DU cagers in final at fancied Army's cost

marked by the DU defenders.

both sides tied 23- all.

The first half ended with

Fifteen seconds before the

final whistle, when the score

Dhaka University caused a major upset when they edged past favourites, Bangladesh Army 50-48 in a nerve-wrecking semifinal to march into final of the BCIC Cup 15th National Basketball championship yesterday at the

wooden- floor gymnasium. Dhaka University will meet the reigning champions Bangladesh Navy in tomorrow's (Monday's) final at 4.30 pm.

On Friday, Navy defeated Bangladesh Rifles in the first semifinal by 86-65 points,

Inter-Services champions Bangladesh Army came into the semifinal with comprehensive victories in their group matches which included the defeat of the defending champions Navy in their very first

Dhaka University the Inter-University champions, also won all their three group matches but were hardly considered to be the side capable of upsetting the formidable

But that was not to happen. As the game started, DU scored the first two points by sending storm warnings for the packed gymnasium.

Every expert present in the gymnasium were thinking that it was only a matter of time before Army took control of the game. The young energetic University lads had other ideas. They were not willing to

DU soccer

The Department Sociology moved into the quarter-finals of the inter-department football championship of the Dhaka University Public defeating Administration 7-0 at the university ground yesterday, reports BSS. The winners led the first

half 3-0.

Dulai and Raza scored hattricks for their side and the other goal came from the boots of Baten.

Volleyball result

RIO DE JANEIRO. July 13: Brazil beat Canada 3-1 in the first of their world league vollevball matches here reports

hile, July 13:

Argentina became

the first country

to qualify for the

final round of the

RIO. July 13

media lambasted

the national soc-

cer team on Fri-

Brazilian

America Cup, routing Paraguay

4-1 Friday night in the South

American soccer cham-

Peru beat Venezuela 5-1

The

day after they drew 1-1 with

an inexperienced Uruguay in

the Copa America, reports

coach Paulo Roberto Falcao

could face the sack at the end

of the competition and that

Brazilian Football Confeder-

ation (CBF) directors were

demanding immediate changes

in the team's selection and

called "almost grotesque" by

the Jornal do Brastl and "a fes-

The team's showing was

tactics.

Newspaper reports said

pionship, reports AP.

Score Brazil 3 Canada (15-6, 15-9, 15-13).

Sports Reporter awarded 1 x1 shot and to the be tamed by the star-studded deafening roar of the crowd. and experienced Army side.

he converted both of them. Baby, Asghar, Junaid, Moby Five seconds later, Army's and Asif Zafar put up a brilliant Rahim got a similar chance to game, matching the Army equalise the score. But to evcagers for stamina and skill. eryone's dismay Rahim missed The students won more of the incredibly and the University rebounds, while Junaid and boys booked their tickets for Baby specially played superbly the final. under the basket. Army's prolific shooter Rahim was tightly

Syeed Hossain Baby, 16 and Asif. 11. were the leading DU scorers while Rahim, 17 and Siddig 10, were the main Army shooters.

Army will meet BDR in today's match for the third place.



Bangladesh Army semifinal of the 15th national basketball championship at the wooden-floor gymnasium. Dhaka - Star photo University won the cliff-hanger 50-48.

Jose Cardozo retaliated for

Paraguay in the 76th minute,

but World Cup star Claudio

Cantagia scored five minutes

Sunday, with the winner re-

ceiving Group A's second spet

Argentina's convincing per

Argentina is now 3 0 and

formance left the two-time

world champion as a strong fa-

has six points with one match

remaining. Chile and Paraguay

are both 2-1 with four points

each In Santiago, Eugenio La

Rosa scored two goals as Peru

beat Venezuéla to keep alive its

slim chances of advancing to

Rosa scored nine minutes into

the contest, but Venezuela tied

it with its first goal of the

tournament, scored by Miguel

Echenaussi at the 14th minute.

A goal by Cesar Rodriguez

seven minutes later gave Peru

minutes into the second half.

Jose del Solar added a goal

three minutes later, and Jorge

Hirano's goal in the 62nd

minute completed the scoring.

La Rosa scored again 10

(1-2) the lead for good.

Peru led 2-1 at halftime. La

Chile plays Paraguay on

later for the final margin.

in the final round.

vorite to the title.

the final round.

