#### Bangladesh face ROK today

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh under-23 national soccer squad will take on fancied South Koreans in today's second-leg pre-Olympic qualifying Asian Group-D match in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Earlier, on Monday, Bangladesh suffered a humiliating 0-4 defeat against Thailand in their first match of the second-leg.

Bangladesh were drubbed 0-6 by the South Koreans in the first-leg match in Seoul last May.

#### Calcutta MSC win narrowly

Calcutta Mohammedan Sporting Club beat George Telegraph 2-1 in the Calcutta Super Division Football League played yesterday, according to All India Radio(AIR), reports

The winners led the first half by a solitary goal scored by Mustaque Ali in the 15th minute.

Abid Hossain doubled Mohammedan's margin fifteen minutes after the breather.

Shaibal scored the only goat for George Telegraph a few seconds before the final whis-

Mohammedan SC will take on East Bengal Club on July 6 (Saturday).

Meanwhile, Kaiser Hamid and Imtiaz Sultan Johny of Dhaka Mohammedan SC will leave today (Wednesday) for Calcutta to play for the Calcutta Mohammedans. They are expected to play against East Bengal Club.

Aslam, Munna(Sr) and Rumi of Abahani KC are already playing in the Calcutta League for East Bengal Club.

#### Becker in last 16

LONDON, July 2: Boris Becker rumbled ominously into the last 16 of the Wimbledon men's singles on Monday as the odds on a fourth successive final showdown against Sweden's Stefan Edberg shortened yet again, reports Reuter.

The German world number two, whose most recent Wimbledon title in 1989 fell between two defeats by Edberg, stayed on course for another rematch by beating the Soviet Union's Andrei Olhovsky in four sets on a day when at least two potential obstacles melted

Becker's next opponent will be unseeded Swede Christian Bergstrom, the 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 conqueror of Gilbert. In total, only eight men's seeds will features in the last 16, leaving the consistent Edberg as the only player not to drop a set so far.

#### Tyson, Foreman bout likely

HOUSTON, July 2: Mike Tyson and George Foreman are closer to scheduling a fight, possibly in Houston this fall, boxing promoter Don King says, reports Reuter.

King, Tyson's adviser and Roy Foreman, brother-manager of George Foreman, met in Las Vegas on Monday to discuss such a fight, King told the Houston Chronicle.

"They've been some gruel ing negotiations. Roy and have been at it tooth and nail," King said. "But I think we're in agreement now."

"It could happen in Houston, King added. Compaq Computers, Mitchell Southwest or someone else steps up to lend a hand, it could be right here in Houston."

King said tentative plans are for the fight to be staged in November. If an organization in Houston can't be found to help underwrite the bout, King said it would move to the Mirage Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

"What we've got to do now is find (George ) so he can conclude the deal," King said. The ultimate decision rests

with George." Foreman could not be reached for comment, the

newspaper reported Tuesday. "He (George) just got back in town, Roy Foreman said. "He's been running around town taking care of some fam-

### Atherton doubtful for third Test

# England call up Morris

LONDON, July 2: ered a timely Test boost by England added capturing his season's best fig-Hugh Morris to ures of five for 45 as their squad of 13 Derbyshire toppled county for this week's championship leaders third Test against Warwickshire on Monday.

West Indies as cover for injured fellow opener Michael Atherton, reports Reuter.

Morris's call-up came on Monday because Atherton was under treatment for a strained stomach muscle and did not bat for his county Lancashire in their championship game against Glamorgan at Liverpool.

Atherton said: "It's likely I'll be fit for the Test." Glamorgan opener Morris is uncapped in Tests but captained England's A team on their tour of Sri Lanka earlier

this year and has scored heavily in domestic cricket both this season and in 1990. Another report says fast

and expensive bowling in the bowler Devon Malcolm deliv-Maru denies Hooper



caught off the next ball for 196 as he attempted to complete a double century in thrilling six. style against Hampshire on Monday, reports Reuter.

The climax to Hooper's innings was a feature of the third and final day of the tour match which ended in a draw with the county, 247 behind on first innings, making 152 for one in the second.

