

Under-16s' coaching in each division

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The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) will undertake a coaching for under-16 players with a view to raise the overall standard of the game in the country.

The coaching will be held in each of the four divisions of the country, the president of the BFF Muhammad Siddiqur Rahman told this while discussing with the local sports journalists various aspects of the development of football yesterday in the conference room of the BFF.

Coaches will train 30 players in each divisional centres. The coaching in Chittagong division begins tomorrow in Chittagong, while those in Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna divisions will begin on September 27.

Each division will be provided with Tk one lakh by the BFF to run these programmes. Besides this the BFF will organise an under-16 tournament in January next year.

Two top teams from each division along with a BKSP under-16 side will be invited to this tournament.

The BKSP side which will

East Bengal in Bordoloi final

GUWAHATI, Sept 16: East Bengal, Calcutta, stormed into the final of the 39th Lokapriya Bordoloi Trophy football tournament in style trouncing Shillong Eleven 6-2 in the second semi-final played in the Nehru Stadium here today, reports PTI.

The winners led 5-1 during the half time.

The Calcutta outfit, played attacking soccer from the start although by end some players tended to relax slowing down the pace.

Boguinaskaya can't be denied her due



INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, Sept 16: The Chinese men's team was looking optimistically toward next year's Barcelona Olympics after its gymnasts staged a strong finish in the apparatus finals here Sunday at the World Gymnastics Championships, reports AFP.

China, which finished second behind the Soviet Union in the team competition, won five medals — including two golds — in the final two days of the meet, which also served as the Olympic qualifier.

Li Jing, the 21-year-old veteran of the team, placed first on the parallel bars here Sunday with a score of 9.862 while the team's youngest member Li Chunyang shared gold medal honours with Germany's Ralf Buchner on the high bar, with both gymnasts scoring a 9.787.

"I'm very happy with the performance of the team, considering how young they are compared to the other teams," said Chinese coach Gao Jiang. "I'm very optimistic about the future of the Chinese team."

Guo Linyao won his second medal in as many days on Sunday, placing third on the parallel bars behind Igor Korobchinsky of the Soviet Union. He won the silver medal on the pommel horse on Saturday.

Li Jing, the 1989 bronze medalist in the all-around, also finished third on the pommel horse to give China a total of five medals in two days, which Gao thought would send a message to the Soviets, who won the team gold medal and swept the all-around.

"This will give us the momentum for Barcelona, absolutely," Jiang said, adding, "We will definitely try to beat the Soviets in Barcelona. Like I said, I'm pretty optimistic."

