Sports Reporter

Abahani to bat first after win-

A super century by former Indian Test opener Raman Lamba who scored exactly 100, his second

of the meet, helped fancted Abahani Krira Chakra to cruise into the semifinals of the 13th Damal Summer Cricket tournament, by outplaying Udity Club by a big margin of 83 runs at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Lamba continued his brilliant form, his first century coming in the very first match for Abahant when he slammed are unbeaten 110 against Ajax.

Lamba also scored 47 not out against Dhaka Wanderers and 51 against Bangladesh

He now has scored a massive 308 runs for Abahani is only four matches, twice remaining unbeaten with a flattering average of 154.00 runs. Abahani will face the win-

ners of the Gulshan Youth ver-

Victoria Sporting Club

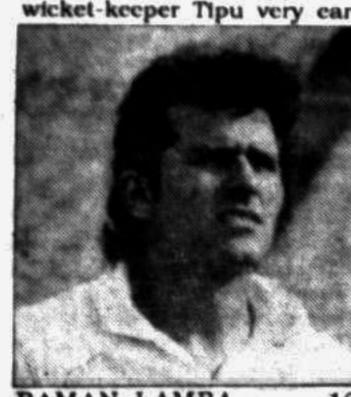
quarterfinal in their semifinal match on November 26. Abahani, batting first, piled up 223 runs for the loss of stx wickets in their stipulated 45

In reply, Udity Club were bowled out for just 140 in

44.4 overs. Udity captain Imran surprised everyone by inviting

ning the toss. The Abahani openers, accepting the invitation, rattled up 134 runs for the first wicket, Lamba and make-shift opener Selim tak-ing full toll of some pathetic fielding by the Udity boys.

Lamba was dropped by wicket-keeper Tipu very early



RAMAN LAMBA......100 in the innings while Selim, enmore luck, was dropped thrice by the Udity

Selim was the first Abahani batsman to be dismissed for a charmed 60 runs off 95 balls. His innings included five glorious hits to the fence.

Skipper Faroog scored 12, Akram 24, while GM Nowsher Prince remained not out with eight runs. Zahed Razzak Masoom and Sujon failed to open their account. Lamba, capitalising on the

early lct-off, posted an excel-

lent 100 runs off only 134 balls. His knock was studded with eight well-timed boundaries and a superb heave over the mid-on boundary for a six off Rokon.

Yet Rokon was the most successful Udity bowler with three wickets for 40 runs. Durjoy and Mukul also captured one wicket each.

In reply, Udity made no real effort to chase the daunting target and were 's ited out for 140 runs.

Rokon complemented his bowling effort by scoring the highest 45 runs for his side. Anup followed him with 37. Rinku, 12 and Sajid, son of former national captain Rogutbul Hasan, scored 10 runs the only other Udity batsmen to reach double fig-

ures. Prince and Selim claimed three wicket each for 17 and 25 runs respectively.

Defending champions Dhaka Mohammedans will take on Navana Premier Division runners-up Bangladesh Biman in today's quarter-final tie at the Dhaka Stadium.

The winners of this match will take on the winner of GMCC-Brothers Union quarterfinal encounter in the second scmifinals.

TODAY'S MATCH

b Prabhakar

b Tendulkar

b Prabhakar

J. Frame not out

K. Bray not out

50 overs)

7-217.

Stinson

Bowling:

Kapil Dev

M. Curry st Pandit

P. Dyson c Tendulkar

P. Gerhard b Prabhakar

R. Merlo lbw b Prabhakar

Extras (b-1 lb-8 w-1 nb-3)

Fall of wickets: 1-2; 2-88;

Did not bat : M. Christie, G.

26

34

3-160; 4-195; 5-206; 6-206;

Total (for seven wickets,

Mohammedans vs Biman (Dhaka Stadium)

Morale-boost for India

WAGGA WAGGA, Australia, Nov 21: Stand-in-captain Ravi Shastri and gifted young batsman Sanjay Manjrekar led India to a morale-boosting eight-wicket victory over New South Wales country today, reports Reuter.

