Backley's feat

AUCKLAND. Jan 25

England's Steve Backley broke

his own world javelin record

on Saturday, extending his

previous mark by almost two

meters (six feet, six inches).

Tait athletics meet at FAI Stad

tum, the 22-year-old sports ac-

iences student from Loughb-

orough, in England's Midlands,

threw 91.46 metres (300 feet,

I inch). His previous record

set last year was 89.58 meters

Competing in the Robin

reports AP.

Athar Ali Khan's celebrations marking his long delayed return to form were considerably marred

by his side's third loss in this year's Navana Premier Division cricket league when the Brothers Union bowlers undid the good work of the batsmen and last year's champions suffered a five-wicket defeat at the hands of the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium.

Athar, the Brothers skipper who had been subject to heavy criticism over his prolonged lean patch, returned to his usual business of run making with a vengeance, scoring a superb hundred to help his side amass a huge total of 238 for four wickets from 44 overs.

Athar's unbeaten 108 off 107 balls was compiled with the help of ten fours and one

Arup Bhattacharya, the Calcuttan all-rounder, played an equally meritorious, rapidfire knock of 60 off 61 balls. The burly southpaw hit five

was the other notable contributor with the willow for Brothers with 32.

nificently on a lifeless wicket to return with figures of two for 21 from his quota of nine

victory of his side with a brilof seven hits to the fence, be-

yesterday in the other match

their eighth consecutive de-

Sri Lankan skipper Priyalal

Rodrigo, Rupali Bank were

Tarun bowlers preying merrily

on the easy meet.

double figure.

shot out for 77 with all the

Skipper Khokan with two

hits to the fence made 29. He

was the only batsman apart

from the 17 sundries to reach

they defeated favourites South

Korea 1-0 in the final Asia

round of the qualifying soccer

tournament at the Merdeka

Stadium here Friday, reports

ted by Mubarak Mustafa in the

39th minute during a goal-

erful header rebounded off the

cross-bar, attempted a ground

shot the second time. It de-

flected off a Korean defender

and landed at the feet of

Mustafa who had all the time

win for the Qataris, who

brushed aside Bahrain 1-0 on

the African nations cup at the

For Ghana, it is seventh fi-

nal appearance in the conti-

nent's showpiece, while the

Ivory Coast will be playing in

their first-ever final. The

match also promises a stark

contrast in style, pitting the

aggression and physical play of

Ghana's Black Stars against the

cautious build-ups and techni-

cal sophistication of the

clouded by the absence of

African footballer-of-the-year,

Abedi "Pele" Ayew, whose cau-

tion in Thursday's semifinal

against Nigeria automatically

rules him out of the game. It

was the second yellow card of

the tournament for Pele, and

despite an official appeal by

tion, he will have to watch his

country's bid for a record fifth

African title from the sidelines.

tion behind the youthful Gha-

naian team, turning around

their fortunes in the 2-1 semi-

final win over Nigeria and also

scoring three goals in the

competition to be the joint

leading striker with Rachidi

Ayew had been the inspira-

the Ghanaian Football Associa-

The whole event, though, is

Elephants of the Ivory Coast.

Amitie Stadium, reports AP.

This was the third straight

DAKAR, Senegal,

Jan 25 : It will be

African soccer's

veterans against

the new boys in

Sunday's final of

Jumar Johan, whose pow-

mouth scramble.

to slot it in.

Qatar's solitary goal was net-

Tarun paceman Khokan re-

KUALA LUMPUR.