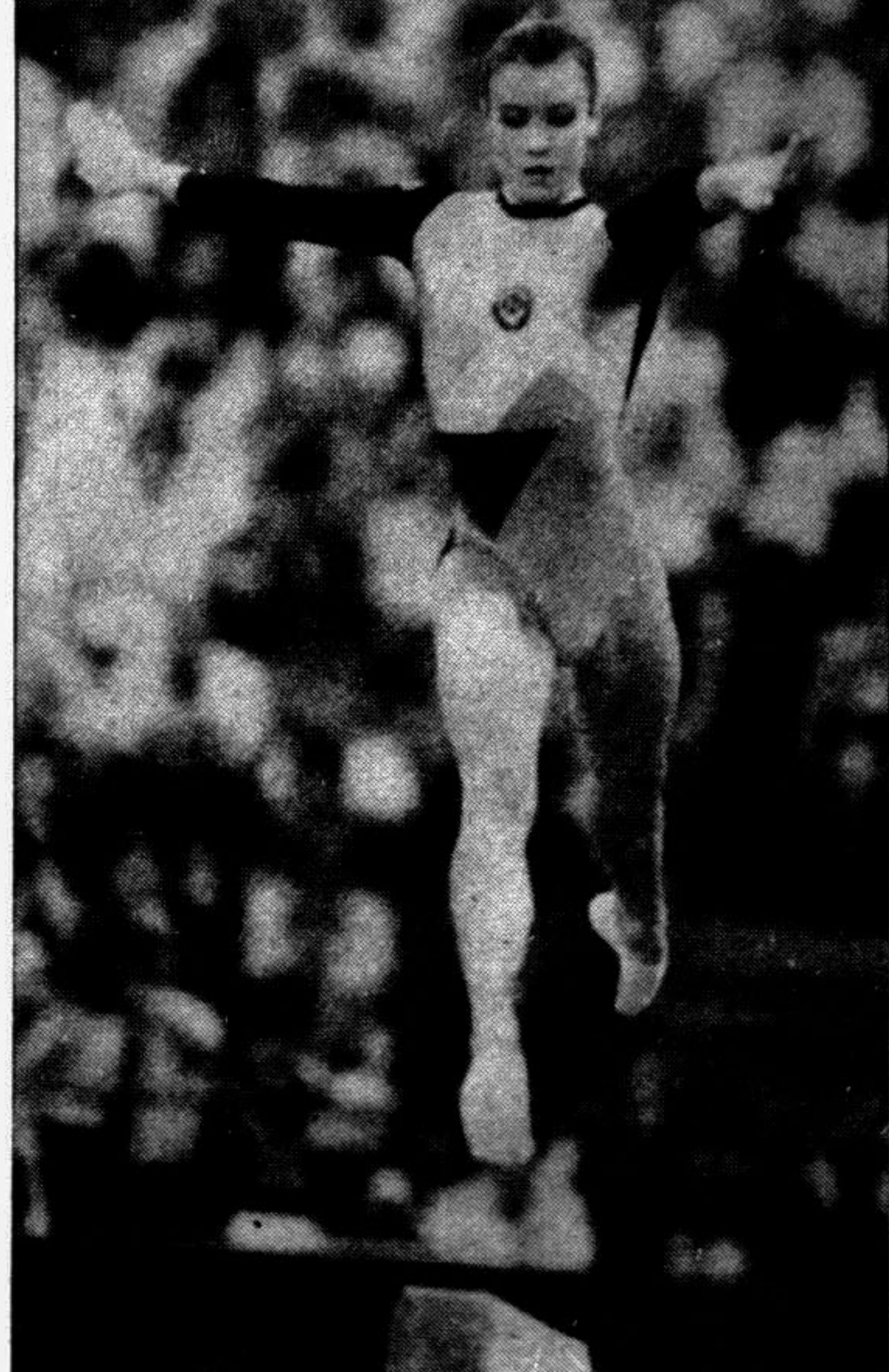
One day after North Korea's Kim Gwang-Suk delighted the fans at the Hossier Dome by scoring a perfect '10' to win the uneven bars, South Korean Yu Ok Yul captured the gold medal on the high bar, scoring a 9.700 to slip past Vitaly Scherbo of the Soviet Union by just .001 points.

"I did not expect to do this well," said Yu, who did not participate in the all-around despite finishing 29th in the

team competition. "I thought the Soviets would do really well, so I did not expect this medal."

Yu was aided by the fact that two gymnasts — all-around gold medalist Grigori Misutin

and Svetlana Boguinaskaya won the gold medal on the balance beam and later snubbed all-around champion Kim Zmeskal during the award ceremonies for the floor exercise, where the American took the



The Soviet Union's Svetlana Boguinaskaya performs her gold-medal routine on the balance beam on Sept 15 during the women's individual event finals at the 1991 World Gymnastics Championships. Boguinaskaya won first place with a score of 9.962.

and Japan's Yukio Iketani — fell during their routines on the spectacular, but dangerous apparatus.

Iketani, trying to win the third individual medal for Japan, crashed into the bar while performing a difficult release move and was unable to continue. After several anxious moments, however, he got to his feet and walked away.

In the two women's apparatus

Boguinaskaya, the 1989 champion, was ruffled over US coach Bela Karolyi's remarks about "the end of an era" following Zmeskal's triumph Friday and had fired back: "I don't think Kim Zmeskal is that good a gymnast to make my era come to an end."

