National youth championship

Rajshahi, Mymensingh in semis

Sports Reporter

am of making a double in national level cricket flew out by the win ting bowling by Torey of Rajshahi handed the junior

team of the coastal district a four-run defeat in one of the quarter-finals of the Siraj memorial national youth championship at the Dhanmondi Crieket Stadium yesterday. Mymensingh DSA joined Rajshahi in the semifinals by

knocking out last year's runners-up Dhaka in the other quarter-final at the Dhaka Stadium.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, under a remorseless late April sun, the Rajshahi bowlers spearheaded by Torey magnificently defended their paltry total of 121 after their batsmen had thrown away the advantage of making the first use of the wicket.

Rajshahi skipper Shakhawat's decision to bat first appeared right as rain as the two openers of the northern district of the country put on 59 for the first wicket in only 12 overs with Anis eventually notching up the top score of his side with a strokeful 28 that included five hits to the fence. Wicket-keeper Rownak, the other opener, followed his partner closely with 26 before rank bad batting proved that the morning, particularly in cricket, always does not show the day.

Just two batsmen, after the prologuers, got into the double figures as Rajshahi were skittled out for 121 in 31.2 overs, leaving nearly half of their quota 45 overs unutilised.

Tito was the wrecker in chief for Chittagong with the enviably cheap figures of three wickets for eight. The other relatively unsung heroes for Chittagong were Rezaul and Mizan who took three for 16 and three for 28 respectively.

if the Chittagong bowlers found the Rajshahi batsmen easy meat then they were to

Ctg cricket

CHITTAGONG, Apr 18

Cosmic Boys Club won the

championship of Chittagong

Metropalitan cricket league

beating Friends Junior Club by

two wickets at the Dampara

Police Line ground here today,

and scored 157 for loss of nine

wickets in the stipulated 35

overs. Moin was the highest

scorer for Friends with 39th

runs, followed by Rashed 30,

Ratan 18 and Azad 12, Suza of

Cosmic was the highest wicket

taker with three wickets for

Friends junior batted first

reports BSS

discover a real tartar in Torey who pitched in to throw span

ners in the works of Chittagong. However, Aminul it was to forecast the impending doom awaiting the Sylhet zonal champions by sending back Chittagong opener Tabdil

claimed one wicket each.

MYMENSINGH'S WIN

Mymensingh carved out an exciting two-wicket victory over fancied Dhaka in the other quarter-final in a ridiculously low-scoring match at the

the closing of the Dhaka innings at 71. This young man rose to the occasion by dismissing three Mymensingh batsmen in his first over. He, however, missed a hattrick as his third ball missed the mark by a mile but nevertheless



Mymensingh's Mithu is leg before to Dhaka's Opi in yesterday's national youth cricket quarterfinal at the Dhanmandi Cricket Stadium

Torey then tore apart Chittagong with three wickets in succession and soon the batting side were reeling at 51 for four. Mizan was the only batsman to make any effort to tame Torey with a top score of 20 while wickets fell like nine

Biplob, Russel and Tito offered brief resistance as Torey, backed by his team-mates, decimated the Chittagong innings at 117 in 44.2 overs.

Biplob, Russel and Tito were the three Chittagong batsmen to reach the double figures with 17, 16 and 11 respectively.

Torey finished with the superb analysis of five wickets for 15 in nine overs. Aminul, Shakhawat, Towfiq and Anis

Dhaka Stadium yesterday. The captain's call in the

coin spinning rite proved correct here also as Dhaka, sent in to bat first, were shot out for 71 in 21.5 overs in the face of collective accuracy of the Mymensingh bowlers. Polash and Atia were the

desperate defenders for Dhaka with each scoring a doughty 15 none of the others could make it to the double figures with Mr Extras amounting to 14. Kamrul, Saidul and Shariful

picked up two wickets apiece with the last mentioned returning the best statistic with two for three runs!

Zahid, the Dhaka opening bowler, produced a telling burst to shake those who had read a foregone conclusion at dismissed Nazir next ball to bring Dhaka back in the game. Opi took the cue from Zahid

and made further inroads in the Mymensingh innings but the score was too small to defend and with a little bit of tailwagging the chasers over took the Dhaka total in 22.4 overs for the loss of eight

wickets.
Opener Marwar played sheet anchor innings of 23 to help Mymensingh's cause while Santosh and Anisuzza man gave him valuable support with little knocks of 10 and 11 respectively. Opi was Dhaka's best bowler

with figures of four for 13 while Zahid took three for 23. Mymensingh meet Rajshahi in the semifinal on April 20 at

the Dhaka Stadium.

