Dhaka meet Tangail in today's final

Comilla District Sports Associa-tion became the champions of Chittagong Divi-sion when they outplayed Feni DSA 18-10 in their zonal final of the Uttara Motors national kabaddi championship match

at Comilla In Dhaka Division, Tangail and Dhaka DSA's moved into the final after winning their respective semifinal matches at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court in Dhaka.

Tangail swamped Narayanganj 51-13 in the first semifinal of the day after leading 19-9 at helftime.

Tangail earned four lonas. Dhaka, in the second semifinal, thrashed Gazipur DSA 42-8 after leading 17-8 at the breather.

Dhaka will meet Tangail in

the zonal final today at 4.30

Sports Reporter

In Chittagong Division, Comilla moved into the final first beating Moulvibazar 26-11

semifinal by 42-13. Fent made it to the final winning against Chittagong 21-18 in the second semi final of the day.

and then Chandpur in the

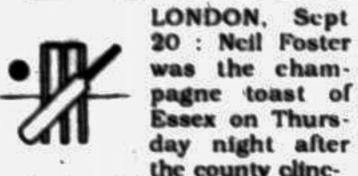
Comilla and Feni both qualifled for the final round in Dhaka. The results of the other two zonal finals were not available till filing of this report.

Top two teams from each of the four zones will qualify for the final round scheduled to be held in Dhaka from September 26 to 28 at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court. Bangladesh Fire Service and

Bangladesh Ansars have already qualified for the final round from the Services Zone. The final round in Dhaka

will be held on a round robin

Foster Essex's hero



the county clinched their fifth county championship crown in thirteen scasons, reports AFP.

The former England paceman with the Dodgy knees collected his 97th first class wicket of the summer to wrap up victory over Middlesex at Chemfore on Thursday. Foster led the side off the

field after an innings and 208 run win, having claimed six for 104 in the second innings for a 10 wicket match haul. Now, he has the chance to

top 100 victims in next week's challenge match against Sheffield Shield champions Victoria.

Captain Graham Gooch said. "Lots of our players have made big contributions, but Neil has really come up trumps. He's been in a lot of pain with his knees but he's a class act."

Runners-up Warwickshire have the prolific Jimmy Cook barring the way to their 11th win of the campaign at Taunton.

Somerset were set 409 in 122 over and Cook was 26 not out at 60 for one, with an aggregate of 2,741 leaving him just 20 short of Bills Alley's 30-year-old club record.

Chris Adams dropped by Martyn Moxon before scoring and escaping on two other occasions took advantage to score 112 as Derbyshtre made a game of it against Yorkshire. They rallied to 374, leaving

Yorksire needing 191 to win. David Ward's first century of the season gave Surrey rcspectability at Old Trafford, forced to follow on they im-

France, Sept 20:

One month after

becoming the

most expensive

player in French

history, English

midfielder Trevor Steven has

no doubts he made the right

who cost Marseille boss

Bernard Tapie 50 million

francs (8.7 million dollars) to

prise away from Glasgow

Rangers, has already earned

his spurs with the partisan and

demanding fans in the

are one of the greatest clubs in

Europe and one of the most

famous at the moment," he

the players from their

European Cup campaign.

agreed straightaway to come

here and I'm very happy about

well as I can and win the

French league and the

ship his English teammate

Chris Waddle, signed from

Tottenham two years earlier,

quickly learned to appreciate

cially at home," Steven said.

"But frankly what surprised me

was to see that an impressive

number of our supporters are

crowd-pleaser with his ball

juggling and clawing, Steven

has established a more solid

reputation as players' player, -

Whereas Waddle is a natural

there at away games as well."

"The fans are great, espe-

The fans, who virtually wor-

European Cup.

Steven's skills.

"Now my aim is to play as

"I got to know the team and

told Reuters in an interview.

"I signed because Marseille

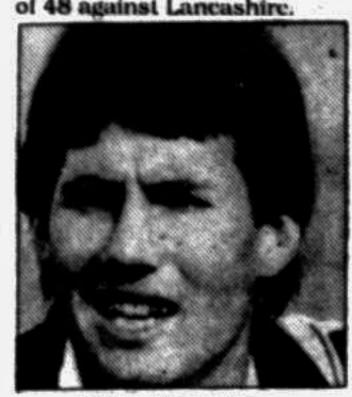
The former Everton player,

move, reports Reuter.

Mediterranean port.

soccer

of 48 against Lancashire.



