

## Hindu militants threaten to burn Bombay stadium

NEW DELHI, Oct 20: A Hindu militant group threatened today to burn Bombay's cricket stadium if Pakistan was allowed to play there, reports Reuters.

"We will not let the Pakistani cricketers play in Bombay or any other part of Maharashtra," said Bal Thackeray, head of the anti-Muslim Shiv Sena group.

"Shiv Sena will be compelled to go to the extreme and even burn the stadium if the organisers insist on hosting the one-day game against Pakistan later this month," he said in a statement issued in Bombay, capital of Maharashtra state.

India has repeatedly accused Pakistan of training and arming secessionist militants in the northern border states of Punjab and Kashmir. Islamabad denies the charge.

On Saturday, Pramod Navalkar, leader of the opposition in the state legislative council, told reporters on Saturday that he would call a strike by Bombay workers if the Pakistani cricketers were allowed to play in the city.

Bombay is scheduled to host the first of five one-day inter-

nationals on October 28. Madhavrao Scindia, President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, said there would be no change of venues in the Pakistani itinerary.

The Press Trust of India quoted Scindia as saying the government had cleared the one-day series against Pakistan but that formal approval was awaited.

### Scindia praises Indian cricketers

NEW DELHI, Oct 20: India is proud of the "thrilling victory" of its cricketers against the West Indies in Sharjah on Saturday, the president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India said in a message, reports AFP.

Madhavrao Scindia, who is also India's Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister, said in a congratulatory message to Indian skipper Mohammad Azharuddin that it had been an "exciting victory."

Scindia also referred to India's win against Pakistan on Friday.

"We expect similar efforts in the remaining matches," the Minister said. "We are proud of you all. Good luck."

## Mintu's last-minute goal sees Ctg Abahani thru'

CHITTAGONG, Oct 20: Mintu's last minute goal helped Chittagong Abahani Krira Chakra to earn full points with a hard fought 3-2 win over Bakolia Krira Sangsad in the CJKP Elite First Division football league match at the Chittagong Stadium here this afternoon, reports BSS.

Abahani led the first half 1-0. Mintu scored twice and Masih Salam scored one goal for Abahani while Jubayer scored twice for Bakolia.

Abahani played confidently specially in the first half. Masih, Ghaus, Mintu, Nipu, Debashish played very well. Abahani shot into the lead in the 7th minute when Masih Salam — skipper of Dhaka Fakirpool Youngmen's Club, placed a ball into the net spectacularly off a pass from Basu (1-0). Abahani doubled the margin in the 42nd minute. Abahani's BKSP collection young Mintu scored the second goal with an angular shot off a pass from striker Ghaus (2-0).

With the two goals lead, Abahani took the match easy, which helped Bakolia to equalise in six minutes. Bakolia sliced the victory in the 26th

### Kaiser thinks present German team is better

BONN, Oct 20: Franz Beckenbauer, who coached World Cup winners Germany in Italy, believes the new side are better than his 1990 world champions, reports AFP.

After watching Germany demolish Wales 4-1 on Wednesday night, the Kaiser declared "this team is stronger than my world champions."

Berti Vogts, who took over from Beckenbauer, was also full of praise but cannot be sure of qualifying for the European Championship finals in Sweden next year.

Germany, who still trail Wales by a point but have a game in hand, face Belgium on November 20 before their final games at home to Luxembourg in December.

Vogts said he would play the same eleven against Belgium, injuries permitting.

### Martina, Huber in final

FILDERSTADT, Germany, Oct 20: Top seed Martina Navratilova beat Austria's Judith Wiesner in straight sets here on Saturday to line up a Grand Prix final against unseeded German Anke Huber, reports AFP.



THE RUNNERS-UP: Mohammedan Sporting Club before the start yesterday. — Star photo



Brothers Union goalkeeper Ponir (hidden by the post) makes another fine save to deny Mohammedan Sporting in yesterday's final of the 11th Federation Cup football tournament at the Mirpur Stadium. — Star photo

## Man United rue Schemichel mistakes



LONDON, Oct 20: Goalkeeper Peter Schemichel added his own name to the short list of players who have scored against him this season as Manchester United drew 1-1 at home to English League champions Arsenal on Saturday, reports Reuters.

The result, combined with second-placed Leeds' 4-2 win at Notts county, trimmed unbeaten United's overall lead in the First Division to two points.

Only three men had beaten Danish international Schemichel this season until he helped Arsenal in the 40th minute.

Striker David Rocastle crashed in a long-range shot in the 40th minute which ricocheted off the crossbar, hit the back of the diving Dane and bounced agonisingly over the line.