Jan 25 : Under-

dogs Qatar virtua-

lly booked a berth

for the Barcelona

Olympics when

Surja Tarun Club

made short work

of the minnows

Rupali Bank at

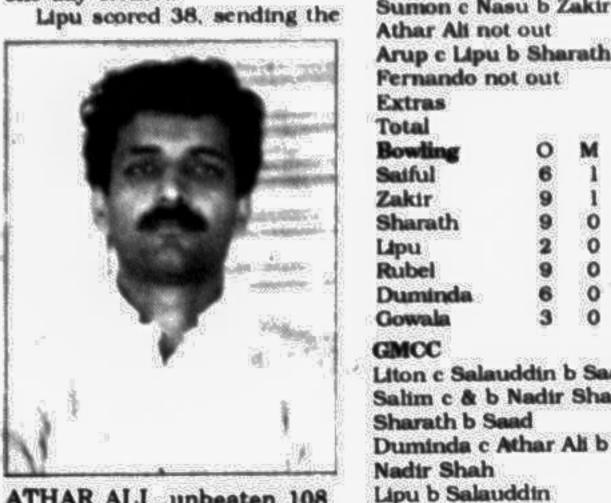
the Dhanmondi

Cricket Stadium

Sports Reporter fore being caught and bowled

by lanky Nadir Shah. Although Sri Lankan Duminda Pereira and Sharath let down the tempo somewhat, skipper Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu, along with the normally phlegmatic Antsuddin Bhutyan Pika smoothed the victory path with some fine tip-and-run

one-day cricket.



ATHAR ALI...unbeaten 108

ball four times to the fence while Pika stayed till the end with a swashbuckling 33 off 28

Just how well the GMCC batsmen paced their innings could be gauged from the fact that the victory target was achieved with as many as 22 balls to spare.

Tanjub Ahsan Saad with two for 45 and Nadir Shah with two for 48 were the principal wicket-takers for Brothers.

The win brightens GMCC's chance to qualify for the six-

team super league as they have now collected eight points

from as many outings. Brothers Union's tally remained at twelve from nine matches.

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Gowala	3	0	20	(
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Pika not out

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Nadir Shah

Athar Ali

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(Dhaka Stadtum)

Hasnain c Robi b Aruna

Total (all out in 32.1 overs) 77

Ratan b Satkat

Plabon not out

SURJA TARUN

Golla c Jahangir b Prince

Total (for two wickets in 2)

Ali said afterwards that it was a

very tough game and Korea

played well but their finishing

"That is how we won," he

In today's fixtures Kuwait

will take on China in the first

game followed by Japan against

STANDINGS

day's play in the Asia final

round soccer tournament for

the Barcelona Olympics which

will see the top three teams

PWD L F Apoints

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The standings after the fifth

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Aruna not out

Extras:

overs) 80

Bowling:

Prince

Khokan

Aruna

Rodrigo

TODAY'S MATCH

Gulshan vs Kalabagan

Sovon

Sumon

Extras

Total

STEVE BACKLEY...record (293-11).

38

33

Backley said he could not have hoped for a better start to his Olympic year.

"The Olympics in Barcelona is my aim but this is a fantastic way to start the year," said Backley. "I've come down to New Zealand for the past three years and it's obviously paying

"Conditions were just perfect - nice and warm with the tail wind coming in from just the right quarter."

Backley said he has had problems with his run-up, but that everything clicked on Saturday.

"I knew I was ready to throw 86 meters, but certainly didn't expect to break the world record."

Jansen's record

DAVOS, Switzerland, Jan 25 US speedskater Dan Jansen set a world record of 36.41 seconds in the 500 metres Saturday, shaving .02 off a six day old mark skated by Uwe-Jens Mey of Germany on the same Davos rink, reports AP.

Flying start for BDR handballers

Sports Reporter

The 1991-92 Cute Metro polis handball league got under way yesterday at the Outer Stadium handball court.

Defending champions Bangladesh Rifles, who have won the championship ever since the inception of the league way back in 1984, were off to another flying start, getting the better of newcomers West Jatrabari Krira Chakra 32-12 in a rather one-sided affair.

Rifles led 19-8 at the breather. Shah Alam netted seven

goals while Maung Shwe, Gonzer and Jahangir scored five goals apiece for the winners. Jafaruddin and Kader got six and three goals respectively for Jatrabari.

Sponsored by Cute Products and organised by the Bangladesh Handball Federation, twelve teams — Bangladesh Rifles, Brothers Union, Bangladesh Police, Bangladesh Ansars, Suridoy Boys Club. South Moisundi Krira Chakra, Dhaka Wanderers Club, Tarun Sangsad, Banianagar Sporting Club, Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club, Victoria Sporting Club and West Jatrabari Krira Chakra — are taking part in the single league competition.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Following is the roll of honour of the First Division handball league: Year Championships Runners-up

Rifles Brothers Union Rifles Dhaka Wanderers Rifles Ansars 1987-88 Rifles Ansars 1988-89 Rifles Air Force 1989-90 Rifles Brothers Union

TODAY'S MATCHES Police vs Mariner Youngs

Club (2:15 pm) Brothers Union vs Victoria SC (3:30 pm).

