### All 3 leaders draw

REGGIO EMILIA, Italy, Jan 5: World champion Carry Kasparov was joint leader annual Reggio Emilia chess tournament after the penultimate round on Saturday in

drew, reports Reuter. Sharing top spot were Boris Gelfand and India's Viswanathan Anand,

which all three of the leaders

Observers said Kasparov and Anand were both likely winners of their final games on Monday but Gelfand faced a tough task against former world champion Anatoly

Kasparov accepted the offer of a draw by Lev Polugayevski after three hours of even play, but in the clash between Anand and Gelfand the Indian Grandmaster was forced to a draw after failing to capitalise on being a pawn up.

Another former world chess champion, Boris Spassky --who lost the title in an epic 1972 battle with the now-reclusive American chess genius Bobby Fischer - said Kasparov and Karpov were below their best. "Neither of them seem to

be playing as well as they can,"

Pioneer soccer results Sports Reporter

cided while two other encounters were drawn in the 1991 Janata Bank Pioneer football league, held yesterday at three different city venues.

Lalbagh Tarun Sangha trounced Mukta Bihanga Tarun Sangha 3-0.

The first match at the

At the Dhoopkhola ground, Kaliganj Palli Unnyan Samity lost to Mukti Khelaghar Ashar

winners in the 16th minute of

In the other match at the sause venue Mugdapara Sansij Kalyan and Krira Sangsad edged past Monsur Sporting Club 1-0.

#### Raisuddin elected SAASF president

The sixth meeting of the executive committee of SAARC Airlines Sports Federation (SAASF) was held at Biman Bhaban in the city yesterday. says a press release.

The meeting unanimously elected Raisuddin Ahmed, vice



RAISUDDIN AHMED chairman of Biman Sports and Cultural Committee and vice president of the Banlgadesh Cricket Control Board as pres-

Rohana Abeytunge, chair-Committee was elected vicepresident while Zahir Ahmed, Sports

The meeting drew up a sports programme for 1992

follows: in Dhaka, November, 1992

Earlier, Binnan's Managing Director Abdul Muyeed Chowdhury formally opened the meeting and spoke to the representatives of the partici-

MANIKGANJ, Jan Rahmatganj SC of Dhaka moved into the semifinals of the Kulfa Gold Cup football tournament defeating Air Force 3-0 at the local stadium here today, reports UNB. Mokbul of Rahmatgan

scored the first goal in the third minute of the quarter-final match. Angur netted the other two goals in the 22nd and 33rd minutes of the first

Referce: Swapan Mondol. Earlier, Dhaka Wanderers Club, Victoria and Arambag KC all reached the semifinals. Ten clubs are taking part in the tournament which began in the district on December 20

he told Reuter. "It's a great chance for the younger Granmsters."

Spassky arrived on Friday to watch the final two rounds of the highest-level chess tournament ever staged.

All 10 players at the tournament are in the world's top 20, including five of the top six. Only Britain's Nigel Short is missing. All were born in the former Soviet Union except Anand.

Today is rest day but ad-

journed games will be finished. Enghth round results Garry Kasparov 1/2 Lev Polugayevski 1/2 1/2 1/2 Boris Gelfand Viswanathan Anand Anatoly Karpov Vassily Ivanchuk Mikhail Gurevic Alexander Belyavski Alexander Khalisman and Valery Salov: game adjourned

Standings after eight Kasparov, Anand and Gelfand 5 points 4-1/2 Khalifman Ivanchuk Gurevic

with Nawabpur Sporting Club.

Barnes is back

winger John Barnes played on

Saturday for the first time

since tearing his Achtlles ten-

don about five months ago, re-

Liverpool's B team and played

the full 90 minutes of a 1-1

Barnes was injured in a 2-

defeat against Manchester City

last August and then strained a

calf muscle as the trained for a

other outing with one of the

club's junior sides next week

gous for himself in 1992, but

may be his last year of com-

The 30-year-old track star

said the Barcelona Summer

Games would be his last Olym-

pics and predicted both his

100-metre record and Mike

Powell's long jump record

"It looks like this will proba-

bly be my last Olympic Games,"

Lewis said in a telephone in-

terview from Houston follow-

ing his selection as the US

Olympic Committee's sports-

internationally in 1979, sug-

gested the next World Athle-

tics Championships might be a

fitting place to end his brilliant

"We have a World Cham-

pionships (in 1993), so that

Lewis, who began competing

petition, reports Reuter.

would fall this year.

man of the year.

on Saturday that 1993

after reporting no reaction.

He is expected to have an-

RALEIGH, North

Carolina, Jan 5:

Six-time Olympic

champion Carl

Lewis has set so-

me world record

draw with Everton B.

He turned out for

ports AFP.

comeback.

