BTC to sponsor Club Cup



Bangladesh Tobaeco Company has agreed to sponsor the Club Cup charity soccer tournament sch-

eduled to begin on May 31 at the Dhaka Stadium.

The Bangladesh Football Federation and Dhaka Metropolis Football Club Association have agreed to jointly organise this tourney which will be now known as BTC Club Cup tournament.

The three leading Calcutta teams. Mohun Bagan, East Bengal and Calcutta Mohammedans will arrive in the capital tomorrow. The organisers will bear the costs of airpassage and local hospitality of the participating Calcutta

The teams divided in two groups will play their first phase matches from May 31 to

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June 2. Two matches will be held every day, one at 4.30 pm and the other at 6.30 pm at the

Dhaka National Stadium. The tournament committee in the meantime has finalised the grouping and fixture of the 5.30 pm. tournament.

Group A - Mohun Bagan, Calcutta Mohammedans and Abahani KC. Group B - East Bengal,

Dhaka Mohammedans and Brothers Union. On the opening day, East

Bengal Club will take on Brothers Union at 4.30 pm while Mohun Bagan Club will meet Calcutta Mohammedans at 6.30 pm.

Dhaka Mohammedans will face Brothers Union at 4.30 pm while Calcutta Mohammedans will take on Abahani KC at 6.30 pm on June 1.

On June 2 Mohun Bagan will meet Abahani KC at 4.30 pm while East Bengal will play with Dhaka Mohammedans at 6.30 pm.

The semi-final matches will be held on June 4 and 5 at 6.30 pm while the final match will be played on June 7 at

Rate of gallery tickets has been fixed at Tk 20 each, VIP Gate No-2 Tk 70, Gate No 3/A Tk 50 and Gate No 3/B at Tk

30 each the final the rate of gallery ticket will, however, be Taka 25 each while that of Taka 25 each while that of other tickets will remain unchanged.

An organising committee headed by State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka was formed earlier with seven other sub-committees for smooth holding of the tounament.

Diego must decide now



BUENOS AIRES. May 26: Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona,

out on bail on cocould escape a jail term of up to two years by voluntarily joining a drug rehabilitation programme, legal sources said

on Saturday, reports Reuter. Local news agencies, quoting court sources, reported on Friday that Maradona's blood and urine samples had indicated he was dependent on drugs rather than a sporadic

Legal sources, commenting on the report said a judge could under local law allow Maradona to opt for up to two years of drug treatment instead of going to jail if he were

proceedings against the stocky midfielder would be dropped. If convicted of possession and consumption' charges, Maradona would face three months to two years in jail.

Maradona, banned from soccer until July 1992 for failing a dope test in March, is also accused of supplying drugs

If found guilty of those charges, he could face three to 12 years in jail but the charges could be dropped if the amount of cocaine involved were less than five grams, the legal sources added.

Reports have differed as to how much cocaine was found at the suburban flat where Maradona.

Slaney clocks year's best



fornia, May 26: Often - injured Slaney made an impressive return to in

ternational athletics by clocking four minutes 4.92 seconds for the fastest women's 1,500 metres of the year at the Bruce Jenner Classic Grand Prix meeting on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Leroy Burrell easily won the men's 200 metres as he used an aiding wind of 2.9 metres per second to clock 20.02

tional championships in three

But Burrel said his time in his first 200 metres of the year wasn't a message for Johnson.

"He's going to run the 200, and I'm going to run the 200, and eventually one of us is going to win," said Burrell, who will attempt to qualify for the world championships in both the 100 and 200 metres at the US meeting.

Slaney, the 1983 world champion, held off compatriot American Pattisue Plumer in a stirring stretch run to claim her first outdoor track victory in three years.

"It feels great to win, it feels even better to be running healthy," said Slaney, who has been hampered by problems

PARIS, May 26: Ivan Lendl, a three-time

French Open champion and the tourna-

with her Achille's tendon and ran her first race in more than a year at a small meeting. In Eugene, Oregon, earlier this

Sue Rembao, another American making a comeback, cleared 1.96 metres (six-feet five inches) for the best women's high jump of the outdoor season. She previously competed as Sue McNeal.

Olympic silver medallist Mike Powell needed his sixth and final jump to take first in the men's long jump with a leap of 8.30 metres (27 feet 2 3/4 inches) and former world record holder Renaldo Nehemiah captured the men's 110-metre hurdles in 13.47 seconds.

