

## Doping costs Indonesia dear

MANILA, Dec 3: The Philippines regained the overall medals lead in the 16th South East Asian Games in Manila today, in a day of competition marred by a positive drug test on one athlete, reports Reuter.

Organisers refused to release the person's name, nationality or sport until further tests were completed.

The athlete, a medalist, was the only one with a positive result out of 175 competitors tested so far, Games doctors said.

Filipino boxers won seven golds on Tuesday to give the hosts a total of 87 against Indonesia's 82 with 23 events to be completed in the nine-nation competition ending on Thursday.

Thailand won seven events on Tuesday and kept third

place with 68 golds.

"This is the best Christmas gift I can give to myself after winning the gold medal fighting with a sprained hand," Filipino lightweight boxer Ronald Chavez told reporters after he outpointed Thailand's Aran Nuckkila.

The seven boxing victories were among 13 gold medals the host country won on the ninth day of competitions, following victories earlier in the day in windsurfing, tennis, karate and taekwondo.

The Indonesians captured six events on Tuesday, including two in boxing, two in diving, the men's 5,000 metres and men's volleyball.

It was the tightest battle between the two countries for the overall crown in the Games 18-year history.

The athlete who tested

positive for drugs will be stripped of the medal and face possible suspension from international competitions if results of further tests confirmed the initial findings, officials said.

They said five athletes tested positive for drugs during the 15th Games in Kuala Lumpur in 1989 and were stripped of their medals.

Last weekend, officials disqualified Thai welterweight Arkhos Chenglai from the boxing finals after his coach refused to allow him to take a drugs test after his semifinal win over a Filipino.

Indonesian light-middleweight boxer Hendrik Simangusong, who captured the gold medal in his class, summed up his country's general dismay at losing the overall lead to the Philippines.

"Our performance is good enough but we were not lucky. We targeted four golds but got only two," he said.

An earlier report said: Thailand won 11 gold medals on Monday to edge back into contention in the overall medal race in the 16th South East Asian Games in the Philippines, reports Reuter.

Thailand stand at third with 61 golds with only four days to go in the nine-nation Games. Chanont Keanchan, 24-year-old son of an army major, and Reawadee Srihoa led a Thai sweep of the 400 metres hurdles in a pair of record-breaking performances.

Keanchan won in 50.94 seconds to post an easy victory over Burmese rival Htay win while Srihoa upset Philippine favourite Elma Muros in a time of 56.78 seconds.

"I thought I could run below 51 seconds. I'll try my best to hit 49.9 seconds in the near future," Keanchan told reporters.

Timottus Sukai Indiken, a 26-year-old elementary school teacher in Indonesia, clinched the decathlon with 6,799 points but said he was disappointed not to break the Games record of 7,001 points held by countryman Yulius Uwe.

"I could have done better if not for a hamstring injury in my left leg. With the injury, I had to be careful," he said.

A row broke out in the men's tennis singles final after Filipino Felix Barrientos beat Benny Wijaya of Indonesia 6-3, 7-6 (7-2).

"The officiating was very bad. How can I get 20 faults and Felix got none?" a bitter Wijaya told reporters.

"How can you have bad calls when there's a neutral umpire who can always overrule the calls of the linesmen any time he wants?" Barrientos retorted.

## Hosts accused of cheating

MANILA, Dec 3: Hosts Philippines are being deluged with protests over "hometown" decisions as they arrive on the last stretch of their most successful campaign in the South East Asian Games so far, reports AFP.

First to point the accusing fingers were Thailand, who had a boxer disqualified from the finals scheduled late today after his coach refused to have him undergo a doping test, claiming the doctors were picking on the Thais.

Thais are the Philippines' main rivals for boxing supremacy.

Vietnam's delegation chief Doan Thao later wrote to the 16th South East Asian Games coordinators here questioning the "credibility and impartiality of the referee and jury" after woman Taekwondo fighter Tran Thi Thu lost out

to a Filipina foe in a final match on Saturday.