Set 221 to win from 50 overs, India cruised past the target with 16 balls to spare to record their first tour win and help restore confidence after two demoralising losses in western Australia last week-

Manjrekar finished with a magnificent unbeaten 116 while Shastri led from the front with an effortless 72 as India made the most of good batting conditions.

The pair, who both hit centuries against South Africa in New Delhi just a week ago, added 160 runs for the second wicket in only two hours to steer the visitors towards certain victory.

Manjrekar brought up his 50 an over before Shastri and the pair matched each other until Shastri spooned a legside full toss to mid-wicket with the score on 167 in the 38th over.

Manjrekar went on to his 100 in 140 minutes and had hit 11 sweftly-timed for by the time he drove the winning runs through the covers.

"It was an easy-paced wicket, it played slow and low, and it was always going to be hard to get out unless you threw your wicket away," said

MANILA, Nov 21: Crippled

beggars and glue sniffing street

children have all but vani-shed

from major streets of the

Philippine capital as it under-

goes a frantic facelist days be-

fore the 16th Southeast Asian

disasters and an economic re-

cession, President Corazon

Aquino's government is in the

thick of building or sprucing

up several Games sites, only 96

hours before the cauldron is lit

at the Rizal memorial Stadium

1992 Presidential elections,

provide a respite for Filipinos

in the wake of killer floods

eastern island of Leyte earlier

Concepcion, a member of the

organizing committee, said the

world's perception of the

Philippines was "very nega-

tive," and that they would be

disabused of that thinking if

the hosts put our best foot

forward with a successful

There is a heavy traffic

staging of the biennial Games.

buildup on Roxas Boulevard

sunset as armies of gardeners

tear up flower beds to install a

new grass carpet and

Christmas lighting on the city's

small truck harry homeless

people and vendors away from

the boulevard and nearby parks

and brusquely suggest that

they ply their trade away from

Manila mayor Gemiliano

Plainclothes police aboard a

fronting Manila Bay's famous

that claimed 7,000 lives in the

Business leader Raul

The Games, ahead of May

Shell-shocked by natural

Games, reports AFP.

on Sunday.

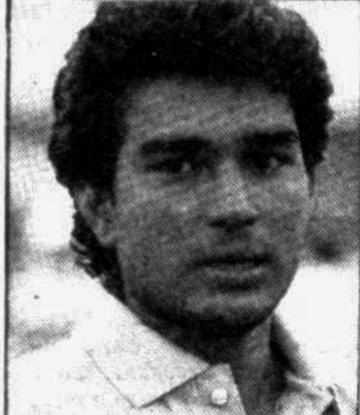
this month.

hotel strip.

the Games sites.

Shastri, deputising for the injured Mohammad Azharuddin.

Although his side were rolled over for a meagre 64 in Perth on Monday, Shastri said he was feeling no pressure going out to chase NSW country's 220 for seven, which owed most to former Sheffield Shield batsman Greg Giese's



"We have enough confidence in our own ability to win," Shastri said. "We are a batting side that has made runs in all conditions but every team has a couple of off days."

overs one-day cricket match between India and a New South Wales country XI today: NSW country XI:

G. Giese c Srikkanth

102 from 137 balls.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard in the limited

G. Arms b Ratu G. Ryan c Pandit b Prabhakar 0

M. Prabhakar S. Tendulkar 0 N. Hirwani 10 V. Raju 10 6 0 R. Shastri INDIA Shastri c Dyson b Frame Srikkanth c Merlo b Bray Manirekar not out Tendulkar not out Extras (w-7) Total (two wickets, 47.2 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-167. Did not bat : Kapil Dev, N. Hirwani, M. Prabhakar, P. Amre, S. Ganguly, C. Pandit, V.

Raju.				
Bowling:	0	M	R	W
G. Stinson	5	0	18	0
K. Bray	10	1	49	1
M. Christie	4	0	11	0
J. Frame	9	0	45	1
M. Curry	10	0	42	0
P. Gerhard	9.2	0	56	0
Result:	India v	von	by et	ght

wickets.

