botham has hit centuries in consecutive matches for Worcestershire this season including a maiden hundred against the mighty West Indian fast bowlers.

Botham's selection for England was always on the cards after a century on a seaming pitch against the classy Lancashire pace attack and some economical bowling in early Benson and Hedges Cup matches.

He learned of his recall on Friday shortly before going in to bat against West Indies and celebrated with an innings of rare brilliance, clubbing the touring team for 161 out of 228 with one six and 32 fours.

"Blocked the good ones, whacked the bad ones," Worcestershire's here told reporters with studied nonchalance.

Botham believes his last Test recall, an unsuccessful just with the triumphant 1989 Austrian side, came too soon after a serious back operation.

Nobody recall him expressing such sentiments at the time but he has since persistently criticised the England selectors for ignoring his Test match credentials.

Botham's contention that nobody has looked like becoming an adequate replacement is correct.

However, his own country form since making his Worcestershire debut in 1987 after leaving Somerset has been decidedly indifferent, with just two first-class centuries up to this season.

West Indies, captained by Botham's close friend Viv Richards, will provide a stringent Test, even in the one-day matches where their pace attack is handicapped by the ban on bouncers.

Botham has the technique to play long innings at Test level — he has yet, though, to show the sustained patience.

Ten years ago he was still fast enough to open the bowling in Test matches and he possessed the ability to swing the ball prodigiously.

Now his bowling is medium pace with the emphasis on containment and sensibly he seems to have abandoned the

## Police officers testify Lewis appeared to be drunk

HOUSTON, May 21: Two Houston police officers testified Monday that track star Carl Lewis appeared to be drunk after he drove his car into a curb last January, blowing two tires and crumpling the front fender, reports AP.

Officers Stan Walker and Cheryl Wright were the first two witnesses to testify in the first day of the trial.

The officers stopped at a red light at 2 am on Jan 11 when a black Audi turned left on to their street and smashed into the curb. Lewis, the driver of the car, was later arrested for driving while intoxicated and the three passengers were sent home by taxi.

Lewis, a six-time Olympic gold medalist, pleaded innocent Monday before County Court at Law Judge Mark Atkinson before the trial began. He sat quietly through the proceedings, but sometimes smiled to his defense attorneys as the officers recounted the events of that night.

Walker said Lewis appeared "hyper" and tried to get the officers to allow him to drive the car home. Walker said the fender was bent over one of the tires and both tires on the passenger's side were flat.

"He stated his car was driveable and he went ahead and tried to convince me it was driveable," Walker said, adding that Lewis got into the driver's seat and started the

## Kipkoeh clocks career best

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 20: Kenya's Paul Kipkoeh turned in his best time in winning the Cleveland marathon here Sunday, but he nearly set a race record, as well, reports AP.

Kipkoeh, whose best previous effort was 2hrs 18min, won the men's race in 2:14:26, missing the course record by just three seconds.

"I couldn't have gone any faster," he said, "I feel real good about my time."

Anatoli Karpippanov of the Soviet Union finished second, well behind Kipkoeh in 2:16:08, followed closely by Brazil's Delmir Dos Santos in 2:16:22.

## Martina eyes 4th Eastbourne crown

LONDON, May 21: Martina Navratilova will seek her fourth consecutive title at the 350,000 dollar Estbourne grass-court tennis tournament, the main women's warm-up event for Wimbledon, officials said, reports AP.

Navratilova, who has won at Eastbourne nine times, including the last three years, will be joined at the tournament by American compatriots Mary Joe Fernandez, Zina Garrison and Amy Frazier.

Officials said Monday that other top players in the 64-woman field will include Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain and Czechoslovakia Jana Novotna and Helena Sukova.

The tournament, officially called the Pilkington Glass Championships, is set for June 17-22.

## Paul should ponder now



LONDON, May 21: England midfielder Paul Gascoigne will have plenty of time to ponder the self-inflicted knee injury which has probably wrecked his world record transfer to Italian Club Lazio and put his whole career in jeopardy, reports Reuter.

Gascoigne faces months out of the game after surgery to repair the anterior cruciate ligament damaged when he brutally scythed down Nottingham forest defender Gary Charles in last Saturday's English FA Cup final.

