

## Tania national chess queen

## Sports Reporter

Tania Parveen is the new national women's chess champion.

On the concluding day of the national championship at the NSC chess room yesterday, Tania edged out Syeda Parveen Nipa in the tie-break after both players had finished the seven-round Swiss league competition level on six points each. The Buscholtz tie-break system, applied in such cases to determine positions, gave Chittagong girl Tania a score of 31.5 to Nipa's 27.5.

Afroza Khanam Babee, who went into her last match of the tournament enjoying a half-point lead over both Tania and Shabana Nipa with a haul of five and a half points from her six previous games, fell short of the goal when Nipa beat her in a thrilling contest.

Tania beat Masuda Begum in her last match.

In the end Afroza had to settle for third place, thanks to the tie-break once again, which gave her a score of 32.5 over former national chess queen Rani Hamid's 31. The country's only International Woman Master, Rani Hamid also finished on five and a half points after beating Rukhsana Gulshan in her last encounter.

The prizes will be distributed today, coinciding with the conclusion of the national sub-junior meet at the same venue.

## Nat'l basketball final today

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Defending champions Bangladesh Navy will take on Dhaka University in today's final of the 15th national basketball championship for the BGIC Cup at the wooden-floor gymnasium. The match starts at 4:30 pm.

State Minister for Textiles Maj (Retd) Abdul Mannan will attend as chief guest and give away the trophies.

In the semifinals Navy beat Bangladesh Rifles while Dhaka University upset strong favourites Bangladesh Army in a cliff-hanger on Friday by 50 points to 48.

However, Army earned some solace when they beat Bangladesh Rifles 84-72 in the third-place deciding play-off between the losing semifinalists yesterday afternoon.

Army produced a terrific second half rally to come back and win the match after trailing the Riflemen by two points - 35-37 - at the breather.

As usual, Rahim was Army's best cager with 25 points while Siddiq netted 15 points. Aminul, 24, and Ayub, 23, excelled for BDR.

## ITF paves way for SA's return

HAMBURG, Germany, July 13: The International Tennis Federation (ITF) paved the way on Friday for South Africa to return to world tennis after being suspended for a decade because of its race policies, reports Reuter.

The ITF annual general meeting decided to send a delegation to South Africa within the month to assist in the reunification of the country's three separate tennis bodies.

The move followed ITF recognition of an interim committee representative of the three bodies - the South African Tennis Union, the Tennis Federation of South Africa and the Tennis Association of South Africa.

The ITF management committee had said in Rome in May that it was ready to welcome South Africa back once it unified its tennis bodies and the country was reinstated by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Earlier this week, the IOC announced that South Africa was being reinstated following the government's steps to end its apartheid policies.

## Lendl pulls out

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WASHINGTON, July 14: Ivan Lendl has withdrawn from the Washington tennis classic, just four days after he accepted a wild card entry as the top seed, reports AFP.

Lendl, ranked third in the world, underwent minor surgery last week for a recurrent infection of his right hand and decided to skip the tournament on the advice of his doctor.

Andre Agassi, ranked sixth, now will be the top seed for the tournament, which also features John McEnroe. The first round gets under way on Monday.

And, away in Gstaad, Switzerland, Sergi Bruguera and Emilio Sanchez set up an all-Spanish final in the 350,000 dollar Swiss Open on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Top seed Bruguera, the losing finalist last year, gave himself another crack at the title by defeating Yugoslav fourth seed Goran Ivanisevic 6-7, 6-3 in the first semifinal.

## Colombia shock Brazil



VINA DEL MAR, Chile, July 14: Colombia, rediscovering their 1990 World Cup flair, defeated South American soccer championship holders Brazil 2-0 in a Group B match on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Baddy missing their best strikers, tied up with European clubs, Brazil were never able to take the initiative in a game dominated by Colombian midfielders Valderrama and Rincon.

Brazil lacked imagination and speed and had no co-ordination in midfield until coach Paulo Roberto Falcao brought on Careca at halftime.

Colombia penetrated Brazil's defence repeatedly, creating numerous goal-scoring opportunities.

A centre pass by Valderrama, headed no by full-back Escobar, was volleyed into the net by striker Anthony De Avila in the 35th minute to put Colombia ahead.

Brazil hardly penetrated Colombia's area in the first half.