Indonesia's team manager Yunus Yamane on Monday lashed out at the intentional decisions, he said cost his player Benny Wijaya the men's tennis singles title to Felix Barrientos of the Philippines in Monday's final.

"There are more important things in our SEA Games than just accumulation of gold medals," he said in a press release, in apparent reference to the Philippines' all-out battle with the defending champions for the overall title.

With 60 events still to be contested, Indonesia had 76 golds to the hosts' 74 and Thailand's 61.

He said the biennial Games were being held primarily "to meet the standards of international competitions."

The Games organising committee spokesman, Philippine press under secretary Horacio Parades, said complaints over hometown decisions were "normal" in all South East Asian Games, adding that he was generally satisfied with the officiating.

The hosts themselves were complaining, claiming they were robbed of several gold medals in body building because the judges allegedly favoured Singapore, who took four out of six golds.

The Philippines also lodged a protest with the Games Federation Council after the jury disqualified their swimmers in the 4x100 individual medley for men after the anchor swimmer was adjudged to have delayed the contest when he changed his torn pair of swimming trunks.

## Bayern's crisis deepens

LONDON, Dec 3: Bayern Munich, Germany's richest and most prestigious club, have slipped deeper into crisis after a 4-3 home defeat by Werder Bremen, their fifth loss at home this season, reports Reuter.

Bayern, who have won the title a record 12 times, slipped to 12th place and look like being reduced to onlookers in the title race. Werder were surprised by the ease with which they secured their first win in Bavaria for 23 years.

Werder had opened a 3-0 lead by the 52nd minute and Uli Borowka, who hit the fourth, said: "I've never had it so easy scoring a goal."

Bayern's poor form also came as a shock to new Dutch signing Jan Wouters. "I didn't imagine it to be like this at Bayern," he said.

Last week the four times European champions, trying to revive their crumbling season, brought back former players Franz Beckenbauer and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge as vice-presidents with responsibility for improving the playing staff.

Eintacht Frankfurt re-

mained top of the league despite a surprise 1-1 draw at home with Fortuna Dusseldorf.

They lead on goal difference from second-placed VfB Stuttgart and Borussia Dortmund.

**EUPHORIC REAL**

In Spain, Real Madrid, Euphoric after slamming Espanol 5-1 on Sunday, are already talking of winning the title and setting new records in the process.

Trainer Radomir Antic is confident Real can claim back the league title lost to Barcelona last season and smash their 1989-90 record of 107 goals. They have 31 from 12 matches so far.

Real, still unbeaten, have notched up 23 points in the best start to a season by a Spanish side and Antic believes they are unstoppable.

"Real Madrid showed their championship qualities," he said. "We would have smashed any team. We were totally superior."

Atletico Madrid also won 5-1, against Real Valladolid, to remain in second place four points behind Real.

AC Milan coach Fabio

Capello was left rueing his side's failure to turn their initial superiority against Internazionale in to goals in the Italian league's top match.

The league leaders, who had captain Franco Baresi sent off, went ahead with a goal from Dutchman Marco van Basten in the 19th minute but missed several more goalscoring chances before Inter equalised to snatch a 1-1 draw.

German international Jurgen Kolinnma scored the equaliser to end finally his goal drought and keep Inter equal fourth, five points behind Milan.

But Inter coach Corrado Orrico was in no mood to speculate on his side's chances of overhauling their neighbours.

"If we keep on improving, there is still time to catch up. However, we need to improve," he said.

Salvatore, Schillaci, 27 on Sunday, also ended a lengthy goalless spell with only his second of the season in Juventus's 2-1 win over Roma which moved them to within a point of Milan.

Hari's Polish coach, Zbigniew Boniek, who replaced Gaetano Salvemini after five days of the season, reacted angrily to suggestions that he should resign after his side's sixth consecutive defeat.

"I'm not resigning, I'm not thinking of it for a second," he said after their 2-1 home loss to Genoa which left them bottom with three points.