Argentines in final round

the 10-nation America Cup

offensive game, led 1-0 at half-

time on Gabriel Batistuta's goal

in the 39th minute. Diego

Simeone scored in the 61st

minute and Leonardo Astrada

added a goal seven minutes

later to break the game open.

tival of errors" by the Jornal

mented that Brazil played

without any tactical scheme

and demonstrating an incredi-

ble vocation to misplace

A television commentator

said at one stage during the

second half: This must be the

worst 10 minutes in the his-

tory of the Brazilian national

The 19,000 spectators at

But that was about the only

the Group B match in Vina Del

Mar. Chile, were rewarded

highlight as far as the

with an early Brazil goal.

Brazilians were concerned.

The Rio daily O Dia com-

Argentina, playing a strong

CONCEPCION C. earlier in the same Group A of

dos Sports

Falcao under fire

tournament.

E Bengal, Cal MSC split points

CALCUTTA, July 13: After several anxious moments in front of both the goals, East Bengal and Calcutta Mohammedan Sporting finally settled for a goalless draw in their Super Division soccer league match at the Salt Lake Stadium here today, reports

The match, witnessed by nearly 70,000 spectators, saw the Mohammedans with four Bangladeshis in their ranks. making a spirited start, with an allout attack on the East Bengal goal. But the men in red and yellow, backed by some brilliant ballplay by Krishanu Dey, took the wind out of Sporting's sail and gave a tough time to their defence.

The result enabled East Bengal to remain at the top of the league table with a tally of 22 points from eight matches. Mohammedans are in second place with 20 points from the same number of matches while Mohun Bagan have 19 points, also from eight outings.

Two of the three Bangladeshi players did not take to the field for East Bengal yesterday. Only midfielder Munna appeared in the crucial encounter putting up a brilliant display.

Mixed blessing

MOSCOW, July 13: The Soviet Olympic committee, which for years sought independence from central government, has founds its newly-won freedom to be a mixed blessings, reports Reuter.

The government stopped funding the Olympic committee this year, leaving them free but struggling to raise enough eash just to pay the hotel bills at the 1992 Games in Barcelona.

"We have obtained the status of Independence, but we also have become independent of money, too" Vladimir Koval, the committee's finance directors, told a news conference on Friday.

The situation is exacerbated by a presidential decree ordering all enterprises to hand 40 per cent of their Foreign currency to the state to help pay the government's huge debt.

Officials urged the Kremlin to end the requirements. They expected about 850

Soviet Athletes, trainers and other personnel to attend the Olympic Games next year. They said some athletes

in Soviet republics would not participate for political

Some wrestlers in Georgia would not participate because Georgian President Zviad Gamsakhurdia, a nationalist seeking independence from the Kremlin, will not let athletes from the southern republic compete under the state committee.

Athletes from the breakaway republic of Lithuania are also likely to be absent from Barcelona for similar

reasons. The Soviet Olympic Committee is hoping to raise funds from various projects. Gold and platinum coins will be minted an sold to collectors before the Games begin and lotteries will be organised.

Army soccer

JESSORE, July 13: Anti Aircraft Artillery team and Chittagong Area team earned full points winning two matches of the Army football championship held at the Jessore Cantonment, an ISPF press release said yesterday.

Anti-Aircraft Artillery men beat Dhaka Infantry men 2-1 while Chittagong Area team defeated Comilia Area 2-0. Earlier, Chittagong Area

team draw goalless with Dhaka Signals team and Comilla Area team also draw goalless with Dhaka Infantry team in two other matches.

Liverpool buys Wright, bids for Saunders

LONDON, July 13: Liverpool completed the 2.2 millionpound purchase of England defender Mark Wright on Friday night and then made a dramatic bid for his Derby teammate, Dean Saunders, re-

ports AFP. Wright singed a five-year contract for last season's English League runners-up. who have been long-time favourites to snap up the former Southampton centre-

Saunders will be harder to

Liverpool manager Graeme



Chess Grandmaster Niaz Murshed met the Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday prior to his departure for Athens.

Sabatini in Gunze final



OSAKA, Japan. 1-1 and broke again in the July 13: Defending champions Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina and Pete Sampras of

the United States ended their semi-final matches quite differently in the 250,000 dollar Gunze world tennis tournament here today. reports AFP.

The 21-year-old Sabatini, the US Open champion, cut, down a challenge from talented young Bulgarian star Magdalena Maleeva for a 6-4. 6-4 win in the women's singles competition.

