

Tie-breakers decide issues

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Dhaka Wanderers Club and Agrani Bank won their respective matches with the help of tie-breakers in the eleventh Federation Cup football tournament yesterday at Dhaka Stadium.



Action from yesterday's Federation Cup football match at the Dhaka Stadium between Eskaton Sabuj Sangha and Agrani Bank. The Bankers won 3-2 on penalties after the regulation period ended goalless.

Wanderers defeated Arambagh KC 3-2 after the sides were locked 2-2 at the end of the 90-minute regulation period. In the first match of the day, Agrani Bank had to try hard to beat the newly-promoted Eskaton Sabuj Sangha 3-2, also on penalties after the sides failed to break the stalemate in their regulation time. With this win, Dhaka Wanderers moved into the Group B final and will meet the winners of the Bangladesh PWD and Agrani Bank clash on October 4. The game between Wanderers and Arambagh was the best of the season so far with both sides displaying an attractive brand of soccer. The crowd enjoyed the fast and attacking moves with forays and counter-forays by both sides. Wanderers shot into the lead in the eighth minute of the proceedings when their brilliant striker Mosharraf, with a lightning move took control of a ball as the Arambagh defence failed to clear from the danger zone, and slotted past the helpless goalkeeper Nabarun (1-0). Mosharraf again displayed his speed when he raced to latch on to a rebound off the goalie's chest as he tried to stop Bela's thunderous shot. Mosharraf coolly tapped the ball inside the empty Arambagh goal in the 32nd minute. Undaunted by these two early goals, Arambagh themselves went to reduce the margin just four minutes later.

Klinsmann to stay at Inter

ROME, Sept 28: German star striker Jurgen Klinsmann has signed on for another two seasons at Inter Milan, taking him through to June 1994, reports AFP. Klinsmann, who had an unhappy time with former coach Giovanni Trapattoni, is enjoying working with his replacement Corrado Orrico, a strong advocate of an attacking game. Trapattoni has certainly given a great deal to football but his methods are no longer valid today, Klinsmann said. With Orrico, we formed an immediate understanding and finally I can play the way I like. "If he hadn't arrived, I think I would have stopped playing," he said.

Chudanga Div I league begins

CHUDANGA, Sept 28: Chudanga Uddipon Club got off to a flying start in the opening match of the local First Division football league when they defeated Hazrat Anirban Club 1-0 yesterday at the Chudanga Stadium.

Transfers from Oct 15

The inter-club player transfers for the coming Navana Premier Division and Milnars First Division cricket leagues will be held from October 15 to 19. The players will be able to collect their tokens and complete their transfer formalities from 5 pm to 7.30 pm every day. The Damal Summer tournament, the curtain raiser of the Bangladesh Cricket season, will begin from October 25 with twenty-two teams expected to take part. The Navana Premier Division cricket league will begin from November 10. Twelve teams will be taking part in this year's Navana league. Six teams will qualify for super league while the other six will play in the relegation league. Three teams will be relegated this season. The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) has decided to reduce the present 60-over-a-side match to 45-over-side for the coming season. Ten teams will be taking part in the Milnars First Division league. Five teams will qualify for super league with three teams gaining promotions to Premier Division. The bottom five teams will play in the relegation league with two teams to be demoted to the Second Division cricket league. Botham joins Durham LONDON, Sept 28: Former England cricket captain Ian Botham on Friday joined Durham, next season's English county, championship newcomers, reports Reuter. Botham, who is being sponsored by a brewery, signed a two-year deal believed to be worth 100,000 pounds sterling (173,000 dollars). The former Worcestershire all-rounder is one of two big-name signings by Durham. Australian Test batsman Dean Jones joined them earlier this month. Said Botham: "The Durham club are well organised and I think they will shock a few people in the cricket world next season."