Manila, hosting the Games matches of the Green Delta for only the second time, is Second Division hockey ended courting a major embarrass-

Shishu Kishore Sangha was forced to split the points against Mukta Bihanga. Fakrul scored the first goal for Shishu Kishore in the 40th minute of But the archery range if unthe match. Rathan drew level finished and soggy with rain. for Mukta Bihanga when he The diving board is stalled converted a penalty corner into a goal nine minutes from

committee provided the Games schedule to the press. equaliser in the 37th minute of

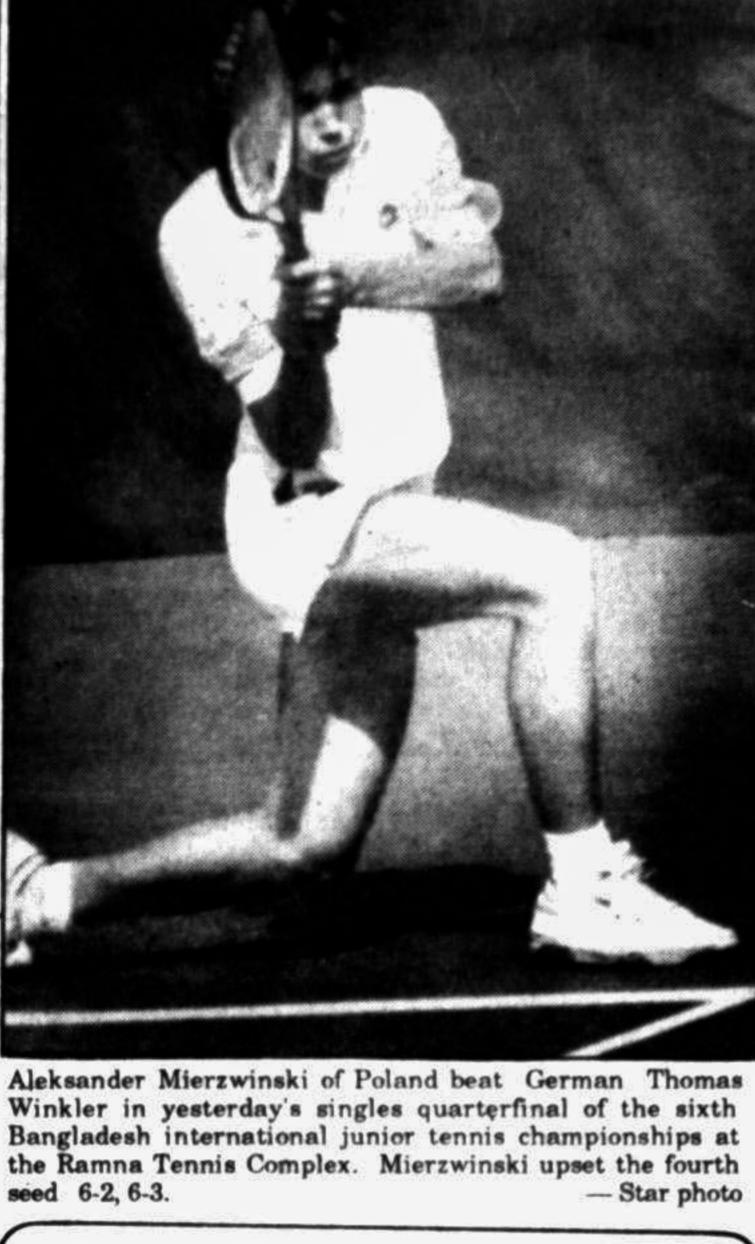
However Masud Rana of Cantonian denied his team a chance of earning full points, when he missed a penalty stroke late in the second half.

Ctgsoccer

CHITTAGONG, Nov 21: Chittagong City Corporation and Brothers Union shared points in a one all drawn encounter in the CJKP Elite Paint First Division football league at the Chittagong Stadium here this afternoon, reports BSS.

City Corporation took the lead in the 31st minute when Abul netted the ball with a spectacular shot (1-0).

NEW DELHI, Nov 21: World champion Mike Russell lost 1-5 to India's old warhorse Michael Ferriera in the Palm Beach world Masters billiards championship that opened here Wednesday, reports AFP.



Winkler in yesterday's singles quarterfinal of the sixth Bangladesh international junior tennis championships at the Ramna Tennis Complex. Mierzwinski upset the fourth seed 6-2, 6-3.