LIVERPOOL, Jan 5: England

the match ending goalless.

Polugayevski Salov Belyasvski

Masudur Rahman scored Three matches were dethe all-important goal for Mugdapara. At the Jagannath University College ground, Eastern Football Club shared points

At the Outer Stadium,

Jewel opened the score and then doubled the margin for Lalbagh while Shaheed Mian completed the tally for the

venue, between Azimpur Kishore Sangha and KR Boys Sporting Club, ended in a goalless draw.

Shafful Alam scored for the



ident of the SAASF.

man of the Air Lanka Sports general secretary of Biman and Cultural Committee, was made the secretary of the newly-elected committee.

and part of 1993 which is as

victory over champions Arsenal Football in Pakistan, April 1992: badminion in Colombo, Sri Lanka, July 1992; cricket table tennis, chess and cricket in India, January 1993; March 1993 and September 1993 respectively

hit the winner 60 seconds later. pating airlines. had gone completely," Thomas

## Kulfa Gold Cup

He was named man-of-thematch by jubilant Wrexham manager Bryan Flynn, who said: "If Micky Thomas was 10 years younger we would be able to sell him for five million

"He was by the far the best player on the pitch- I wish I knew what he was on."

Arsenal manager George Graham admitted the ending of his season so early was the lowest point of his managerial career. Back to work, was his answer to the crisis.

"We have lost again a game we should have won comfortably. We were in control in the first-half and should have scored two or three."

Crystal Palace offered no



-Star photo

# BDR retain Fed Cup

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Rifles retained the Federation Cup handball champion-They beat title-

aspirants Bangladesh Air Force by 31 goals to 16 in the final of the third Federation Cup competition yesterday at the Outer Stadium handball court.

Defending champions Rifles faced no real difficulty in outplaying their more fancied opponents. They led the first half

But, as always, Lewis left the

"I physically feel this year

(1991) I improved so much

that the way things are going,

if I continue to improve I'll

have to see," said the Ame-

competition," he said.

door open.

Rafigul Islam scored eight goals and Rokonuddin and Maung Shwe Prue netted six each for the Riflemen while

tively for the vanquished. Rafigul Islam of Rifles was adjusted the best player of the tournament and also of the final match.

Lewis sets higher goals until '93

Major (retd) M A Mannan, State Minister for Textiles, witnessed the final as the chief guest and gave away the tro-

to do other things in life,

Lewis said. "But I don't feel I

can cheat myself. If I continue

to improve, I'm going to stay in

it. When that tapers off, then

Lewis said he would attempt

to add three Olympic gold

medals to the six he already

owns when he competes in

At the US Olympic trials in

June, Lewis said he planned to

compete in the 100 and 200

metres and the long jump as

well as vie for a spot on the

Lewis won gold medals in all

four events at the 1984

Olympics and added titles in

the 100 and long jump at the

Saying he had trained

harder this autumn than in any

of the past six years, Lewis

predicted a 30-foot (9.14 me

tre) long jump for himself in

That would be the biggest

achievement if it happens,"

said Lewis, who had three

jumps of 29 feet (8.84 metres)

or better in the Tokyo final.

Barcelona this summer.

4x100-metre relay team.

it's time to go.

1988 Games.

1992.

Lt Col (retd) M A Hamid psc, president of the Bangladesh Handball Federation also attended. Nabuat and Shaffuddin slotted Organised by the Bangseven and six goals respec-

ladesh Handball Federation, six teams took part in the tournament./Bangladesh Ansars, Bangladesh Police, Brothers Union and Surjodoy Boys Club were the other teams in the

Following is the roll-ofhonour of the Federation Cup handbalk

Lewis lost the gold to

Powell, who got the big one,

soaring 29 feet, 4-1/2 inches

(8.95 metres, to break Bob

Beamon's 23-year-old record

of 29 feet, 2-1/2 inches (8.90

and Burrell would break 9.83

record was," he said in a swipe

at Ben Johnson, whose world

record performance at the

1987 World Championships

was crased from the record

books following the Canadian's

admission of years of stcroid

beating Lewis at the 1988

Olympies bu, the gold medal

went to the American and his

time was never recognised

after the Canadian tested posi-

, "I think it would be an in-

credible accomplishment if

someone can run faster than

(9.83) and prove that hard

work and training and dedica-

tion can prevail over drugs,"

tive for steroids.

Lewis said.

Johnson later ran 9.79 in

seconds in the 100 this year.

Lewis also predicted that he

"That's what the old dirty

metres).