Zmeskal's teammate Betty Okino, meanwhile, performed as expected on the balance beam and came away with the bronze medal, her score of 9.900 matching that of Lavinia Milosovici of Romania, who won the gold medal in the women's vault on Saturday.

Afterward, Okino said she thought she could have scored higher, but decided to perform an unprecedented triple piroouette and nearly lost her balance as a result.

"It (the move) wouldn't be named after me if I didn't do it," she explained. "I was nervous to do that turn because it hadn't been going too well for me in practice."

Cristina Bontas shared the gold medal with Oksana Tchuosvitina of the Soviet Union in the floor exercise, providing a strong finish for the Romanians, who were disappointed by their bronze medal performance in the team competition.

"I feel like everything finally went right today," said Romanian coach Octavian Belu, who previously had refused to meet with the media. "Today, it was right (for Bontas) to win on the floor and yesterday, it was right (for Milosovici) to win on the vault."

Belu, a former colleague of Karolyi, had been critical of the judging during the team and all-around competition, but was smiling Sunday as he praised the Americans for their preparation before entering the competition. Everything turned out very well.

MEDALS TABLE

Final medals count in Indianapolis World Gymnastics Championships, on Sunday:

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Soviet Union	8	8	2	18
China	2	2	2	6
Romania	2	-	3	5
United States	1	2	2	5
Germany	1	1	3	5
Japan	-	-	2	2
South Korea	-	-	1	1
North Korea	-	-	1	1
Hungary	-	1	-	1
Italy	-	-	1	1

bronze. Boguinaskaya, who finished second in the all-around, refused to shake hands with Zmeskal on the podium and was booed by the crowd.

"She doesn't have to if she doesn't want to. She can do whatever she wants," said Zmeskal, who apparently brushed past Boguinaskaya during the awards ceremony for the women's vault on Saturday.

Backley redeems Tokyo failure

SHEFFIELD, England, Sept 16: Steve Backley smashed his British and Commonwealth javelin records with the third longest throw in history at an international athletics meeting on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Seven world champions were on view at the meeting, but Backley upstaged them all with a throw of 91.36 metres — three weeks after he flopped in Tokyo last month by failing to qualify for the World Championship final.

Backley's opening throw left a brilliant field, including Finland's world champion Kimmo Kinnunen and world record holder Seppo Raty, as distant also-rans. It would have won him gold in Tokyo and has only ever been bettered by Raty's 96.96 and 91.98 metres world records set earlier this summer.

He revealed later that he might have performed better in Tokyo if he had bothered to have injections to cure the groin injury which badly hampered his preparations.

Draw favours Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept 16: Brazilians are confident they can maintain their record as the only country to have played in every World Cup final series, following the draw for the South American qualifying groups for the 1994 competition, reports Reuter.

The draw, made in Asuncion at the weekend, placed Brazil in Group A with Colombia, Peru, Paraguay and Venezuela. It is considered the easier group as the top two teams qualify automatically for

133 countries to World Cup

ZURICH, Sept 16: A record 133 countries have entered for the 1994 World Cup in the United States, the International Football Federation (FIFA) said on Monday, reports Reuter.

The 1990 tournament in Italy attracted 112 entries, the previous highest figure.

The draw for the preliminary rounds will take place in New York on December 8.

Atletico ahead

MADRID, Sept 16: Atletico Madrid retained their lead on goal difference in the Spanish soccer league on Sunday with a comfortable 3-0 home win against Lowly Espanol of Barcelona, reports Reuter.

Manolo Sanchez's opening goal in the 12th minute was followed two minutes later by a second from Gabriel Moya.

Portuguese Paulo Futre and Bernd Schuster of Germany set up Juan Vizcaino to extend Atletico's domination in the 55th minute.