Lewis, Krabbe best of '91

MONTE CARLO, Nov 21: and 200 metres. Sprinters Carl Lewis and Katrin Krabbe were named on in the long jump, in which Wednesday as the international compatriot Mike Powell broke dinner, reports Reuter.

record while winning the gold in both the women's 100 sponsors.

Lewis also finished second

athletes of the year at the the 23-year-old world record, International Amateur Athletic and anchored the US 4x100 Federation's (IAAF) annual gala metres team to a world record while Krabbe won bronze American Lewis set a world medals in both sprint relays. Voters in a world wide poll

men's 100 metres at the included representatives from Tokyo World Championships the IAAF member federawhile Germany's Krabbe won tions, meeting organisers and

Bulgarians do Scots a very big favour



PARIS, Nov 21: Scotland's dreams of playing in the European Championship came true on Wednes-

day night, but Welsh hopes were shattered as Germany headed towards next year's finals in Sweden, reports AFP. France meanwhile made

history by becoming the first team to win all their qualifying matches after beating Iceland 3-1 at the Parc des Princes. Romania needed to win in

Sofia with a scoreline better than 1-0 to stop the Scots from reaching their first finals in seven attempts, but the Bulgarians fought hard for a 1-1 draw in Group 2.

The Romanians piled on the pressure and after 16 minutes, Sabau had the ball in the back of the Bulgarian net - only for the goal to be disallowed.

The Bulgarian goal continued to lead a charmed existence two minutes later when Gheorghe Hagi, Romania's best player and one of Europe's most talented playmakers, missed a penalty.

Adrian Popescu finally broke the deadlock after half an hour, but sustained second half pressure on the Romanian goal paid off for Bulgaria in the 55th minute with Masko Sirakov's equaliser. Bulgarian coach Penev said

afterwards that drawing against Romania was a question of honour to show that a result had not been fixed before the

Craig Brown, number two to Scottish manager Andy Roxburgh, was delighted with the match he saw on television, and with Scetland's ultimate

"In view of all the impediments placed in our way, it's a remarkable achievement."

"After all those withdrawals and fixture congestions, the odds were against us. I must admit when Romania were winning 1-0 at half-time I was despondent."

"However, I think Andy Roxburgh gave the Bulgarians their half- time team talk."

Joking aside, Brown said "I think it should also be remembered that we won the section on points, not goal difference and lost only one game in the process. "I think we are a stuffy team

who will be hard to beat in Sweden. We are the underdogs and that suits us.

There are no Costa Ricas, Perus or Irans there. In many ways it is more competitive than the World Cup and I feel we can give a good account of ourselves."

GERMANS WIN

Welsh hopes of going to Sweden have effectively sunk after Germany beat Belgium 1-0 in Brussels.

The World Cup holders now only need a draw on December 17 against Luxembourg, who have lost all five matches so far, to book their place. Rudi Voller of AS Roma

scored Germany's winner in the 15th minute, heading home a corner from Lazio's Karl-Heinz Riedle. The tie was marred though

by crowd *rouble before the match, with police arresting 400-500 German fans after street battles and shops were ransacked in the Belgian capi-

Vogts fears suspension



BONN, Nov 21: Coach Berti Vogts is concerned that

European football after as many as 600 of their fans were arrested during a night of violence in Brussels, reports AFP.

could happen to us would be to be suspended like the English were for many years," Vogts said after watching Germany virtually guarantee themselves a place in the European Championship finals with a 1-0 win over Belgium.

Hundreds of fans fought street battles and shops were ransacked before the match. Police baton-charged riot-

ers several times as they attacked other supporters and Arabs in the city centre and and at the railway station. Belgian police said some carried knives, teargas and

baseball bats.

German hooligans have established a reputation not far behind that of their English counterparts during the 70's and 80's after causing serious disturbances during the World Cup in Italy and last year in Luxemburg before another European Championship quali-

UEFA warned the German Football Federation after the trouble in Luxembourg and could now decide on sterner action.