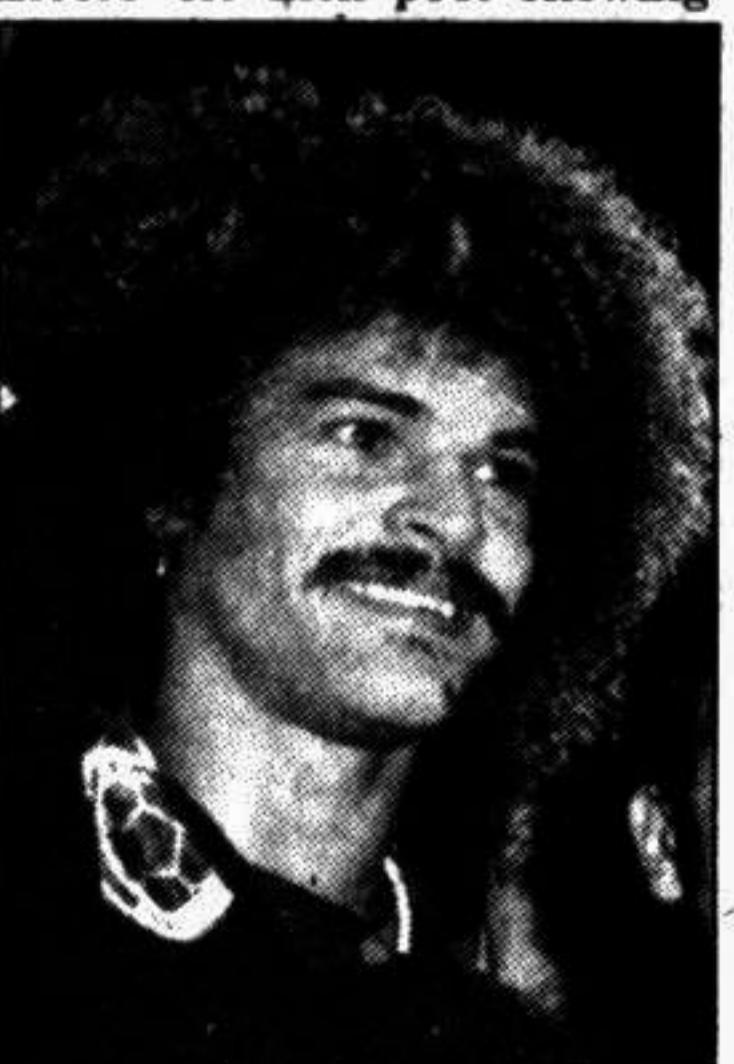
Falcao substituted Careca for captain Neto and Luiz Henrique at half time in a bid to inject life into Brazil's attack.

But Brazil came close to scoring only once with a shot by Careca that forced goalkeeper Higuita to push the ball over the bar.

Arnaldo Iguaran scored the

second goal in the 66th from a back heel by De Avila that Valderrama left for Iguaran who was clear on the edge of the goal area.

Falcao's team has been lambasted by the Brazilian press as "grotesque" and a "festival of Errors" for their poor showing



CARLOS VALDERRAMA

so far in the Copa America. It is the former international's first official tournament as coach.

Brazil beat a weak Bolivian side 2-1 and managed only a 1-1 draw with an inexperienced Uruguayan squad.

## TEAMS

BRAZIL: Tassarelli, Marcio, Gottardo, Ricardo Rocha, Branco, Mauro Silva, Mazinho, Neto (Careca), Renato, Rai (Luiz Henrique), Joao Paulo.

COLOMBIA: Higuita, Herrera, Perea, Escobar, Osorio, Redin, Alvarez, Rincon, Valderrama, De Avila, Iguaran.

## Ecuador sustain hopes

Meanwhile, in another Group B game, Ecuador knocked out Bolivia 4-0 on Saturday to keep alive their hopes of qualifying for the finals.

Alex Aguinaga, quickly taking advantage of a fallen Bolivian goalkeeper, opened the scoring in the 32nd minute with a magnificent 35 meter shot off a rebound by Kusuma 15-4, 3-15, 15-11.

All-England champion Aviles, in turn, headed in a centre by Aguinaga in the 42nd to put Ecuador 2-0 up at halftime.

Bolivia lost its best chance to score when Ramiro Castillo failed to convert a penalty in the 60th, blocked by goalkeeper Erwin Ramirez.

Ecuador kept up the pressure and Aviles scored off a centre by Nican Carcelen in the 73rd.

Six minutes later Aviles was brought down just inside the area and goalkeeper Ramirez converted.

Ecuador faces Brazil on Monday and Colombia players Uruguay to decide which two teams go through to the round-robin finals between four nations.

Brazil, Group B favourites, lost 4-0 to Colombia in a surprise upset on Saturday and will meet another South Korean, Lee Heung-Soon, in the final. Lee, joint fifth seed.