Azharuddin's bold gamble pays off England's Bob Willis in 1982-

ADELAIDE, Jan 25: Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin pulled off a bold gamble

on the first day of the fourth Test today when, against expectations, he put Australia into bat on its best batting strip then watched his team dismiss them for 145, reports Reuter.

Although Australia, two-nil up in the five Test series, replied with two quick indian wickets the tourists had cut the gap to 100 at the close with eight wickets left. Navjot Sidhu was 15 not out and Dilip Vengsarkar eight not out.

Azharuddin, who has endured strong criticism for his tactical decisions and lack of runs, was well backed up by his bowlers, especially left-arm spinner Venkatapathy Raju and experienced seamer Kapil Dev. who strangled Australia's batting with their accuracy. The Indian captain also

made the decisive intervention when Australia looked like escaping, holding a smart catch to dismiss Dean Jones for 41 just as he showed signs of turning around the innings. The rapid fall of wickets

suggested the newly-laid Test strip, never before used, must possess some demons. But there was no sign of them, just bad batting.

Mery Hughes, not the most talented of batamen, occupied the crease with some comfort for nearly two hours for 26 as he and Jones lifted Australia to respectability.

Even so, their total was the lowest at Adelaide since England dismissed Australia for 11 in 1955, the year before the run-soaked strip dug up this winter was laid.

The last captain to insert the opposition at Adelaide after winning the toss was

83. He duly watched Australia rattle up 438 and win by eight wickets.

Azharuddin, undeterred by the memory of Graham Gooch's 333 at Lord's in 1990 when England made 653 for four after he sent them in, ignored history and gambled on the new strip being more sporting than the old.

If anything there appeared to be less bounce than before. but India bowled well and Australia hit trouble early on

Geoff Marsh and Mark Taylor, whose opening partnerships are looking increasingly less impressive, perished for eight and 11 respectively by chopping balls on to their

Sachin Tendulkar, having made Taylor his second Test victim, then removed Allan Border in his next over for a duck, the Australian captain's second of the series and third in nine innings.

Border, returning to number four in the order after the failed experimental swap with Mark Waugh at number six drove ambitiously and got an inside edge to the wicket-

A masterly Kapil Dev delivery accounted for the in-form David Boon for 19 and sent Australia into lunch at 67 for four, with Boon the only batsman not to contribute to his won downfall

There was little improvement after the break as Mark Waugh (15), continuing his poor run, and lan Healy (1) played ill-judged shots and Australia slipped to 81 for six.

That brought Jones and Hughes together for their mini-revival but India's disciplined and patient bowling eventually tempted over adventurous shots from both. Raju, again bowling with

control and variety, finished off the tail to pick up three wickets for 11 from 11.4 overs. Dev's three for 33 off 23 overs brought his Test wicket total to 392, 39 short of world record-holder Sir Richard

Hadlee. Sidhu and Srikkanth replied with unaccustomed solidity, putting together India's highest opening stand of the series - 30-more runs than



VENKAT RAJU...3 for 11

the pair had scored in five innings between them to date. Then Srikkanth was adjudged to have gloved Criag McDermott to the wicketkeeper and departed, unhappily rubbing his arm, for 17.

Sanjay Manjrekar was leg be-

fore the following over, his

third ball and bowler Merve

Hughes' fifth. The one bad mark for India was an unnecessarily prolonged appeal from Chandra Pandit for a leg-before decision

against Hughes.

The wicketkeeper came up the wicket towards umpire Darrell Hair and appealed three times. Hair, in his first Test, complained to Azhar uddin and told him if Pandit did not keep quite he would

become the first player to be reported to a match referee.