"My conscience is clear. I'm working very hard and I'm sending a well prepared side on to the field, a team with a game plan that lets them create at least five or six chances per match."

"If after that (Federico) Giampolo or (David) Platt miss the chances, there's nothing I can do."

French champions Marseille unexpectedly surrendered a point on home ground in a goalless draw against lowly Lyons.

"I think we did not take this match seriously enough. We should not indulge in thinking that the league is over already," Marseille's Manuel Amoros said.

Monaco moved back within three points of the leaders with a 4-1 away win at Nancy. New Liberian discovery James Debah, replacing injured compatriot and France's leading goal scorer George Weah, scored twice in only his second league match.

## Blood for urine in dope tests

LAUSANNE, Dec 3: Blood testing may soon be used as a more effective way of detecting drugs, International Olympic Committee medical chief Prince Alexandre De Merode said here today, reports AFP.

"Urine analysis is no longer good enough to detect new drugs," he said.

The IOC executive board, which learnt on Monday how East Germany's swimming success from 1970-90 was built on doping, is expected to decide this week when to bring in the new tests.

Prince Alexandre said accredited laboratories were ready to start blood testing immediately.

A statement signed by 20 former East German swimming coaches said: "We confirm that anabolic steroids were used in former East German Swimming. Not all of us were involved in doping the extent varied."

East German women, who shook the sport at the first world championships at Vienna in 1973, where they won eight out of 12 golds.

They won eight out of nine events and one of the two relays at the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games.

Kornelia Ender, a double gold medalist at Vienna, won both freestyle sprints in Montreal where Petra Thumer was a double gold medalist at the long distance races and Ulrike Richter won both backstroke events.

They took first and second place in each event at the 1983 European championships and won gold in all 14 events at the 1986 world championships.

**LA to host 1993 chess finals**

PARIS, Dec 3: Los Angeles will be the venue for the next chess world championships finals in 1993, according to the secretary general of the International Chess Federation, Casto Abundo of the Philippines, reports AFP.

He said late Monday that California's largest city was selected after Rabat, the Moroccan capital, withdrew.

The last championship took place in 1990 in Lyons, France. The purse will total 5.6 million Swiss francs (currently worth 3.85 million dollars), nearly twice as much as the previous event.

Garry Kasparov, world champion since 1985, is expected to compete for a fourth title.

## Adelaide for C'wealth Games

CANBERRA, Dec 3: The Australian city of Adelaide, rival to Kuala Lumpur to host the 1996 Commonwealth Games, received a promise today of 25 million dollars (19.5 million US) from the government if its bid succeeds, reports AFP.