Hooper, on 149 overnight, started the last over before lunch from off-spinner Shaun Udal on 172 and was dropped at long off but ran two off the first ball.

The Guyana batsman then struck the next four balls for six, six, six, four. But trying to reach 200 with yet another

for the third Test at Trent

**HUGH MORRIS** Bridge starting on Thursday is under threat after his wayward

SOUTHAMPTON, boundary he skied the final ball England, JULY 2: before the interval and was well held at mid-on by Rajesh

> West Indies captain Viv Richards, not out 15 after a stand of 53 in 6.4 over with Hooper, immediately declared their first innings on 449 for

Hooper's 196 came from 244 balls and contained five sixes and 18 fours. He has now made 810 runs at an average of 90 in 13 first-class tour in-

ing victory were dashed by three-wicket victory over Hampshire's second wicket Northamptonshire at Luton. pair of Tony Middleton and captain Mark Nicholas who put Gloucestershire were strug-

batted with great application stand of 59 between Russell and skill for three and half and Lawrence - unbeaten on hours to finish 76 not out, 20 and 36 respectively - saw while Nicholas contributed an them home with three overs to unbeaten 59.

previous two matches of the

But he lifted his confidence with a telling effort that helped Derbyshire dismiss Warwickshire for 136 to win Malcolm's place in the team by 173 runs at Edgbaston.

fired out Malcolm Warwickshire's openers in three overs and with Dane Ole Mortensen, who ended with two for 33, reduced the home side to 21 for four after they were set 310 in 59 overs.

All-rounder Dermot Reeve, chosen in England's Test squad for the first time for the Trent Bridge game, held up Derbyshire with a fighting 66 before Malcolm returned to wrap up the innings.

Derbyshire moved up one place to third in the table with 114 points while Warwickshire (139) remained top.

Essex are second on 122 points after beating champions Middlesex by 113 runs at

Former England captain Mike Gatting defied a painful back injury in an unavailing attempt to stave off defeat after Middlesex were set a target of 251 in 66 overs.

Gatting came in at number eight and battled for 54 minutes and 34 balls to make 11 not out but the title holders, still seeking their first championship win, were shot out for 137 by pace bowlers Neil Foster (four for 36), Steve Andrew (three for 30) and Derek Pringle (three for 38).

England wicketkeeper Jack Russell and fast bowler David Lawrence steered West Indies' hopes of forc- Gloucestershire to a thrilling

Set 221 to win, gling at 164 for seven before Middleton, dropped on 57, an unbroken eighth wicket

# Gaby, Graf charm crowd

LONDON, July 2: The elegance of Gabriela Sabatini and the raw power of Steffi Graf entranced the Centre Court crowd at Wimbledon on Monday as the top two women's seeds cruised comfortably into the quarter-finals, reports Reuter.

Second seed Sabatini recovered from dropping her first three serves to beat France's 11th seed Nathalie Tauziat 7-6, 6-3 while Graf swept aside American Amy Frazier 6-2, 6-1 in just 52 Sabatini has transformed her



STEFFI GRAF

game over the past year under the guidance of former Brazilian number one Carlos Kirmayr, founder of a pop group rejoicing in the name of the flea bags. Where she once played exclusively from the baseline, the 21-year-old Argentine now moves smoothly to the net to dispatch the volley, giving her game an extra crucial dimension on grass. "I think this year I'm playing

much better," Sabatini said. "I have improved my game and I'm more confident. I have more mental confidence to come into the net, serve and volley and I think that's

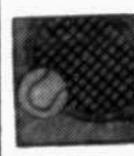
GABRIELA SABATINI Sabatini was slow to warm up but as the sun began to shine she began to blossom, moving should be extended this week

gracefully about the court and flowing into her strokes. Trailing 5-2 in the first set she began to hit the ball with altogether more power, winning 10 points in a row as she first drew level with Tauziat then forced a tie-break which she won comfortably after the day's one break for rain.

Graf is rapidly putting her personal and physical problems of the past year behind her and looking increasingly like the woman who won all four grand slam titles in 1988. She needed only 31 minutes to take the first set and improved that to 21 for the second set, leaving Frazier stranded with a succession of forehand winners.