Espanol played the last 29 minutes with 10 men after Gernan Wolfram Wuttke was sent off for complaining to the referee.

Atletico, last year's runners-up to Barcelona, have scored seven times without conceding a goal to Leedsvilla and Real Madrid, who also have three wins.

Sevilla, also playing at home, beat Sporting Ojón 2-1

Germans blank the Dutch

BERLIN, Sept 16: Germany shot to the top of the table in the men's Champions Trophy here Sunday after defeating their traditional rivals the Netherlands 3-0.

When the teams last met in the European Cup final in Paris in June the score was 3-1 to Germany and the pattern of yesterday's game was much the same. They took command

early and always looked as if they would win.

Germany were as usual held together by their deep defender Carsten Fischer who stamped his influence on the match and finished with two splendid goals from short corners.

Not until late in the game did the Netherlands get together as an attacking unit and Fischer himself broke up a couple of dangerous raids by Taco Van Den Honert.

The Dutch looked spirited without their experienced coach Hans Jorisma who was unable to attend because of the death of his father. However he is expected to take charge of the team in two days.

Australia, winners for the past two years and five times in all, gained a comfortable 3-1 victory over the Soviet Union and now feel more confident for the battles yet to come against Britain, the Netherlands and Germany.

Forget wins Bordeaux title

BORDEAUX, France, Sept 16: World number six Guy Forget wrapped up victory in double quick time at the Bordeaux men's tournament on Sunday, beating Olivier Delaitre in just 54 minutes of an all-French final, reports Reuter.

Forget, using his big serve and strong all-court game to devastating effect, won 6-1, 6-3 to capture his fourth tournament victory of the year and the seventh of his career.

The unseeded Delaitre, ranked 83rd in the world, had beaten three seeds on his way to the final but had no weapons to worry the fluent Forget.

Forget leads the French squad against Yugoslavia in a world group semifinal starting on Friday

Vitesse maintain lead

AMSTERDAM, Sept 16: Vitesse Arnhem remained at the top of the Dutch First Division after beating FC Volendam 1-0 away on Sunday, reports Reuter.

John Van Den Brom scored from 15 metres in the 10th minute after Hans Van Arum had set up the chance.

Volendam came closest to equalising in the second half when a free-kick by Frank Berghuis hit the post.

Vitesse head the table with 11 points from seven games, followed by RKC Waalwijk whose 3-0 win against Den Haag left them with nine from seven.

Ajax Amsterdam, unbeaten after four matches, had to mark time this weekend after

their game in Groningen was called off by the local mayor because of fears of violent clashes between rival supporters.

Pamphlets distributed in the city urged home fans to bring weapons to the match. Police arrested 10 people after searches led to the discovery of bomb-making equipment.

PSV Eindhoven maintained their 100 per cent record on Saturday, beating Roda JC Kerkrade 2-1 at home.

Two first-half goals from Juul Ellerman gave the champions their fourth win.

PSV, who play Turkish champions Besiktas in a first round European Cup tie on Wednesday, trail the leaders by three points. Ajax are a point further adrift.

Carrera goal gives AC a vital point

ROME, Sept 16: A last-minute own goal by Juventus defender Massimo Carrera gave AC Milan a valuable point in a 1-1 draw between the pace-setters of the Italian First Division on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Striker Pierluigi Casiraghi put Juventus into the lead in the 14th minute, picking up the loose ball after Salvatore Schillaci's shot had been blocked by AC Milan's 19-year-old midfielder Demetrio Albertini.

But just when it seemed Juventus had done enough to move clear at the top, Carrera headed a lobbed cross from Milan's international defender Paolo Maldini into his own net when goalkeeper Stefano Tacconi had appeared to have it covered.

Milan's city rivals Internazionale edged into top spot with a 2-0 home win over Verona which put them in front of Juventus and Milan on goal difference. All three have

five points from three matches.

England midfielder David Platt scored his second Italian league goal, netting in the 76th minute to give Bari a 1-1 home draw against defending champions Sampdoria.