Olympic double gold medallist Jackie Joyner-Kersee, competing in a mini-helptathlon, won her section of the women's 100-metre hurdles in a wind-aided 13.02 seconds and cleared 1.90 metres (six feet 2 3/4 inches) in the high

Americans won both 3,000metre races. Shelly Steely won the women's race in eight minutes 50.39 seconds and Aron Ramirez took the mends event in seven minutes 45.82 seconds. Briton Steve Cram

was a no-show. Olympic champion Steve Lewis won the men's 400 metres in 45.28 seconds. Dean Starkey soared 5.76 metres (18 feet 10 3/4 inches) to win the pole vault, and German Astrid Kumbernuss won the women's shot put with a best of 19.13 metres (62 feet 9-1/4 inches).

Cup

Bayern Munich thrashed

relegated Hertha Berlin 7-3 on

Saturday to keep firmly in

touch with leaders Kaiser

Slautern in the German

Bayern cast aside the ab-

sence of several key players to

close the gap at the top to two

points with three games re-

maining. Saturday's goal scor-

ing spree may be crucial if one

of the closest title races for

years goes to goal difference.

Bundesliga, reports Reuter.

Indies remaining cricket matches May 27: Third Texaco Trophy One-day Interna-

tional (Lord's). May 29, 30,

31 vs Somerset or Surrey

(Taunton or The Oval). June

England-West

1, 2, 3 vs Leicestershire (Leicester). June 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 FIRST CORNHILL TEST MATCH (Leeds) June 12, 13, 14 vs Derbyshire or Lancashire (Derby or Manchester) June 15, 16, 17 vs Northamptonshire (Northampton). June 20. 21, 22, 24, 25 SECOND CORNHILL TEST MATCH (Lord's). June 26, 27 vs Oxford-Cambridge Universities (The Parks) June 28 vs League Cricket Conference (Trowbridge). June 29, 30, 31 vs Hampshire (South-ampton). July 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 THIRD CORNHILL TESTMATCH (Nottingham). July 10, 11, Minor Counties (Darlington). July 13 vs Ireland (Downpatrick). July 15 vs Wales (Brecon). July 16, 17, 18 vs Glamorgan (Swansea). July 20, 21, 22 vs Kent (Canterbury). July 25, 26, 28, 29, 30 FOURTH CORNHILL TEST MATCH (Birmingham). July 31, August 1, 2, vs Nottinghamshire or Gloucestershire (Nottingham or Bristol). August 3, 4, 5, vs Essex (Chelmsford). August 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, FIFTH CORNHILL TEST MATCH

BUET cagers named

Engineering and Technology (BUET) has announced a tenmember squad to take part in the Inter-University basketball championship scheduled to begin on May 30 at the Agricultural University, Mymensingh.

The name of the players are: Asif Hossain, Maksudul Anwar, Abdul Jabbar, Shafiqul Bari Tonu, Mahmoodul Anwar Riyad, Asifuzzaman, Mustaq Ahmed Titas, Syed Humayun Raihan Sagar, Anwarul Han-

The selected players has been requested to report to the coach, Iqbal Hossain Ami, to join the practice session.

Stojkovic won't play against Red

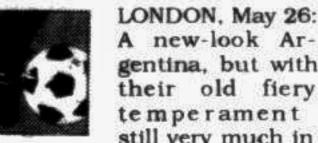
Marseille's Yugoslav midfielder Dragan Stojkovic will not start next week's European Soccer Cup final against his former teammates of Red Star Belgrade, coach Raymond Goethals said on Saturday, reports Reuter.

"Stojkovic will have a prominent place . . . on the bench," Goethals said.

The World Cup midfielder, signed by Marseille last year, has been out of action for most of the season with a knee in-

He played his first full match with Marseille this year in a league match at Nice on Monday. Wednesday.

LONDON, May 26:



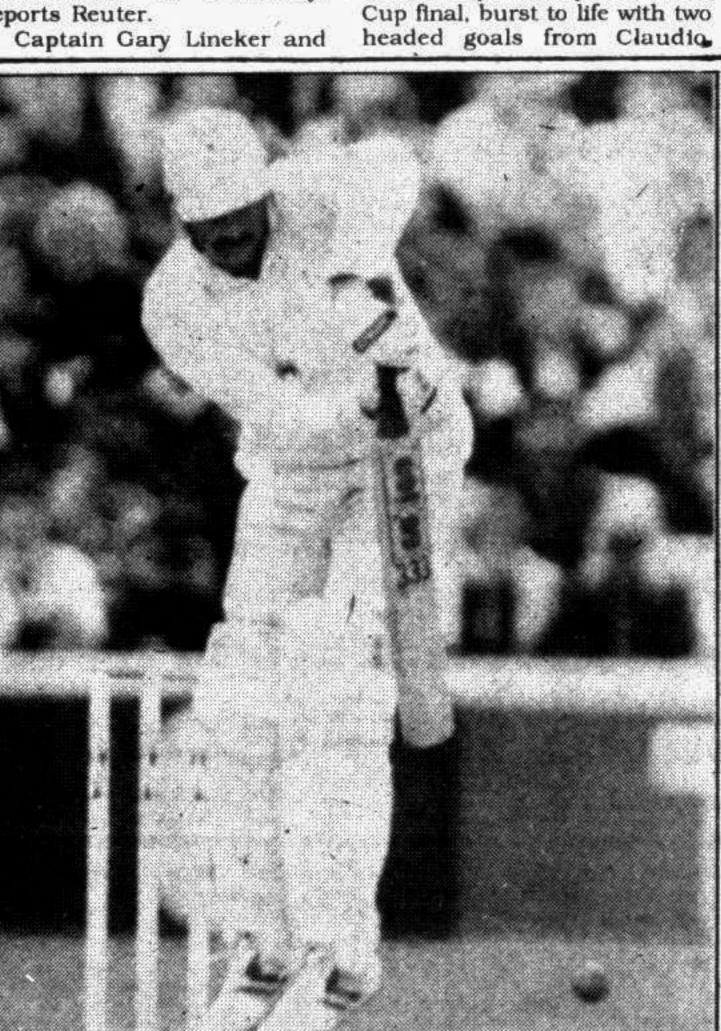
gentina, but with their old fiery temperament still very much in evidence, scored twice in five minutes of the second half to

reports Reuter.

grab a 2-2 draw against

England in a triangular soccer

tournament on Saturday,



England captain Graham Gooch opening the second onedayer against West Indies at Old Trafford, Manchester, on May 26. Gooch hit 54 and England won by 9 runs to clinch the Texaco Trophy. England won the first one-dayer by one wicket on Thursday.

Garcia and Dario Franco in the

The match turned nasty in the closing stages as Argentina, under new coach Alfio

Bastle, sensed victory. It was the first game between the sides since Maradona's "hand of god" goal against England in the quarterfinal of the 1986 Mexico World

In the final minute, Garcia was booked for a rash tackle on Lee Dixon as tempers be- . came frayed.

A few minutes earlier, sev eral Argentine players had argued furiously with Yugoslav referee Zoran Petrovic as he tried to restart the match with a drop ball after a male streaker had run on the pitch. England's goals won them the tournament after a mid-

beaten run under manager Graham Taylor to eight games. Lineker, who missed Tuesday's victory over the Soviet Union, exposed the slow Argentina defence with a darting charge."

run to grab the opening goal, the 40th of his England career. Stuart Pearce's free kick looked too long, but Lineker sped in and sent his header

John Barnes had a rare right-foot shot superbly turned round the post in the 40th minute by Goycochea, who saved a penalty in their midweek draw against the Soviet Union.

The Argentines almost equalised a minute before halftime when Garcia was clear, but he blasted his shot wide.

goals in the 3-1 win against the Soviets on Tuesday, scored England's second with a header from a Pearce cross.

Taylor said, "we threw away a win with sloppy defending at two corners which is very unlike England.

the performance on the whole. It was probably the best we have given since I have been in

Thais thrash Filipinos

on the final day yesterday. reports BSS.

ceived in Dhaka hosts South Korea finished top in the first leg with seven points. Thailand earned six points followed by Malaysia with five points.

dogs, the Philippines, 8-0 in The second leg of the group

losses, goals wins, draws, favour, goals against and points: Malaysia Bangladesh 4 1 0 3 10 10 2 4 0 0 4 1 32 0

leg tabulating as matches.

Mr. Brojen Das, the star

Channel swimmer of the country, returned home on May 24 from Calcutta following a successful open-heart operation at the Belview Nursing Mr. Das is now convalescing at his residence in Dhaka. Doctors have advised him full rest. reports BSS.

England's morale gets a boost



England. May 26: England clinched a nine-run victory ' over the West Indies at Old

Trafford on Saturday to take an unbeatable 2-0 led in the three-match one-day series. reports Reuter. Chasing England's total of

270 for four in 55 overs, the West Indies finished on 261 for eight despite a fine 78 from 84 balls by captain Viv Richards.