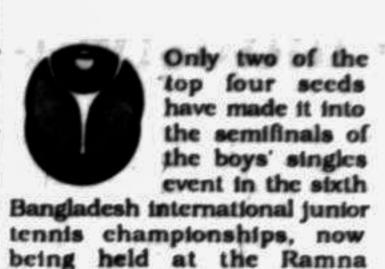
season allowed back into European competitions - and Spurs' could have received a then on a trial basis - after the 1985 Heysel Stadtum tragedy bigger sum from an interin Brussels when 39 fans were ested Italian Club, the deal is crushed to death before the further boost to the London Liverpool-Juventus European Cup final

were not banned.

Boys' doubles final today

Only two seeds reach semis

Sports Reporter



The quarter-final matches yesterday afternoon produced two upsets with third seeded Vikram Venkataraghavan and fourth seeded German Thomas Sascha Winkler both failing to take their appointed places in the last four. While Venkataraghavan lost

Tennis Complex.

fellow Indian opponent Suhel Malhotra, going down 4-6, 7-6 (7-1) and 1-6, the German fourth seed Winkler was outplayed by the unseeded Pole Aleksander Mierzwinski 2-6. However, tournament favourite and top seed Atip Chotiyanwong of Thatland and

number two seed Asim Shafiq

made no mistakes in booking

a close contest to his unseeded

their berths in today's semifi-Chotiyanwong was given a run for his money by Indian Anirban Baruah and the Thai really had to produce his best to prevail 7-5, 2-6, 6-4. But for Asim Shafiq of Pakistan it proved just another routine workout against his Bangladeshi opponent Faisal Syed

The brave Faisal who had

distinguished himself by being the sole quarter-finalist from among the several local lads entered in the event, lost 2-6, 1-6 against the far too superior

In the semtfinals, scheduled for this morning, Chotiyanwong will take on Mierzwinski while Asim Shafiq will face Suhel Malhotra.

The girls' singles semifinals are also scheduled for an



ght-thirty start this morning, pitting top seed C. Sudsopee of Thailand against India's Sahiba Chadha and the Thai girls Pimpisamai Kansuthi against Tamarine Tanasugarn.

The afternoon's fare also offers the boys' doubles final between the top seeded pair of Chotiyanwong and his Indian partner Vasudeva Reddy and the Pakistani pair of Hassan Mehmood and Md. Khalique.

The matches start at 1:45 pm.

The girls' doubles semifinals will be held simultaneously, with Sudsopee and her Indian partner Arthi Ponappa taking on the South Koreans Scok Eun-Sah and Chung Gi-Jung and the Thai pairing of Kansuthi and Tanasugarn facing the Bangladeshi girls Ruma and Mithun

In the quarter-finals yesterday, Sudsopee and Ponappa earned a walk-over against their Bangladeshi rivals Shapla and Rushi while the Korean girls beat the Indians Sahiba Chadha and Lavanya Manaradiar 6-2, 6-1.

Bangladesh's Ruma and Mithun received another walkover against fellow Bangladeshis Mehrin Asaf and Iffat Ambarin Joya while the third local pairing of Yasmin Ahmed and Saathi Khandaker suffered a humiliating 0-6, 0-6 trouncing at the hands of Kansuthi and Tanasugarn.

The boys' semifinals yesterday saw Vasudeva Reddy and Chotiyanwong outplaying the Thais Jirapong Rajanavasri and Jirasri Siricort 6-4, 6-2 and the Pakistanis Mehmood and Khalique getting the better of Indians S. Fazal Uddin and Devarshi Mitra 6-2, 6-3.

The week-long meet, an ITF rated tournament which this year has been upgraded from Group Five to Group Four and offers more points to the winners, is scheduled to run until Nov 24.

Close call for Capriati



NEW YORK, Nov 21 : Sixth seed Jenniser Capriati barely survived a third-set tiebreak with Nathalie Ta-

uziat of France on Wednesday to complete an upset-free first round at the three million dollar Virginia Slims Championships, reports Reuter. In a tense match that could easily have gone the other way,

the 15-year-old Capriati, boosted by a partisan Madison Square Garden crowd, escaped into the quarter-finals of the 16-player season finale 5-7, 6-0. 7-6 (7-4). "I didn't really want to go

hard," said Capriati, referring to a groin muscle strain that hampered her mobility. "But in the end I just said.

go for it. I really didn't want to let the crowd down." Capriati and 17-year-old world number one Monica Seles wiped out the tourna-