Spurs' League hope blooms

LONDON, Sept 28: Tottenham Hotspur, troubled by injuries ahead of their English League soccer clash with unbeaten leaders Manchester United, were given some good news on Friday by strikers Gary Lineker and Gordon Durie, reports Reuter. England captain Lineker, scorer of 11 goals in the last seven games, had looked doubtful for today's top of the table tie in north London after failing a fitness test in midweek. But manager Peter Shreeves said specialist treatment on the players injured toe had improved his prospects. "He has been in today and done some light training," he said on Thursday afternoon. "It's looking favourable." Newly-signed Scotland international Durie whose partnership with Lineker this season has brought Tottenham five wins in seven league matches, was substituted during Tottenham's midweek League Cup match in Swansea after a clash of heads. "He's been examined by our doctor and says he feels 100 per cent better. I'm certain he'll play," said Shreeves. But it was not all good news for Spurs, in third place seven points behind United but with who games in hand. Welsh international Pat Van Den Hauwe looks doubtful, causing further problems for a defensive line-up weakened by the enforced absence of Terry Fenwick, jailed for various driving offences, and a knee injury to just in Edinburgh. Manchester United will be without midfielder Neil Webb who has knee ligament damage but could have England defender Paul Parker back in action after a hamstring injury. Danish goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel and Soviet striker Andrei Konchelski will be back from international duties. Sheffield Wednesday, encouraged by Liverpool's impressive 2-2 League Cup draw in Midweek against Third Division Stoke, hope to end the Merseysiders unbeaten home record and become the first league winners at Anfield for six months. "The way we play we create plenty of chances," said Wednesday striker Gordon Watson. "We are due a match where the goals go in for us and it could be at Anfield. I believe we can pull their defenders all over the place and get the rewards." Liverpool, beaten 1-0 Leeds last weekend, will be without England international Mark Wright and John Barnes and Ireland midfielder Ray Houghton who has an ankle injury. England striker Alan Smith will return for champions Arsenal at Southampton and could partner new signing Ian Wright, who joined from Crystal Palace this week, and Swedish striker Anders Limpar who has served a three match ban. Second-placed Leeds United will decide today whether to field captain Gordon Strachan. The Scotland international was included in the squad for the game in Norwich but is still receiving treatment for a hamstring injury.

Old rivals in Swiss semis

BASLE, Switzerland, Sept 28: Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe lined up in a dream semifinal with comfortable victories in the Swiss indoor tennis tournament on Friday, reports Reuter. In quarter-final clashes, Connors beat Israel's Amos Mansdorf 6-3, 6-2 while titleholder and eight seed McEnroe overcame Sweden's Christian Bergstrom 7-6 (7-2), 6-4. Connors, the astonishing 39-year-old with a record 109 tournament wins, was following up his spectacular exploits at the US Open when he reached the last four. After dropping his opening serve, Connors broke back immediately and a second service break in the fourth

Their opportunist striker Haroon, with a burst of speed from the left flank, floated a measured cross and teammate Sohel was there to nod it beautifully past the diving Wanderers' custodian Curzon (1-2). One minute from the short whistle Sohel, winning a ball outside the box, dodged past a couple of defenders to unleash a powerful right-footer which sailed into the net over the head of the out-of-position Curzon (2-2). The second half saw both sides spoiling a couple of good scoring chances with both goalkeepers having some anxious moments and being called upon to make good saves. In the tie-breaker, Mustakim, Mosharraf and Bela converted their penalty shots for Wanderers while Babul's shot hit the post. Mukul and Anwar (sr) scored for Arambagh while Sunny, Shimul, and Azmat failed.

AGRANI WIN

Agrani Bank Club moved into the group semifinals defeating newcomers Eskaton Sabuj Sangha 3-2 in the tie-breaker. Both sides failed to live up to the expectations. Eskaton, in comparison to the more experienced Agrani Bank players, had better chances to score but their young inexperienced forwards fumbled time and again in front of an often disorganised Agrani goal post. In the tie-breaker, Jamal, Kala and Bakhtiar scored for the bankers while Daboo and Shyamol netted for Eskaton. Agrani Bank will now take on PWD SC in their group semifinal on October 1.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Fakirerpool YMC vs Adamjee SC (4 pm). Victoria SC vs Khulna DSA (6 pm).

Moitree Open chess prize-giving held

The prize giving ceremony of Moitree Open chess competition, organized by Moitree Samaj Kallyan Sangha, was held on September 24 at the Sangha office at Faridabad, says a press release. Sadeq Hossain Khoka State Minister for Youth and Sports was present as the chief guest while Mohammad Abdus Subhan, Director General of Directorate of Youth, was present as special guest. Later, the State Minister inspected Moitree Night School, mass education centre, type and sewing training centre, Moitree Music Academy, free medical centre and Moitree School coach service.

Italian stars to face drug charges

ROME, Sept 28: Two stars of Italian football, as Roma's Andrea Carnevale and Genoa's Carlos Aguilera, are to appear in separate courts on drugs charges, reports AFP. Carnevale and team goalkeeper Angelo Peruzzi are nearing the end of a one-year ban, after they were found to have used the performance-enhancing drug, Fentermina. With the bans expiring on October 13, Rome state prosecutor Silverio Piro now wants Carnevale to face charges of supplying the drug to Peruzzi. The move took the Italian star Carnevale completely by surprise. "This whole story is incredible and I can only say that the judge has the wrong man," he said. The former international striker is currently in training with his teammates at Trigoria. Meanwhile, the state prosecutor in Genoa, Pio Macchiavello, wants Aguilera to face charges of cocaine trafficking and pimping. Aguilera, who faces a jail sentence of two to six years if convicted, was arrested in April with a dozen fellow Uruguayans

Women's world chess Game-2 drawn

MANILA, Sept 28: Chinese challenger Xie Jun and reigning champion Maya Chiburdanidze drew for the second time in the second game of the 16-game women's World Chess Championship here Saturday, reports AFP. The 31-year-old title holder from the Soviet Union accepted the draw offer from her Chinese opponent on the 13th move of a Scotch opening following a 15-minute deliberation.