## All-Indonesian final at Jakarta



BANDUNG, July 14: World number one Ardy Wiranata crushed South Korean Lee Kwang-Jin 15-5,

15-2 in the Indonesian Open badminton semifinals on Saturday and will face Joko Suprianto in an all-Indonesian final today, reports Reuter.

Suprianto, seeded joint fifth, followed up Friday's quarter-final win over second-seeded Wu Wenka of China by overcoming joint third seed Kusuma 15-4, 3-15, 15-11.

All-England champion Wiranata made a slow start against the unseeded Lee, who forced him on the defensive with strong smashes.

But the top seed recovered with good angled returns to take the first game in 18 minutes and he raced through the second, Lee finding no answer to the Indonesian's powerful baseline smashes.

"Lee may become a good player in the future but I think he was very tired after winning his quarter-final yesterday," Wiranata said, recalling the South Korean's upset win over joint third seed Liu Jun of China on Friday.

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## Frugal flame!

SHEFFIELD, July 14: The flame at the World Student Games will burn fully for only 15 minutes after being lit by British astronaut Helen Sharman at today's opening ceremony, reports Reuter.

To save money and protect the environment it will then be dimmed until the closing ceremony on July 25 when it will be turned up full again for another 15 minutes.

Burning the flame fully in the ceremonial bowl for the entire 12 days would have cost at least 80,000 dollars and local sponsors were unwilling to foot the bill.

After today the stadium will be empty until the athletics programme begins next Saturday.

Ray Gridley, director of Games administration, said: "The flame will not die. The miner's lamp that has carried the flame all the way from Sapporo (venue of the Winter Student Games) will continue to shield the dimmed flame throughout the Games."

The two women exchanged breaks to 2-2 in the second set, but when Sabatini broke again at love and then kept her own service, surviving three break points in the following two games, the match was apparently in the Argentines' hands.

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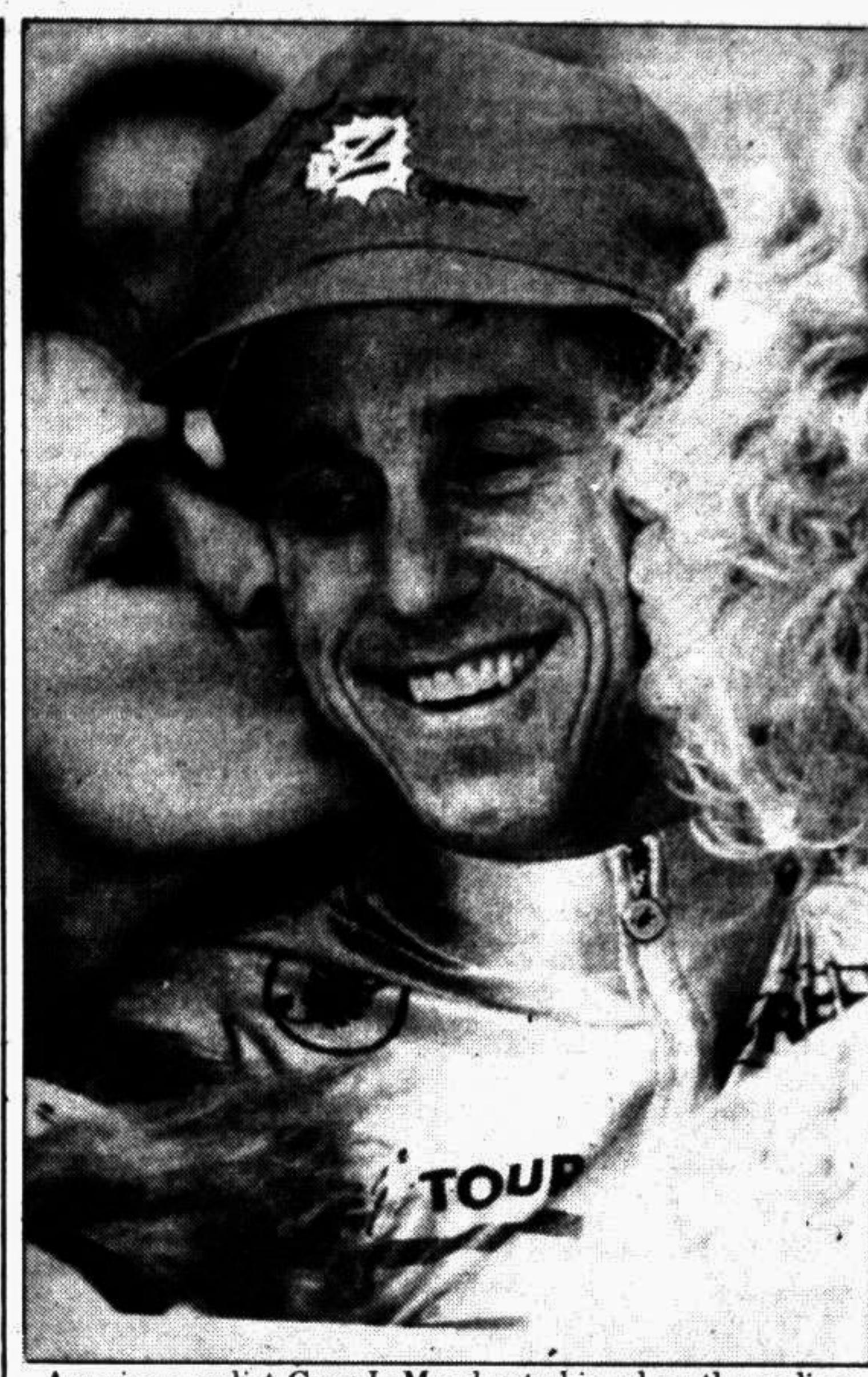
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American cyclist Greg LeMond gets kissed on the podium on July 13 as he regains the leader's yellow Jersey after the time trial of the 8th stage of the Tour de France. - AFP photo