#### Stich, Sabatini top draws in Sydney into the main 32-man drawment winner and runner-up to



Michael Stich has gone from the hunter to the hunted since launching his metesee this week - Gabriela oric ascent to tennis stardom in Australia a year ago, reports Sabatini, the most marketable

The 23-year-old German was runner-up in Adelaide and Sydney and with in six months was Wimbledon champion, catapulted from 44 to world number three.

Tennis and rarely witnessed a rags-to-riches tale to rival the astonishing deeds of Stich. Now the power-serving Stich is back, aiming to go one better than a beaten finalist to Frenchman Quy Forget in the 4,67,500 US dollar New South Walcs Open starting here Monday, a prelude to the

Australian Open in Melbourne. Forget is defending his title, under challenge this week from No. 5 Ivan Lendl, Grand Slam Cup champion David Wheaton, Czechoslovak. Petr Korda, Swede Magnus Gustafsson and American Derrick Rost, no.

Former winner llenri Leconte, last month's inspiration behind France's first Davis Cup triumph in almost 60 years, was refused a wild card

#### Real beaten in Madrid derby

MADRID, Jan 5? Real Madrid were sent spinning to their first defeat of the season on Saturday by bitter city rivals Atletico Madrid, reports Reuter.

Atletico won 2-0 their first home success over Real in seven seasons, to close the gap on the once runaway Spanish championship leaders to four points.

Real's attempts to launch attacks were frustrated time and again by a rock-solid Atletico midfield, coolly masterminded by German Bernd Schuster. Atletico stunned Real in the

first minute. A Schuster corner was headed clear but the wait ing Vizcaino powered the ball home with a half-volley from just outside the area. It was not long before Real

responded, striker Adolfo Aldana bringing down a Gheorghe Hagi centre from the left in the eighth minute and firing a left-footed shot against the bar. Keeper Abel Resino deflected the ball just enough to prevent what looked like a certain goal.

Real were dealt another hammer blow at the start of the second half when Sanchez scored. The goal came after Rocha mis-kicked and Atletico centre and Manolo placed the ball to the right of a diving



# his son first

LONDON, Jan 5: Gary Lineker's place in the England squad for the European Championships in June depends on his baby son George's leukaemia, reports AFP.

Lineker has told Graham Taylor that he may not make the trip to Sweden, but will certainly help the England manager's cause if he can.

The England skipper said that everything will depend on how George is. "At the moment it is too far ahead for me to say I will definitely be playing in the European Championship finals. But that is my aim."

"So much depends son George. We'll have to approach that when it comes but hopefully, he will be doing very well by then".

Actually, playing has not been a big problem at all. I feel good and strong and I have my match fitness back." No matter what has hap-

play again. It never occurred to me and I've never felt like Lineker says he will play in next month's Wembley friendly against France, one of

tlis three-month-old son

#### battle against the illness. Soccer result

CAIRO, Jan 5: Egypt beat Czechoslovakia 2-0 (halitime 1-0) in a soccer friendly on,

Scorers: Ahmed El-Kass (8th minute), Ahmed Range

Attendance: 20,000.

## instead he will have to fight his

way through the weekend There is little doubt whom local fans will be clamouring to

making her Sydney debut. The dusky Argentine, tuning up for her coming battles with the world's leading duo, Monica Seles and Steffi Graf, in the year's first Grand Slam tournament in Melbourne, heads a high quality draw, fcaturing 14 of the top 20

celebrity in women's tennis, is

Czechoslovak Jan a. Novotna, last year's tourna-

Seles in the Australian Open, is back to defend the title.

Her 1991 final opponent, Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, will be here too.

Other top-tenners include American Mary Joe Fernandez, Spaniard Conchila Martinez and Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere, who partnered Jakob Illasek to a Swiss triumph in last week's Hopman Cup in Perth.

Teenaged German Anke lluber, who heralded her climb into the top 20 by trumping Martina Navratilova to win at Filderstadt last October, is another impressive

## Tarango denies Volkov

WELLINGTON, Jan. 5: Unseeded American players were the stars here today in the finals of the 1,82,500 US dollar BP Nationals, winning the singles and doubles titles against high-ranked opponents, reports AFP.

Jeff Tarango took the singles title in straight sets when he beat top seed Alexander Volkov, from the Commonwealth Independent States 6-1, 6-0, 6-3 in less than one hour and

Speaking after winning his first ATP tour title, Tarango said, "I'm excited, it's great. I made very, very few unforced errors and that's the key against players like Alex.\*

"My shots just came together. Hopefully I can keep on winning.

Volkov, who had worked his way comfortably through to the final, was a troubled man. Out of touch and at times appearing dispirited, nothing went right for him.

"Tarango was hitting the

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ball carly and I was always

late," he said. "He played really well and I didn't. But I've played worse. It happens.