Sampdoria, who entertain Norway's Rosenborg in the first round of the European Cup on Wednesday, are halfway down the table on three points.

VAN BASTEN UNFIT

Milan striker Marco Van Basten failed a late fitness test fellow Dutchman Ruud Gullit was the side's most dangerous forward, twice testing Tacconi, with shots on target.

Italy striker Gianluigi Viali scored his 75th league goal when he put Sampdoria in front at Bari in the seventh minute from a cross by Yugoslav midfielder Srecko Katanec.

Bari's Brazilian striker Joao Paulo was carried off on a stretcher after a tackle by Sampdoria defender Marco

Lanna in the 10th minute. The club said later he had broken a bone in his left leg and would be out for at least a month.

Midfielder Stefano Desideri, signed from AS Roma in the close season, scored both inter goals.

He struck from the rebound after Verona goalkeeper Attilio Gregori saved an Andreas Brehme penalty in first-half injury time and converted from the spot himself in the 70th minute.

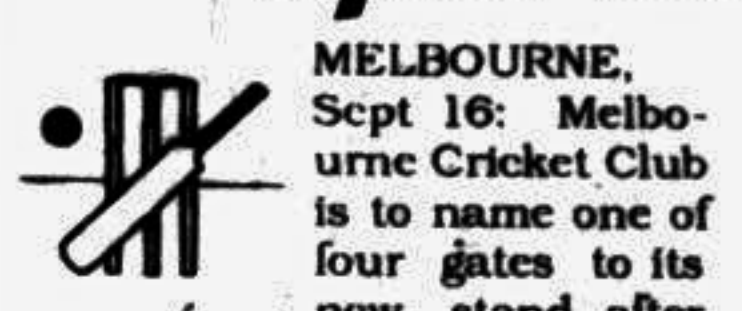
Inter were awarded four penalties altogether, but Germany skipper Lothar Matthaus had one saved by Gregori and Massimo Ciocci put another wide.

FOGGIA SHOCK FIORENTINA

Newly-promoted Foggia shocked Fiorentina with two goals in four minutes from defenders Dan Eptrescu and Maurizio Codispoti midway through the second half to secure a 2-1 away win.

Fiorentina took the lead in the 27th minute, also through

MCG to name stand after Bradman



MELBOURNE, Sept 16: Melbourne Cricket Club is to name one of four gates to its new stand after history's greatest cricketer, Sir Don Bradman, the MCC said Monday, reports AFP.

Club Secretary John Lill said the MCC felt it would be inappropriate to name the entire stand after an individual, although Bradman would have been the only person, who qualified for that honour.

A second gate will be named after Bill Woodfull, who captained Australia against England in the infamous Bodyline Series of 1933, so-called because of the intimidatory tactics of English fast bowlers.

Sir Donald said he would be honoured to have his name on a gate beside Woodfull's, Lill said in a telephone interview.