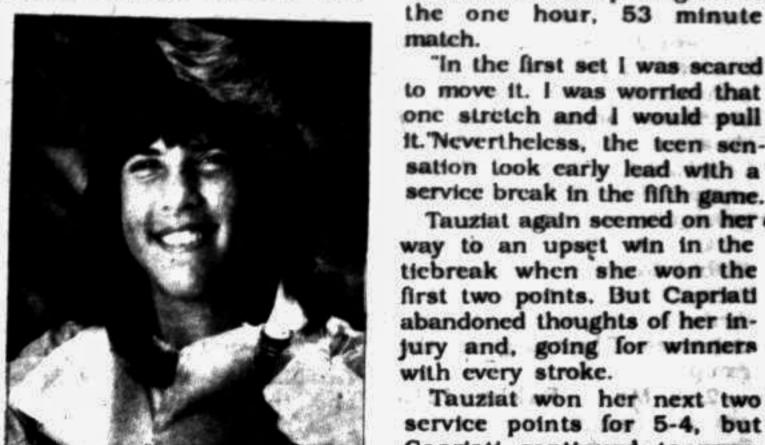
into the quarters. The top-seeded defending champion blitzed a hopelessly outclassed Julie Halard 6-1, 6-

Earlier, eighth seed Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia held off the comeback efforts of 10th-ranked Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere of Switzerland 6-0, 3-6, 6-3.

Open runner-up, advanced to a quarter-final against second-

seeded two time champion Steffi Graf. The 20th-ranked Halard,

the only first-time qualifier in the draw, was never in the match. She managed to win a mere six points in the second set as Seles was in a rush to attend a rock concert else-



where in the building. The victory assured Seles of breaking Martina Navratilova's single-season earnings record of 2,173,566 dollars.

Seles, who has reached the final of every tournament she played this year, next meets seventh-seeded American Mary Joe Fernandez.

seed Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina, whom she has defeated in their last three meetings. The last quarter-final pits

match. "In the first set I was scared to move it. I was worried that one stretch and I would pull

fourth-seeded. five-time cham-

pion Navratilova against fifth

sced Arantxa Sanchez Vicario

injury during Sunday's final-

round loss to Seles in

Philadelphia, admitted she was

tentative in the opening set of

Capriati, who aggravated the

of Spain.

it. Nevertheless, the teen sensation took early lead with a service break in the fifth game. Tauziat again seemed on her way to an upset win in the ticbreak when she won the first two points. But Capriati

abandoned thoughts of her injury and, going for winners with every stroke. Tauziat won her next two service points for 5-4, but

relief from Capriati and a roar from the crowd. Capriati agreed with Tauziat that the 10th game of the

third set was the key.

Olympic hockey draw

Cup winners the Netherlands and Olympic champions Britain were drawn in different pools for the men's hockey competition at next year's Barcelona Games, the International Hockey Federation said on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

BRUSSELS, Nov 21: World

Britain were drawn in Pool A with Argentina, Australia, Egypt, India and European champions Germany. The Netherlands meet

Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Spain and the Soviet Union in Pool B. In the women's competi-

tion, Olympic champions Australia face Canada, Germany and Spain in Pool A, while World Cup winners the Netherlands play Britain, Korea

Tennis team off to Singapore

Lineker plans to bow out of A nine-member Bangladesh international soccer after the junior tennis team, led by coach-cum-manager Sandru Salam, left Dhaka yesterday for Singapore to take part in the Code 10 Palmolive age-group junior tennis championships there, says a BTF press release.

The four-day competition begins in Singapore on November 23.

N'ganj soccer Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Nov 21: Sirajuddowla Club beat DSS Club by two goals to nil in today's match of the Muldhara First Division football league at the local Osmani Stadium. Both goals came in the sec-

Dockyard vs Shuktara Juba

ond session of play with Zakir scoring the first and Zafar the other for the winners. TODAY'S MATCH

Capriati continued to come through on the crucial points. She reached match point when Tauziat netted a forehand and ended the thriller by blasting a serve that Tauziat returned long, brining a sigh of

"At 5-4 in the third when I kept going deuce, and, deuce, I thought, if I haven't won already, it's not my day to win the match.