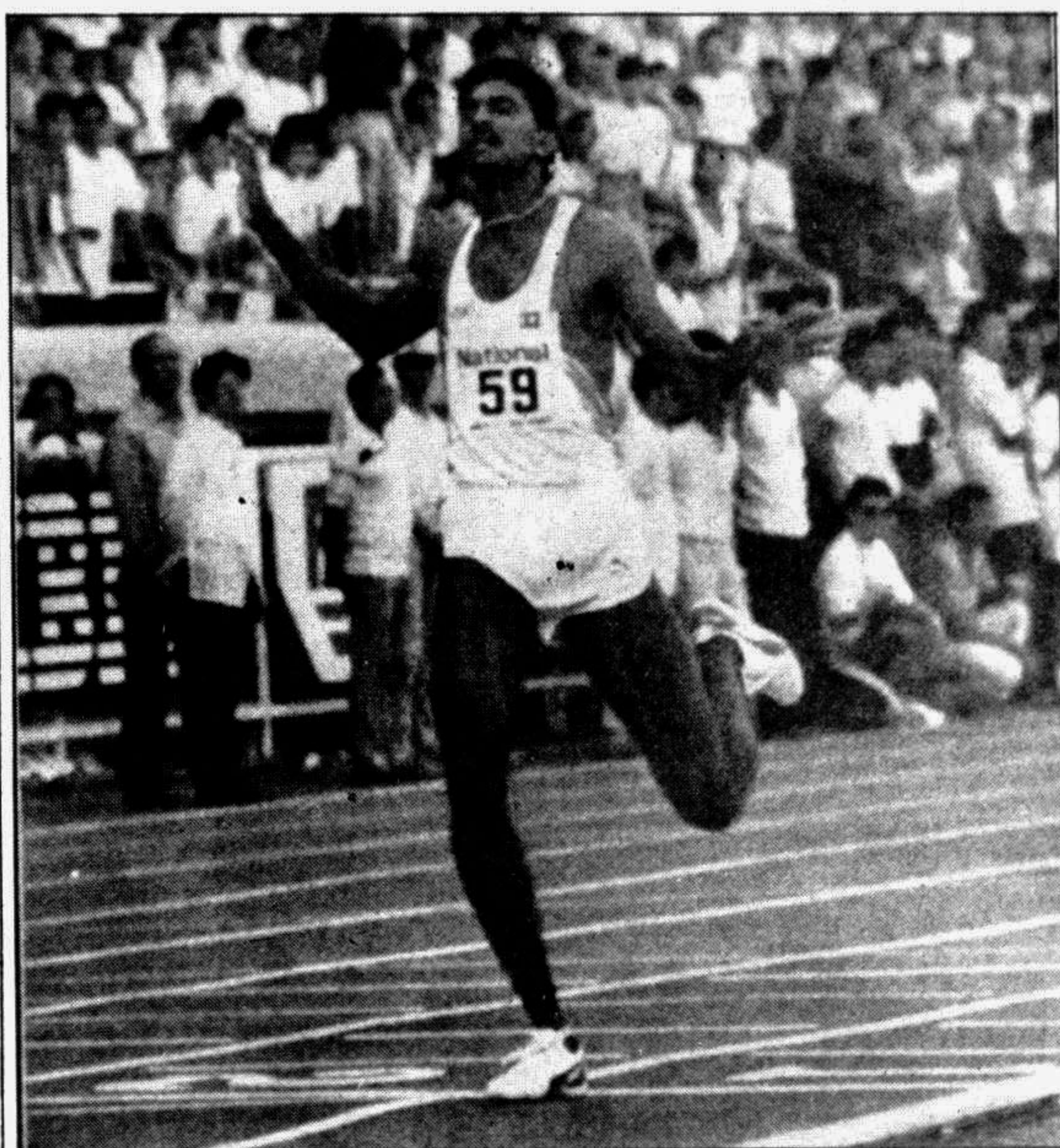
Announcing the offer, Prime Minister Bob Hawke said: "Adelaide has a very strong bid which has been the result of hard work by a number of dedicated people and I'm pleased to be in a position to back that hard work with the

offer of major financial help."

The offer is similar to that made to Melbourne and Sydney for their Olympic Games bids.

Melbourne's bid failed last year when Atlanta was chosen for the 1996 Olympics, while Sydney is competing against six other cities for the 2000 Games.

If it succeeds, Kuala Lumpur will only be the second city from a developing nation to host the Commonwealth Games.



Malaysia's Samson Vellabouy finishes in 1 min 38.86 sec to take the gold in the men's 800 meters at the 16th South East Asian Games in Manila on Dec 2. — AFP photo

## Big bonus for French heroes

LYONS, France, Dec 3: France's Davis Cup winning players will share a 10 million franc (1.825 million dollar) bonus for beating the United States in Sunday's final, reports AFP.

The cash bonanza has been made possible because all of France's games this year were played at home, and the France Tennis Federation could reap more handsome profits next year as they are guaranteed at least three home games in defence of the title.

"This year we did not have any long journeys to subsidize, like we did against the Americans at San Diego two years ago," said FIT director Christian Duxin.

But it has to be remembered that in 1990 and 1991 the players got hardly anything.

Money will also be paid to those who took part in the 1990 campaign, when mainly the same players were used. Duxin said "the win was made possible as well because the 1990 team avoided relegation."