Judo, karate suffer for row of the federation and the 250 karatekas to stop Coaching and no-rmal prac-

tice under the aegis of the Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation has remained suspended for more than a month owing to con-flicts between Japanese inst-ructors and a federation official, reports UNB.

The official allegedly locked

Two Japanese instructors, conducting training courses for local instructors and promising trainee for the last two years, were also suspended.

Japanese coaches and Hasanthe official in the job of the trainers, some trainees said.

giving the causes for the ac-

has forced about 100 judokas

their usual practice and lose their latest form and the improvement they had earned. Some trainees told UNB

they wanted the Japanese in structors to continue the training to improve upon their performance. A good number of students

and trainees requested the official to open the judo room to enable them to continue their practice and training. But they were told that the "doja" would not be opened unless the Japanese instructors were sent

The instructors - Mitsuo Yoshida (Karate) and Nishihara (Judo) - came here in 1989 and 1990 respectively volun-

The Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) had arranged their trip to Dhaka in compliance with a request from the Bangladesh government.

Japan has been providing financial and technical assistance for the improvement of judo and karate in Bangladesh since 1979.

Meanwhile, a joint meeting

tles on every surface but clay

had his chances boosted by

Guy Forget of France, who lost

to seventh seed Javier Sanchez

seed, said he was happy with

his form ahead of next month's

tournament, which allowed me

to work on my attacking game

Sanchez will meet France's

Fabrice Santoro, who beat

Sweden's Magnus Larsson 6-1,

Guy Forget, France's Davis Cup

heroes in last December's final

against the United States,

seemed to prove Yannick

Noah, who resigned as cap

tain after last month's defeat to

Switzerland for which he

singles, claimed they had not

looked after themselves prop

been talking confidently about

Forget, who yesterday had

dropped the two men from the

Defeat for both Leconte and

But Forget, the second

"I'm satisfied with this

In the other semifinal,

of Spain 7-6, 6-1.

French Open.

on clay," he said.

Noah's point.

Japanese embassy will be held today Sunday to decide the fate of the instructors.

Star-studded field for Boston race

BOSTON, Apr 18: Ethiopian Abebe Kekonnen and Kenyan Ibrahim Hussein aim to renew their rivalry at the head of 9,500 runners in the Boston marathon on Monday, reports Mekonnen, winner in 1989,

is anxious to avenge his defeat last year by Hussein, who fought off a challenge in the final mile to win by 22 seconds.

Their closest rival is likely to be Tanzania's Juma Ikangaa, who has come second in three of the last four Boston marathons

In 1988 he lost to Hussein by one second — the slimmest margin in the race's history.

In the women's race, last years' winner and world champion Wanda Panfil o Poland is favourite, in front of Uta Pippig of Germany who is still looking for a win after top three placings in the last three Boston marathons.

Sweet revenge for Sampras

NICE, France, Apr 18: Top seed Pete Sampras took a big step towards winning his first title on

Frenchman Henri Leconte in the quarter-final of the 260,000 dollar Nice tennis tournament, reports Reuter. The 21-year-old American,

clay on Friday when he beat

beaten by Leconte in last year's Davis Cup final, won 6-4, 1-6, 6-3 and now meets unheralded Gabriel Markus of Argentina in the semifinals.

Sampras, whose form fluctuated almost as wildly as Leconte's, held on to gain revenge for his Davis Cup final

"I still have a lot to prove," said the American who in one hour and 40 minutes.

Sampras, the youngest US Open men's singles winner as a 19-year-old tow years ago, has set his heart on winning

on all surfaces. "All the best players were able to play on any type of surface," he said. "I still have a lot

to learn but I'm improving." "I'm surprised to reach the semifinals in my first tournament on clay this season," Sampras said. "I'm feeling better and bet-

ter. My aim is to be ready for the French Open. This is a good start." Markus beat Theirry

Champion, one of four

Frenchmen in the quarterfinals, 7-5, 6-4. Sampras, who has won ti- Forget.

doing well at the French Open, lost to Spain's Javier Sanchez. Sanchez, ranked 30 places below Forget at 37, won 7-6, 6-3 in one hour 46 minutes to

earn a semifinal encounter with another Frenchman, Fabrice Santoro. "I don't have any excuses. He played a lot better than me obviously still have some

work to do on my clay court

game," said the second-seeded

There was never any doubt about the outcome after Sanchez, who held serve throughout, won a first set tiebreak 7-1.

beat Sweden's Magnus Larsson 6-1, 7-6.