"Altogether, I think I'm doing really fine," Graf said. Graf now meets American Zina Garrison, her conqueror in last year's semifinals.

### Edberg, Courier in quarters



ly 2: Top seed Stefan Edberg used a couple of short streaks to overwhelm three-

time champion John McEnroe

STEFAN EDBERG reach the Wimbledon quarterfinals, reports AP.

points midway through the second set and then won 16 of 20 points in a third-set spurt in the 7-6, 6-1, 6-4 victory.

The defending champion won a 7-4 tie-breaker after a first set that went entirely on in straight sets Tuesday and serve and then took control



JIM COURIER against the 16th-seeded

after the tie-breaker.

Also advancing to the quar terfinals was French Open champion Jim Courier, who defeated 14th seed Karel Novacek 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

The fourth-seeded Courier, whose best previous Wimbledon performance was reaching the third round last year, now has lost only 13 games in his last two victories. Three other Americans won

matches Monday. Andre Agassi, David Wheaton and Tim Mayotte have taken Wimbledon by storm, rolling through the tournament with hardly a care in the world.

The three Yanks have been checking out tourist sites, blowing kisses to girlfriends, showing off their new threads and playing some excellent tennis on the side.

Tokyo

KRABBE BEATEN

There was another defeat too, last year's European triple gold medallist Katrin Krabbe of Germany, beaten into third place by Mary Onyali of Nigeria and American Gwen Torrence day in the women's 100 metres.

Onyali, who best Krabbe in in a photo-finish.

### Bridge team for Delhi zonals

Bangladesh Bridge Federation has selected the following team to represent Bangladesh in the ensuing zonal championship (Asia and Middle East Zone) of the World Bridge Federation which starts on July-7 in Delhi, India, states a press release.

Mr A.K Feroze Ahmed, Delegate and Manager, Kazi Abdul Halim, Captain and players -M/S.Syed Shujauddin Ahmed, Md. Mesbahur Rahman Khan, Dewan Md. Hanzala, Md. Imdad Hussain, Sayeed Ahmed, Quazi Habibul Haque and Afzal Ahmed Khoka. Mr. Md Habibur Rahman will accompany the team as observer.

The Team leaves Dhaka by air for Calcutta enroute Delhi on July -4, the press release added.

#### Diego trial deferred

NAPLES, Italy, July 2: Diego Maradona's trial on cocaine charges, due to start Tuesday, has been postponed to Sept, 18 after his lawyers said the Argentine soccer star can't travel to Italy, reports AP.

The judges agreed on the postponement on request of defense lawyer Vincenzo Siniscalchi.

The lawyer told the court that soccer star Maradona, played for the Napol team before returning in Argentina, is undergoing medical and psychological therapy and can't go to Naples.

Maradona's co-defendants, Felice Pizza and Giuseppe Suarato, said they were ready to offer a plea in return for a penalty of 16 months in jail and a fine of 3.5 million lire (dlrs 2,700). The judges agreed to consider the request.

Under new trial rules, de fendants can gain reduced penalties if they don't contest the charges.

Pizza and Suarato are charged with involvement in a drug and prostitution ring. Maradona is charged with cocaine possession.

Maradona, one of the most renowned world soccer play ers and captain of Napoli and of the Argentine national team, has been suspended for 15 months by an Italian soccer tribunal for testing positive for cocaine use following an Italian league match in March.

#### Tapie offers \$ 19.4m for Skuhravy

PRAGUE, July 2: Marseille president Bernard Tapie has offered a world record 19.4 million dollars to Genoa for Czechoslovak newspaper Ceskoslovensky Sport said on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

"My manager called to tell me that there was such a super-lucrative offer," Skuhravy was reported as saying.

"My contract with Genoa and that's probably why there's all this hurry and pressure. said Skuhravy.

The burly striker came to international attention in last year's World Cup where he was Czechoslovakia's leading scorer. He moved from Sparta Prague to Genoa after the fi-

"I have excellent conditions in Genoa but on the other hand, the ambition of Mr Tapie and his Olympique Marseille is certainly very enticing," Skuhravy said.