Azharuddin apologised and spoke to Pandit and the matter ended there. The referee for this Test, former England captain Peter May, will thus not be troubled by the day's events. unlike Australia's batsmen. Their captain, Border, was not available for comment.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the fourth cricket Test between Australia and India to-

AUSTRALIA: First innings Marsh b Prabhakar Taylor b Tendulkar Boon b K Dev Border c Pandit b Tendulkar Jones c Azharuddin b Raju M Waugh Ibw Prabhakar Healy c Pandit b K Dev Hughes c Manirekar b K Dev Warne st Pandit b Raju McDermott b Raju Whitney not out Extras: (lb-10 nb-7) Total: (all out)

Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-36, 3-39, 4-50, 5-77, 6-81, 7-117, 8-141, 9-145. Bowling Kapil Dev 33 3 3 Tendulkar 2 10 7 11 3 11.4

INDIA: First innings Srikkanth c Healy b McDermott Sidhu not out Manjrekar lbw Hughes Vengsarkar not out Extras: (lb-1, nb-2) Total: (for 2 wkts)

To bat: Azharuddin, Tendulkar, K Dev. Prabhakar, Pandit, Raju, Srinath. Fall of wickets: 1-30, 2-33.

Bowling McDermott 2 25 1 Whitney 2 13 0 3 6 1 Hughes

City win again Hick, Stewart hit tons Sports Reporter

City Club outplayed Dhaka Wanderers' Club by 55 runs in the Milnars First Division cricket league at Mirpur Pallabi yesterday.

Electing to bat, City Club piled up a handsome 222 for the loss of six wickets in their stipulated 45 overs.

Shipon, one of the City openers, made a scintillating 92 while Zakir scored 36 runs. Middle order batsman Halim Babu was the most successful Wanderers bowler taking two wickets for 47 runs.

In their turn, Wanderers could muster only 167 for eight wickets in their allotted 45 overs.

Halim Babu had a good allround match scoring 39 with the help of six boundaries off only 32 balls while Poltu made

Al-Amin, Salahuddin and Sohel claimed two wickets each for City Club.

TODAY'S MATCH Eskaton Sabuj Sangha vs Ajax SC (Mirpur).

NEW PLYMOU-Til. New Zealand

Jan 25: Graeme Hick and Alec Stewart scored a century each off New Zealand's Central Distri-

cts side Saturday on the second day of England's threeday cricket tour match at Pukekura Park, reports AP. At stumps England was

246-2, with Stewart not out 101. his second tour hundred. and Mark Ramprakash on 19. Hick scored 114. Central Districts, 97-5 at

stumps on a rain-shortened day Friday, made 189-7 then declared by tea. Play did not start until 2 pm because of wet grounds from overnight rain and additional showers Saturday.

Scott Briasco on 41 overnight went without adding to his score, caught behind off Derek Pringle. Tony Blain and Stuart Duff put on 64 for the seventh wicket.

Blain, who fell from grace in the New Zealand tour of England in 1986 when he dropped an easy catch off lan

Botham, got some measure of

Botham tried to field a Blain

drive that caught him on the knuckle of the right index finger. Botham was taken to the Taranaki Base Hospital for precautionary x-rays and cleared of any serious damage. "It's not serious," Botham said. "Its a bit stiff, but I'm

fine, there's no real damage." Blain made 45 when he was also caught behind off Dermot Reeve. Duff, who was dropped by

Botham at first slip when on eight, and Deve Leonard took the score to 189 when Briasco declared at early tea. Duff was on 36 and Leonard 10. England had a poor start

when they lost captain Graham Gooch with only 11 on the board. Gooch, on eight, hung out his bat and Leonard, who was bowling strongly had him edging the ball behind to Blain. Scores:

Central Districts 189-7 declared (Tony Blain 45, Scott Briasco 41; Ian Botham 40-2. Derek Pringle 37-2); England 246-2 (Graeme Hick 114, Alec Stewart 101 not out; Dave Leonard 39-2).

in and out of reform schools.

It was in one of them that

legendary trainer Cus D'amato

discovered him. He went from

poverty to being one of the

through Indianapolis

International Airport, he shook

hands with a man who ap-

proached him, but he kept

walking and refused to talk to

Tyson was indicted in

a television reporter.

Ap adds: As Tyson walked

world's richest sports figures.

Div II cricket

Sports Reporter

Lalbagh USC recorded an easy eight-wicket victory over Young Pegasus 'B' in the Rank Xerox Second Division football league yesterday at the Dhanmondi Club ground.