(7/1), 6-3

Fabrice Santoro (France) bt Magnus Larsson (Sweden) 6-1 7-6 (7/3) Pete Sampras (USA k1) bt

Henri Leconte (France) 6-4, 1 6, 6-3.

Rain holds up Houston tennis

Reuter.

Second seeded Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria won the opening set 6-2 against seventh seeded Sandra Cecchini of Italy and Cecchini was serving and ahead 2-1, when the rains, which had interrupted play earlier, did so again.

ficials postponed the quarter finals until Saturday morning the semifinals are scheduled to begin late in the afternoon.

Italian booters threaten strike on Apr 26

MILAN, Apr 18: Italian soccer players, seeking a limit on the number of foreigners allowed into the league, threat ened on Friday to strike on April 26, reports Reuter.

League authorities have sug gested clubs be allowed to hire more than the present maximum of three overseas players

"The league is riding roughshod over the interests of Italian players," said Sergio Campana, president of the Association of Italian Footballers.

The more overseas players there are, the fewer places available for us," he said Previous strike threats on the same theme have always failed to materialise "Our action is not directed

against foreign players but against the way the authorities have handled this issue," said players' union president Sergio Campana. The players have proposed

that clubs be allowed to sign an unlimited number of European Community players, with three being able to play at any one time. Clubs would be limited to three foreign players from out side the EC. Federation president

Antonio Matarrese has called council meeting for April 24. AC Milan are away to Torino and Inter Milan play Juventus on April 26.

Danish shuttlers dominate meet

GLASGOW, Apr 18 Denmark's Camilla Martin, the teenage daughter of a former Glasgow Celtic goalkeeper, reached her first singles final in the European Badminton championships on Friday, reports Reuter.

whose father Bent Martin, was signed for Celtic just over 20 years ago, upstaged favourites Lim Xinao Guing 11-7, 12-10 in the women's semifinals.

Denmark to sit her school examinations next month, was born shortly after leaving I don't know much about

this country except that my father played football here," she "Unfortunately he won't be

amateur club over there." Martin's victory was one of the biggest surprises of the championship as Lim, Chinese student now resident

in Sweden, had dropped only eight points before the semifi-She will meet second seeded compatriot Pernille

Nedergeard in today final. Denmarks domination of the championships was also

Adams, fast bowler Kenneth Benjamin and wicketkeeper David Williams. Carl Hooper was ruled out by a hand injury. WEST INDIES: Desmond Haynes, Brian Lara, Phil Simmons, Richie Richardson (Captain), Jimmy Admas, Keith Arthurton, David Williams,

continues

TAMPA, Florida, Apr 18 Andre Agassi's spring slump continued on Friday as he failed to advance past the quarterfinals of the 235,000 dollar USTA men's clay courts of Tampa tennis tournament, reports Reuter.

mature departure. Davin, a left-hander ranked

77th, will face third seeded American, Malivai Washington, ranked 33, in the semifinals. Davin's win over Agassi was

Washington came from a set and two match points down to beat unseeded Marcelo

Filippini of Uruguay 4-6, 7-6 (9-7), 6-4. Fourth seeded Jaime Yzaga 5,000 Budd-Pieterse, once con-

He will face Switzerland's Claudio Mezzadri in the semi-Mezzadri beat Spain's tional competition without any Marcos Gorriz 7-5, 6-1 in a

3-2 lead. The Argentinian went ahead 4-2, but Agassi broke back two games later to even the score others," she said.

was excited about returning to international competitions. But Budd-Pieterse, who caused controversy when she ran at

S A realise they must play 'above themselves' Another of the visitors

trump cards could be Allan Donald - rated one of the fastest bowlers in the worlds. Donald should relish what is

considered to be the fastest

and bounciest pitch in the

BRIDGETOWN.

Barbados, Apr 18:

After a succession

of one-day intern-

ationals, South

Africa return to

Test cricket for the first time

in 22 years here today on a

ground that does not hold out

much encouragement for

the home team has only been

(against England 1935) and

and we know we'll have to play

above ourselves to overturn it.