England's score after losing the toss was their highest in a one-day international against the West Indies.

Michael Atherton, man of the match at Edgbaston 24 hours earlier, hit 74, Allan Lamb smashed 62 from 50 balls and Graham Gooch contributed 54 as the English batsman for once enjoyed themselves against the West Indies fast bowlers.

Lamb, forced to go to hospital for a precautionary X-ray after being hit on the right foot, was named man of the

The final game of the series will be played at Lord's on

The West Indies entered

the final 10 overs needing 88 runs to win with Richards and Carl Hooper together at the

Richards, still capable of playing shots other players can only dream about, smashed two sixes and six fours but was trapped leg before by Chris Lewis just when his side seemed to be on course for

Hooper (48), had already steered a catch to gully and, despite some lusty blows from Malcolm Marshall, the task of scoring 19 runs from the final over was too much.

The tourists also suffered with injuries, opener Gordon Greenidge batting only in an emergency after injuring a knee in the field. His opening partner Desmond Haynes was already missing, forcing Phil Simmons and Jeff Dujon to form a make shift first wicket pairing.

They put on a breezy 34 for the first wicket but could not compete with England's opening pair of Atherton and

With Atherton in prime form and Gooch in watchful mood. England had 156 runs on the board when they lost their first wickets after 38

Roland Wohlfarth, the

league's top scorer, boosted

his season's tally to 20 with

goals in the 50th and 54th

minutes before the 25-year-old

Thon completed his hattrick

Zernicke scored consolation

Heynckes said. "Grahammer

and Kohler were not easy to

replace in defence and there

were a few communication

Dragotin Celic and Marco

tive with some typically effective hitting. He struck 10 fours in a rapid 102-run stand with Graeme Hick before edging a catch behind the wicket off Patrick Patterson. Hick, still feeling his way as

Both fell at the same total

but Lamb regained the initia-

before edging a ball from Curtly Ambrose on to his stumps. Ambrose finished with the

Indian Bowlers, taking two for 36 from his eleven overs.

Lamb said later his foot was badly bruised, making it virtu-

The 40-year-old Greenidge suffering from twisted liga-

ments, is also likely to be absent from the West Indian "Gordon is in a lot of pain

right now," said Richards. England manager Mickey

"We know one-day matches

and the Tests are very differ-

Samaniego was enough to decide the two-led semifinal after the first leg ended 0-0 last week. But Atletico created enough

Barcelona of Ecuador in 1990, meet Colo Colo of Chile, who eliminated Argentina's Boca Juniors in Wednesday's semifinal. Argentines ordered not to leave Chile

Argentine soccer players and their coach not to leave Chile until the rules on charges they assaulted journalists during a South American club championship semifinal, reports Reuter. The match between Boca Juniors and Chilean champions

Colo Colo broke out in fighting in the 82nd minute on Wednesday night after a disputed goal that gave the home side a 3-1 victory. Sports commentators said the Argentine players began punching local photographers who crowded

A television cameraman was knocked down and kicked, hospital with a detached retina after receiving blows from

Chile's Journalists' Union said 10 photographers were hurt

PARIS, May 26: Cannes qualified for their first European club competition when they finished fourth in the French

Cannes drew 0-0 at Montpellier to secure the third place allotted to French clubs in next season's UEFA Cup. They may yet be joined by Lyon, who have not played in Europe for 15 years but who finished fifth thanks to a 1-0 victory over relegated Bordeaux.

Marseille secured a third consecutive title last week and second-placed Monaco and third-placed Auxerre made certain of a UEFA Cup spot some time ago.

Monaco, who play semifinals against Second Division Rodez and Gueugnon next week, would mean Monaco playing in the Cup Winners' Cup and Lyon would take their UEFA berth.

Tiler joins Nottingham Forest

NOTTINGHAM, England, May 26: England under-21 socsterling (2.3 million dollars), report Reuter.

Agassi out to make his mark



Andre Agassi has been called many things during his colourful

German World

hat-trick as reig-

ning champions

midfielder

Thon hit a

career, few of them flattering, reports Reuter Now the controversial

American, determined to

make the change from clown to champion, has set his sights on the French Open title. Agassi, adored by his teenage fans and frowned on by officials, lost a four-set final

last year to Ecuador's Andres He went on to win the yearending ATP World championship, but above all Agassi longs to win his first Grand

Slam tennis title. The two-week French Open, starting on Monday, is his best hope.