The previous highest transfer was the 13 million dollars paid by Italy's Juventus to Fiorentina for Roberto Baggio

#### Liang upsets Antropov

KUALA LUMPUR, July 2: Chinese qualifier Liang Zhi giang shocked World Championships quarterfinalist Andrei Antropov of the Soviet Union in the first round of the 165,000 US dollars Malaysia Open badminton championships here Tuesday, reports

The Chinese junior shuttler scored a 15-9, 15-5 straight sets win over the Russian, who had hopes of reaching the quarterfinals. The other seeded players all cleared their first round tie easily. Leroy Burrell and Lewis, has return to Canada to prepare for

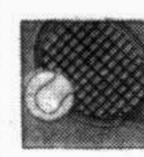
Top seed Ardy Wiranata of Indonesia had a 15-4, 15-6 win over Hong Kong's Chan Kim Ngai while second seed WU Wengkai of China registered a 15-6, 15-10 win over Jeroen Van Dijk of the Netherlands.

#### Costa Rica beaten LOS ANGELES, July 2: Re-

sults of CONCACAF Gold Cup soceer tournament Group B round robin matches on Mon-Trinidad and Tobago beat

Costa Rica 2-1 (1-1 halftime) Scorers: Trinidad and Tobago - Leonson Lewis (38th minute), Alvin Thomas (90th) Costa Rica-Hernan Medford (6th).

## Tabloid says Seles 'Trumped'



NEW YORK, July player, who is also an occa-2: Monica Seles, sional fashion model, the the world numsource was quoted as saying: ber one women's "Well, he's not interested in tennis player who her, he just thinks Monica's a

abruptly pulling out of Wimbledon with a mystery injury, is staying at the Florida estate of developer Donald Trump, the New York Post

DONALD TRUMP

The 17-year-old Yugoslav

reported on Monday, reports

was spotted on the grounds of

the weekend, the Post said.

sieged her residence in Sara-

gave up a chance at the tennis

Grand Slam by withdrawing

from Wimbledon after winning

the Australian and French

injury, which was described

cryptically in a statement at

the time of her withdrawal as

resulting from 'a minor acci-

Asked if there might be a

sota, Florida.

vanished nice girl, and he admires her tennis skills.

Trump, who divorced his wife Ivana for model Marla Maples earlier this year in a much-publicised affair, has re-



MONICA SELES

cently also been linked with Italian model Carla Bruni, a former girlfriend of rock stars Mick Jagger and Eric Clapton.

the palatial ocean-front Mar-a-He was fined last year for Lago estate in Palm Beach over violating state law by escorting then 19-year-old Argentine The tabloid reported that a tennis star Gabriela Sabatini source close to Trump said Se- around his casino in Atlantic les and her parents took City. People under 21 are refuge at the estate about a barred from casinos in New week ago after reporters be- Jersey.

A spokeswoman for Trump in New York had no comment The source said Seles, who on the Post story and Seles's management group in Cleveland. International Management Group said it had 'absolutely no information at opens, had injured her leg the moment as to her whereslightly in a minor car acci- abouts.

A doctor in Vail, Colorado, Speculation has swirled said last week that Seles visaround the nature of Scles's ited his clinic three times the week before for treatment of sports-related injuries. Seles has been fined 6,000

dollars by the Woman's Tennis Association for her sudden withdrawal form Wimbledon romance brewing between the and tennis officials have critihigh-profile 44-year-old devel- cised her for not adequately oper and the blonde tennis explaining it.

Veteran tennis star Chris Evert, president of the Women's Tennis Association (WTA), said on Monday that Seles's conduct was very unprofessional and uncharacteristic and she would have to give a better account of her

Interviewed by the NBC television network at her home in Boca Raton, Florida, Evert said, "I really feel that Monica's going to have to come up with a little bit more of a professional excuse than just you know, she has an injury and she defaulted."

Evert, who with her husband Andy Mill is expecting the birth of their first child soon, added that she and WTA Executive Director Gerry Smith had been trying to reach Seles.