Steve Bruce saved United's unbeaten record with a header off a pass from captain Bryan Robson in the 44th minute.

The game was the most closely-watched of the League programme, coming exactly a year after the two club's last match at Old Trafford was marred by a 21-man brawl on the pitch.

Both clubs subsequently had league points docked.

Liverpool, with only one in their last six matches, travelled to Chelsea and drew 2-2 the two clubs had shared 13 goals in their last two meetings in London.

The match at Old Trafford had almost as much passion as Arsenal's last visit and striker Ian Wright was lucky not to be booked for a crude challenge on United's Denis Irwin.

United's Clayton Blackmore was given a stern lecture for another later challenge in the first half and then Welsh striker Mark Hughes and Rocastle also had a brief altercation.

Less Sealey, the goalkeeper who anchored Manchester

United's successful run in the European Cup Winner's Cup last season, made a winning return to first-team action for Aston Villa at Everton.

Villa beat the Merseysiders 2-0 with a goal in each half.

Leeds manager Howard Wilkinson was another happy man after his team's crushing performance at Notts county, the club where he began his coaching career.

After giving away a 12th minute goal, Leeds stormed back to equalise through Lee Chapman seven minutes later.

Steve Hodge made it 2-1. Chris Whyte added a third shortly after half-time and Gary McAllister the fourth in the 55th minute.

Sheffield United, bottom of the table with only one win and six points this season before Saturday, turned the tide in high-scoring fashion by beating Nottingham Forest 4-2.

But United started bottom as the other five teams at the foot of the First Division also picked up points.

Tottenham, Arsenal's north London neighbours, suffered their third home defeat of the

season, losing 1-0 when Manchester City's Niall Quinn scored 14 minutes from time.

The result was a disappointment for England captain Gary Lineker who had been looking for two more goals to bring his tally in the English League to 200.

Liverpool striker Ian Rush and Chelsea defender Paul Elliott renewed an old rivalry but neither won.

The two men played against each other in Italy when Rush was at Juventus and Elliott at Pisa. The Chelsea player did make the scoresheet but only by scoring an own goal.

Rush, without a League goal this season, set up the equaliser which hit Elliott's chest and rebounded past goalkeeper Kevin Hitchcock into the Chelsea net.

Liverpool had taken the lead in the fourth minute through Steve McManaman but Vinny Jones equalised three minutes later.

The home team then went ahead shortly after the break through 18-year-old Andy Myers.

Wimbledon, watched by only 4,630 fans, lost 1-0 to Queen's Park Rangers on new manager Peter Withe's home debut.

In the Second division, former Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish watched Blackburn concede a late goal to Swindon in their first match under his tuition. They lost 2-1.

Scottish champions Glasgow Rangers knocked Hearts off the top of the premier league by beating them 2-0. The shock of the day was provided by Celtic, beaten 4-3 at Falkirk.

Scotland striker Ally McCoist put Rangers ahead before half-time and Soviet international Alexei Mikhailichenko, singled from Italian champions Sampdoria in the close season, scored his first league goal for the club in the 50th minute.

McCoist missed a later penalty. Dunfermline, with only one point in 12 games, came close to upsetting Aberdeen in a goalless draw.

## Triathlon gets Olympic boost

SYDNEY, Oct 20 The endurance sport of triathlon took a step toward becoming an Olympic event when it was admitted Saturday to the General Association of International Sports Federations, report AP.

The event involving swimming, cycling and running was a provisional member of the federations and was upgraded because increased public interest and participations, the group said.

To become part of the Olympics, a sport must have full membership in the sports federations as well as an international federations of its own. Only athletes who are members of the federation may compete in the Olympics.

The International Olympic

Committee has opened the way for discussion of programme changes for the year 2000 Games, and triathlon is considered a leading candidate if new sports are added to the programme.

ITU President Les McDonald of Canada said he was excited by the GAISF decision and was not frustrated that no firm commitment had been made by the IOC to include new sports.

"It is a stepping stone because full membership of GAISF is so important in itself, but it does put us closer to the Olympics," he said.

"Triathlon is growing so big that they (the IOC) can't avoid us. The important thing is to keep the sport rolling internationally."

McDonald said triathlon actively followed the philosophy of the Olympic movement.

"We are the forefront of promoting women in sport. In all our events there is equal prize money and depth of prize money," he said.

IOC sports director Gilbert Felli said Friday that the programme of events for the year 2000 would have to be completely re-examined. He also said television should play a role in working out a new programme for the Olympics.

There will only be minor changes to the Olympic programme for Atlanta in 1996 but after that I think we will have to see again on a wholly new basis," Felli said.

"The attractive of a sport television viewers should be taken into account," he said.