Volkov denied television reports that he had strained his shoulder during a warm-up before the final. That was nothing. It didn't affect me,"

Tarango, ranked 106 against Volkov's 25, picked up the trophy and a 22,600 US dollar cheque.

Perhaps his performance helped fire up his compatriots Jared Palmer and Jonathan Stark in the doubles final when they took on second seeds Michiel Schapers (Netherlands) and Daniel Vacek (Czechoslovakia).

The Americans, qualifiers in the doubles, took the title in straight sets 6-3, 6-3 with superior teamwork and better action close to the net.

"We had some trouble with the wind but we managed to win some key points and then we just got lucky, said Stark.

#### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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#### Today's Cryptoquip clue: T equals H

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

#### may be my last international Wrexham shock Arsenal in FA Cup



career.

Thirty-eight yearold Mickey Thomas guided the veterans of Fourth Division Wrexham to a sensational FA Cup

and declared: "My goal has to be the most crucial I've ever scored," reports AFP. The ex-Welsh international, who has played for Manchester United, Everton and Chelsca, struck the equaliser after 83 minutes and then Steve Watkin

\*Once I got that equaliser I thought we would score every time we went forward. Arsenal

so I stepped up, revealed Convey, whose shot, handled

excuses after Eric Young was sent off and Leicester's Richard Smith grabbed an injury-time winner for the

CARL LEWIS

rican, who stormed to a world

record of 9.86 seconds at the

Tokyo World Championships

after losing to Leroy Burrell in

his would-record 9.90 perfor-

Championships.

mance at the US National

"I know mentally I'm ready

Second Division Club. Palace assistant manager Alan Smith said: "The referee was right on the spot when Eric was sent off and there are no arguments about the deci-

Welsh international centrehalf Young now faces a new three-match ban.

Goal hero Smith, who scored only his second of the season, said: "I just sank to my knees when I saw the ball go in and I could hardly move again for the remainder of the

Famborough's part-timers continued their FA Cup explofts with a battling 1-1 draw at West Ham. Dean Concy, who used to watch the Hammers as a boy,

was the toast of the Hampshire town after the penalty kick which guarantees a 120,000 pound windfall with a moneyspinning replay, at Upton Park igain on Tuesday. Concy, rescued from the scraphcap by the Vauxhal L C

on Frence club after injury ended his pro career eight months ago, volunteered to take the 82nd-minute kick. "Our specialist penalty taker Mick Doherty had just been substituted, and no one seemed keen to take the kick,

by Julian Dicks, had led to the

penalty award."

"If you didn't show any emotion after something like this, you wouldn't be human," said manager Ted Pearce, who had raced on to the pitch arms

But long suffering West Ham boss Billy Bonds had to watch a pitch protest by hundreds of angry Hammers fans. A delegation of disgruntled lans was invited to the boardroom to make their complaints and bonds admitted he was grateful

to survive for a second chance on Tuesday. "We were living on a knife edge, and I thought they deserved the draw. Their coach Alan Taylor told me they wanted to show they could play

-and they did." Working manager Geoff Chapple attacked Hereford's tactics after the 0-0 draw at the surrey non-league club's Kingfield home. The Fourth Division side

did not have a shot on goal and

Chapple said. "Coming to a

non-league club and playing

like that takes some believing.

When we go down there we will be going down their to at-Hereford manager John Sillet said: "I'm happy, Working are a good side, very well organtsed. They got a lot of men forward and we had a lot of men back. It was a very disci plined performance. Going forward we lacked the flair we

normally have."

They replay on Wednesday. But Crawley's first appearance in the third round ended with a 5-0 defeat at Brighton and the only comfort to the non-leaguers was the 35,000 pounds in the bank from a crowd of 18.031.

Manager Brian Sparrow said: "I came here with no money to spend on players. Hopefully, the chairman will give me a few bob now." Sheffield Wednesday manager Trevor Francis was re-

lieved his depicted team came

through their tricky test on

Preston's plastic pitch. "We were aware that we were targets for a Cup upset but the lads made sure that didn't happen, " Francis said, paying tribute to man-of-thematch Chris Woods in goal and 17-year-old goal scorer Chris

Another goalkeeper, Neville Southall, won all the praise after defying Southend's gallant second half FA Cup fightback at Goodison Park, despite two stitches in an injury over his eye in the second half. Southend manager David

Wobb said: "Southall's saves

were fantastic. Everton showed

Bart-Williams.

us a lot of respect, and if nothing else it showed we can compete." Everton had to reshuffle with goalscorer Peter Beardsley dropping deep into midfield for the second half after Alan Harper suffered a broken nose late in the first

# Lineker puts

continuing battle against

pened to me I never once sat down and thought I would not

England's main rivals at the championships. has been allowed home for a week, but is due to continue chemotherapy treatment in his

Saturday, reports Reuter.