Team captain Yannick Noah will be paid for playing in the 1990 side and for guiding the victorious players. He will automatically get 10 per cent of the profits.

The rest will be shared out pro-rata for the number of times chosen, number of games played and the number of victories.

France start their defence against Great Britain at Bayonne at the end of January.

## Noah — poacher turned game-keeper

LYONS, France, Dec 3: Yannick Noah, the architect of France's amazing Davis Cup triumph over the United States, was the least likely choice to lead his country, reports AFP.

"I know a lot of people were surprised when I asked him to be our Davis Cup captain but it turns out it was the best decision I ever made," French Tennis Federation president Philippe Chatrier said on Monday.

Typically, Noah kept Chatrier and International Tennis Federation president Brian Tobyn waiting an hour before arriving with his team for Sunday's official dinner at 10.30 pm.

They forced their way through 250 screaming teenage girls to return to their hotel at 1.00 am to swap dinner jackets and bow-ties for jeans, sweaters and an all-night disco session.

Noah, the first Frenchman for 37 years to win the French Open in 1983, had hardly been speaking to Chatrier for eight years.

They fell out when France lost to Yugoslavia in a Davis Cup tie and were relegated to the European zone.

Noah, who had also fallen out with Henri Leconte, made only a half-hearted attempt to win in Belgrade.

"Playing Davis Cup in those days was a drag," he admits. "Perhaps we have all grown up."

Chatrier summed things up differently. "He's the poacher turned gamekeeper," he said. "This is a dream come true. When I was elected president of the French Federation in 1968 our aim was to win the Davis Cup."

Noah, 31, was born in Cameroon where his father was professional footballer. Arthur Ashe spotted his precocious talent. But Noah has become an unpredictable Peter Pan figure, playing occasional tournaments and devoting most of his energy to a thriving pop career based on his "Saga Africa" record.

Noah's fragile character often shows through. At an emotional press conference in 1985 he admitted he had thought about throwing him-

self in to the river Seine. More recently he also told how a witch doctor in Cameroon cured tendinitis in his leg.

Noah's bold decision to pick Leconte, who had played only three qualifying matches since a third operation for a herniated disc following the Wimbledon championships, paid off tremendously.

"Yannick is the best captain you could wish for. He's done it all before. He knows that's going through your mind," Leconte said.

"He's done the same for US Michel Platini did for the football team," he added.

Platini, former European player of the year, has no coaching qualifications but guided France to next year's European championship finals in Sweden with an unprecedented Grand Slam of wins in the qualifying competition.

Ironically, Leconte's swash-buckling heroics made no impression on the ATP computer. He dropped a place to 160 in the rankings on Monday. However, tournament organisers will be offering over themselves to offer a wild card to this great entertainer.

YANNICK NOAH  
Noah left France saying he could not stand the media intrusion into his private life. But

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ANTWERP, Belgium, Dec 3: Top seed Stefan Edberg may be forced to pull out of the European Community tennis championship, reports Reuter.

Tournament director Sergio Palmieri said on Monday: "I'm not very optimistic about his chances."

He said world number one Edberg, sidelined for three weeks with a knee injury, would decide today if he could play. He resumed training three days ago.

The tournament's eight seeded players, including Boris Becker, Ivan Lendl and Pete Sampras, all received byes into the second round and join the fray from Wednesday onwards.

Edberg is scheduled to play American Aaron Krickstein, a 6-0, 6-3 winner over Belgium's

Bart Wuyts in the first round on Monday.

Palmieri said: "The first reaction (to training) was quite good, but then he tried to push harder and the result was not very good."

Yugoslav Goran Ivanisevic, the holder, and American John McEnroe have already pulled out of the prestigious Antwerp event.

McEnroe, who has won here three times, is suffering from tendinitis in the right knee. Ivanisevic has an Achilles tendon injury.