African coach Mike Procter

all-rounder, played in South

Australia in March 1970.

complete a 4-0 sweep of the

white Government's racial

policies of apartheid kept

them out of the game until

their readmission to the

International Cricket Council

(ICC) last year. They have since

played three one-day interna-

tionals in India and nine in the

coming into the match under

Wessels, who played 24 Tests

for Australia while a resident

there in the early 1980s, has

ever played a five-day match,

Procter said, adding that his

team had had only had two

weeks in the Caribbean and

only the three one-day interna

tionals to get match fit. The

"It's not what the players or

would have wanted, but we

recognise the importance of

the occasion and everyone's

very keen to get into a Test

depending mainly on their

Wessels, Peter Kirsten and

Adrian Kuiper; Kirsten and

Kuiper both played county

cricket in England in the

Windies in

South Africa, playing their

first official Test since March

1970, decided to risk seam

bowler Meyrick Pringle even

though he has been suffering

new caps: Batsman Jimmy

Curtly Ambrose, Kenneth Ben-

jamin, Courtney Walsh, Patrick

Hudson, Mark Rushmere, Kepler

Wessels (Captain), Peter Kir-

sten, Hansie Cronje, Adrian

Kuiper, David Richardson, Ric-

hard Snell, Meyrick Pringle,

Tertius Bosch, Allan Donald.

SOUTH AFRICA: Andrew

West Indies selected three

from a rib cartilage injury.

experienced batsmen

South Africa will be

match," he said.

ports Reuter.

South Africans lost all three.

South Africa admit they are

Only captain Kepler

World Cup prior to this tour.

prepared.

After that, international

Procter, then a 23-year-old

"It's and impressive record

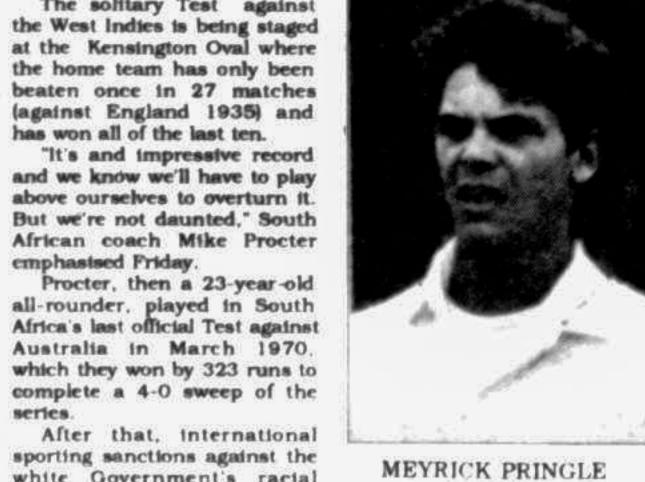
has won all of the last ten.

The solitary Test against

them, reports AFP.

emphasised Friday.

Caribbean. It appeared well-grassed in final preparation on Friday,



indicating help for the fast bowlers over the first couple of

"Allan has been frustrated by the restrictions on his bowling in the one-day matches where he had to concentrate on his width and height more than he would in Tests." Procter said, adding ominously: "But he is really fired up for this match."

Donald's support may be diminished by a rib injury that seems likely to hamper Meyrick Pringle, who has been risked despite doubts.

Pringle, a 23-year-old Eastern Province right-hander, wrecked the West Indies innings with four early wickets when South Africa beat them in the World Cup. He also bowled impressively in the third one-day international of the BP Challenge series in Trinidad on Sunday

Yet, should Pringle be forced to pull out before the start of the game, his place will probably be taken by 30year-old Orange Free State allrounder Corrie van Zyl. This would maintain a four-pronged pace attack alongside Donald, Tertius Bosch and Richard

Wessels puts NEW START FOR WINDLES

BRIDGETOWN, Apr 18 While it is a new beginning South Africa won the toss and for South Africa, the Test also put West Indies in to bat in the represents a new start for the first-ever Test match between West Indies. the countries on Saturday, re-Former captain Viv

> Richards, opener Gordon Greenidge, wicket-keeper Jeffrey Dujon and fast-bowler Malcolm Marshall have all retired in the past eight months and Richard's successor, Richie Richardson, is leading the team for the first time in a Richards was the highest

scorer in Test cricket for the west Indies, Greenidge fourth on the list, Dujon the leading wicket-keeper and Marshall the highest wicket-taker and their simultaneous absence was felt in a disappointing performance in the World Cup in which the West Indies failed to qualify for the semifinals. They have regained some

self-confidence by winning all three one-day internationals against South Africa in this series. And manager David Holford said Friday his players would concentrate on the

change in tempo between one-

day and Test cricket. "We have been confined to one-day internationals for more than two months and the demands for the two games are very different," said Holford, a former Test all-

rounder. "South Africa has had the same schedule so it may affect us both and the team that adjusts quickest will have an advantage."