Electing to bat, Pegasus were all out for only 107 runs in 29.1 overs with Bappi making 24 and Asif 14.

Naju, the most successful Lalbagh bowler who ran through the Pegasus batting, bagged five wickets for just 26

Mattur supported him well by taking two for 12.

Chasing an easy target, Lalbagh made 112 for the loss of just two wickets in only 25.1

Azad and Moazzem, the two Lalbagh openers, made 34 and 33 respectively to pave the way

Zubair and Asif shared equally the two Pegasus wickets to fall.

Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium (west) yesterday.

September on charges of rap-

ing an 18-year-old Miss Black

America contestant in an

Indianapolis hotel room last

July 19. The trial in Marion

Superior Court is scheduled to

Judge Patricia Gifford ear-

lier issued a gag order on for

police, prosecutors and de-

fense lawyers in the case.

Tyson has in the past said the

woman consented to sex.

begin on Monday.



Indiana, Jan 25 A silent and grim Mike Tyson arrived in Indianapolis

boxing champion flew in to the

morning flight. He refused to The former heavyweight

If convicted on all counts Tyson, 25, could be sentenced to as much as 63 years in

The trial has forced a postponement in his scheduled match that had been expected to yield the richest gross in boxing history.

onship.

Tyson was believed to be staying in a private home during the course of the threeweek trial. His accuser, a college student from Rhode Island, is expected to be the star witness at the trial.

but is not expected to take the stand at his trial.

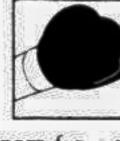
York, and a street gang member as a youngster. Tyson was

Citizens of the now-defunct Soviet Union residing in Dhaka flocked to the Mirpur Stadium yesterday to watch—and cheer—the two Russian footballers playing this season for Abahani Krira Chakra. -Star photo

for their facile win.

In the other match of the day. Dhanmondi Club registered an impressive 55-run victory over Rainbow AC at the

Tyson arrives for trial of his life



INDIANAPOLIS.

on Friday to pre pare for a rape trial that could be the fight of his life, reports Reuter. The former heavyweight

Indianapolis Airport from Las Vegas, arriving on an early speak to a group of reporters.

champion will be tried beginning on Monday on one charge of rape and two charges of deviant conduct involving an 18year-old contestant in a Miss Black America beauty pageant last July.

prison.

bout with world heavyweight

champion Evander Holyfield, a

Holyfield said this week he will not go through with the fight if Tyson is convicted. even if he is released on appeal. Other insiders in the boxing field have also said a conviction would bring an abrupt end to a career that saw Tyson at age 20 become the youngest boxer in history to win the world heavyweight champi-

Tyson testified before the grand jury that indicated him

Born in Brooklyn, New

Not old enough, yet! TOKYO, Jan 25: He may be big enough to fight Japan's heaviest men but 19-year-old Takahanada,hot favourite to win the New Year sumo tournament, is

not old enough to drink a

victory toast, police said on

Saturday, reports Reuter. The teenage sensation younger of two brothers who have taken the staid world of sumo by storm is leading the tournament by one victory with just two days to go.

If he wins he will be the youngest man ever to win a top-level tournament.

Something to celebrate of course, but not with the traditional draught of sake (Japanese rice wine) from a huge victory cup, the national police agency has ruled. "We have asked the Japan

Sumo Association to be prudent and not to let Takahanada sip sake from the cup," an agency spokesman "He is still a minor, and there is a law against drinking by minors", the

spokesman added, "in Japan no one under-20 is allowed to drink or smoke." A particular reason for police concern is the fact that the smiling good looking Takahanada has become a role model for young Japanese. In 1990 he and brother Wakahanada appeared together in a poster campaign against

juvenile crime. "We want him to be careful," the police spokesman

The Japan Sumo Association agrees a spokeswoman said on Saturday The Association will not let Takahanada drink sake. It is just a ritual, so the cup will contain something non-alcoholic. Like fruit juice or something like

DU champions

Sports Reporter

Dhaka University won both the men's and Women's table tennis and badminton trophies of the inter-university competition held at the Jahangirnagar University gymnasium on Friday last.