The draw, the second in the month-and-a-half-long series, tied the score at one-all. The first game, played Thursday, ended in a stand off after a 41-move Ruy Lopez.

Xie, a 20-year-old student from Beijing, killed Chiburdanidze's chances by attacking the Soviet's bishop with a knight in the 10th move. This allowed Xie to force an early exchange of Queens, paving the way for the draw.

Chiburdanidze, making the fifth defense of the title she won in 1978, needs only to draw the series while Xie must score 8.5 points to dethrone Chiburdanidze.

Final round chess

Action began in the 17th national chess championship at the chess room of the National Sports Council yesterday with five out of the eight matches being decided in this 16-player, 15-round Swiss league competition. The remaining three ties of the opening day ended in draws.

The final round got off to an exciting start with both the defending champion Syed Tahmidur Rahman and last year's runners-up Younus Hassan being held to draws by lesser-known opponents. The reigning champion was forced to settle for a draw by Shahinoor Hossain in only 17 moves while Younus failed to



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Thong maintains lead in Dubai

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates, Sept 28: Twenty-year old Vietnamese Tu Hoang Thong took another step toward the Asian junior chess title with a victory over Malaysia's Mohammed Don Rahim Friday, reports AP. Indonesia's Andi Suhendra overpowered third-seed V Saravanan of India in the ninth round matches. The Vietnamese has 8 full points followed by Suhendra who has 7.5. There are two more rounds to this 13th edition of the championship, which ends Sunday. India's second entry Erijet Agarqal beat Qatar's Mohammed al-Modiahki, the latter's second successive defeat. The Qatari, who was a strong contender for the title at the start of the championship, now dropped to fourth place with 5.5 points, the same as Saravanan with four points. Singapore's Lee Wang-Sheng continued his form in the round, holding Arian Cabe of the Philippines to a draw. Lee has raised his points tally to 6.5, and is now on the third spot.

Iran beat Algeria

TEHERAN, Sept 28: Asian football champions Iran beat the reigning African champions Algeria 2-1 in a friendly here on Friday night. Samad Maarafi did all the damage, putting Iran ahead after 13 minutes and then scoring a late winner after Moftar had brought Algeria level in the 32nd minute.