Not surprisingly, Lazio are expected to decide the 14.5 million dollars they were about to part with the sign Gascoigne from Tottenham may be better invested elsewhere.

"There were those who thought the prodigiously talented Gascoigne — known to all in Britain as 'Gazza' — wouldn't mature enough to cope with record move to soccer mad Italy.

But his suspect temperament let him down with the stage set for an emotional swansong for Tottenham in English soccer's biggest occasion.

The burly midfielder was clearly wound up to an impossible degree, escaping censure for a dreadful lunge at Forest's Garry Parker in the first minute before crippling himself just 15 minutes into the game.

Gascoigne, a 23-year-old from a working class back-

## Zico signs with Japanese club

TOKYO, May 21: Former Brazilian World Cup Striker Zico signed a three-year contract today worth an estimated 2.5 million dollars to play for a wealthy Japanese Second Division soccer club, reports Reuter.

Neither Zico or officials of Sumitomo Metal Industries, Japan's fourth biggest steel-maker, would confirm details of the deal but Japanese press reports estimated a one million-dollar signing-on fee and 500,000 dollars in wages per year.

Zico, 38, will be biggest name to play the game in Japan. He returns home to Rio De Janeiro on Friday for a month's intensive training at his former club Flamengo before making his debut for Sumitomo Metal FC in August.

The team, based in the company town of Kashima, 100 km east of Tokyo, will play in the second division of the Japan soccer league next season and join Japan's first professional league due to start in early 1993.

Asked about his age and condition, Zico said that, since last February, he had trained twice a week and played football and volleyball on the beach.

"Age is no problem. Look at Junior (of Brazil) and Roger Milla (of Cameroon)," he said.

Zico had an illustrious career with Flamengo and in Italy, scoring 729 goals in 1,046 games, including 66 in 89 games for the Brazilian national team for whom he played in three World Cups.

He stopped playing professionally in February 1990 and spent a year working as a sports official in the Brazilian government.

### Ajax, PSV level

AMSTERDAM, May 21: Champions Ajax Amsterdam beat Feyenoord Rotterdam 2-0 to go level on points with leaders PSV Eindhoven in the Dutch Soccer League on Monday, reports Reuter.

Midfielder Aron Winter beat goalkeeper Ed De Goey to put Ajax ahead in the 59th minute.

A bank holiday crowd of 49,000 in Amsterdam's Olympic stadium had further cause to celebrate when striker John Van 't Schip struck the second goal a minute before the end.

The top two teams have three matches left, with former England World Cup manager Bobby Robson's PSV side leading on a superior goal difference.

### Ruddock may fight Tyson

NEW YORK, May 20: Donovan 'Razor' Ruddock may fight Mike Tyson on June 28 after all, according to The National, reports AP.

The US-based sports newspaper in Monday's editions quoted Ruddock's promoter, Murad Muhammad, as saying the fight may be held at the Mirage Casino in Las Vegas if Muhammad's one-year suspension is lifted by the Nevada State Athletic Commission.

According to The National, Muhammad met twice with Tyson's promoter, Don King, and Mirage owner Steve Wynn over the weekend.

Athletic Commission said Sunday that Muhammad hasn't filed an appeal for his suspension the newspaper said.

Gascoigne proved a shrewd choice, adding disciplined defensive work to his attacking skills as England enjoyed their best Cup for 24 years.

He cavorted on an open-top bus in strap-on plastic breasts as the England team returned home to a heroes' welcome last July and has scarcely been out of the news since.

His business advisors desperately fanned the flames of "gazzamania" with their charge making an excruciating pop single and endorsing countless products.

His performances on the pitch continued to live up to the off-field hype until a double hernia operation forced him into inactivity in March.

But barely a month later he roared back to score with a superb 35-metre free-kick and set up another goal as Tottenham beat north London rivals Arsenal in the FA Cup semifinals.

Tottenham, with debts of some 30 million dollars, had hoped the sale of Gascoigne would save their club.

But now Gascoigne faces a battle to salvage his career after an injury which ironically ended Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough's playing career almost 30 years ago.

Surgery has advanced since then with Belfast's Royal Victoria hospital developing new techniques to treat the victims of knee-capping produced by Northern Ireland's Sectarian Strife.