NEIL FOSTER

West Indian all rounder Franklyn Stephenson rounded off his Nottinghamshire career on a winning note at Trent Bridge.

Stephenson, who has failed to agree terms with the county for next season, took the last two Worcestershire wickets to seal an innings and 70-run victory, after figures of five for 63 in their first knock.

Worcestershire's only resistance came from Graeme Hick who battled for 143 minutes for 63.

Botham to dabble

as little about Steven before he establish a regular place in a

arrived as they had earlier team where there is hot com-

LONDON, Sept 20: England all-rounder lan Botham has defended his decision to have another stab at motor-racing in a fund-raising exercise, reports AFP.

Botham, who wrote off two stabs when he last dabbled with high-speed motorcars in 1982, will risk life and limb by driving 140 mph Ford



IAN BOTHAM

about the almost equally ex-

pensive Waddle, were uncon-

cerned to find he was no car-

bon copy of his illustrious pre-

50 million francs and he's

English, he must be good

enough, was the general reac-

TREVOR STEVEN

tion from a crowd who waved

Union Jack and chanted his

name when Steven made his

cheering him wildly when he

scored his first goal against

smoothed his path in more

ways than one. When Steven

arrived at Marseille airport,

the winger brought along his

entire family to welcome the

new signing and make him feel

rumours that Waddle was less

than happy about having an

English rival at the club.

The move also snuffed out

"At last I'm going to able to

Toulouse earlier this month.

They stayed loyal, too,

Waddle has certainly

debut against Nimes.

at home.

If Tapie thinks he's worth

Sapphire Cosworth at Donington Park next month to help raise 250,000 pounds to pay for an information technology unit at the George Spencer School Nottingham.

Having created a stir by being unavailable for the start of England's winter tour because of pantomime, commitments Botham was the subject of more criticism when news of this latest escapade was announced.

He said "I think it's damned sigh safer than driving on some of our roads these day. And anyway there's a risk involved in everything you do in

Botham made it clear that he intends to make a success of his latest venture when he takes part in the Firestone production car championship at Donington on October 20.

"Like everything I do in life, I will take it seriously, put in 100 per cent effort and try damned hard to win. You certainly won't find me hanging around."

Three other French mid-

fielders, Jocelyn Angloma,

Jean-Philippine Durnand and

Didier Deschamps, are all in

and out of the side even

though the trio are regularly

called up by Michel Platini for

Stojkovic, the brilliant Yugoslav

World Cup star who cost Tapic

played only a handful of games

before leaving for the Italian

club Verona after one season,

is a clear reminder of how

like this week when he was

relegated to the bench for the

European Cup first round

Luxembourg as trainer

Tomislav lvic opted for a for-

in the 5-0 win only as a second

pressions of French soccer,

Steven said: "I've played in

England and Scotland. There

is a difference in the rhythm of

the game which is faster in

technical. But I've found more

similarities than differences so

in the sun with a team aiming

to become the first French

side to lift a European title and

make up for the disappoint-

ment of losing last year's

European Cup sinal after a

penalty shoot-out with Red

"Here, it is perhaps more

Steven is looking for a place

The Englishman appeared

Asked about his early im-

mation with four strikers.

against Union

Steven found out what it is

similar fortune and who

The fate of Dragan

petition for places.

France.

tough it is.

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England.

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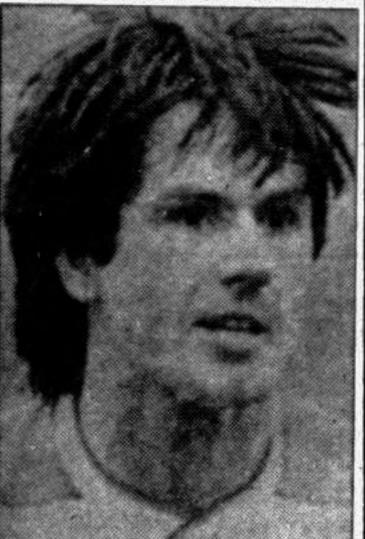
Fenwick jailed Steven thinks he's made a right move

on Saturday.

LONDON, Sept 20 : English defender Terry Fenwick was jailed for four months Rriday for driving with a suspended license and failing to submit to a breath test, making him the second national team player to be imprisoned in 10 months, reports AP.

The 31-year-old Tottenham player also had his license suspended for four years and was fined dlrs 510 for driving without insurance.