BOYCOTT THREAT

The historic match is being threatened by a boycott by local fans, incensed by the omission of Barbadian fast bowler Andy Cummins from the West Indies squad of thirteen.

According to Basil Matthews, secretary of the Barbados Cricket Association (BCA), ticket sales have been unusually slow following hundreds of calls for a protest boycott on radio stations and in the local press.

Cummin's mother led a placard-carrying demonstration in his home village of St Petrick's on Friday and similar demonstrations are expected outside the Ground Saturday morning.

A special ceremony to mark South Africa's return to Test cricket will precede the match. ICC chairman Sir Colin Cowdrey and officials from the two boards of control will par-

TEAMS SOUTH AFRICA (from):

Kepler Wessels (capt), Andrew Hudson, Mark Rushmere, Pater Kirsten, Hansie Cronje Adrian Kuiper, Jonathan Rodhes, David Richardson, Corrie van Zyl, Richard Snell Tertius Bosch, Allan Donald Omar Hunry and Meyrick Pringle. WEST INDIES

Richie Richardson (capt) Desmond Haynes, Philip Simmons, Brian Lara, Keith Arthurton, Carl Hooper, James Adams, David Williams, Curtly Ambrose, Winston Banjamin, Courtney Walsh and Patrick Patterson. Umpires: David Archer and

Steve Bucknor.

Pringle's inclusion

benefits Kuiper BRIDGETOWN, Apr 18 :

South Africa have decided to risk injured seam bowler Meyrick Pringle against West Indies in their first official cricket Test for 22 years starting on Saturday, reports Reuter.

who has been suffering from a rib cartilage injury, has meant a reprieve for tour vice captain Adrian Kuiper. Kuiper, whose place had

The inclusion of Pringle,

been under threat, has been preferred to outstanding fieldsman Jonty Rhodes to act as an extra bowler should Pringle break down. There's obviously got to be

a small risk in picking Meyrick, hence Adrian's inclusion," said coach Mike Procter. Spinner Omar Henry, the only non-white player in the party, and seamer Corrie van

Zyi are the other squad members left out. Heavy showers on Friday prevented the South Africans from using the nets during their final practice session be-

fore the Test. West Indies will finalise their team just before the

Double pressure for S African stars at Unity Games



nst each other in Saturday's Unity Games following some last minute changes to races by the organisers, reports AFP.

DAKAR, Apr 18

Elana Meyer and

Zola Budd-Pieter-

se will race agai-

The women's 1,500 maned 5,000m have been called off and replaced by a single 3,000m as only three women, one of them Meyer, had been found to take part in the

sidered one of the greatest middle- distance runners but struggling this year, was in the 1,500m. Meyer said: "I am very excited to be running in interna-

political pressure." The first leg of the Unity Games in Dakar marks South Africa's return to international competition following the effective dismantling of apar-

Meyer, the women's team captain, dampened speculation, fuelled by her coaches, that she would be going for a world record in Dhakar. "These are the Unity Games and I will be running with the

Budd-Pieterse said she too

the 1984 Olympics for Britain, was understood not to be happy about the switch which is forcing her to race against her rival Meyer. Both women hinted that the

South African public's expectations of the country's athletes were too high. Meyer said it would only be

possible to judge the performance of South African athletes when they could compete in the big European competitions against the world's best. LAST-MINUTE DOUBTS

An earlier report said:

South Africa's return to international athletics at the Unity Games here on Saturday was in doubt right up to this week, South African delegation sources said Friday. Many of the 38 men and

women South African athletes taking part will face the double pressure of also having to compete for an Olympic place. But a senior South African

organiser of the Unity Games, which will be concluded in South Africa next weekend, said it had been "touch and go" that the reconciliation meeting in Dakar would go ahead. "Late last week Lamine

Diack called off the Unity Games and we had doubts right until we got on the plane on Wednesday," said the official, who requested anonymity.

Diack, head of the Confederation of African stood to have argued with the South African sponsors of the Games over contractual details. There were big communications problems," said the of-

ficial.