Palmieri said he had heard rumours that Guy Forget, who led France to a shock 3-1 defeat of the United States in the Davis Cup final on Sunday, had opted out of the event.

"Perhaps he's celebrating too much. Let's just hope the rumour isn't true," Palmieri added.

Forget's Davis Cup teammate Henri Leconte plays Swiss Marc Rosset in the first round today.

STEFAN EDBERG  
In other first round action, Dutchman Jan Siemerink earned himself 20,000 dollars

and a meeting with Boris Becker by beating Alexander Volkov of the Soviet Union 6-2, 4-6, 6-1.

Italian Omar Camporese knocked out Andrei Cherkasov of the Soviet Union 6-2, 6-2 to set up a second round encounter with Czechoslovak Karel Novacek, winner of four tournaments this year.

Former Wimbledon champion Pat Cash of Australia had to fight hard to overcome French qualifier Thierry Guardiol 6-7, (5-7), 6-4, 7-5 in two hours 36 minutes.

"I just came back from South Africa where I played on altitude. It was hard to adjust to this surface," said Cash, adding he had twisted his ankle in the first set, making it harder to move around quickly.

"I thought about it all the time," he said. "We'll see how (the ankle) looks tomorrow."

## Ukraine seeks FIFA membership

MOSCOW, Dec 3: The Ukraine applied for membership of soccer's world governing body on Monday and said it planned to make its debut on the international stage next May, reports Reuter.

Viktor Bannikov chairman of the Ukrainian Soccer Federation, said he sent a telex message to FIFA in Zurich immediately after hearing results of Sunday's referendum in which the republic voted overwhelmingly for independence.

"We sent a telex saying that now the Ukraine has become an independent state, we ask for temporary membership. I think there will be no refusal," Bannikov said.

"We insist and demand that such a sporting power as the Ukraine should be recognised by Europe and the world," Bannikov, a former Dynamo Kiev goalkeeper, said he hoped FIFA's executive committee would grant temporary membership at a meeting in New York on December 7.

He said full membership, which would give the Ukraine the right to play in the 1994 World Cup, could be granted only by a full FIFA congress. The next one was scheduled for July 1992.

The Ukraine has long been a pillar of the Soviet National side, providing players of the calibre of Oleg Blokhin and Oleg Protasov as well as Valery Lobanovsky, who later coached the national team for many years.

Dynamo Kiev alone provided

name members of the 22-strong Soviet squad for the

World Cup finals in Italy last year.

"A Ukrainian side will be good opposition for any team," Bannikov said.

The republic first approached FIFA last September but was told to apply again when its independence became a reality. That condition had been met in Sunday's vote, Bannikov said.

The republic has already drawn up plans for eight national squads, ranging from youth to veterans teams,

drawn Sunday in New York.

Matarrese said the entry of the Baltic teams has been discussed already by UEFA, the European soccer authority, of which the Italian official is vice-president.

"Baltic countries will be the topic at Friday's meeting of FIFA," said Matarrese, shortly before leaving for New York to attend the scheduled FIFA meetings and Sunday's draw. "I believe we can't close our eyes before history."

Bannikov said the senior national side should play their first international matches next May on a tour of the United States, Canada, Israel and Germany.

But he promised that the Ukrainians in the current Soviet side would represent the Soviet Union in the European Championship finals next year. "We can infringe the rights of players who have trained four years for this," Bannikov said.

Bannikov said that Ukrainian soccer officials would meet on December 13-14 to discuss the creation of a Ukrainian league from next season.

He rejected the idea that standards might fall if Ukrainian players were deprived of competition with the best Soviet teams, saying the present national league consisted of all intents and purposes of just five Moscow and six Ukrainian sides.

The other Soviet First Division sides from the Ukraine are Chernomorsk Odessa, Dnepropetrovsk, Shakhtyor Donetsk, Metallurg Zaporozhe and Metallist Kharkov.



Thailand's Sornsawan Phuvichit is all smiles after winning the women's 200m breaststroke in the Manila SEA Games Nov 30