Last December, Arsenal



TERRY FÉNWICK

captain Tony Adms, who late guided his team to the English league title, served for months after he admitted to driving while intoxicated.

Police told Thames court, east London, at a previous hearing that they arrested Fenwick outside his own pub.

Soccer results

TOLUCA, Mexico, Sept 20: Mexico defeated Surinam 6-0 (4-0 halftime) on Wednesday in a qualifying round soccer match for the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, reports Reuter.

Scoring: Ramon Ramirez (sixth minute), Pineda (12th, 34th-penalty, both), Salvador Amriscal (19th), Camilo Romero (71st).

Pakistanis swamp the Soviets BERLIN, Sept 20 on Saturday, the penultimate and we shall not make the de-



by a technical knockout at the end of the 10th round.

Aussies win by

ten wickets

Sept 20 : Pace bowler Paul

Reiffel completed a ninc

wicket match haul as Australia

B crushed Zimbabwe by 10

wickets on Thursday, reports

nings at 193 for three,

Zimbabwe were bowled out for

309 soon after lunch on the

Taylor and Jamia Cox knocked

crumbled opener Grant

Flower, 63 not out overnight,

was trapped leg before by

Reiffel for 84. He was also top

scorer in the first innings with

seven wickets to fall on

Thursday, finished with five for

ond four-day match in Harare

Reiffel, who took four of the

The two sides begin a sec-

off the 20 needed for victory.

Australian skipper Mark

Zimbabwe's resistance

fourth and final day.

Resuming their second in-

Reuter.

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe.

Pakistan shot to the top of the men's standings in the 13th Champions' Trophy on Thursday setting up a thrilling finish to

Japanese challenger Joichi Tatsuyoshi gives a left hook to the face of champion Greg Richardson of the US during the

second round of the WBC bantamweight title bout in Moriguchi, central Japan, 19 Sept. Tatsuyoshi became new champion

the tournament, seports AFP. The former world and Olympic champions' 7-2 win over the Soviet Union pushed the Germans off the top as they were held 1-1 by Great

Britain. But Australia are not out of it yet and neither are the Netherlands

Britain, who took a point off the Germans for the first time in three meetings since beating them in the Olympic final in Seoul, have a chance of a medal but they face Pakistan

British coach Norman

Hunges said of Thursday's fine draw: "There was just that amount to effort in the side to make life uncomfortable for the Germans." "I can assure you that

Pakistan will not find the room they were given by the Soviet Union today." In recent weeks Britain and

Pakistan have played three times. Pakistan won 2-1 at Prescott and 3-0 in Glasgow, but the third encounter in Cardiff was drawn 4-4, after Britain recovered from 2-4

Pakistan manager Islahuddin was confident of beating the British. "They will find that we are a lot sharper

fensive errors we committed in Cardiff," he boasted. Australia have two tough

matches ahead of them but Frank Murray, the coach, expects them to beat the Netherlands although he thinks the tussle against Germany on Sunday will prove much tougher

In the women's tournament, the Netherlands gave another disappointing performarice against China but managed to draw 2-2 in the closing minutes after conceding two first half goals.

The improvement shown by the Chinese has given them more confidence as they prepare for the Olympic qualifying tournament in Auckland next

Cairo ready for gala opening

CAIRO, Sept 20: In an attempt to prove it can handle a full-scale Olympic Games, Egypt on Thursday put the final touches on its capital city for the All-African Games, reports AP

The fifth Games were the main topic of conversation for sports officials, newspaper edi tors and many Egyptians, who were billed for the event's dlrs 180 million price tag.

President Hosni Mubarak scheduled to be in the stands, the 10-day event will begin tonight with gala opening festivities in 100,000-seat Cairo Stadium, Africa's largest, and visions that hark back to Egypt's pharaonic past.

The games' logo, based on the falcon-headed ancient Egyptian sky god Horus, has peered from posters throughout the weeks as workers frantically constructed sidewalks and laid cables at the huge new sports complex in a northeastern Cairo suburb.

"We will try to show the officials our capacity," said Abdel-Moneim Emara, Egypt's sports minister. "We would like them to support us when we apply to host the Olympic

Officials plan to file their application for the XXVIth Olympiad in the year 2000 at

the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain.

The Egyptians are not hiding their intentions, having named the sports complex the Olympic Village. And Juan-Antonio Samaranch, head of the International Olympic Committee, is expected for

Friday's opening ceremony. The African Games' theme pharaonic, the organisers subliminal hint that modern Egyptians can fare as well as their ancestors.