"I'm ready," said Agassi who arrived in Paris in mid-week, instead of flying in at the last

Things are better this year. I've played more tournaments

got here well in ad-

one title this year, in the Orlando Hardcourt tournament in Florida in April He made early exits at Monte Carlo and the Italian Open and admits he needs a

Agassi, 21, has won only

bit of time to settle down on "If I get through the first two rounds here, if I begin to play the ball well, I'll get my confidence and I think then I'il have a good chance of going

all the way," Agassi said.

The first round brings Agassi up against Switzerland's Marc Rosset but he could run into trouble later on with claycourt specialist Alberto Mancini of Argentina and fastrising Yugoslav Goran Prpic in his section of the draw.

third in the world at the end of 1988, Agassi admits he does not have the dedication to get to number one Tennis is only a part of my life," he said. "To go higher in

the rankings I would have to invest a great deal more in it than I do at the moment." Agassi has always entertained the crowd with his

erful game. But officials have not always smiled so benignly on the long-haired Las Vegas man.

He was fined 25,000 dollars by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) for breaking an agreement to play in the Grand Slam Cup last year after loudly and publicly criticising the huge amount of prize money - six million dollars -

at Roland Garros for his com-

Chatrier, the sober-suited president of the ITF, criticised the fluorescent pink leggings the American wore on court. "Chatrier. he's a Bozo," said

"In the last few months he's McEnroe who is in the oppo-

But compatriot John McEn-

site half of the draw to Agassi. "He's put on muscle, he's improved his service, he's matured. He has enormous potential still." Champion or not, Agassi is

And should Chatrier care. the American was unveiling his new French Open outfit at an exhibition match this weekend. Insiders said it is an eyean England player, made 29

best figures among the West

ent, but winning two matches early on can only be good for confidence, especially for

SOCCER SCENARIO

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 26: Defending champions Olympia

Olympia, who lost to Atletico in the 1989 final and beat

and his equipment damaged. A photographer was taken to Giunta. Police with dogs took to the pitch to stop the fistfights, but Argentine players pushed and shoved the policemen and a dog bit goalkeeper Carlos Navarro in the leg.

Cannes make Euro club competition

soccer league after Friday's final matches, reports Reuter.

But an expected French Cup final between Marseille and

cer international Carl Tiler joined Nottingham Forest from Second Division Barnsley on Saturday for 1.4 million pounds

with the England under-21 squad so he could complete the Albania beat Iceland 2-1

ELBASAN, Albania, May 26: Albania beat Iceland 2-1 in a European under-21 soccer championship Group One quarlifier on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Argentina draw with England David Platt had given England a 2-0 lead with goals in the 66th and 71st minutes. 16th and 50th minutes and they appeared on course to

settle an old score from the

banned captain Diego

Maradona and with only two

players from the side that lost

to Germany in last year's World

But Argentina, without

1986 World Cup.

past World Cup goalkeeper Sergio Goycochea.

Platt, who notched two

"But I was very pleased with

Thailand trounced the Points table after the first

Philippines 7-1 and South Korea drew goalless with Mala ysia in the Barcelona Olympic football qualifiers Asian Group "D" at the Chamsil Olympic Stadium in Seoul, South Korea

According to a message re-Bangladesh collected only

their last match. will be held in Kuala Lumpur from June 29 to July 8.

two points beating the under-

ally certain he will miss Monday's final match at Lord's.

Stewart felt England's victory was a good omen for the Test series ahead.

those people who haven't played against the West Indies before," said Stewart.

Olympia closer to Libertadores Cup

of Paraguay reached the Libertadores Cup soccer final for the third year running with a 1-0 victory over Atletico Nacional of Colombia in Asuncion on Thursday, reports Reuter. A 36th minute goal by Paraguayan international Adriano

chances before and after Samaniego's goal to have won the

SANTIAGO, May 26: A judge on Thursday ordered three

onto the pitch to take pictures of the scorer.

in the brawl.