Amateur Athletics, is under-

half hour meeting at the Chinese-built Stade de l'Amitie in Dakar is now definitely on. The South African athletes have only been carrying out

But Saturday's two and a

light training since arriving on Thursday. But many, including Zola Budd-Pieterse, running for South Africa again after a controversial stay in Britain, will

be under close scrutiny from South African selectors. Budd-Pieterse, 25, has yet to reach the Olympic qualifying time for 1,500 metres and

knows she is under pressure. South Africa expects to have between 20 and 25 athletes at Barcelona even though it has not yet been formally readmitted to the world governing

Elena Meyer, the captain of the women's team and an Olympic medal hopeful in the 10,000 metres, said: "This is not the easiest place to make a comeback. But each stage of our reintegration makes us more confident. You will see how strong we are tomorrow."

Holding the Unity Games was one of the conditions set by Primo Nebiolo, the International Amateur Athletic

24 runs followed by Rahsed two for 26 In reply, Cosmic Boys scored 161 runs for loss of eight wickets. Suza also the highest scorer for Cosmic with 41 runs followed by Ershad 39. Shubo 17, Jony 13 and Rashed not out 12. Rashad and Azim of Friends got two wickets each for 28 and 23 runs respec-Suza of Cosmic was adjudged the man-of-the-match. Ershad of Cosmic got the prize

wicket taker with 14 wickets. Nandirhat Krirangan Ghosti won the prize of best disciplined team in the league. Minneapolis to host Davis

of the highest scorer in the

league with 146 runs while

Rana of Madarbari Cricket Club

got the prize of the highest

Cup semis NEW YORK, Apr 18: Minne apolis will host the Davis Cup semifinal between the United States and Sweden in September, the United States Tennis Association (USTA) said on Friday, reports Reuter.

The type of court surface has not yet been chosen for the match September 25-27 at the Target Centre in Minnea polis, a USTA spokesman said. The United States advanced to the semifinal round for the fourth consecutive year by

beating Argentina 5-0 and

Czechoslovakia 3-2. Sweden

advanced by beating Canada 3

2 and Australia 5-0. The United States has won five of its six Davis Cup meetings with Sweden. The two teams last met in the 1984 final in Sweden when the Swedes won, 4-1. The capacity for the Davis

Cup semifinal match is ex-

pected to be 17,911 at the

Target Centre, home of the

National Basketball Association's Minnesota Timberwo The match will be the first time Davis Cup tennis is played in Minnesota but it will be just another in a series of major

sports events there recently. Major league baseball's World Series, the National Football League's Super Bowl, the national collegiate men's basketball championships and the US Open golf tournament all were played in or near the Minneapolis-St Paul area in the past year.

the judo room called "doja" at the National Sports Council on March 18 issuing a notice: Closed for an indefinite pe-

The tussle between the uzzaman Moni, former General Secretary and current Vice President of the federation, resulted from interference of

The coaches misbehaved with me and threatened me at my office," Moni told UNB.

The closure of the "doja"

The 19-year-old Santoro

Quarterfinals: Javier Sanchez (Spain) bt Guy Forget (France k2) 7-6

HOUSTON, Texas, Apr 18 Heavy rain and gusty winds forced the postponement on Friday of the quarterfinals at the 350,000 dollar Virginia Slims of Houston women's tennis tournament, reports

After a 75-minute delay, of-

The 18-year-old school girl

Martin, who return to

here to watch me in the final. He will be home in Denmark coaching goalkeeping with his

evident in the men's semifinals where top seed Pou-Erik Heyer-Larsen defeated fellow Dane Fpeter Espersen 15-7

Agassi's slump

Agassi, the second seeded American, was upset by un-

seeded Franco Davin of Argentina 6-4, 7-6 (7-0), marking the seventh consecutive tournament this year in which the 17th ranked American has suffered a pre-

the biggest victory of the 22vear-old's career.

of Peru won a marathon encounter against Australia's unseeded Mark Woodford, needing two hours and four minutes to take a 4-6, 6-0, 7-5 victory.

quarterfinal match between two unseeded players. Agassi's forehand, usually his most powerful weapon, was erratic in the first set against Davin, as both players rallied hard from the base line, but Davin broke through first for a

at 4-4. A string of forehand errors from Agassi gave Davin another break and a 5-4 lead, but the Argentine needed five set points before clinching the set 6-4 on another Agassi forehand