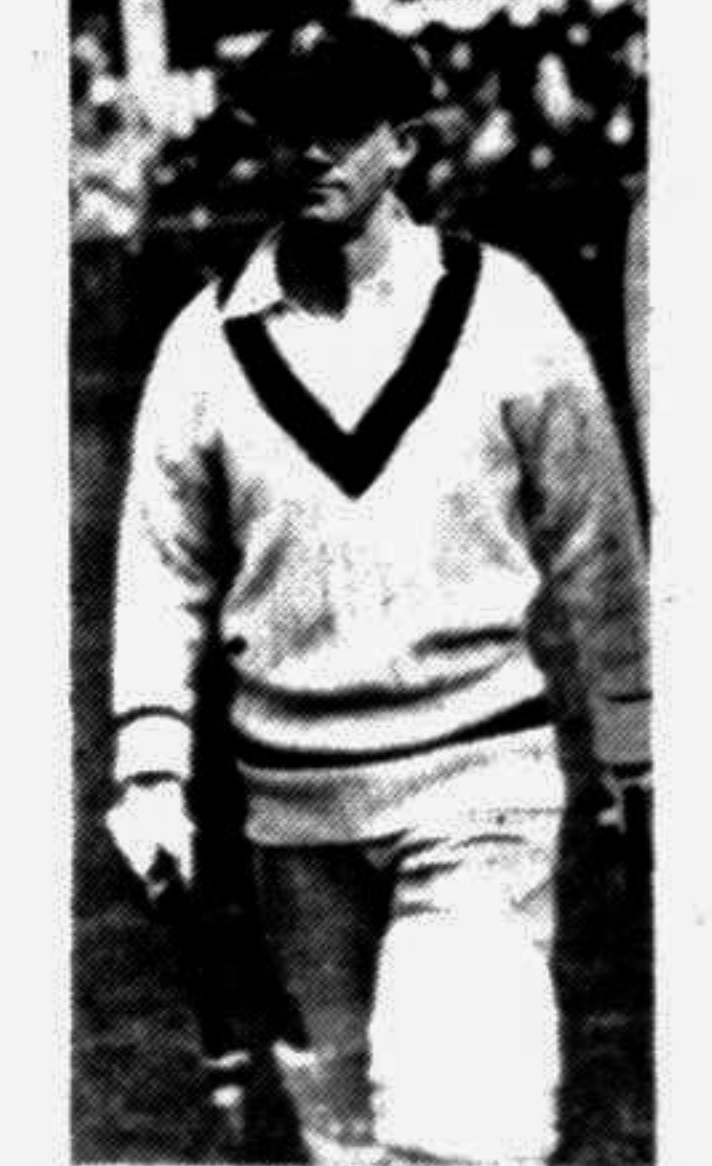
Melbourne Cricket Ground is the home of Australian cricket — the first Test against England was played in here 1877 — but it is also used for Australian Rules football and the names of heroes of that sport will appear on the two other gates to the great southern stand.

This stand has a bigger capacity than the Sydney football ground, Lill said.

The only person you could

name it after would be Sir Donald Bradman, he's the only person with the stature for it.

But after due consideration



SIR DONALD

he decided that it would not be appropriate: He already has stands named after him in Sydney and Adelaide, in the states he represented. And he's not a Victorian.

The new stand at the MCC is nearing completion and should be ready in time for the cricket World Cup, being played in Australia and New Zealand in February and March 1992.

Rhodes shines in Botham's farewell tie



MANCHESTER, England, Sept 16: Wicketkeeper Steve Rhodes hit his maiden one-day century to upstage Ian Botham's farewell as Worcestershire beat Lancashire by seven runs in the English League Cup cricket final at Old Trafford on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Rhodes, nominated ahead of Botham as stop-gap opener to replace Australian Tom Moody, justified his promotion with a brilliant display of strokeplay.

His 105 in 131 minutes and 127 balls included nine fours and two sixes, the first sailing into the crowd at mid-wicket and the second smacking against the sight-screen.

Botham, who joins Durham for their entry into county cricket next season, hit 21 not

Hooper for Kent

LONDON, Sept 16: West Indies Test batsman Carl Hooper is joining Kent on a two-year contract, the English County Cricket Club announced today, reports Reuter.

Hooper, who has played 32 Tests, scoring 1,409 runs with three centuries, replaces West Indian paceman Tony Merrick as the country's overseas player.

Kent Chairman Peter Edgely said: "his (Hooper's) ability to bowl off-spin will add variety to the attack and his batting will be a great asset to our top order."

out in the late thrash to help Worcestershire score 235 for five from their 40 overs.

Lancashire were struggling at 38 for two, but a half century from finished with five for 42, during a vital second spell torpedoed Lancashire's final assault.

They were finally all out to the last ball of the 40 over, still seven runs short of the Worcestershire total.

Lancashire, who also lost Worcestershire in the Benson and Hedges one-day final earlier this season, later announced that left-hand batsman Neil Fairbrother would captain the county next season.