Fire Service kabaddi champs

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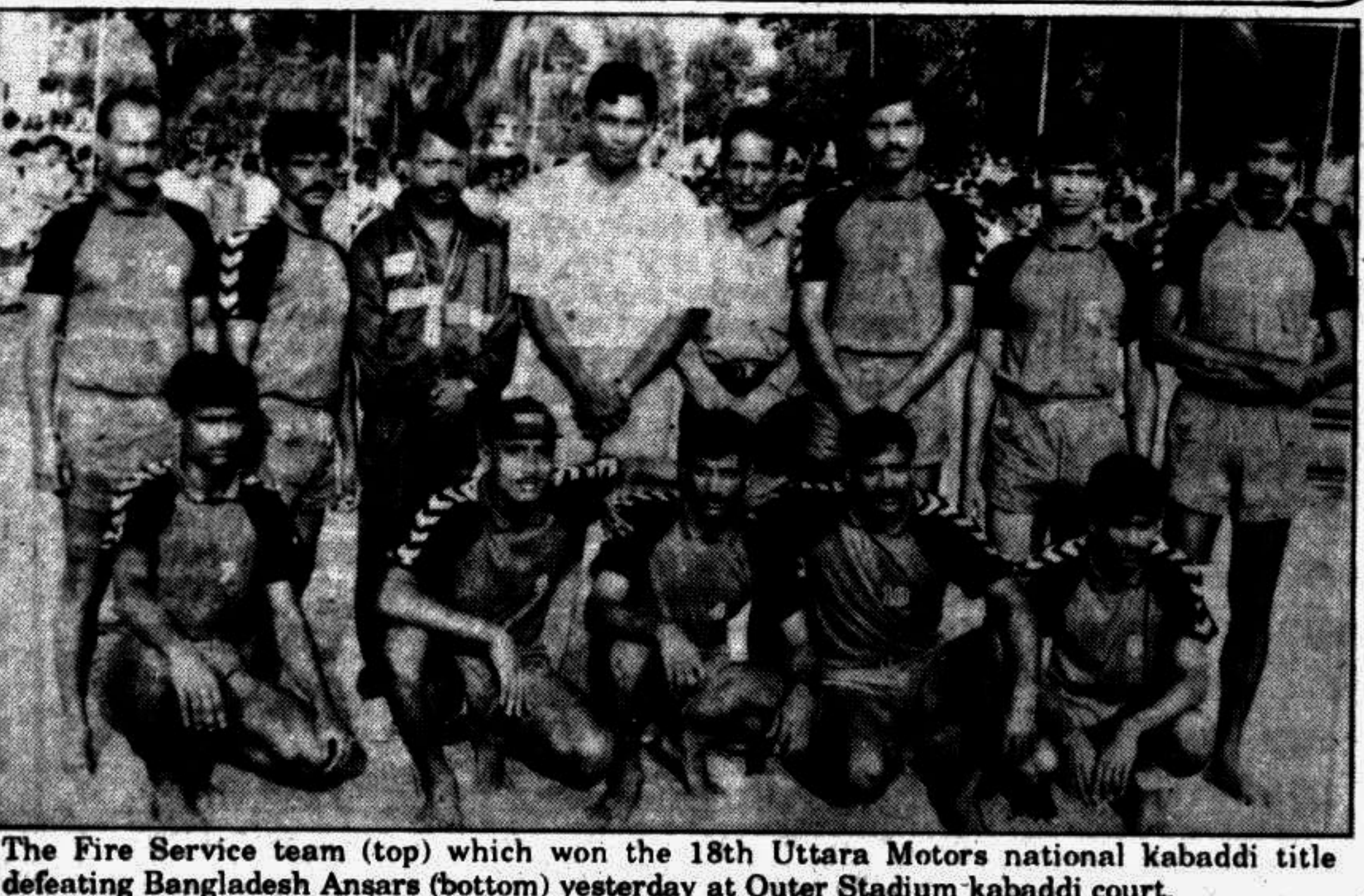
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ROLL OF HONOUR

Following is the roll of honour of the national kabaddi championship:

Year	Champions	Runners-up
1973	Dinajpur and Faridpur	(Joint champions)
1974	Comilla	Khulna
1975	Tangail	Jessore
1976	Comilla	Tangail
1977	Bangladesh Rifles	Tangail
1978	Tangail	Bangladesh Rifles
1979	Bangladesh Rifles	Khulna
1980	Bangladesh Rifles	Dhaka Metropolis
1981	Bangladesh Rifles and Tangail (Joint champ.)	
1982	Bangladesh Police	Comilla
1983	Bangladesh Rifles	Bangladesh Police
1984	"	"
1985	"	Dhaka Metropolis
1986	"	Bangladesh Police
1987	"	Bangladesh Ansars
1988	"	"
1989	"	"
1990	"	"
1991	Fire Service	Bangladesh Ansars

The kabaddi event held in the Bangladesh Games in 1969 is not shown in the roll of honour as National Championship.



The Fire Service team (top) which won the 18th Uttara Motors national kabaddi title defeating Bangladesh Ansars (bottom) yesterday at Outer Stadium kabaddi court.



Navratilova slams US fed's role in her case

ESSEN, Germany, Sept 28: Martina Navratilova has hit out at US tennis chiefs for standing between her and a place at next year's Barcelona Olympics, reports Reuter. Navratilova was shut out of the Games after she failed to play for the United States at the Federation Cup. "The American Federation is doing very little for me in this whole affair," Navratilova said at a tournament in Germany. "It obviously doesn't matter that I have played 18 years, top-class tennis, 10 of them for the USA.... The idea of the Olympics is that the best compete. That will not be the case in Barcelona," the nine-times Wimbledon champion said. The International Tennis Federation (ITF) has recommended to national federations that playing the Federation Cup should be a prerequisite for Olympic participation.

German Tennis Federation president Claus Stauder, who is on the ITF management committee, said Navratilova still had a chance to compete in Barcelona if the US Federation agreed. "The important thing is the relationship between the player and the National Federation," he said. "If the US Federation agrees she can play despite missing the Federation Cup", the ITF will not stand in the way. "Olympic teams are proposed by National Federation and National Olympic Committees. The world federation have nothing to do with it," Stauder said. Navratilova said she had not played the Federation Cup due to contractual commitments she could not avoid. "It's only narrow, minded officials trying to get on the scene again, I would damn well like to be there," she said. "In an individual sport like tennis, world rankings should count for Olympic qualification."