"She's not answering the telephone. Gerry Smith has faxed her many times," Evert

"You know, just something must be wrong because it's very uncharacteristic of Mon-

This is very unprofessional of her to be doing this, and it's not setting good precedent, but fortunately for her, there is nothing in the rules that states you have to have a reason.

"You have to name the injury or (have) a doctor's excuse, so she's kind of sneaking out of it, but she's losing a little credibility in the process."

### Courier, Agassi to lead US

NEW YORK, July 2: French Open winner Jim Courier and runner-up Andre Agassi will lead the defending champion US Davis Cup team when they play Germany on an indoor red clay court in September, team captain Tom Gorman said on Monday, reports Reuter.

The German team is expected to include three-time Wimbledon champion Boris Becker and Michael Stich. Agassi beat Becker and Courier defeated Stich in last month's French Open semis.

## Martina's latest milestone

LONDON, July 2: Defending cham-pion Martina Navratilova broke yet another Wimbledon record on Monday and then revealed an unsuspected side to her character, reports Reuter. She has become prone to giggling on court. "It's a whole different ball game right now," the third seed said after playing her 112th Wimbledon singles match.



No man or woman has played more singles matches here and the previous record of 111 was held by fellow American Chris Evert. "I'm very relaxed. I mean I got the giggles yesterday when I played my singles match. That's never happened to me before. "Changing sides I looked over at (coach) Craig (Kardon) and Billie (Jean King) and I was giggling," she said. "I thought, what is this?

This is Wimbledon, you know. Geez, get serious, I was almost

too relaxed yesterday. Today was a little more of a balanced act out there. "But I don't any pressure at all." On Monday, she beat Swede Catarina Lindqvist 6-1,6-3. But why she giggling on Sunday during the match against Laura Garrone of Italy, reporters wanted to know. "Nothing. Just got the giggles. I felt like a little kid in school, you know where you have to keep quiet." If Navratilova feels young, she may feel more like a greyhaired grandmother today when she plays 15-year-old American

Jennifer Capriati in the quarter-finals. Navratilova, winner of a record nine Wimbledon singles titles, has played in every quarter-final since before Capriati was born. She thinks she is playing better than ever. She even thinks the Navratilova of today would beat the old version who first won

here in 1978. "I'm a much better stroke-maker now than I was MARTINANAVRATILOVA then. I didn't have a top-spin backhand, I didn't have a forehand down the line, I didn't have a kick serve, and my footwork is much better now as well", the 34-year-old champion said." If anything, it's the mental eagerness that was easier to come by when you're 20, 21 years old. "You'd say 'great', I get to run for another ball, now it's 'Oh well, I

### guess I'd better run'." No escape for Lendl

LONDON, July 2: David Wheaton served with awesome power, volleyed adroitly and hit some ferocious ground strokes on Monday to bring yet another premature end to Ivan Lendl's Wimbledon dream, reports Reuter.

In a classic exhibition of grass-court tennis on a sun-drenched Centre Court, Wheaton defeated the third seed 6-3, 3-6, 7-6, 6-3 to hand the Czechoslovak his earliest defeat in a grand slam tournament for 10 years. Wimbledon remains the one grand slam title yet to fall to the 32year-old Czechoslovak, who conceded afterwards that a baseline game will never now win the world's premier grass tournament.

"Those day are over," Lendl told a news conference. "It's extremely difficult to play from the

back and be very competitive for a championship here." Lendl has worked relentlessly on his volleying over the years but the fact remains that he will always be at a disadvantage against a natural serve-and -volley merchant such as Wheaton. "He's not the most natural volleyer in the world," Wheaton acknowledged. "He doesn't have the greatest hands and fell." But Wheaton, a 22-year-old American who sports a headband

emblazoned with the national flag, paid tribute to Lendl's tenacity. "Ivan is very tough and when he's behind he's tougher," Wheaton said. Leand needed all his resilience on Sunday when he recovered from a two -set deficit to beat American Malivai

Washington. He looked altogether sharper on Monday but in Wheaton he found an opponent with a fierce first serve and an instinctive fell for grass. "He was serving very big, especially on the big points," "I think I was beaten fair and square so I was disappointed, but there was no reason to be

angry." Wheaton, a quarter-finalist at both the Australian and U S Opens in 1990, said Monday's victory had been one of his best. "I think this is my best surface," he said. "I think I'm a contender in this tournament.'