DU beat Jahangirnagar and Rajshahi in the men's finals of table tennis and badminton respectively while the DU girls outplayed Jahangirnagar in both the finals of the table tennis and badminton competitions. Kazi Saleh Ahmed, Vice-

Chancellor of the Jahangirnagar University, distributed prizes among the winners as chief guest.

fours and one six. Opener Nurul Abedin Nobel

GMCC's Zakir bowled mag-

GMCC opener Salim laid the foundation of a praiseworthy liant 92 off 90 balls, inclusive

Tarun shine at Rupali's cost Sports Reporter

> turned impressive figures of three for 17. Sri Lankan Aruna de Silva bagged two for eight while left-arm opening bowler Suppi. who has been bowling consistently well this year, managed a rather expensive two for 31

of the Navana Premier Division from eight overs. Tarun, expected to run office side, paying away with the paltry score, through the nose for the insouciance of its officials in stumbled as openers Javed Omar Golla and Hadi departed gathering a decent team for cheaply but Aruna de Silva with this year's league, suffered an unbeaten 31 with three Put into bat by Surja Tarun's

fours and Titu with 19 saw their side home and dry in 21

overs.	95,961
SCOREBOARD	
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Prince b Suppi	5
Babu c & b Suppi	7
Dulu c & b Khokan	6
Jehangir c Aruna b Khokan	4
Belal b Khokan	1

Ratan Hasnain Khokan st Robi b Saikat Plabon Billu b Rodrigo Partha b Aruna Belal

the opening day and toppled China in their second match by a similar margin. Reduced to 10 men when Abdullah Basheen was shown the red card by referee Ali Bujsaim of the United Arab Emirates for a dangerous tackle on a Korean forward in

the first minute into the sec-

Qatar book Barcelona berth

ond half, Qatar packed their defence with eight players to keep out the Korean raids. Keeper, Ibrahim Ahmed the only one unbeaten so far in this tournament, was on top form

and stifled most of the Korean attacks. The Koreans, who had drawn with Kuwiat and defeated Bahrain 1-0, came close to opening the account in the 30th minute but striker Kim Byung Soo's shot was palmed

away by keeper Ahmed Ibrahim for a fruitless corner.

Qatari manager Mubarak Al

Old boys Ghana start favourites Yekini of Nigeria. Ghana's German coach Otto Pfister said: "We have a young and ambitious squad and we shall approach the final without any complexes about Pele's absence. The players will be

> own sakes and, of course, for Pele's." "Obviously, we have suffered a severe blow in losing Pele. But we are not going to panic, we have a young team and they are capable of winning."

"We have been trying to

provide a spectacle with our

determined to win for their

football not just for Africa, but for the rest of the world who are watching us on television. We need to show that African football is progressing, year by year, all the time." Ghana, winners of the title in 1963, 1965, 1978 and 1982, have a reputation as

"The Brazil" of African soccer

because of their individual

skills, improvisational play and

attacking attitude. In Pele's absence, greater responsibility is likely to fall on the shoulders of 17-year-old Anderlechit forward Nii Lamptey, who has grown in authority throughout the tour-

nament. Lamptey has been a pale shadow of his potential at this tournament, but Sunday's final

presents the perfect stage to

display his extraordinary ability. There will be ample backprince Polley Opoku, whose

qualify:

Kuwait

umphed in a post-match penalty shootout over Cameroon. there is a race against time to have both captain Saint Joseph Gadji-Celi and star striker Youssouf Fofana fit for the final. Both missed Thursday's semifinal victory and are still doubtful for the final.

ing from German-based Anthony Yeboah and Tony Baffoe and scored the winning goal in the semifinals. For the Ivorians, who tri-

With Fofana, the Elephants complete one of the more potent forward line-ups in the competition, also comprising Joel Tiehi, of French 1st Division Club le Havre, and domestic-based Abdoulaye Traore. It was these three who demolished reigning African champions Algeria in their opening match in Ziguinchor last week, but the Ivory Coast have been disappointing ever since.

For the future of African

football, the match also carries

enormous importance. It will

be shown on television stations

across Europe, South America.

Asia and Australia, giving the

continent the perfect oppor-

tunity to display its charis-

matic appeal to the rest of the