Mountaineering was also included as a full member of the

international sports federations Saturday, but that sport is not believed to aspire to Olympic status.

The International Dance Sport Federation became a provisional member.

The International Polo Federation had applied for full membership but was not represented at the congress.

It was decided that the international sports federation executive body would discuss polo's membership request at next year's congress.

### Mexican club coach suspended

NEW YORK, Oct 20 The coach of Mexico's club America, Carlos Miloc, has been suspended for all international matches for one year for attacking an opposing player on the field during the Inter-American Cup final, CONCACAF announced on Friday, reports Reuters.

Three players, Cecilio De Los Santos of Club America, and Permin Balbuena and Rogelio Delgado Casco, both of Olimpia of Paraguay, were ordered to be punished by their home confederations. The South American Football Confederation, said Balbuena would receive a "formal censure for his insulting comments against match officials while leaving the playing field."

Miloc, who is from Uruguay, went on to the field at Azteca Stadium in Mexico on October 12 during the final between club America and Olimpia and attacked Balbuena, CONCACAF said in a statement.

## N Koreans beat Americans



WASHINGTON, Oct 20: In the first match even played between the two countries, North Korea defeated the United States 2-1 (halftime 1-1) in a world series of soccer match on Saturday, reports.

The North Koreans took the initial lead at the 13 minute, when midfielder Chong US Eun sailed a kick past goalie Tony Meola, who was yielding an average of just over half a goal per game in the nine matches played thus far in the series.

The United States re-

Buyo to the rescue of Real

MADRID, Oct 20: Fine goalkeeping by Francisco Buyo saved leaders Real Madrid from their first Spanish league defeat of the season on Saturday, reports Reuters.

He made two fine reflex saves to keep out headers from Barcelona's Michael Laudrup and Hristo Stoichkov in the closing minutes. The game ended in a 1-1 draw.

Barcelona, who have not beaten Real away for seven seasons, had defender Alberto Ferrer sent off six minutes from time for a second bookable offence.

Robert Prosinecki gave Real the lead with a 25-metre free kick in the 19th minute.

Dutch international Ronald Koeman equalised from the penalty spot in the 47th minute after Luis Milla had fouled Laudrup.

sponded at the 25th minute when midfielder Bruce Murray fired a goal past Gyong Chol Pak, giving Murray a total of four goals in 10 games, making him the US national team's all-time leading scorer.

But in the second half, the North Koreans took charge and continually exploited the weak defence on the American's left side.

At the 48th minutes forward Yong Son Choi, with an assist from defender Gyong II Kim, scored with a shot to the right of the Golan that gave the North Koreans the lead for good.

US head coach Bora Milutinovic, whose team is now 4-2-4 in the 12-game series was diplomatic about the North Koreans' strategy in

the second half.

"They change sides very good, and you need more concentration when you play against a good team," he said.

The United States missed two opportunities to score, when midfielder Hugo Perez, who has just one goal in the series, watched his penalty kick bounce off the top of the crossbar.

Then at the 80 minute, midfielder Brian Quinn booted a shot that floated harmlessly into the crowd of 16,351.

The United States is scheduled to next play Costa Rica in Irving, Texas, as part of the continuing world series of soccer, which plays its games in US cities bidding to be host of the 1994 World Cup.

## Marseille beaten again

PARIS, Oct 20: French league leaders Marseille, playing without Jean-Pierre Papin who was injured by a bottle thrown by a fan, suffered their second defeat of the season when they lost 1-0 at St Etienne on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Papin was struck by a bottle thrown by a St Etienne fan as the Marseille players arrived at their opponents' stadium.

He was taken to hospital. Medical sources said he was only slightly injured.

Striker Didier Tholot delighted the 40,000 home crowd when he struck the only goal in the 42nd minute.

Champions Marseille remained one point ahead of Monaco who lost 2-0 at Metz

on Thursday.

Paris St Germain retained third spot despite a 2-0 defeat at Caen.

Papin, who was hit by a beer bottle as he came out of the players, coach, later left hospital.

A x-ray examination showed he had a slight skull injury.

"It's not too bad, I just need to rest," he said.

Marseille boss Bernard Tapie said he was not sure if Papin would be able to play for Marseille against Czechoslovak side Sparta Prague in European Cup second round tie on Wednesday.

"Violence is intolerable," Tapie said. "We have the same problem when we play at Paris or Lyon and we're fed up with it."

## Luck doesn't smile on Lerby



BONN, Oct 20: Bayern Munich lost their second successive match under new coach Soren Lerby 3-2 at Stuttgart on Saturday and slipped into the lower reach of the Bundesliga, reports Reuters.