Lendl refused to blame either Sundays' tough five -setter or a hand injury which has restricted his practice. He also refused to concede that he is unlikely to add Wimbledon to his three French, three U S and two Australian titles.

"I have always felt and still feel that if you come close enough then one day it has to be your

### day," he said. I don't think it matters if you are 24 or 34." Britons angry about ruling



July 2: A Soviet double at the European Cup fiat the European Cup fi

nal at the weekend has left Britain bitter and Germany contemplating the decline of their women stars from the east, reports Reuter.

Britain's men, who won the 81. biennial event for the first time two years ago, were originally declared winners after a Soviet runner was disqualified for running out of his lane in the 4 X 400 metres relay, the final race of the two-day com-

petition. But an hour later jury

officials upheld an appeal by

the Soviet team and declared

them champions for the sixth

Britain on 110.5 and Germany It's incredible" The Soviet women clinched

the double when they stopped united Germany matching the victory of the former communist East Germany in 1989.The Soviets finished with 113 points, ahead of the Germans on 109 with Britain third on

After watching a British television slow-motion replay of the 4 X 400 relay, Britain's director of coaching Frank Dick was angry about the ruling. The jury did not see the British television tape before making its decision. "The tape is clear that the Russian's foot was out of his lane", he said. We know we have won. This is

time with 114 points, ahead of the worst thing I've ever seen. The dramatic climax was

> ironic since Britain would have retained the title had they themselves not been disqualified from Saturday's 4 X100 relay after an illegal final baton change which clearly took place beyond the permitted box. Victory safeguarded the Soviet Union's place in the world Cup in Cuba next year.

The final outcome was rough justice for the British who had dominated on the track and won nine of the total 20 events. The Soviets were winners in just two field events. Colin Jackson's victory in the 110 hurdles, Peter Elliott's gritty final sprint to hold off European champion.

#### Edberg ran off 15 straight McEnroe, who seemed to sag ily matters. Mitchell makes the sponsors rue

sprinter Dennis Mitchell spoiled the script of the rematch between Carl Lewis and Ben Johnson by winning the 100 metres at an athletics Grand Prix on Monday, reports

VILLENEUVE

D'ASCQ, France,

July 2 : American

Reuter. It was the first time American Lewis and Canadian Johnson had raced each other since the fated 1988 Olympic final in Seoul. Both were left cold by Mitchell who surged away over the last 50 metres to win in 10.09 seconds.

Mitchell made nonsense of the huge payout, reported to be about half a million dollars, for Johnson and Lewis to meet

who raced in the next lane and held his own with his arch-rfval only for the first half of the race, fell away to finish seventh in 10.46. A French television company sponsored the so-called

each other. Lewis finished sec-

ond in 10.20 and Johnson,

revenge clash, a re-run almost three years after Johnson was disqualified for using steroids following his Olympic final's win over Lewis in world record time. But they must have regretted the cash bonanza they offered to two athletes who plainly did not relish the wet and cold conditions in north-

Mitchell, who placed third in the US Championships behind new world record holder

already booked himself a place the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo next month. "This was a very important win for me, especially with Tokyo coming," he said. Johnson was remarkably

optimistic after the latest in a run of poor performances. His fastest time this season is a mediocre 10.40 seconds and he is in jeopardy of not making the Canadian team for Tokyo. will be in Tokyo," he insisted. "I'm looking forward to meeting these guys again." There are few signs, how-

ever, that he can ever be that

again and fewer signs that or-

ganisers are willing to pay him

to race. Johnson said he would

run in Linz, Austria, and then

Lewis, who celebrated his 30th birthday, said he was not bothered by his defeat to Mitchell. "You can't expect to run fast in that weather," he

Berlin last month, set an African record with an excellent 11.04 seconds, pipping Torrence by two-hundredths