The organising committee so far has not produced lists of competitors, blaming the delay on participating countries. But the list of expected starts includes Algeria's world champion runner, Noureddine, Morceli; Olympic marathon bronze medalist Ahmed Salah of Dijibouti, and 3,000-meter steeplechase world champion Mussa Kiptanui of Kenya.

South Africa had hoped to mark its return to international sports competition in the games, but an Organisation of African Unity boycott of that country's apartheid political system remains in force. The only South African

presence will be observers from its integrated volleyball sederation, accepted to sull membership by the Cairobased African Volleyball

At the sports complex, hundreds of young volunteers milled around the basketballteam handball courts and Olympic-size pool in the week leading up to the Games.

Many schools, due to open in mid-September after summer recess, were allowed start later to allow their students to participate in the Games' organisation and opening ceremonies.

Schools resumed on time in the port cities of Alexandria and Ismailiya, where basketball and soccer are being held. as fewer teen-agers are in-

volved in pre-games activities. In Cairo, a complex of indoor basketball-team handball courts were built during the last year, at a cost of about dirs 70 million. The building of soft-pink brick in a mixed modern-Arabesque style, the structure hardly attests to the site's past as a military jail.

The old penitentiary housed political prisoners during the rule of Egypt's first president, Gamal Abdel Nasser.

The late President Anwar Sadat, Nasser's successor and Mubarak's predecessor, released them. Sports officials acquired the building from the Defense Ministry and demolished it in early 1990.

Tyson won't attend

WASHINGTON, Sept 20: Former world heavyweight champion Mike Tyson has cancelled plans to attend the World Boxing Council's annual conference in Bangkok, reports AFP.

Tyson, who will fight reigning champion Evander Holyfield in November, was indicted on rape charges in Indianapolis, Indiana, last week but it was not known whether the impending trial affected his decision.

Soccer result

TANGAIL, Sept 20: The seventh Tangail DC's Gold Cup football competition was inaugurated by Finance Minister. Saifur Rahman yesterday (Friday) at the local stadium as

Tangail Udayan, Krirachakra defeated Dhaka Iskaton Sabuj Sangsad by 3-1 in a tiebreaker. The match was locked 1-1 in

participated by 20 teams. Sadeq Hossain Khoka, State Minister for Youth and Sports and Lutfur Rahman Khan.

BAF basketball

Matiur Rahman clinched the

champion Smauel Matete will be crowned by a run here. double gold medal per-The rest of the men's track gold medals, from 800m to 10,000m, seem destined once



Namibia's 'first appearance in the All-Africa Games looks certain to

CAIRO, Sept 20:



YOBES ONDIEKI

formance by sprinter Frankie Frederiks, reports AFP. He won the 200m silver in

Tokvo World Championships and set an African record of 9.95 sec coming fifth in that fabulous Carl Lewis 100 metres.

Nigeria's African recordbreaking sprint relay runners Davidson Ezinwa and

banks on Frederiks Odalapade Adeniken are his biggest threat. But it is not certain

Zambia's 400m hurdles world

again for Kenya. Few events provide more cast-iron certainties than the 800m itself in the shape of

world and reigning games

champion Billy Konchellah.

and 3,000m steeplechase

world champion Moses Kiptanui is acute above the rest even without Patrick Seng to push him along. Richard Chelimo, who tore the field apart in Tokyo before losing the sprint finish to Moses Anui, must surely win the 10,000m. His only serious rival, double world cross-coun-

not here as Morocco refuses to compete. With fellow Moroccans Brahim Boutayeb and Said Aouita also absent. Kenya should make sure of the 1,500m, probably through Tokyo finalist David Kimet, and 5,000m through world cham-

try champion Khalid Shah, is

pion Yobes Ondieki. Mary Onyali, who this week timed 10.81 see in the Nigerian Championships, should improve on the 100m bronze she won in Nairobi four

years ago and can still retain her 200m title.

If that time is confirmed it is a new African record and second fastest in the world this year behind Jamaican Merlene Ottey's 10.79.



BILLY KOCHELLAH

Kenya's Susan Sirma, third in Tokyo, is a safe bet for the 3,000m the 10,000m, however, could see Ethiopia's Derartu Tulu snatch a rare women's track gold for her country.