GROUP A : Argentine, Australia, Britain, Egypt, Germany, India. GROUP B : Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand.

Women: Canada, Germany, Spain GROUP B : Britain Netherlands, New Zealand

South Korea.

Platini predicted on Thursday France would be favourites for next year's European soccer championship, saying they could beat anyone, reports Reuter.

ifying group, coach Platini was in justifiable buoyant mood. "We will be favourites but

he said. "In 1986, we were the best in the world and we did not win the World Cup. But he added: "I think we can beat any team. Everybody

knew that we had strength and will but we showed in this match (against Iceland) that we also had the technical skills." A first-half goal from Amara

per cent record.

France, led by Platini, lifted the European title in 1984

Lopez said the city government has hauled off scores of street children to Boy's Town, a reformatory for truants and homeless young people. Even garbage trucks, more

Manila spruces up conspicious for their absence in many residential areas here. are doing their daily rounds.

> ment if it fails to beat the deadline. Officially, the venues for the 29 sporting events are "95 per cent" complete, according to Freddie Mendoza, the head of the Philippine contingent.

since imported equipment was held up by Customs, while some bowling equipment has yet to arrive from abroad. Nor has the organizing

fouling up coverage plans. About 1,000 police have been deployed to provide security to about 3,600 athletes and officials from eight participating countries.

Aquino received the Games

torch at the Presidential Palace Wednesday, borne on the last two-kilometer (milelong) leg by her burly chief aide Executive Secretary Franklin Drilon. Drilon later required medi-

cal treatment after he aggra-

vated a pulled muscle he sus-

tained a day earlier. The organizing committee chairman, Trade Secretary Peter Garrucho, reiterated Wednesday that "All the sites would be ready for the Games," and said delays in the arrival and installation of imported equipment were little glitches that can be solved." It's hardly the stuff that can stop a tournament."

He said the Games were

expected to attract 12,000

foreign visitors and generate

up to 400 million pesos (14.8

million dollars) in tourist in-

More draw's in hockey league

Sports Reporter Both the super league

the final whistle. In the day's other encounter, Cantonian Sporting Club also shot into lead in the 15th minute of the game. Sujit

Billiards upset

in identical one-all draws yesterday at the Hockey Stadium. In the day's first match,

of Barnak Samaj scored the

Germany could be suspended from "The worst thing which

English clubs were only last

The England national side

million dollars) forGascoigne, Sangshad.

ment's French contingent, but Seles took the express lane

0 in just 37 minutes.

Novotna, the Australian

Lineker confirms contract with

Japanese Club LONDON, Nov 21: England soccer captain Gary Lineker confirmed on Wednesday he will be leaving Tottenham Hotspur at the end of the season

to join Japanese club Grampus Eight, reports Reuter. The fee for the 31-year-old striker was said by Spurs chief executive Terry Venables to be just short of one million pounds (1.8 million dollars) but the player refused to confirm reports he would person ally receive over two million pounds (3.6 million dollars)

finish my contract with Tottenham, which runs for the rest of this season and the one after, before retiring," Lineker said. "But the Japanese interest

teresting new option."

came up and it gave me an in-

"My original plan was to

from the deal.

1992 European Championship finals in Sweden but will not link up with his new club, based in Nagoya, until February He needs only three more goals to equal Bobby Charlton's England record of 49 interna-

England beyond next June. You never know and if England are doing badly I might just get a call but it is not something I am considering as a serious possibility at the moment, he said. Although Venables said

tional goals but has virtually

ruled

out representing

team's troubled finances. Lazio are still committed to paying 5.5 million pounds (9.9

Capriati next faces third

"But I guess it was," she said with a laugh.

July 25-August 9. Men:

and New Zealand in Pool B.

Matches will be played from

Pakistan, Soviet Union, Spain. GROUP A : Australia.

Platini puts his money on France PARIS, Nov 21: Michel

After their 3-1 home victory over Iceland on Wednesday which completed a 100 per cent clean sweep in their qual-

we must not be overconfident,"

Simba and two in the second period from Eric Cantona gave France their eighth win in eight qualifying games, making them the first team to reach the European finals with a 100