But Sampras, who is also the US Open title holder. bowed out to his compatriot Jim Courier in the men's event, despite firing 11 aces against courier's six.

He (Sampras) was serving well, but he just played a few loose points here and there. that let me break him, said Courier, who upset Andre Agassi to win the French Open in June. Basically I served well, not

giving him any opportunity to be aggressive on my serve, he

The two Americans held their service until the ninth game without facing a break point against each other, when Sampras committed a double fault at 0-40 to lose the set. Sampras gathered momen-

tum to break his opponent for a 1-0 lead in the second, set, but Courier evened the score eighth before serving out the

Maleeva, who plays more aggressively than her sisters Katerina and Manuela, repeat edly threatened Sabatini, get ting to the net faster and combining an array of drog sots and effective backhand

But Sabatini, winner of five tournaments so far this season. always held a break lead and fought off the 16-year-old

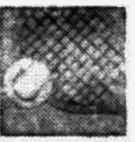
Bulgarian with ner heavy topspin strokes.

In earlier quarterfinal matches, Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia was made to struggle before advancing to

the semi-finals. Novotna needed one hour and 51 minutes to beat Nana Miyagi of Japan 7-6 (8/6), 7-5.

Novotna will take on Materina Maleeva of Bulgaria, who outplayed Anke Huber of Germany in straight sets Wednesday.

Stich stretched by Novacek



strokes.

tzerland, July 13 Wimbledon ch ampion Michael Stich spent just three minutes on

court on Saturday before losing to Czechoslovak Karel Novacek in the Swiss Open quarterfinals, reports Reuter.

The German second seed was trailing 6-3, 5-4 and about to serve to stay in the match when rain washed out Friday's

Stich's booming first service failed him when play resumed, though he saved one match point at 0-40. "I am not offering any ex-

cuses but I was just mentally and physically tired after two weeks concentration at Wimbledon, he said. "I said when I came here

that I was putting Wimbledon

to have fund and play tennis, which I have done.

behind me and was just going

"I had two easy matches in the first two rounds against qualifiers but my concentration certainly went yesterday when I made a lot of unforced er-

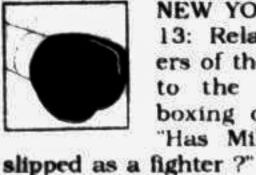
Stich said he would rest for two days before playing in Stuttgart next week.

"Perhaps my loss will be good in the end. I hope to play better in Stuttgart. My main target now will be the US Open next month.

Seventh seed Novacek plays fifth-seeded Spaniard Emilio Sanchez in the semifinals later on Saturday.

Top seed Sergi Bruguera of Spain faces fourth seed Goran invanisevic of Yugoslavia in the other last-four clash.

Has Mike Tyson slipped?



NEW YORK, July 13: Relax. seek ers of the answer to the burning boxing question, "Has Mike Tyson

"If he wins, he hasn't lost anything as a fighter," said Evander Holyfield, who will defend the undisputed heavyweight championship against Tyson on Nov 8. "If he loses. he has."

Questions about Tyson the fighter first cropped up when he lost a little on an upset 10th-round knockout by James "Buster" Douglas on Feb 11. 1990, and have persisted despite Tyson's four straight victories - three by knockout and his 12-round unanimous decision over Donovan "Razor" Ruddock in their rematch June 28, reports AP.

Pressed on how he thought Tyson looked in that victory. Holyfield said Friday in a conference-call from Los Angeles: "I thought you had to give a

lot of credit to Tyson because there was a guy (Ruddock) who was trying to survive. It's hard to get a guy out of there when he's not trying to win."

Indonesia Open badminton

championships Friday through

Lee Heung Soon and Bang Soo-

Hyun at the expense of host

berth in the men's singles on

the day which saw all remain-

ing Chinese hopes for the sin-

gles titles dashed, including

the shock defeat of the men's

Bang overcame the noisy parti-

san Indonesian crowd to tame

the rising local star Yuliani

Bang, who scored an upset

victory over joint third-seed

Huang Hua of China on

Thursday, will need to draw on

all her resources in Saturday's

semi-final against second-seed

Susi Susanti, who is strongly

fancted to take the title after

The joint fifth unseeded

second seed, Wu Wenkai.

Santoso 11-7, 11-2.

second round.

South Korea also secured a

Indonesia, reports AFP.