Caniggia won't leave Atalanta

BERGAMO, Italy, Sept 120: Agrentine striker Claudio Caniggia signed a new contract on Wednesday linking him with Atlanta until 1994, the Italian First Division club said.

reports Reuter. Atalanta did not release the terms of the contract but sources close to the club said that Caniggia will earn more than 800 million lire (730, 000 dollars) next season and one billion lire (910,000 dollars) the following year.

The Argentine's previous contract would have expired next June.

Caniggia, a key figure in Argentina's South American championships triumph in July, had been courted by other Italian clubs, including Juventus, Fiorentian and Napoli, during the off season.

Widely regarded as the best foreign striker in Italian football, Caniggia came to Itally from River Plate in 1988 to play for Verona and joined Atalanta the following year.

Barnes may miss Euro qualifiers

LONDON, Sept 20 Liverpool winger John Barnes is to have an operation on his Achilles tendon and could miss England's final two European Championship qualifiers against Turkey and Poland, reports Reuter.

Barnes who goes into hospin tal today has not played Jo Liverpool manager Greams Souaness said on Thursday's John's Achilles was immobilised in plaster a couple of weeks ago to see how it would "But it has flared up again so

he must have an operation.

England play Turkey next month and Poland in November.

Millichip's threat termed bizarre LONDON, Sep 20 : A thread

by the Football Association (F.A.) to "pull the plug" on the English soccer season was described on Thursday as "bizarre," reports Reuter.

FA chairman Sir Bert Millichip told clubs on Wednesday he was prepared to carry out his threat to halt the season if they refused to vote out the football league's threeyear resignation rule at an extraordinary general meeting on-Monday.

A vote to scrap the rule would clear the way for clubs to join the FA-inspired premier league.

"It seems quite extraordinary, bizarre even, and particularly unhelpful," said a league spokesman.

The FA had indicated they were prepared to block top clubs playing in Europe, stop players appearing for England and refuse to allow referees and linesmen to official at league games

The league replied on Thursday: "We're 10 weeks into the scason and a long way into negotiations that are coming close to an agreement. This is an unnecessary complications.

"We're trying to hammer out a binding agreement and now we have it against the backdrop of someone threatening to curtail the

season." The league is urging the FA to commit five million pounds sterling (8.9 million dollars) a year towards safeguarding the clubs left outside the premier lcague.

WBC confce

the chief guest, reports BSS. in the opening match

the stipulated time. The competition is being

JESSORE, Sept 20 : Base

title of the Bangladesh Ali Force inter-base basketball championship defeating Base Bashar 50-43 in the final held here at Base Mattur Rahman yesterday.

a less spectacular performer talk English," said a delighted "I've only been here a but one highly appreciated by Waddle, stunning local remonth so it's hard to judge. teammates for his constant porters by addressing them in But I'm feeling better and betsupport and work-rate. French for the first time. ter with this team and when I The fans at Marseille's Steven is aware his get used to the climate, I will Stade Velodrome, who knew money tag will not help him really be at my best," he said. Woman putting up a PITTSFIELD, Mass. Sept for women then for men," she Leonard noted that the law 20: Gail Grandchamp admits to told Judge William H. Welch, lists blindness as one condi-

being nervous when she stepped into a courtroom to take a legal swing at what she says are discriminatory rules keeping women out of amateur boxing, reports AP. Grandchamp, 36, waited seven years for the chance to

a Berkshire Superior courtroom. And nothing, not even her attorney's withdrawal to take a job with the county office, was going to stop her. The evidence will prove that boxing is no more unsafe

give her opening arguments in

acting as her own attorney. "Therefore there is not rational justification for discrim-Robert L. Leonard, and at-

torney for the USA Amateur Boxing Federation and the England Amateur Athletic Union Boxing Federation, maintained the state's anti-discrimination law covers "attend events" - not to participate.

"It doesn't cover getting into the ring and throwing punches," he said.

tion that cannot be discriminated against. Grandchamp testified that

the New England federation rejected her 1984 application for an amateur boxing license, saying female boxers were barred from competition in any event sanctioned the USA Amateur Boxing Federation. She filed suit in 1985, after

she was barred from an ama-

teur boxing show at North

Adams Statollege when the

state Boxing Commission re-

stricted it to students.

Court judges dismissed her complaints against the state commission. Grandchamps reached an undisclosed settlement for days with the two boxing federations. "This was never about money," she said of her deci-

sion to pursue the case. "It was

about discrimination - letting women box against women." Now a fitness instructor and boxing coach at North Adams State College, Grandchamp showed the judge the protective equipment that women

In 1987 and 1989, Superior

boxers wear.