Bayern, who sacked coach Jupp Heynckes two weeks ago, have lost six of their 14 games this season and find themselves in the unaccustomed position of being only two points above the bottom club.

Victory lifted Stuttgart from fourth to second behind Eintracht Frankfurt who extended their lead after winning 4-2 at Wattenscheid. Closest challengers Bayer Leverkusen and Disburg both drew.

Bayern, Bundesliga Champions five times in the past seven years, were 2-0 down within eight minutes to goals from Maurizio Gaudino

and Eritz Walter.

Thomas Berthold reduced the deficit with a 22nd minute strike but Stuttgart controlled the pace of the game and restored their two-goal lead with a header from Libero Slobodan Dubajic in the 71st minute.

Stefan Effenberg added a consolation goal for Bayern 11 minutes from time.

The first 10 minutes were a catastrophe for us," Lerby said.

"But then we played very well and showed tremendous morale. But what was missing was good luck."

Stuttgart coach Christoph Daum, clearly relieved after losing his two previous matches, said: "We started off aggressively and had the necessary quantum of good luck at the beginning."

Eintracht Frankfurt romped to a 3-0 lead before Wattenscheid briefly threatened to come back with two goals in two minutes. Uwe Bein

put them ahead with the first of his two goals in the eight minute. Anthony Yeboah made it 2-0 one minute into the second half and Lothar Sippel added the third in the 51st.

Souleyman Sane reduced the arrears for Wattenscheid in the 56th minute and the home side's hopes were lifted when Markus Schupp scored on the hour.

Vubut Bein tiffed off the fightback with Eintracht's fourth goal 12 minutes from time.

Disburg slipped to third after drawing 1-1 at home to champions Kaiserslautern, while fourth placed Bayer Leverkusen also dropped a point at home, held 1-1 by Hamburg.

In the clash of the former East German clubs admitted to the Bundesliga this season, Hansa Rostock beat Dynamo Dresden 3-0 at home to consign Dresden to bottom place.

## Contreras KOs Espinosa



MANILA, Philippines, Oct 20: Israel Contreras of Venezuela got up from two second-round knockdowns to knock out Luisito Espinosa of the Philippines in the fifth and take away his World Boxing Association bantamweight title, reports AP.

Espinosa caught Contreras with combinations that toppled him twice in the second, and another left cross wobbled the South American before

being saved by the bell.

But Espinosa, who had to work out for 30 minutes to make the 118-pound (53.5 kilogram) limit in the morning's official weigh-in, appeared to be fatigued as the fight wore on.

Contreras hit the Filipino with combination to send him to the canvas once in the fifth, and then he followed up with a left uppercut and right cross that floored Espinosa a second time.

Espinosa tried to beat the count but fell back down and

was counted out on his knees at 2:16.

Gustavo Catillo, Contreras' manager, said their main strategy was to weaken Espinosa by repeatedly hitting him in the stomach.

"I'm very much satisfied," Contreras, 30, told reporters and he received a huge trophy donated by President Corason Aquino, who was represented by her executive secretary, Franklin Drilon. "I am very much satisfied, and I thank my country."

Contreras, a 10-5 underdog, came out charging at the opening bell as expected and put the Filipino champion on the defensive.

After the two knockdowns, Contreras recovered quickly and in the third round changed tactics by shifting his attack to the body.

Catillo said they were willing to give Espinosa a rematch.

### Seeds crash in Canadian squash

TORONTO, Oct 20: Two seeds, Mark Maclean of Scotland and Pakistani Mir Zaman Gul, were eliminated from the United Canadian Open squash championships in the first round on Saturday, reports Reuters.

A pulled hamstring muscle forced the ninth-seeded Maclean, ranked 10th in the world to quit after losing the first game to unseeded Englishman Danny Maddings.

Mir Zaman Gul, among the top ten in the world until last year and seeded 11th here, went down to Tony Hands, a qualifier from England.

Hands is making a habit of staging upsets. He knocked out compatriot Simon Park in the US championships this past week.

The steadiness of Hands' game and his stamina enabled the 20 year old from Essex to get the better of Mir Zaman who was more powerful and has much more international experience.

Former world champion Ross Norman of New Zealand, the sixth seed, had a hard opening game against Zarak Jahan Khan of Pakistan, losing 14-17. But he came back to win the match 15-8, 15-13, 15-11.



New World Boxing Association (WBA) bantamweight champion Israel Contreras of Venezuela and supporters celebrate beside President Corason Aquino after Contreras knocked out Luisito Espinosa of the Philippines in 2 minutes and 16 secs into the fifth round at the jampacked Araneta Coliseum in Manila on Oct 19. — AFP photo