Waugh ton steers Australia "B"

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, Sept 16: Australian Test discard Steve Waugh hit a fine unbeaten century on Sunday to steer Australia 'B' to a 35-run win over Zimbabwe and level their three match limited over-series 1-1, reports Reuter.

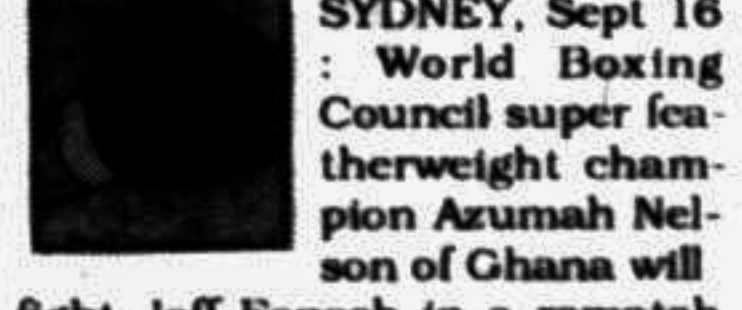
Zimbabwe won the first match by six wickets.

Waugh hit nine fours and a six in a robust 116 not out to help Australia 'B' to 244 for seven in their 50 overs.

The target appeared well within Zimbabwe's reach after first wicket.

But everything went wrong after they departed, Arnott for 61 and Flower for 49. Zimbabwe's last eight wickets fell for 68. Scamer Rod Tucker took four for 41.

Nelson defence to be the richest bout in Australia



SYDNEY, Sept 16: World Boxing Council super featherweight champion Azumah Nelson of Ghana will fight Jeff Fenech in a rematch that will be the richest fight in Australian boxing history, it was announced Monday, reports AFP.

Fenech's promoter Bill Mordey said the bout would cost 3.5 million US dollars to stage and each boxer would receive a seven figure sum although he admitted to being disappointed in the purse.

Mordey is waiting for the US television network show-time to specify a date for the bout but said it would be in Melbourne in December.

Fenech signed for the match two weeks ago but Nelson signed only Sunday after finalising financial details with his US promoter Don King.

"King's got him down somewhat, but I was disappointed in the final figure," said Mordey.

A flat guarantee plus a percentage from other parts of the action so that will obviously come up to more dollars.

"The fight is locked in, the venue has still to be determined," he said the bout would be co-promoted with King.

Although Fenech has frequently expressed his dislike of King following his controversial draw with Nelson in Las Vegas in June, Mordey said Fenech had no complaints about the arrangements for the re-match.

French is presently recovering from a virus he picked up in Melbourne prior

to his 10-round points win over Argentinian Miguel Francia last Friday.

"I've seen him fight a hell of a lot better. I think it just shows that he did need that fight to get ready for Nelson. That would have got a lot of the ring-rust out of him."

"It wasn't Jeff's best performance but I do think it will improve him 100 per cent and just top him off now for Azumah."

Chinese spikers pip Sri Lankans

BANGKOK, Sept 16: Defending champion China comfortably defeated Sri Lanka 15-3, 15-0, 15-0 in the Group B first round match of the Asian women's volleyball championships here Saturday, reports AFP.

South Korea, runner-up in last year's championships, beat India, 15-3, 15-3, 15-2 in a Group C contest.

Fourteen countries are taking part in the championships, with the finals to be played next Saturday.

Motor rallying

SENDAI, Japan, Sept 16: Britain's Geoff Lees and Sweden's Eje Elgh drove a Toyota 910-V to victory Sunday in the All-Japan sports prototype car championships, reports AFP.

They crossed the finish line six seconds ahead of a Nissan driven by Japan's Akhiki Nakaya and Volker Wedler of Germany.

The Lees-Elgh team sped 135 laps around the 3.7-kilometer Sugo International course in northern Japan in 2 hours, 57 minutes, 30.838 sec