## Logie, Lambert blast tons

DOWNPATRICK, Northern Ireland, July 14: West Indies batsmen Clayton Lambert and Gus Logie hit centuries but Ireland had no trouble holding out for a draw in a one-day cricket match on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Set an impossible 322 to win in 160 minutes, Ireland reached 165 for five at the close with West Indies acting captain Desmond Haynes using seven bowlers, including himself.

Irish skipper Stephen Warke put up the early resistance to frustrate the West Indies' attack which was without pace bowlers Malcolm Marshall and Curtly Ambrose.

West Indies amassed 321 for four in just three-and-a-half hours before the declaration with Logie scoring 118, including 14 fours and three sixes.

He shared a third-wicket partnership of 181 in just 99 minutes with Lambert scoring 105 with 13 fours and two sixes.

## Moscow marathon

MOSCOW, July 14: John Boura of Tanzania won the 11th Moscow peace marathon on Saturday in a time of two hours, 13 minutes and five seconds, reports Reuter.

Yelena Semyonova of the Soviet Union won the women's race in 2:33: 12.

About 6,000 people took part.

## Atlanta to welcome SA

ATLANTA, July 12: Atlanta Olympic Committee chairman Andrew Young predicted on Thursday that the readmission of South Africa to the Olympic movement would be welcomed by civil rights leaders in the United States, reports Reuter.

Young, a former aide to slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr, said he applauds Tuesday's historic decision by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) that lifted the ban on South African participation in international competition in time for the 1992 Barcelona Games.

"The civil rights community has never been anti-South Africa, we've been anti-apartheid," Young said at a news conference. "If South Africans come here together as one national family, everybody will welcome them with open arms."

## Italian spikers trounce Japanese

TOKYO, July 14: Defending champions Italy trounced Japan 3-0 in the 10-nation world league men's volleyball tournament at the Osaka castle hall in Osaka today, reports AFP.

The 15-2, 15-5, 15-13 victory was the Italian spikers' 12th win against two losses in the five-nation group's round robin series.

The Italians have won all four matches against Japan after a close 3-2 victory at the same hall on Saturday.

The result brought Japan's record to five wins against 11 losses.

## SOCCER SCENARIO

## Souness' record breaking bid for Saunders

LONDON, July 14: Liverpool manager Graham Souness has signed England international Mark Wright and made a record-breaking bid for his Derby teammate Dean Saunders, reports Reuter.

Wright, who signed a five-year contract on Friday night for 2.2 million pounds sterling (3.5 million dollars), was the first signing by Souness since he arrived at Anfield in April.

The defender will be a key part of the club's European campaign next season. Liverpool, with 11 non-English first team squad players, will only be allowed four foreigners in the UEFA Cup.

The Welsh striker was put on the transfer list by his relegated club after last season.

## Spanish clubs can sign 4 foreigners

MADRID, July 14: Spanish First Division clubs can have four foreign players from next season but only three will be allowed on the pitch at once, Spanish Football Federation officials said on Saturday, reports Reuter.

The fourth foreigner will only be able to substitute another non-Spanish player.

## Leading Copa America scorers

ATIAGO, July 14: Leading scorers in the South American nations soccer championship after games played on Saturday.

Four goals: Gabriel Batistuta (Argentina).

Three goals: Ivan Zambrano (Chile), Luis Mazon (Paraguay).