BANDUNG, Indo-

South Korea clin-

en's singles semi-

final berths in the



MIKE TYSON

when he got the word Wednesday he would be fight ing former champion Tyson. It appeared right up to the

time the fight was announced that promoters Dan Duva, who represents Holyfield, and Don King, who represents Tyson would not be able to agree on terms and that Holyfield would again defend against George Foreman, whom he had outpointed over 12 rounds on April 19. "Shelly (manager Shelly

Holyfield was in Hawaii Finkell contacted me in Hawaii

Holyfield said. "I told him wanted to fight Tyson. I al ready fought Foreman, but if I can't get the right terms for Tyson, I'll fight Foreman." Holyfield received four calls from Finkel. In the first Tuesday, Holyfield was told it looked as if a rematch with Foreman would be made. On

opportunity to fight Tyson. The deal calls for the winner to make a serious effort to fight Foreman. "I feel we both owe him a

the fourth call, Finkel offered

Holyfield congratulations of his

fight afterwards because we both wanted to fight him if we couldn't get each other", Holyfield said.

The terms for the November fight at Caesars Palace are guarantees of dlrs 30 million for Holyfield and dirs 15 million for Tyson, plus 60 per cent of income over dirs 48 million for the champion and 60 per cent for Tyson.

This means Holyfield will have made about dirs 60 million in a little more than a year for his third-round knockout title victory over Douglas, his defeat of Foreman and the upcoming match.

ROK girls crowd semis

spanner in Lancs' march

record of 19 games without defeat in the two knock-out cricket competitions with surprising ease on Friday, reports Reuter. Robin Smith and David

Gower shared an unbroken stand of 129 in 20 overs as Hampshire raced to an eight-Trophy match resumed at Southampton.

Trophy holders Lancashire. Fed on a high ration of short and wayward bowling, Smith and Gower needed only 15.5 of

came from 63 deliveries. The win put Hampshire

through to the quarter-finals. while defeat was hardly ideal preparation for Lancashire the day before they face Worcestershire in the final of the other knock-out tournament, the Benson and Hedges

ancashire won the Cup last

Universiade begins today SHEFFIELD, England, July 13 : The World Student Games, its future once threat ened by serious financial prob-

iems, opens on Sunday with the possibility of world records from a crop of Olympic and world champions, reports Reuter. Britain's European javelin

champion Steve Backley, who has twice held the world record, is arguably the most likely candidate among the student competitors to better a world mark.

Backley, having recovered from torn thigh muscles, was due to throw for the first time for two weeks at the London Grand Prix meeting on Friday.

After sitting on the sidelines while his world record of 90.98 metres was twice broken earlier this year by Finn Seppo Raty: defending Student Games champton Backley ts eager to get back into compe-

He sees the Games as a vitally important build up to next month's world championships in Tokyo, even more so after missing the European

"It wasn't easy sitting at home watching the European Cup on TV," said Backley, "Especially since I'd been in such very good carly season

Raty threw 91.98 metres in May and then shattered the record in June with 96.96

The purpose-built pool could also produce some record-breaking achievements with the powerful Chinese swimming squad holding the potential to go close in several events. Their women's team includes three world champions plus two Olympic medal-

Olympic · 1.500 metres champion Peter Rono of Kenya and 200 metres bronze medal-* list Robson Da Silva of Brazil are the biggest drawcards on

About 4,000 athletes will compete in 10 sports at the Volleyball result

TOKYO, July 13: Italy came from behind to outplay Japan by three to two sets (9-15, 15-17, 15-2. 15-12, 15-10) in a world league men's volleyball match in Osaka, western Japan, Saturday, reports AFP.

The win left Italy with 11 victories against two losses

16th Universiade — the second largest sporting event after the Olympics — and no-one will be more pleased to see the start of Sunday's opening ceremony than Games director Ray Gridley. Last year the games looked as if they might go the same way as the 1989 event when Sao Paulo Pulled out and only five events were staged in Duisburg, Germany, which became a late replacement.

Gridley took on the burden of organising logistics and 27 million pounds sterling (43 militon dollars) funding when Sheffield council took over from the original Games company which was wound up last year four million pounds (6.4 million dollars) in debt.

"I never really had any doubts," satd Gridley, who has worked 15 hours a day to bring about the transformation. "It was a pretty formidable

task to take on, but it's amaz-

ing how it's all come together The council will still have to foot the bill for an estimated shortfall of five million pounds (eight million dollars) but Gridley cut the potential losses with government grants and

lucrative sponsorship deals.

capture, though, as he is also considering offers from Everton and Nottingham Forest for a British record transfer of 2.9 million pounds.