It was the first major signing by Forest manager Brian Clough for some years and he said: "I've been wanting a centre half for ages and I just hope Tiler comes good with us." Tiller was given permission to delay travelling to France

seconds The time, although windaided, equalled countryman Michael Johnson's beat time of the year, as Burrel prepared to face Johnson at the US na-TENNIS TIDINGS

Lendl pulls out of French Open

ment's third seed this year, withdrew Sunday from the clay-court event because of a hand injury, reports AP. Lendl had surgery on his right hand earlier this month. French Open officials said it had not healed quickly enough for the world's third-ranked player to participate in the tournament, which opens Monday. Officials said Lendl. who IVAN LENDL

was believed to be at his home in Greenwich, Connecticut, would be able to practice before the end of the week He had withdrawn from the Italian Open two weeks ago because of the condition that led to the surgery. ATP Tour officials described the injury as a fibrosis, or an accumulation of tissue between the thumb and forefinger. Lendl, who won

on grass and preparing for Wimbledon. Lendi had been scheduled to play Martin Jaite of Argentina in the first round of the French Open. His place will be taken by Andrew Sznajder of Canada. Edberg suffers a setback DUESSELDORF, Germany, May 26: Stefan

Edberg's preparations for the French

Open which starts on Monday suffered a

setback on Friday when he aggravated a

hip injury at the World Team Cup, reports

Cherkasov in Sweden's round- Robin

the tournament in 1984. 1986 and 1987, skipped the

French Open last year so he could spend more time playing

The Swedish world number one, who hurt himself initially during training on Thursday, could hardly serve in the second set of a 6-4. 6-1 defeat by Andrei

The injury is not expected to stop Edberg competing at Roland Garros but it was still nuclear whether he will play for Sweden in today's final. Gomez keeps organizersinsuspense

STEFAN EDBERG match against the Soviet Union.

said, mediamem in Paris on Thursday.

French Open starting on Monday

PARIS, May 26: The details of an injury for which titleholder Andres Gomez of Ecuador has already pulled out of French Open tennts championships, were still unknown, organtsers said on Thursday, reports Reuter. "Details of his (Gomez's) injury are still unknown." they

Gomez, who won his only Grand Siam event by beating

American Andre Agassi in the Paris final last year, has

slumped to 33rd in the world after a string of poor results

this season. Smid to train Becker temporarily BONN, May 26: Czechoslovak Tomas Smid is to take over as Boris Becker's new coach only on a temporary basis until after the Wimbledon Championships which end on July 7 reports Reuter. "We have agreed to work together at the

French Open and Wimbidon. Then I will know if I am the

ideal trainer for Becker. We will then see," Smid said on Friday in an interview with the German newspaper Welt am Sonntag." The German world number two has not found a permanent coach since he split with Australian Bob Brett two months ago. Work with Germany's Davis Cup captain Niki Pilic collapsed this month because Pilic found he could not combine his two jobs. In the interview released ahead of publication on Friday, Smid said Becker was capable of adapting his strong serve and volley game successfully to slow caly courts at the

Becker knows how to win a clay-court tournament. But he needs specific tactics to use his whole reportoire to the full He knows how to do so much sometimes that he is unsure which stock to pick."

proven to be drug-dependent. In such a case, criminal to others free of charge.

Sports Reporter Bangladesh University of

(The Oval).

Star Belgrade DIGNE, France, May 26:

Bayern find goal scoring touch Bayern have a goal differ-

Kaiser Slautern, who had to

stave off relegation last season, stretched their unbeaten run to 13 matches with a 4-1 victory over lowly Bochum on Fri-But two key players were injured in the clash and will

miss the crucial final phase of

libero Miroslav Kadlec under-

went an operation on Saturday

morning on torn ligaments in

his right knee and 29-year-old

defender Reinhard Stumpf

fractured his cheek bone. He

had an operation on Friday.

Czechoslovak international

the championship.

ence of 33 to their rivals, 23.

Bayern went into the game without German World Cup player Jurgen Kohler and his defensive partner Roland Grahammer who are both suspended.

Jupp Heynckes's side

looked hesitant early on until

the diminutive Thon struck his

19th minute. Striker Sven Kretschmer hit an equalizer for the visitors in the 37th But once Stefan Effenberg put Bayern 2-1 up two minutes

later and Thon added a penalty

just before halftime the issue

was never in doubt.

clowning, as much as his pow-

involved. Agassi is well remembered

goals for bottom of the table first goal to bring relief in the Hertha in the 59th and 87th minutes. "Often the easiest games for us turn out to be the hardest. Today it was different."

in the 72nd.

ment last year after Philippe

problems."

roe, for one, believes Agassi is growing up fast and is ready to win a Grand Slam title. changed," said 15th seeded

bound to make his mark in Paris again over the next two

catching shade of violet.

week victory over the Soviet Union and stretched their un-