Souness met the Weish striker for talks on Friday night and Saunders, who earlier had seemed set to join Forest, has promised him a reply over the weekend

women's singles quarter-finals after a series of upsets in

Walcott slates new bouncer rule

BRIDGETOWN, July 13: Top

West Indies cricket official Clyde Walcott has hit out over the new rule on bouncers passed by the international Cricket Council (ICC) in London on Thursday, reports Reuter.

The ICC voted, amid oppo sition from West Indies Cricket Board of Control (WICBC), to limit bowlers to one bouncer per batsman per Walcott, WICBC President

and ICC delegate, described the decision as "A fundamental and unnecessary change in the way the game is played. He told the weekend Natio: newspaper here. "It is abso-

the number one seed Tang "The definition will be any Jiuhong of China guit in the ball passing above the bats man's shoulder in his normal Susanti was one of three standing position. seeded players left in the

The All-England champion

Thursday's third round.

ousted the joint fifth seed Zhou Lei in a tough match with 11-4,12-11, dashing China's last hope for a shot at the women's singles title.

Lee's opponent Saturday's semi-final will be the unseeded Sweden's Christine Magnusson, who qualified by beating Shum Eung-Jung of South Korea 11-7, 11-6. In the men's singles, un-

seeded Lee Kwang-Jin of South Korea made another giant killing after ousting joint fifth seed Eddy Kurniawan o Indonesia in the third round, this time against joint third seed Liu Jun of China. Lee dropped the first set 6

15, took the second 15-16 and the two players were virtually neck in the decider before the Korean took the match 18-16.

lutely ridiculous and we were Lee faces another tough totally opposed to it and albattle in the semi-final against Ardi Wiranata, the number one seed from Indonesia, who own his quarter-final match 15-7. 15-2 over compatriot Fung Permadi.

International chess player Grand Master Niaz Murhsed made a courtesy call on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at

the Secretariat yesterday and discussed prospects of the game in Bangladesh, reports He told Prime Minister that during the last autocratic regime, there was no state pa-

Niaz calls

on Khaleda

tronisation for development of chess, the only arena where Bangladesh has an international recognition. The Prime Minister assured him that the government

would extend all possible help for chess development. Niaz left for Greece last night to attend the 31st session of Olympic Academy

there.

Afroza leads women's chess

Sports Reporter Afroza Khanam Bablee surged away from the rest of the field Yesterday to take the lead in the 12th national women's chess championship at the end of the sixth round of the seven-round Swiss league now being played at the NSC

chess room. Bablee took her points tally to five and a half following her convincing victory over Roxana Gulshan yesterday. A draw in her last match today will suffice to give her the crown.

Bablee is closely followed by Tanima Parveen and Syeda Shabana Parveen, both of whom have five points each. In her sixth round clash yesterday Tanima was held to a

draw by former national chess

queen International Woman

Master Rani Hamid. The result dashed Rani Hamid's championship hopes and left her with four and a half points. However, a loss by Bablee in today's last encounter could throw the championship race wide open with the tie-break

system becoming inevitable to

decide who takes the title.

Windies should play Springboks, says Gomez

PORT OF SPAIN, July 13: Ex-Test player Gerry Gomez says West Indies should go to play Test cricket in South

Africa, reports Reuter. "South Africa wants to play badly against the West Indies and we need the money badly," the Trinidadian former all rounder said, welcoming the republic's return to world

cricket. His remarks came after South African cricket chief Ali Bacher said South Africa look ing to play a Test series against

the West Indies or Pakistan. The West Indies delegation abstained from Wednesday's International Cricket Council (ICC) vote in London which approved South Africa's readmission to the international

Gomez told a luncheon audience South Africa had the best team in 1970, the last year in which they played Test cricket, and had maintained that playing standard through domestic competition and participation in English county

cricket. He looked forward to a tour of the Caribbean by a South African team.

"It would be a wonderful opportunity for people to make the world a better place to live in by accepting the South African players," he said. "I feel myself the time will

host South Africa." Hampshire

come when we will have to

LONDON, July 13: Hampshire ended Lancashire's

wicket win with 6.1 overs to spare when their Natwest Hampshire required 111 from the remaining 22 overs to overtake the 161 of Natwest

Man of the match Smith thrashed an unbeaten 79 from 90 balls while Gower's 53